

# DDC Sponsors Stand Down for BSM

By Jackie Noble, DDC Command Affairs Officer

The New Year brings a re-emphasized commitment to assuring the DDC is fully embracing all aspects of Business Systems Modernization (BSM). On January 11, 2002, Ms. Phyllis Campbell (DDC Deputy Commander) hosted a one-day BSM Stand Down. Attending were DDC BSM Sponsors, Change Agents, and BSM Team Members.

The BSM Stand Down was a first for DDC. Ms. Campbell held the session because she felt it was “important to take time to bring together all the BSM teams to report and discuss their activities and assure alignment with the DLA/DDC vision.”

While many see BSM as affecting primarily the DLA Inventory Control Points, BSM also affects DDC operations. Specifically, BSM will directly impact DDC stock positioning, transportation, order fulfillment, and bring near real time interfaces to our distribution centers. Plans are also being made to close out legacy actions and determine training requirements.

The BSM Stand Down comes in the midst of the Testing and Training phase of the BSM timeline. With the blueprinting and the design/build phases of the BSM initiative completed, it is extremely important that the testing be as thorough as possible. Approximately 150,000 NSNs will be migrated to BSM in fourth quarter 2002. Subsequent releases of additional

NSNs will occur approximately every 12 months until BSM is fully implemented in FY 05.

Stand Down discussions included a variety of topics—build and test, site transition, knowledge training and transfer, change management, RICE (Reports, Interfaces, Conversions and Extensions), service ERPs, and BSM Core Group and Integration. DDC BSM Chief, Michael Yost, stated “the day’s discussions were very beneficial in that it provided both the DDC Sponsors and BSM team members an opportunity to be updated on the full spectrum of activities.”

How successful was the Stand Down? Michael Yost said, “The day was very successful. There were 11 issues identified during the session for further research and discussion in the BSM teams. It was a unique opportunity to have all the key staff available for a DDC corporate perspective. Many times we are working issues one-on-one and this session allowed diverse views to be shared and integrated.”

Ms. Campbell congratulated the DDC BSM Team for their participation in the Stand Down and thanked them for their dedication to the BSM initiative. She recognized the hard work and many travel days the team endures to assure that DLA is positioned to support the warfighter.



*BSM Sponsors at Stand Down.*

*Maria Dickson, Judy Durnin, and Wallace Barrett lead Knowledge Transfer and Training discussions at the BSM Stand Down.*

