

UK RAF Representatives Visit DDC and DDSP

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On May 7-8, 2002, Group Captain (GP CAPT) Robert A. Williams and Wing Commander (WG CDR) Stephen P. Harpum, Defence Support Distribution Center (DSDC), Royal Air Force, United Kingdom, visited Defense Distribution Center (DDC).

The focus of the visit was to discuss the processes and issues associated with the merger of multiple centers. The representatives were given an overview of the DDC and its initiatives by the DDC Command Affairs Officer and then met with key staff from the DDC and the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP) to discuss lessons learned.

GP CAPT Williams and WG CDR Harpum were given a tour of DDSP's Eastern Distribution Center (EDC) with concentration on Mission Receipts; Receiving Operations and Processing; Consolidation and Containerization; Automated Storage, Retrieval and Sortation System; Automated Weight and Offer System; Air Line of Communication; Pallet Build Operations; and Automated Manifest System Laser Cards and Radio Frequency Tag Processing.

This visit is one of several on-going benchmarking sessions between DSDC and the DDC in an effort to assist the United Kingdom in streamlining their distribution processes.



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