

Commander, USTRANSCOM Visits DDC

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On May 13, 2004, Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), along with several of his subordinate Commanders and staff held their Council meeting at Defense Distribution Center (DDC).



Andy Leitzel, DDSP Deputy Commander provides Gen John Handy, USAF an overview of Air Line of Communications Area . Pictured from left to right CAPT Ritchie (background), Gen. Handy, VADM Lippert, Earl Boyanton, Andy Leitzel, VADM Brewer, Brad Berkson

Other attendees to the meeting included two representatives from the Office of Secretary of Defense, Bradley Berkson,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness); Earl B. Boyanton Jr., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Transportation Policy) and VADM Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN, Director, Defense Logistics Agency.

The Council meeting highlights included a DDC overview along with Distribution Standard System (DSS) and Distribution Planning and Management System (DPMS) briefs which were presented by Brig. Gen. Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center. BG Gainey stated, "This was a great opportunity to showcase the effectiveness and value of DLA distribution support." VADM Lippert provided a DLA overview.

The attendees were given a tour of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania's (DDSP) Eastern Distribution Center (EDC) led by DDSP Commander Captain Robert Ritchie, SC, USN and Deputy Commander, Andy Leitzel where they spent time in the Air Line of Communications and Consolidation and Containerization areas.

This was the first visit of a Four-Star General to the Defense Distribution Center.



Brad Berkson, OSD, views consolidated material being shipped via Dedicated Truck. Looking on: CAPT Ritchie, BG Gainey, RDML Purcell, Earl Boyanton, MG Dunwoody and Gen Handy



VADM David Brewer, III, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command discusses Bar Coding with DDSP employee

Army Materiel Command Visits DDC

Representatives from the Army Materiel Command's (AMC) Logistics Operations Division visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) in July to receive updates on DDC initiatives such as stock positioning and strategic plans. The group also toured the Eastern Distribution Center at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP), one of DDC's two strategic distribution platforms.



Andy Leitzel, Deputy Commander of DDSP (right), discusses depot operations with E. David Mills, Executive Director to the AMC Commander, and AMC representatives.