

# DDCO: The Little

## WITH A STAFF OF LESS THAN 20 PEOPLE, DDCO

Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, Ohio (DDCO), collocated with the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC), supports low-demand items, which includes clothing and textiles; construction material, including lumber and pipe; weapons systems components and consumable parts, mostly nuts, bolts, and gaskets.

DDCO's long history began in 1918 with six warehouses. It was first called the U.S. Army Quartermaster Reserve Depot and its mission was to ship materiel overseas. DDCO has had, at least, 14 different names but its mission has not changed dramatically. It has answered the call to serve the military with supplies in every major military engagement since World War I.

Today is no different. DDCO is shipping out thousands of pairs of boots, pants, coats, and other essential items to support America's War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



⤴ *Cecil Crockett, Materials Handler.*  
⤵ *Lottie Skipper, Materials Handler.*



⤴ *Mark Stanley, Materials Handler.*  
⤵ *Greg Floom, Materials Handler, DDCO's Receiving Department.*



## Great Things Come in Small Packages

DDCO went from approximately 500 associates in 1995 to 55 associates by October 1997 because of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations. During that downsizing, only 78 associates left without retiring or moving to other jobs. Most were subsequently called back to other jobs at the DSCC installation.

DDCO became one of the Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) 22 worldwide distribution centers in 1997. DDCO was selected as a pilot site for the public-private competition required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circular A-76.

After the comprehensive study, the decision was made to retain the operation "in-house" with DDCO associates, and the transition began in November 1999.