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Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait leadership to change

Kuwait – (May 21, 2009) – United States Army Col. Clayton T. Newton will relinquish command of the Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia, or DDKS, to United States Army Col. Vernon L. Beatty, Jr. in a ceremony June 5 at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at DDKS. Officiating the ceremony will be United States Marine Corp Brig. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commander, Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, New Cumberland, Pa.

Newton has been DDKS's commander since July 2007. He will assume the position of chief of staff at DDC.

Beatty comes to DDKS after serving as the director, Army Initiatives Group, Logistics Branch, Headquarters Department of Army, G4. His previous key assignments include logistics systems officer, Office of the J-4, Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va; commander, 710th Main Support Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. Beatty was instrumental in transforming the battalion to the 710th Brigade Support Battalion, or BSB, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. In 2006, Beatty and his brigade deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in support of 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Spartans). The 710th BSB was the first modular Brigade Support Battalion to operate in Afghanistan supporting RC-East, an area of operations larger than the state of Ohio and comprised of over 36 forward operating bases, ranging in location from the desert plains to the Hindu Kush in the Himalayan mountain range.

Beatty's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2nd oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, Kosovo Liberation Medal, NATO Medal with two bronze stars, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutists Badge, Rigger Badge and Air Assault Badge.

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DDKS was established August 30, 2004. One of 25 distribution centers under DDC, DDKS is DDC's only distribution facility in Southwest Asia and was established based on a request from the United States Central Command (CENTCOM). The primary mission provides forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces located in the US Central Command Area of Responsibility (AOR). Its distribution facilities are strategically positioned in Southwest Asia to reduce transportation and customer wait time. The depot provides distribution services and surge capability to all four service components to support the warfighters operating in the AOR. Current commodities distributed by DDKS are repair parts, barrier/construction materiel, clothing, textiles and tentage. DDKS also provides consolidated shipment and containerization services, as well as, routine logistic support to the military community in the DDKS theater of operations.

DDKS also leads a Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point, or TCSP, in Kuwait. The TCSP serves as the primary conduit for Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom sustainment entering the Theater. The TCSP rapidly consolidates/segregates shipments arriving from multiple sources and prepares them for onward movement directly to the warfighters.

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For more than a decade, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) has been offering best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. Customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. Headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., DDC operates a global network of 25 distribution centers that employ nearly 8,000 people worldwide. DDC is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.