

# DDOO Assumption of Command

## SAME DDC FACE, DIFFERENT DDC LOCATION!

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On September 12, 2002, Colonel Augustus Mays, Jr., United States Air Force, assumed command of the Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, in a ceremony officiated by Brigadier General Kathleen M. Gainey, United States Army, Commander, Defense Distribution Center.



*BG Gainey passes responsibility of DDOO to Col Mays.*

Prior to the assumption of command, BG Gainey presented Mr. Bill Watkins, with a DDC Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Acting DDOO Commander during the period of June 21 to September 12, 2002.

*BG Gainey expresses appreciation to Bill Watkins for a "Job Well Done".*



Colonel Mays is no stranger to the DDC. Prior to his assumption at DDOO, Colonel Mays was the Commander of Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, Virginia (DDRV), where he led in the development of the DDC's second winning Most Efficient Organization (MEO) management plan.

Colonel Augustus Mays, Jr., USAF, began his military career by enlisting in the United States Air Force in November 1960, serving 13 years of active duty as a Supply and Maintenance Technician. He received his commission in 1974 as a distinguished graduate from the Officer Training School, Medina Air Station, San Antonio, Texas. His career has spanned 42 years in a variety of logistics assignments including major command and joint staff billets. He is experienced in all facets of logistics operations including logistics plans, flight

line maintenance, and supply and transportation combat support activities.



*Col Mays addresses attendees.*

Colonel Mays is happy to be in the Sooner state, "We've moved closer to family and friends, and I've been given an opportunity that I can't refuse." He refers to the many challenges ahead of him as DDOO prepares for A-76 competition.

DDOO's primary mission is to receive, store, issue, and ship material in support of its on-base and worldwide customers. The customer support also includes related functions, such as, preservation and packaging and on-base transportation functions including pickup and delivery services.

DDOO provides 24-hour distribution support to the Oklahoma City Air Logistic Center, other Tinker-based organizations and Department of Defense and Foreign Military Sales customers worldwide. Support to the ALC is primarily for programmed depot maintenance for numerous aircraft and engines including the B-52, B-1B, B-2, KC-135, and E-3A aircraft and F100/110, F112, TF30 and TF33 engines. On-base customers, with operational and alert commitments, include DoD's only Air Control Wing, the 552nd, the Navy's Strategic Communications Wing One and the 507th Air Refueling Wing. Other major on-base customers include the 38th Engineering Installation Wing as well as the 3rd Combat Communications Control Group. Approximately 75% of DDOO's issues and shipments support Tinker on-base customers, the vast majority of the



remainder support Air Force bases worldwide with the various systems and commodities repaired at Tinker Air Force Base.

*Mays family looks on as Col Mays assumes command.*