

New Commander At DDRV

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Colonel Augusts Mays, Jr., United States Air Force, relinquished command of the Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, Virginia to Colonel Gregory D. Flierl, United States Air Force, July 26, 2002 in a ceremony officiated by Brigadier General James H. Pillsbury, United States Army.

The Ft Lee Army Band provided their musical talent to the ceremony, while the Langley Air Force Honor Guard presented the National Colors.

BG Pillsbury presented Col Mays with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding leadership, innovative management, and technical expertise in material logistics management and distribution operations. Col Mays was the catalyst in the development of the DDC's second winning most efficient organization management plan.

Col Mays jokingly states as his last remarks as DDRV Commander, "This was supposed to be my retirement speech where I needed to thank over 250 people who have touched my military career in one way or another, however, this will have to wait as the DDC has given me an opportunity that I cannot refuse." Mays refers to his next assignment which is as Commander of DDC's Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, (DDOO) where he assumed command in mid-September.

Col Flierl's most recent assignment was as Commander of the 5th Logistics Group, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, where he was responsible for managing the acquisition, distribution, and utilization of all logistics resources required to support the missions of the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Space Wing.

Col Flierl is a 1977 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Sciences and Astronautical Engineering. Upon graduation, he spent a short time as an Engineer in the Guns, Bomb Racks, and Missiles System Program Office, Air Force Systems Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. In November 1977, he attended undergraduate training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas. In November 1978, immediately after earning his wings, he was selected to return to Reese AFB as a T-37 Instructor Pilot. In June 1982, he served as B-52G Aircraft Commander, 2d Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. In 1984, Col Flierl attended Squadron Officer School, Maxwell, Air Force Base, Alabama. From June 1985 to July 1987, Col Flierl attended the Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida and received a Master of Engineering Degree in Industrial Systems Engineering. Upon graduation, Col Flierl served as Maintenance Officer, 3246th Field Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. In August of 1988, he served as Chief of Quality Assurance, 3246th Test Wing Eglin Air Force Base, Florida and in December of 1989, he served as Commander, 3246th Avionics Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. In 1990, upon completion of his tour at Eglin Air Force Base, Col Flierl served as Aircraft Commander, Instructor Flight Commander,



Colonel Gregory D. Flierl

B-52H, 23d Bomb Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. In 1991, Col Flierl attended the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. From August 1992 to June 1993, he served as Squadron Maintenance Officer, 23d Bomb Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota and in June 1993, he assumed position of Commander, 5th Logistics Support Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. From September 1994 to December 1994, he served as Commander, 4409th Support Squadron, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In February 1995, Col Flierl reported to the Pentagon, Washington DC, where he served as Chief, Readiness Policy and Issues Branch, Director, Air Force Readiness Center, Chief, Operational Readiness Division, Headquarters, United States Air Force. He also attended the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base Alabama.

Col Flierl's awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars and the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

Col Flierl is a Senior Pilot with 2,415 flight hours. He is certified to fly B-52H, B-52G, and T-37 aircraft.

DDRV provides premium distribution services to the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force. DDRV also provides distribution services support to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Program. Numerous commodities are stored in approximately seven million square feet of uncovered and covered storage areas.

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