



DDHU

Assumption of Command

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Colonel Stephens

On February 5, 2003, Colonel Tyrone Stephens, United States Air Force, assumed command of Defense Distribution Depot Hill, Utah (DDHU). Presiding over the ceremony, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Commander, Brigadier General Kathleen M. Gainey, United States Army. Among the attendees at the ceremony were Major General Scott Bergren, Commander, Ogden Air Logistics Command, and the Stephens family.

In his remarks, Colonel Stephens stressed that the primary function of his organization was to support the warfighter either directly or indirectly and in order to do that successfully required a team approach. Stephens further stated “I’m looking forward to the challenge . . . the challenge of learning a new language, a new job and the challenge of working with an organization made up almost entirely of civilians and contractor employees.”

Colonel Stephens’ previous assignment was as Chief, Program Management Flight, Air Mobility Command Regional Supply Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In this position he provided supply support to 11 regionalized supply accounts, 57 satellite accounts and 11 forward supply locations to include supporting contingency operations throughout the world, weapons systems management for C-17,

C-5, C-141, C-130 and KC-135 aircraft, and stock fund management.

Colonel Stephens was born in Denver, Colorado. He enlisted in the Air Force in August 1966 and has 10 years of enlisted service. He earned his commission as a distinguished graduate through Air Force Officer Training School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in April 1980. Col Stephens then attended the Supply Operations Officer Course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, where he was an honor graduate. He has had numerous assignments during his career that include overseas tours in England, Korea, and Germany. He has held two previous squadron level command positions – one at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas and the other at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota.

Col Stephens’ awards include Meritorious Service Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Outstanding Unit Award with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, and the National Defense Service Medal with Two Service Stars.

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