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"The battle is fought and decided by the quartermasters before the shooting begins."

Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, nicknamed The Desert Fox (Der Wüstenfuchs)

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Army Team Cuts Container Costs

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Why lease when you can repair and use what you own? An Army Lean Six Sigma project team applied that question to munitions containers and came up with a money-saving solution.

Personnel from the Joint Munitions Command; Army Intermodal and Distribution Platform Management Office; Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command; and Headquarters, Department of the Army G4, Logistics, collaborated on the project and returned 110 government-owned containers into service. Two JMC facilities – McAlester Army Ammunitions Plant, Okla., and Tooele Army Depot, Utah – were able to use these containers to move munitions into the U.S. Central Command theater of operations.

Team members established a process to repair the government-owned containers process which begins at the depots with the inspection of containers to determine which are serviceable and which can be repaired. The Army Container Asset Management System generates a list of repairable containers on the first of every month. The JMC prioritizes the list by depot and sends it to SDDC for approval. SDDC manages a pool of money to repair the government-owned containers.

How does the project work?

If a container is disapproved for repair, SDDC provides disposition instructions to the depot where the container is located. If a container is approved for repair, SDDC sends a Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request to JMC, which forwards the funds to the appropriate depot. The depot repairs the container, updates the serviceability of that container in ACAMS and uses the container.

To date, SDDC has funded the repair of 234 government-owned containers at JMC sites and approved funding for another 113.

Joint Munitions Command, headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., manages ammunition production plants and storage depots as part of the Army's role as executive agent for conventional ammunition.

Item of Interest

- The Distribution Transportation Task Force (DTTF) met at Scott AFB, Ill., on Feb. 20. The agenda and slides are posted on the DPO portal at: https://dpo.transcom.mil/dpo/subpage/dpo.cfm?id=1029¤t_id=1097
- Gen. Norton Schwartz, commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and the DPO talks about integrating supply chain movement in the latest edition of Military Logistics Forum, <http://www.mlf-kmi.com/article.cfm?DocID=2339>

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