

DDDE Welcomes LTC Douglas Nomura, USA



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LTC Jeff Young, USA, relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Europe, located in Germersheim, Germany, to LTC Douglas Nomura, USA, on June 18, 2003 in a ceremony officiated by BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC).

LTC Young was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as Commander, DDDE, from March 2001 to June 2003. During this period, the outstanding professional skill, leadership, and tireless efforts of LTC Young resulted in the direct and positive impact upon the readiness of United States European Command and United States Central Command forces. During 2001, he managed the expansion of the Defense Logistics Agency's Forward Stock Initiative to nearly 30,000 lines in support of overseas and deployed forces, representing a 10-fold increase in workload. During this expansion period his depot was one of the first distribution centers to be called upon in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, providing a wide range of subsistence and material support before any military transportation channels were established. This support directly contributed to the logistical success of Operation Iraqi Freedom and continues to this day. Through LTC Young's exceptional knowledge of theater distribution and quick implementation of the Forward Stock Initiative, Customer Wait Time for US Army Europe and US Air Forces Europe was reduced from 35 days to an average of 6 days. LTC Young's meticulous management of the movement of 2,000 air pallets, 500 containers, and numerous trucks in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom has given his command the reputation as the 'go-to' experts for theater distribution.

LTC Douglas H. Nomura, USA, hails from Ewa Beach, Hawaii and is a 1980 graduate from St Louis High School and a 1985 graduate from the University of Hawaii where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Communication.

LTC Nomura was commissioned as a 2LT in December 1984 from the University of Hawaii ROTC program. His military education includes the Transportation Basic and Advance Course, the Junior Officers Maintenance Course, the Combine Arms School, and the Command and General Staff College.

LTC Nomura has served in a variety of assignments both in the Continental United States and overseas. He is coming from the Pentagon where he was assigned with the Army's Objective Force Task Force as a CSS System Integrator. From 1985–1989, he served as a Transportation Truck Platoon Leader, Assistant S-3 and Special Project Officer in the 124th Main Support Battalion (MSB), and the Movement Control Officer in the Division Support Command (DISCOM), 2nd Armored Division, Ft Hood, Texas. From 1989 to 1992, LTC Nomura served as the Battalion Maintenance Officer in the Supply and Transport Battalion (S&T), 25th Infantry Division (Light) and the Company Commander for 5th Transportation Company (Logistical Support Vessel - Support), 45th Support Group, Ford Island, Hawaii. After serving one year with Training With Industry (TWI), Lykes Lines Steamship Inc, New Orleans, Louisiana. Lieutenant Colonel Nomura was assigned to the 7th Transportation Group from 1993 to 1995, where he served as the Chief of Plans, and the S-4 Officer, 6th Transportation Battalion (Truck), Ft Eustis, Virginia. From 1995 to 1996, he served as the G-4 Transportation Division Chief, 19th Theater Area Army Command (TAACOM), Teague, Korea. Lieutenant Colonel Nomura returned to Ft Eustis, from 1996 to 1998, where he served as a Transportation Instructor and Chief of Highway Rail Branch.

LTC Nomura deployed to Zagreb, Croatia in 1998, where he served as the Movement Control Officer, Joint Movement Control Center (JMCC), NATO Support Command, Stabilization Forces (SFOR). From 1998 to 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Nomura returned to the 7th Transportation Group where he served as the S-3 Officer, 6th Transportation Battalion (Truck) and the 143rd Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) Liaison Officer (LNO) Reserve Advisor to the 7th Transportation Group. From 2000–2001, he served as the Executive Officer, 831st Transportation Battalion, Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), Manama, Bahrain.

LTC Nomura has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the NATO Medal, the Overseas Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Assault and Parachutist Badge.