



DDAG

Assumption of Command

MAJOR MARKHAM B. CAMPAIGNE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, TAKES THE REINS AT DDAG

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On February 20, 2003, Major Markham B. Campaigne, United States Marine Corps, assumed command of Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Georgia. Presiding over the ceremony, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Chief of Staff, Captain Chris R. McKelvey, Supply Corps, United States Navy.

Major Campaigne is excited to be part of the Defense Distribution Center, "My family and I are happy to be here in Albany, Georgia and I am looking forward to the many challenges that await me. I have an excellent Deputy in Mr. Ed Slover, who in a little bit of time, has been an invaluable asset to me, and I have a workforce full of hard-working employees who care about their customers and take pride in what they do."

Major Campaigne's most recent assignment was as Central Command Logistics Plans Officer, 1st Force Service Support Group.

Major Campaigne is a 1991 graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor's degree in Biology (major), and Philosophy (minor). A third generation Marine, he entered the Marine Corps through the Officer Candidate Course (OCC) program. He has completed Amphibious Warfare School (resident course 2000), Advanced Logistics Officer's Course (2002), and recently completed the requirements for a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Redlands (2002).

After his commissioning and graduation from The Basic School and Supply School in 1992, Major Campaigne was assigned to the 4th Marine Regiment in Okinawa Japan as the Supply Officer for Reconnaissance Company, and Headquarters Company. In 1994 he transferred to III MEF (G-4) as the assistant MEF Supply Officer to work Maritime Prepositioned Force (MPF) exercise planning. He later took over as the battalion Supply Officer for Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

Departing Okinawa in 1996, Major Campaigne was transferred to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego. During this tour he served as the Executive Officer (11 months), and Commanding Officer (18 months) of Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion. He also served as Deputy Director of Service & Supply Division, MCRD San Diego.

After attending Amphibious Warfare School in Virginia, Major Campaigne was assigned to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California as Officer in Charge, Logistics Readiness Evaluation team.

Major Campaigne's military decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars.

DDAG, located on one of two Marine Corps Logistics Bases, has a very diversified range of missions and stock. DDAG is the primary source of storage and distribution of secondary repair parts and expendables for the Marine Corps Maintenance Facility on MCLB Albany, Georgia. It also stocks a wide range of commonly ordered items by the military services and other Department of Defense (DoD) customers. Items stored include meals ready-to-eat, clothing and textiles, construction materials, electrical supplies, electronic components, secondary repair parts and many more items.

In addition to the basic receive, store, and ship mission, DDAG performs preservation and packaging, stock readiness inspection, unit, kit and set assembly, marking, and reclassification of material. DDAG also performs some unique missions that include providing all the transportation management functions for MCLB Albany and tenant activities, performing wholesale distribution support for the Army Prepositioning Afloat Program, and performing set assembly for the Army Force Provider Program.

Resources managed include special storage for radiological material, dehumidified storage for subsistence, and storage for textiles and clothing for all DoD services worldwide.