

DDJF Change of Command And Retirement Ceremony

CDR Steven B. Ellis, SC, USN, relinquished command of the Defense Distribution Depot Jacksonville, Florida (DDJF) to CDR James W. Smart, SC, USN, in an official ceremony on Friday, July 23, 2004 at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL. CDR Ellis was then retired from the United States Navy. Officiating at the ceremony was BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), New Cumberland, PA.

CDR Ellis served as DDJF's Commander since July 2000. He will return to his home state of Ohio upon his retirement.

CDR Smart is a native of Albany, New York. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management in 1983

and worked for two years in retail management before earning his commission from Officers Candidate School in 1986. In 1997, he graduated from the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California with a Master of Science degree in Transportation Logistics.

Smart comes to DDJF after having served as the Logistics Plans and Operations Officer for Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific in Singapore. In this assignment, he was responsible for development and execution of logistics support to all United States Navy ships operating in Seventh Fleet, the Navy's largest area of responsibility.

In June 1997, Smart reported as the Supply Officer of the USS CHANCELLORSVILLE

(CG 62) where he completed deployments to the Middle East and to South America. During this tour the CHANCELLORSVILLE was awarded both the Navy "E" and Supply "E" awards. His next assignment was to United States Central Command J4/7 staff where he performed duties in the Security Assistance and Mobility Divisions.

During the ceremony, Smart addressed his new workforce, "Our mission here in Jacksonville is a particularly challenging one, for much of what we do is in support of Naval aviation and the



avionics material entrusted to our care is sensitive, and for the most part, of very high value, requiring careful handling and rigorous accountability." Smart continued by commended the DDJF employees, "Your efforts to meet these demanding requirements have been superb. You are an extraordinary group and you have much to be proud of."

Reiman Assumes Command of DDOO

Col James Reiman, USAF, assumed command of the Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City, Ok, (DDOO) in a ceremony September 2, 2004 officiated by COL Mike Lally, USA, Commander, DDC.

Col Reiman earned his degree in general biology from Washington State University in 1976 and received his commission through the four year Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program. He received a Masters Degree in Human Resources Management from Golden Gate University, Sacramento, California, in 1987. He is a graduate of Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.

After several progressive assignments, Col Reiman moved to McClellan Air Force Base (AFB), Ca, and served as Deputy Chief, Pneudraulics and Flight Instruments Division, Chief of Maintenance, 2951st Combat Logistics Squadron and Program Manager, USAF Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Program. In March 1988 he was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In September 1990, Col Reiman was reassigned to Bitburg Air Base, Germany. He served as Maintenance Operations Officer, 36th Maintenance Squadron, Commander, 36th Logistics Support Squadron, and Deputy Commander of the 36th Logistics Group before

returning to the U.S. in 1994 as Chief of Safety, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Ut. In July 1996, Col Reiman assumed command of the 649th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Hill AFB.

In July 1998, Col Reiman returned to Wright-Patterson AFB, as Joint Depot Maintenance Activities Group. In November 1999, Col Reiman was assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tx, where he assumed command of the 982d Training Group, 82d Training Wing. He then served as Logistics Director, 19th Air Force, Randolph AFB, Tx, until present assignment to DDOO.

Col Reiman's military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with



six oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Department of Defense Outstanding Program Manager and the Excellence in Competition, bronze medal.