

Captain Hov, SC, USNR New CO at DOT Bessemer, Alabama

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Captain Mary R. Hov, SC, USNR, assumed Command of the DLA Contingency Support Team Distribution Operations Team (DCST DOT) in Bessemer, Alabama in October 2002. CAPT Hov relieved, CAPT J. Pasqualucci, SC, USNR.

The DCST DOT is one of three Naval Reserve units that support the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) and is staffed with 38 Reservists. The Bessemer unit primarily supports the Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Alabama (DDAA) with the myriad of distribution services DDAA performs.

“I’ve worked with DLA in the past and I know what an excellent organization it is,” said CAPT Hov. “DDC is doing exciting things in distribution and I am looking forward to being part of the team.”

Following completion of Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia, CAPT Hov began her naval career on USS SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD 37) as the Disbursing Officer and Wardroom Officer. In March 1981, she was assigned to the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA), San Diego, California, as Purchasing Director. After a subsequent tour as Chief, Financial Control Branch at U.S. Navy International Logistics Control Office (NAVILCO) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, CAPT Hov left active duty and affiliated with the Naval Reserve in 1984.

CAPT Hov’s first assignment as a Selected Reservist was Supply Officer, USS FULTON (AS 11), Detachment 501, New London, Connecticut. While attached to USS FULTON, Captain Hov achieved qualification as a Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer, the first woman to do so as a Selected Reservist.

She was recalled to active duty during Operation Desert Storm to serve as Chief, Emergency Supply Operations Center, Clothing and Textiles Directorate, Defense Personnel Support Command, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She directed all clothing and textile support for Kurdish refugees during Operation Provide Comfort in 1991.

CAPT Hov was selected as the Defense Logistics Agency Reservist of the Year (Navy, Senior Officer) for 1991. Upon demobilization, she was assigned as Officer in Charge, Detachment C, and Air Cargo Officer in Navy Cargo Handling Battalion FOUR, Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1992, CAPT Hov was again recalled to active duty at Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where she was the Reserve Liaison Officer and Head, Commercial Repair Branch.

CAPT Hov returned to drilling reserve status in Fiscal Year 1994 as the Assistant Director of Logistics, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, (COMNAVSURFLANT) Detachment 606. Her unit received the Leo V. Bilger Award for Best Naval Surface Reserve Unit. In 1994, CAPT Hov began a three-year tour as Executive Officer, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center—Ocean Terminal, Norfolk, Virginia. During that tour, her unit received the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) Military Unit Award (Naval Reserve Unit).

CAPT Hov served as Command Center Watch Officer in Naval Sea Systems Command Detachment 1606, Arlington, Virginia, during Fiscal Year 1998. CAPT Hov took command of Fitting Out Supply Support and Assistance Center, Detachment 106, Norfolk, Virginia in Fiscal Year 1999, and disestablished the unit one year later when technological advances eliminated the mobilization requirement.

In Fiscal Year 2000, CAPT Hov returned to COMNAVSURFLANT Detachment 606 as the Logistics Officer and Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply and Financial Management.

CAPT Hov was awarded the Naval War College Command and Staff Diploma after completing the Naval War College Nonresident Seminar Program in June 2002. She has also completed the Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, the Navy’s Inventory Control Point Academy, Cargo Handling Supervisor, Transportation and Packaging of Hazardous Materials, Introduction to Expeditionary Logistics, and Reserve Battle Staff Tactical Training Course.

In addition to various service medals and unit citations, CAPT Hov is authorized to wear the Joint Service Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with gold star), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

In her civilian career, CAPT Hov is a Program Manager for Personal Telecommunications in the Telecommunications Program Office at the Navy Exchange Service Command, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Over the past eight years, she has implemented several initiatives to provide communications in barracks and other areas, significantly enhancing the quality of life for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel worldwide.