

DDSP Child Development Center Celebrates Month of the Military Child

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The Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP) Child Development Center (CDC) hosted an Armed Forces Parade on Friday, April 5, 2002 celebrating the Month of the Military Child and was in recognition of all military who currently serve or who have served our country.

The parade included children enrolled at the CDC, the CDC staff, and parents. Each child wore a red, white, and blue star with the name and rank of the person they were marching to represent. The CDC staff and several children wore articles of clothing representing the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. Many military parents, in uniform, joined the children's march as well. Flags from each branch of the service were

carried by the CDC staff while the children carried banners expressing their thanks to the men and women of the armed services. The parade was led by DDSP Security Police immediately followed by Old Glory.

The parade route led to the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Headquarters Building while participants, boasting their American pride, were being led in cadence by one of the military parents. Once inside DDC Headquarters, everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Kindergarten class performed their rendition of "God Bless the USA," which brought many tears as employees joined in to finish the chorus.

DDC Implements Net Landed Cost Billing

Distribution is the first business area to implement the new DLA Net Landed Cost method for customer billing. The new method is effective for fiscal year 2002.

Key changes involve billing customers for actual transportation costs and the implementation of value-added charges for special services. These changes are being implemented in order to realign the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) pricing structure ensuring that DDC charges the right price to the right customer.

In conjunction with the new price structure, DDC Financial Operations now provides customers with both a summary level bill and a CD containing detailed transaction level billing information. "The information on this CD is very detailed," said Marian Ryan, DDC Financial Operations Director, "and will provide our Inventory Control Point (ICP) customers with a much better understanding of their charges. This level of detail will help them make better business decisions."



The DDC Financial Analysis Team views one of the Net Landed Cost CDs that will be provided to DDC customers for detailed billing information. Linda Horn, seated, Willie Atkins, and Sherry O'Neal standing (left to right).

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