

Twice the Citizen

LTC Edmund Herald and CPT Joe Faris, Army Reservists making a difference at DDC

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As Winston Churchill said, “The Reservist is Twice the Citizen,” DDC has ample evidence of that with two recent additions to the staff, Army Reservists LTC Edmund Herald and CPT Joe Faris.

Herald and Faris were asked to support DDC after the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

LTC Herald spent 11 years on active duty and is now in his 11th year as an active reservist. “I feel it essential to support our Armed Services in whatever way possible. As a Reservist, I was asked if I would be available for a short term call up to support the DDC J-5 efforts during build up to support the two on-going operations.”

CPT Faris spent seven years on active duty and from 1998 to 2000 was assigned to the DDC. “While assigned to the DDC I served as the Aide-de-Camp to the DDC Commanding General and Operations Officer at DDSP,” CPT Faris said.

“My full-time job is with Sony Electronics where I am a Materials Manager providing distribution services for rear projection and direct view television production business units,” CPT Faris said.

LTC Herald’s full-time job is with Science Applications International Corporation, where he is a Deputy Division Manager and Project Manager for Information Technology projects ranging from software development, logistic systems analysis and systems security analysis.

In his spare time, LTC Herald is also an elected Township Supervisor.

It was originally projected that LTC Herald and CPT Faris would spend eight weeks on this call up, both supporting various J-5 requirements. The ultimate duration of this assignment is to be determined.

“I’m here to support the cause and answer my obligation as a Reservist,” CPT Faris said. “Before I left Sony my manager

mentioned that even though he will miss my services at Sony, he understood that my skills and background were needed to support the war effort. I am honored to be serving my country in any capacity I can and I’m very fortunate that my full-time employer is understanding.”

LTC Herald has worked with the DDC many times before, working in DDSP as well as the DDC J-3/4 and the J-5. “In addition to the two-week periods, for the last two years I have been drilling, one weekend per month in support of DDC. I usually come for a Friday-Saturday period so that I will overlap one day with the J-5 personnel and then I will finish or continue working on the project on Saturday,” LTC Herald said.

DDC Projects LTC Herald has supported include: coordinating for Army Reserve units to train and work at DDC distribution centers; the Joint Logistics Warfighter Initiative (JLWI); the Strategic Distribution Management Initiative (SDMI); Business Systems Modernization (BSM); and the Strategic Planning Chapter of the DLA One-Book; among others. These projects have given LTC Herald both a broad and a deep knowledge of DDC and good distribution practices.

And every Reservist will work “whatever project is hot and needs some additional manpower,” LTC Herald said.

LTC Herald views his contributions this way, “Everyone needs to do what they can during a national crisis. As a Reservist this is one of the things I can do. It would have been easy to have said I was not available for this call up, but then I would not be fulfilling my duty and obligations. Not to mention I would be living a hypocritical life. As a parent I am a role model to my children, as well as to other people I come in contact with. I cannot say I believe in this country, cannot be a reservist, without being willing to do what I can.”

An Army of One, of course, but DDC is happy to have two.



CPT Joe Faris (left) and LTC Edmund Herald (right), Army Reservists at DDC.