

DLA Director Visits DLA's Newest Distribution Center

DDSI HOSTS VICE ADMIRAL LIPPERT

DLA Director, VADM Keith Lippert, SC, USN, recently visited Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) newest site, Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy (DDSI).

DDSI Acting Commander, Denise Cordeiro-Bennett provided the Director with a command brief which included an update on manpower, facilities, equipment, and inventory. The briefing also included a timeline of DDSI roll-out actions to include Distribution Standard System (DSS) training and implementation, as well as, renovation schedules.



DLA Director, VADM Keith Lippert, SC, USN, reviews DDSI "Before and After" Blueprints during his tour at Sigonella.

Upon completion of the brief, DDSI and DDC staff escorted the Admiral on a tour of DDSI's warehouses. The first stop on the tour was Bldg 452, where the Admiral viewed "Before and After" blueprints of the facilities showing him the progress being made with the facilities at DDSI. The tour moved to the current Personal Property Office which will renovated to house the new DDSI Command Suite.

The Director then observed the Receiving Operations in Building 452 before moving on to the VIDMARs area where employees from Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE) were working on DDSI rewarehousing efforts in preparation for DSS implementation in July.

The tour attendees visited the Shipping Operations in Building 438 where renovations are currently underway to create offices and training rooms for DDSI. "The Shipping Operations will move over to Building 452 closer to Receiving, allowing for better distribution efficiency," Cordeiro-Bennett reported to VADM Lippert.

DDSI's newest facility houses the HazFlam Storage Operations in Building 722, where the tour attendees observed the new recently-installed storage racks, and the rooms used for the storage of



DDSI Acting Commander, Ms. Denise Cordeiro-Bennett along with DDSI and DDC Staff escort VADM Lippert through DDSI Receiving Operations.

corrosive materials.

Cordeiro-Bennett added, "Things are moving forward. It's exciting to see the changes occurring at DDSI. We're positioning ourselves to better serve the Warfighter here in the Med."

VADM Lippert was impressed with the progress being made at DDSI, and commended DDSI and DDC staff on their efforts.



VADM Lippert and Denise Cordeiro-Bennett pose with employees of DDSI Shipping Operations in Building 438 at Sigonella.