

DDC Liaison open for business

The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) has a new advocate in DLA HQ. Mary Morrison, DDC Liaison, is now physically located in Ft Belvoir and will represent DDC throughout the Headquarters.

Morrison will act as an advocate for DDC programs, initiatives and people. Morrison says this will require a lot of interaction with the DLA HQ personnel and will ensure that information is being shared across the lines with both DDC and DLA personnel. "I'm here to assist the DDC by being their representative to the HQ," she said, while "at the same time, assisting the HQ personnel by having a DDC contact close at hand."

This new position was created primarily to improve efficiency and effectiveness. The efficiency comes from reduced travel costs and time going to and from the Headquarters building. "DDC employees are constantly traveling to Ft Belvoir to attend a variety of meetings. These meetings require DDC representation," Morrison says, "but not necessarily the subject matter expert or a senior manager from New Cumberland. For many of those meetings, I can attend, represent DDC's interest, and report back. In the meantime, the DDC employee at New Cumberland can continue to be productive rather than driving back and forth to Virginia."

Morrison said she also believes an HQ Liaison will "improve DDC's effectiveness by working directly with HQ personnel on a daily basis and by being available on a moments' notice."

"In the next six months, I hope to re-establish my connections at the HQ by representing the DDC at meetings and with daily personal contact," Morrison said. "I want to contact as many people as I can at the HQ," Morrison said, "and let them know I'm here and what I can do to keep communication lines open with the DDC. I also hope to fully familiarize myself with the DDC initiatives and the employees who champion the current and future initiatives."

Additionally, Morrison hopes to "to be able to link [DDC's] strategic plans, initiatives and finances to those of the military services and defense agencies."



Mary Morrison, DDC Liaison.



"Within the next year, I hope to gain additional knowledge and personal involvement in programs and initiatives that will strengthen the level of support I provide to the DDC," Morrison said. "I also hope to foster relationships outside of DLA/DDC through the ongoing partnership efforts with the military services and national agencies." Morrison's ultimate goal is "to be so familiar with DDC issues that I can anticipate the needs of my co-workers throughout the DDC."

Morrison's DLA career began as a supply clerk in transportation at DDMP, the Distribution Depot Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. "This was during a time when DDMP was one of five DLA depots," Morrison said. "We merged with New Cumberland Army Depot to become the Defense Distribution Region East and later the DDC." From there, Morrison moved to DLA HQ spending almost two years in the Business Management Office, J-38, and two years as a Supply Budget Analyst in DLA, J-8. Most recently, she worked at the Defense Contract Management Agency where she spent one year managing the financing of foreign military sales from direct commercial contracts.

What brought her back to DDC? "This position!" She said, "When I read the job opportunity announcement and understood the concept, I was really determined to compete for the job. It seemed so interesting and exciting but most of all it seemed to fit my abilities and talents better than any job I've ever had. I've always been known as a resourceful person and that quality has helped me to get things done and get to know a lot of people in the process. I understand how DLA and the DDC work. I've also developed a good rapport with my co-workers at both locations."

Situated in the McNamara Headquarters Complex, Ft Belvoir, Morrison's office (pod) is in the Business Management Office, J-38. She expects to be in New Cumberland at least once a month.