

# DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT RED RIVER, TEXAS CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lieutenant Colonel Randall Bockenstedt, United States Army (USA), relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) to LTC Charles S. Young, USA, on July 6, 2001. BG James Pillsbury, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), officiated.

LTC Bockenstedt led DDRT from October 1998 to July 2001. During his tenure a \$64 million distribution operation opened for business and increased efficiencies by 20%. All measures of distribution improved under LTC Bockenstedt's direction.

LTC Bockenstedt's next assignment is to the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

LTC Young was born in Frankfort, Kentucky and attended Northern Kentucky University. He holds a Masters degree in management from Troy State University.

LTC Young has served in a variety of positions both Army and Joint duty including the 82d Airborne Division, where he commanded Company B, 407th Supply and Transport Battalion. He participated in Operation Just Cause (Panama) and deployed his company to Saudi Arabia and Iraq in support of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served as a United Nations Military Observer in Egypt until July 1995. His most

recent assignment was with the United States Joint Forces Command, J4 Logistics Operations Division.

LTC Young's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters). He wears the Senior Parachutist Badge and Parachute Rigger Badge. He is also authorized to wear the Italian Parachutist Badge.

DDRT's primary mission is to provide distribution support for secondary items and for repair parts on tracked and wheeled vehicles, aircraft and weapons systems. In 1994, a contract was awarded to build a facility that would consolidate receiving, storing, shipping, packaging and marking operations under one roof. After modifications and equipment integration, DDRT has a modernized distribution center with a total project cost in excess of \$50 million. The Army has designated DDRT as the storage site for its Bradley Infantry Vehicles, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles. The depot is the sole distribution point for the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System.



⇨ DDRT texas salute.

BG Pillsbury passes flag of Command to LTC Young. ⇨



DDRT employees welcome LTC Young. ⇨

