

# DDTP Change of Command: LTC James P. O'Grady, USA, New Commander

LTC David Rodriguez, USA, relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, PA (DDTP) to LTC James O'Grady, USA, on June 27, 2003. BG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) presided over the ceremony held in one of DDTP's warehouses.

"We salute an outstanding Lieutenant Colonel for an exceptional performance and a job well done during his tenure here," said BG Gainey of LTC Rodriguez. "And we celebrate the arrival of an exceedingly well-qualified replacement to assume Command of this great workforce."

During his tenure, LTC Rodriguez's leadership skills, devotion to duty and exceptional knowledge of wholesale distribution resulted in sustained superior support to the Warfighter. Upon assumption of command, he quickly conducted a thorough mission analysis, leading him to initiate numerous process improvements and the consolidation of more than 80% of his core distribution functions under one roof. His relentless effort to fine-tune his operating procedures resulted in significant and impressive improvements in all DLA performance metrics, setting the standard for reengineering and process improvements for the entire command.

Despite ever changing demands, priorities and budget constraints, LTC Rodriguez managed to stay mission focused as he successfully balanced support to all his customers, as well as Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. He did this while simultaneously preparing his organization to

undergo a major undertaking - a commercial activity competition. LTC Rodriguez is an extremely dedicated commander, committed to the Warfighter and the welfare of his workforce.

LTC Rodriguez's next assignment is at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs, G-8, at the Pentagon.

LTC O'Grady attended the United States Military Academy, graduating in 1984 with a BS in Computer Science. A Quartermaster, LTC O'Grady has served with the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Georgia as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer followed by Battalion and Division Support Command staff assignments. LTC O'Grady's final duty at Fort Stewart was as Commander, B Company, 24th Forward Support Battalion. Other assignments have included serving as an Observer Controller at the US Army's Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany; and serving as an adviser and trainer for US Army Reserve units in Texas, Louisiana & Arkansas. He also served with the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood, Texas, first as the Corps Support Command's Secretary of the General Staff, then as a Battalion Executive Officer and finally as the Corps Support Command's Rear Battle & Training Officer. LTC O'Grady's most recent assignment was as a U.S. Army Exchange Officer with the Australian Defense Force's Joint Logistics Command in Melbourne, Australia.

LTC O'Grady is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer's Advanced Course and the Combined Arms Staff Service School.

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