

DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT EUROPE CHANGE OF COMMAND

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On April 20, 2001, Lieutenant Colonel Arne Curtis, United States Army (USA), relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Europe, Germersheim, Germany (DDDE) to LTC Jeffrey K. Young, USA. Brigadier General James H. Pillsbury, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) officiated.

LTC Curtis served as DDDE's commander since April 1998.

LTC Young is a graduate of the Army ROTC Program at Auburn University. LTC Young's assignments have included 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and the 528th Special Operations Support Battalion (Airborne)(SOSB/A), in support of the Joint Special Operations Task Force, during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served in the 1st Armored Division and deployed to Bosnia as the Executive Officer for the 47th Forward Support Battalion. His most recent position was with the Director of Readiness.

LTC Young has a Bachelors Degree in Economics from Auburn University and a Masters of Science Degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, the Aerial



BG Pillsbury passes Flag of Command to LTC Young.

Delivery and Materiel Officers Course, the Logistics Executive Development Course, and the Command and General Staff College.

His awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge, and Australian, German, French, South African, and Dutch Parachutist Badges.

DDDE, located in Germersheim, Germany, is the Defense Distribution Center's only facility on the European continent. Its distribution facilities are strategically positioned in central Europe and take advantage of readily available air, road, rail, and barge modes of transportation. The center provides initial surge capability to all four service components during the transition to war phase and is actively involved in contingency support to the warfighter operating throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Current commodities distributed by DDDE are operational rations, barrier/construction material, clothing, textiles and tentage. DDDE also provides routine logistic support to the military community in Europe. It also provides transportation and logistic support for the collocated Defense Distribution Mapping Activity Map Support Office in Germersheim. Additionally, DDDE supports Defense Supply Center, Richmond, through its retrograde program for ozone depleting substances.



LTC Curtis, DDDE outgoing Commander, welcomes LTC Young.