

DDCT's Workload is Up: So is Commitment from the Workforce

The Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi (DDCT) has experienced a dramatic surge in both non-reimbursable and reimbursable workload. DDCT provides distribution services for major helicopter components and related repair parts to the world's largest depot level helicopter repair facility, the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) along with other DOD maintenance activities worldwide.

The sharp increase in non-reimbursable workload is being driven to a large extent by requirements generated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Currently the receipts and issues workload is up a whopping twenty-nine percent over the same period last year and over projections for this year. The DDCT workforce is meeting the challenge. The emphasis at DDCT has long been to have a multi-functional work force. That emphasis is paying off now with employees willing and capable of working where and when they are needed. They are working long hours of overtime to ensure the job gets done.

Likewise, the increase in reimbursable workload is tied to initiatives to better support the Warfighter. DDCT has entered into an innovative partnership with its primary customer and next-door neighbor, the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD).

Through this partnership, DDCT provides many services previously performed by CCAD employees in support of the Army Materiel Command's (AMC) "Lean Line Production" program. This permits those employees to focus totally on their core mission of maintaining helicopters.

One such project is the de-canning and de-preservation of major end items such as engines and transmissions prior to their induction into maintenance programs. Working in close coordination with CCAD program managers, DDCT is able to de-can de-preserve and deliver the item to the maintenance line with a substantial increase in efficiency compared to previous in-house efforts.

Another project provides CCAD with material management of common hardware.

DDCT personnel are positioned in CCAD hardware rooms and they deliver parts from the hardware rooms directly to the maintenance shops at the precise time they are needed. This dramatically reduces lead times for shops to get parts and expedites program completion. They also track demand patterns for these parts to enable CCAD to save both time and money by placing more accurate re-orders.

In addition, DDCT has recently entered an agreement with the Prototype Integration Facility (PIF) and CCAD to provide movement of CH-47 components within the CCAD complex and to and from contractors in support of a CH-47 Program Manager's project to totally overhaul and return to service four aircraft.

Keep up the good work, DDCT!

"The DDCT Team is always looking for ways to better support CCAD," LTC J-McClaney said. "It is an excellent working relationship that is constantly producing innovations."

