

Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas

Forklift Exchange/ Sale Takes Place at DDRT

Defense Distribution Depot Red River recently hosted a sale of 30 non-excess forklifts that were either obsolete or in a state of disrepair.

According to DDRT employee Joe Lewis, "The sale consisted of forklifts pulled internally due to downsizing and poor utilization." John Haunstein of the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) recommended that Defense Distribution Depot Red River (DDRT) exercise the Exchange/Sale authority (DoD 4140.1-R) which allows for the sale of non-excess equipment as long as the proceeds are used to purchase the same or similar equipment.

DDC has partnered with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) in order to make the Exchange/Sale a successful venture in the sale of forklifts. DRMS manages all of the advertising, sales contracting, payment collection and accounting for the DDC Exchange/Sale Program.

The forklifts were staged at a central location in order to provide potential bidders from the general public the ability to easily view all of the equipment. The DDRT Mechanical Repair Section (forklift shop) employees did a good job cranking the forklifts for prospective bidders. The dock personnel, DDRT Receiving, Storage, and Issue Section, provided excellent support loading the forklifts after the sale.

According to Lewis, who works in the Installation Services Branch of the Depot Support Office at DDRT, "The success of this venture is due to the teamwork between DDC, DRMS, and DDRT." "Thanks to all of the participants, this sale generated almost \$40,000 of proceeds that will be used to purchase replacement forklifts. The Exchange/Sale Program is a useful tool in providing funding towards meeting equipment requirements at a time when every department is experiencing budget cuts.



FORKLIFT SALE -- Defense Distribution Depot Red River (DDRT) employee Joe Lewis (right), is shown checking forklifts with David Bishop of Newton, Texas. Bishop was one of the many customers who visited the DDRT depot to purchase forklifts which were being sold by Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) at the DDRT depot. The sale of the forklifts directly benefit DDRT and the Defense Logistics Agency. According to Lewis, the forklift sale was a success.

"Safety Buck" Store a Hit with DDRT Employees

"Last year, LTC Randall J. Bockenstedt, Commander at Defense Distribution Depot Red River (DDRT), wanted to do something to stress "SAFETY" throughout the DDRT workforce. He came up with the idea of giving out "Safety Bucks" when employees help to prevent accidents and/or recognize unsafe activity or work areas. Employees can earn safety bucks by recognizing unsafe work areas or by just being safe in their own work habits each day.

The safety buck store was set up in the south end of Building 552 and stocked with nice shirts, caps, bags, lunch kits, maglites, and many other nice useable items. Teresa Haney, who works in the Physical Inventory Branch of Inventory Integrity Division at DDRT, was the first employee to purchase an item from the "Safety Buck" Store - with safety bucks earned at DDRT.

Teresa was given her purchase by Betty Bevers (DDRT-XA), who is in charge of the "Safety Buck" store for DDRT. Dinah Sams assists Betty Bevers in the Safety Buck store, which is open -- 12:30 ti until 3 p.m. -the first Wednesday of each month.

For her first purchase with earned safety bucks, Ms. Haney purchased an umbrella. Earning "Safety Bucks" encourages DDRT employees to be "SAFE" on the job at DDRT. Employees earn safety bucks by locating and pointing out unsafe work locations and or activity at DDRT. Employees can also earn safety bucks by attending safety meetings.

The word "Safety " is very important at DDRT and employees are encouraged to do everything they can to make DDRT a safe place to work.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Held

Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) hosted its sixth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. observance, Friday January 14, 2000. The event was held at 10 am in the School of Engineering and Logistics Auditorium. A luncheon followed the observance. Ms. Dorothy Henderson of Ashdown, Arkansas, was the guest speaker for the event. Ms. Henderson is a graduate of East Texas State University and teaches mathematics at Kennedy Elementary School in Texarkana, Texas. Her topic during the program was "Helping Somebody" which was the theme of the observance this year. The speaker stressed all of the good ideas that Dr. King spoke on and dreamed about all of his life.

According to DDRT employee, Brenda Watson, "The event endeavors to continue with the values that Dr. King exemplified throughout his life. We always look forward to this event." "I would like to thank the DDRT Commander and his staff for their support and assistance with this annual event." Ms. Watson continued, "Our sincere appreciation goes to the committee for their hard work, perseverance, dedication and commitment toward these goals."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a civil rights leader, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. Dr. King attended Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta and at the age of 15 entered his father's alma mater, Morehouse College. He was ordained by his father in 1947. He graduated from Morehouse in 1948 and entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1951 with the Plafker Award as the most outstanding student and the Crozer Fellowship for graduate study.

Dr. King chose to continue his study with two years of philosophy at Harvard and received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Boston University in 1955.

Dr. King was known as a man who dedicated himself to love and peace for all mankind regardless of race, creed or color. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, on December 10, 1964. This award was a tremendous recognition for his non-violence philosophy in the civil rights revolution. He was 35 years old, the youngest man to ever receive this award.

In 1968, Dr. King was the victim of an assassination in Memphis, Tennessee. 150,000 people attended his funeral held at his father's church in Atlanta, five days later.

