

DDC Employees Attend DLA Director's Open Forum via Distance Learning Technology

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On Tuesday, August 27, 2002, employees throughout the Defense Distribution Center attended the DLA Director's Open Forum hosted by DLA Director, VADM Keith Lippert, SC, USN.

VADM Lippert opened the forum by welcoming the thousands of DLA employees from Hawaii to Germany to the first Satellite broadcast of the Open Forum utilizing Distance Learning technology.

The DLA Director explained the various leadership changes within the DLA organization. The summer months brought many Changes of Command within the DLA community; specifically DLA-Pacific; DLIS, Battlecreek; DSCP, Philadelphia; and DDC, New Cumberland. VADM Lippert states, "We have a wonderful team of new leadership coming into DLA."

He reemphasized the need to improve support to the warfighter by reducing the number of backorders and improving supply availability.

VADM Lippert then provided a Business Systems Modernization (BSM) Update. "The first release of BSM this past July, brought fewer challenges and a lower magnitude of problems than anticipated; The DLA team has already delivered what no other DoD logistics provider has been able to achieve. I expect continued success and want to thank all those who made this happen. Well Done!"

The last segment of the broadcast was a question-and-answer session with VADM Lippert answering questions submitted to DLA HQs prior to the broadcast. Lippert addressed many personnel issues as well as issues such as telework, security, and communications.

Betty Lehman of the DDC J6, Information Operations Office thought that the session was very beneficial, "I really appreciate the fact that VADM Lippert is making an effort to reach all of his employees to communicate his message. I think it shows that he really does care about his workforce."

Open Forums will be held approximately every two months.



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