

# DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

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On July 16, 2001, Commander George L. Omechevarria, Supply Corps, United States Navy (USN), relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (DDPH) to Commander Robert B. Turner, Supply Corps, USN. Brigadier General James H. Pillsbury, United States Army, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) officiated at the ceremony.

DDPH was established as a secondary level field and became a part of the DDC Ohana (Hawaiian for family) on April 9, 1999. Commander "O", as he is called by many, was hand picked to start up this new command. During his tenure, DDPH's processing times improved, operating costs were cut by 25 percent, and customer support services expanded. CDR O's next assignment will be as Contracting Officer, Superintendent of Shipbuilding, New Orleans, Louisiana.

CDR Turner is a 1980 graduate from Clemson University with a Bachelors Degree in Administrative Management. Turner attended Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned a Masters of Science Degree in



*CDR Omechevarria and his DDPH staff at the Change of Command.*

Acquisition and Contract Management. While ashore, CDR Turner served as an instructor at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia. He also served as the Assistant Customer Support Officer for the Royal Australian Naval Support Command in Sydney, Australia; as the Contract Negotiator on the ACAT 1 Ultra High Frequency Follow-On Satellite Program for the Contract Directorate of Space and Naval Warfare Systems in Arlington, Virginia; and as the supervisor of the Special Programs Team for the Defense Contract Management Command Baltimore-Manassas, Manassas, Virginia.

CDR Turner was most recently assigned as the Contract Liaison Officer to the 2001 Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Washington, DC, where he has served since January 10, 2000 in support of the 54th Presidential Inauguration.

CDR Turner's awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (with one gold star) and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

*CDR Omechevarria, BG Pillsbury, and CDR Turner cut the cake at the DDPH Change of Command.*



*Kahu Kamaki Kanahale offers a traditional Hawaiian blessing on the DDPH Change of Command.*

*CDR Turner, his brothers Darren and Lonnie (left to right), and Mrs. Jean Turner, at the DDPH COC.*

