

# Captain Chris R. McKelvey Retires

By Jessica Walter-Groft, DDC Command Affairs

A retirement ceremony for CAPT Chris R. McKelvey, SC, USN, was held Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the Susquehanna Club on the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) installation.



**BG Gainey presented CAPT McKelvey with numerous awards.**

After the posting of the sideboys and opening remarks from Defense Distribution Commander BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, CAPT McKelvey was presented with several tokens of appreciation for his years of service.

CAPT Chris R. McKelvey, SC, USN, became the Director of the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Business Office in July 2003. CAPT

McKelvey's most recent previous assignment was as the DDC Chief of Staff.

He joined the Navy through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of Idaho in 1972. Graduating with a bachelor's degree in veterinary science, he was commissioned an Ensign in the Supply Corps in May, 1976.

Following training at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, GA, CAPT McKelvey served as Disbursing, Retail Services, Cargo and Stores Officer aboard the USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1). In 1978, he volunteered for submarine duty, and following Submarine School in New London, CT, he served as Supply Officer of the fast attack submarine USS TAUTOG (SSN 639). Transfer to the Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility, Albuquerque, NM, occurred in 1981 where he served as Supply Officer, and also as a pilot member of the U.S. Navy Hot Air Balloon Team. After graduate school, he was assigned as the Supply Officer of the Naval Ordnance Station, Indian Head, MD, where



**After the ceremony, CAPT McKelvey recounted his experiences while serving at DDC.**

he served until 1987 when he, again, went to sea as the Assistant Supply Officer aboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63).

CAPT McKelvey reported to the Navy Aviation Supply Office in Philadelphia, PA, in 1989, where he served as the P-3 Orion Aircraft Weapons Systems Officer, and then as Contracting Officer for ASW Aircraft and Weapons Systems. In 1992, he was ordered to the Office of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding in Groton, CT, as the Contracting Officer, where he oversaw the construction of the final Los Angeles and Ohio Class submarines, and the first of the Seawolf Class. After his second graduate school tour, he became Supply Officer of the Amphibious Assault



**During the flag passing ceremony, CAPT McKelvey received the flag from CAPT Jim Naber.**

Ship USS ESSEX (LHD 2) in 1995. Following a highly successful tour where his ship won three consecutive Supply Excellence "Blue Es," three Navy "Es," and the large Afloat Ney Award for Food Service Excellence, he was ordered in 1997 to the Naval Sea Systems Command. CAPT McKelvey served first as the Director of Contract Management, then as Special Assistant to the



**In addition to family and friends, the ceremony was attended by DDC distribution center commanders, former DDC Commander BG (Ret) Barbara Doornink (center), and DDC Deputy Commander Phyllis Campbell, SES (right).**

Deputy Commander for Contracts. While at NAVSEA, he volunteered for, and served, a six-month tour of duty as Chief of Contracts for NATO Operations Joint Guard in Bosnia-Herzegovina. From there he was assigned as Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, the largest Department of Defense distribution center in the world.

CAPT McKelvey has earned a Master of Science degree in acquisition management from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1984, and a Master of Science degree in national resource strategy from the National Defense University Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1995. CAPT McKelvey is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth University. He is a member of the Navy's Acquisition Professional Community and is designated a Senior Acquisition Executive.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, and various service and campaign decorations. He is a designated Submarine Supply Officer, and Naval Aviation Supply Officer.

## DDC Employees Enter a New Era of Government Travel

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In March, DDC employees began using a new, fast, paperless, web-based system to create travel authorizations and vouchers.

The Defense Travel System (DTS) is being deployed to all Department of Defense (DoD) activities in order to streamline the travel approval and reimbursement processes.

Defense Distribution Center (DDC) personnel will be able to use DTS to create a travel authorization and to make reservations for airlines, lodging and rental cars. Upon return from government travel, employees will be able to use the same system to create travel vouchers for reimbursement.

Of all the benefits of DTS, rapid reimbursement seems to be the most highly anticipated. "By using DTS, our employees will be reimbursed electronically within 72 hours of approving a travel voucher," said Marian Ryan, DDC's Director of Financial Operations.

Additional benefits of using DTS include reduced paperwork, automated payment of government credit cards, and on-site authorization of travel vouchers.

Hands-on training has been provided to the DDC workforce. "Through our DTS training sessions, employees have been

able to see that the new system is easy and user-friendly. It guides you along in the process of creating authorizations, travel arrangements and vouchers," said Ryan.

Current plans call for DTS to be deployed to 90 percent of DoD installations by the middle of the decade.

For more information on DTS, contact Willie Atkins at DSN 771-4988, commercial 717-770-4988.

