

DDRT Supports Warfighters with Armored Survivor Kits

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In a joint effort by Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX (DDRT) and Red River Army Depot (RRAD), about 235 Armored Survivor Kits (ASK) were packaged and shipped to Iraq to be installed in the side doors of HMMWVs to provide better protection against attacks from rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire.

DDRT employees packed the armor in wooden boxes designed specifically for the mission. Before sealing the box and placing it on an airlift pallet, they include a flyer that says, "We build it as if our lives depend on it. Theirs do."



DDRT's Thomas Russell, Calvin Farley (left) and Walter Buchanan (above) lower the armored doors into custom-made boxes to be shipped to Iraq.

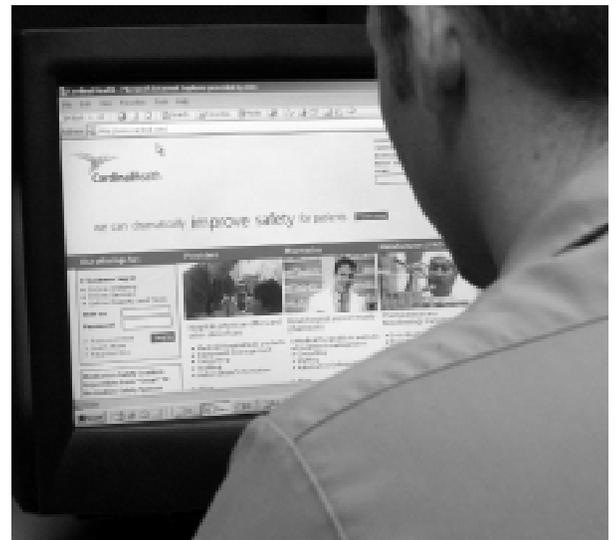
DDC's Partnership with Navy Accelerates Shipment of Medical Supplies

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The U.S. Navy, in collaboration with Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP), awarded Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor (PPV) contracts for the delivery of some medical items to Navy ships instead of using the standard requisition and issue procedures. The Defense Distribution Center (DDC), teaming with the Navy and DSCP, will aid in expediting the movement of these medical items to Navy customers.

The new PPV mission allows Navy ships to receive these medical supplies within about 48 hours when homeported. By accessing a PPV website, ship personnel can place their orders online. The order is sent directly to the vendor who packages the items to the customer's specifications and ships the supplies to the DDC distribution center near the ship's homeport. The DDC distribution center will process receipt of the item in the Navy's asset visibility system, giving the ship's personnel visibility of the materiel's movement. In most cases, the distribution

The Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor (PPV) mission allows Navy personnel to use the Internet to order medical supplies directly from the vendor. Inside the continental United States, the vendor is Cardinal Health. AmerisourceBergen will support DDC's sites in Hawaii and Japan.



center will then deliver the supplies to the ship the same day they are received.

In May 2004, Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, VA (DDNV) became the first DLA distribution center to support the PPV mission, and DDC expects to

have PPV implemented at the other DDC Navy sites in San Diego, Jacksonville, Puget Sound, Pearl Harbor and Yokosuka, Japan by early 2005.