



**Mr. Brian Burkholder**

## **Director, DLA Distribution Jacksonville, FL**

Brian Burkholder became the director of DLA Distribution Jacksonville, Fla., on Aug. 27, 2014.

Burkholder was born in Allentown, Pa., and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1986, where he spent six years as a field artillery surveyor. He served overseas with the 3/32 Field Artillery Battalion in Germany. Upon completion of his tour he served with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1/77 Field Artillery, Fort Knox, Ken., then returned overseas to serve with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, deploying as a survey chief to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

From 1992 to 1998, after completion of his Army enlistment, Burkholder worked his way from warehouseman and driver to distribution operations specialist/manager for a Anheuser-Busch wholesaler where he served until 2002. He managed their distribution system, leading 30 employees, and was responsible for overseeing the ordering, proper packaging, receiving, storing, rotation of products, distribution, and customer satisfaction related to more than 1.5 million cases of product annually. He served in this capacity until he was selected as a materials handler with DLA Distribution Europe in January 2002.

From 2002 through 2013 at DLA Distribution Europe, Burkholder's held various positions ranging from materials handler to deputy commander. Duties included oversight of the Ozone Depleting Substance Program, and chief of the Receiving Division, where he was responsible for receipt, storage and oversight of the hazardous material program. For two years, beginning in October 2005, Burkholder functioned as the Issue Division chief, overseeing the storage, issue, packaging and shipping of customer requisitions. Burkholder served for a little more than one year as DLA Distribution Europe's operations officer, where he was responsible for the overall effectiveness of distribution center operations.

In December 2008 he was selected as the deputy commander, where he served until his departure in May 2013. Some of his key projects included representing DLA on the Central Command-led team to negotiate the expansion of the Northern Distribution Network through Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, and performing the site survey of distribution capabilities and assessments for future site selection of a distribution hub in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In June 2008, he was selected to participate on the DLA site assessment team where he was deployed to the Taji National Depot in Iraq to assess and recommend needed resources and team composition to train the Iraqi Army to build a self-sustaining distribution operation. He also served as the project manager to prepare the concept of operations for the transfer of the Army serviceable retrograde mission from the 21st TSC to DLA and participated in the planning and development of Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point-Europe.

From May 2013 until August 2014, Burkholder served with the General Services Administration as the director of the Eastern Supply Operations Center. His duties included oversight of GSA's largest distribution facility providing worldwide support, with a primary customer base east of the Mississippi River through CENTCOM. One of Burkholder's key projects was planning GSA's supply transformation from the stock program to direct vendor sourcing, supporting the timely closure of the Eastern Distribution Center.

Burkholder has received many letters of commendation and is the recipient of numerous civilian and military awards, including the DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award, DLA Performance Award for Sustained Superior Performance, two Army Commendation Medals, an Army Achievement Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.