

# DLA Director Visits the DDSP Riggers

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On April 19, 2002, Vice Admiral Keith Lippert, Supply Corps, USN, Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) visited Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP).

The Admiral was greeted by the DDSP Riggers who fell into standard formation for the "Admiral's Review." VADM Lippert shook hands with each Rigger and thanked them for their extraordinary dedication to the customer.

The Riggers are assigned to DDSP's Air Delivery and Textile Branch. Their mission: "To provide the customer with the highest quality product, in a timely manner, and at a competitive price. To ensure all equipment issued is correct (in quantity and type) and mission ready upon receipt. To warehouse all 1670 class items to include cargo parachute contingency stocks". Their capabilities include: repair, convert and/or modify air delivery items; fabricate centerlines

and other textile components; and store, inspect, and repack cargo parachute contingency stock.

The DDSP 92R Parachute Riggers, are an elite group of individuals who provide technical knowledge of all Airborne units and equipment. They are the only group of 92R Parachute Riggers assigned to DLA.

Since September 11, 2001, in addition to their normal workload, the Riggers have been on assignment in the Air Line of Communication area where they have been assisting in the rigging of over 500,000 pounds of wheat headed for the Middle East.

CW3 Cortez Frazier, Chief, Air Delivery stated, "We appreciate the DLA Director taking time to visit the Riggers and showing his gratitude for all of the hard work my guys perform each and every day."



*DDSP Riggers, SSG Jimmy Jones, SSG Joseph DeCosta, SGT Matthew Hanrahan assuming Standard Formation for the "Admiral's Review". C APT Chris McKelvey, SC, USN, DDSP Commander, and VADM Keith Lippert, DLA Director look on.*



*VADM Lippert converses with SFC Kritian Anthony (NCOIC), and CW3 Cortez Frazier, of the Air Delivery & Textile Branch.*



*VADM Lippert shakes hands with Rigger SSG Jimmy Jones. Riggers SSG Nathaniel Potts, SSG Juan Dolz and SSG Joseph DeCosta in formation.*



*CAPT Chris McKelvey, DDSP Commander; VADM Keith Lippert, DLA Director; BG James Pillsbury, DDC Commander visit the DDSP Riggers.*