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## **MEDIA ALERT-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Local organization to offer opportunities for families to support deployed troops during Armed Forces Day**

**CITY ISLAND, HARRISBURG, PA** – Those attending Armed Forces Day on Harrisburg City Island May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. can send messages of support to deployed troops courtesy of the Family Advocacy Program at the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Installation in New Cumberland, Pa.

DDC's Family Advocacy Program representatives will take photos of attendees who have deployed family members and email them to their loved ones serving overseas. Art supplies will also be available for children to draw pictures to send to deployed service members.

“A photo of a loved one or a piece of children’s artwork can mean the world to the men and women of our military when they’re away from their families,” said Family Advocacy Program Manager Rick Pedzwater.

The Defense Distribution Center installation in New Cumberland, Pa., is home to dozens of military organizations including the Defense Distribution Center headquarters as well as Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. – the largest distribution facility in the Department of the Defense.

For more than a decade DDC has been offering best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. Customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. Headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., DDC operates a global network of 26 distribution centers that employ nearly 8,000 people. DDC is a field

activity of the Defense Logistics Agency. The Defense Distribution Center installation was formerly known as the Defense Distribution Region East (DDRE) and the New Cumberland Army Depot.

Now in its seventh year, Armed Forces Day will once again transform City Island into a sprawling and bustling military base. Visitors will experience nearly 80 indoor and outdoor military equipment displays, musical performances, exhibitions, living history demonstrations, and family and children's activities like face painting, laser marksmanship, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, and various sports challenges. All of these events are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, and will take place rain or shine. A variety of tasty foods will also be available.

The day's activities kick off with a YMCA 5-K Run/Walk at 8:00 am followed by joint service military displays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; this year's opening ceremony will take place at 11:00 am.

The official Armed Forces Day website <http://www.harrisburgevents.com> has been recently enhanced to provide the public with the latest information on the exhibits, programs, and displays highlighting this year's fun-filled event.