

PRODUCT SUPPORT PULSE

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MESSAGE FROM DASD(PS)



This past year, the coronavirus pandemic and its repercussions impacted us all. In the mist of these unfortunate circumstances, our workforce seized the moment, did not let adversity compromise mission, and found new and creative ways to promote and advance warfighter readiness. We applaud your hard work during these challenging times. Your commitment to the success of product support has been critical to the overall success of our national defense strategy.

One of our major accomplishments in 2020 is the development of the new DoD Instruction for Product Support Management. It is a one-stop-shop policy that applies tailored product support within all six pathways in the Adaptive Acquisition Framework. The instruction also incorporates the new FY21 National Defense Authorization Act requirements. In the coming months, we will be working with the DAU to develop the guidebook and the requisite curriculum.

We have also made some significant changes in the Lifecycle Logistics Workforce. We are moving to a leaner two-level certification model with follow-on credentialing targeted to actual job requirements. These changes ensure relevant delivery of training, at the right time, for the right employee, for the right job in support of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework.

This past year, the Product Support Office has welcomed many new faces including: Roger Harms, Derrin Williams, Michael Golden, and Anthony Lee. Looking ahead, 2021 brings exciting new possibilities and new missions including a focus on Nuclear, NC3 sustainment and Microelectronics.

Jacquelin Ferko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020

Individual Achievement Award Winner

Life Cycle Logistics

Kyle Matyi, is the F-35 Depot Lead, Logistics and Sustainment Directorate/F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office (JPO). Mr. Matyi led a joint government/industry Alpha Contracting Pilot Project, which delivered an efficient and effective methodology to accelerate organic depot activations with removal of contractual barriers.

Mr. Matyi is 26 year Air Force Veteran, that has served as a Navy civilian for the last 4 years.



For More information regarding the DoD Product Support Office, [click here](#).

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

On 12 November, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Product Support, Jacqueline Ferko and Logistics Management Bureau (LMB) Director General, Mr. Bok Kyun Lee co-chaired the annual U.S.- Korea Logistics Cooperation Committee (LCC), one of the highest-level bilateral sustainment engagements between both countries. The LCC is the primary venue to improve sustainment capability and clear indicator of our shared vision and goals. Other senior attendees included Brigadier General Simerly the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) J4, and Colonel Gigliotti, the Joint U.S. Military Assistant Group – Korea (JUSMAG-K). The Forum covered a wide range of topics such as munitions quantities and storage, facilities and infrastructure, fuel distribution, logistics support of fielded systems, areas of logistics cooperative developments, and life cycle management policy. The highlight was the signing of the LCC Terms of Reference by Ms. Ferko and Mr. Lee. The next step is a series of 150 day reviews to assess the status of tasks generated from the 52nd LCC forum. Ms. Ferko commented: "We are encouraged by the dedication, cooperation, and hard work that demonstrates unity of effort and cooperation. It was a tremendous success and a great step forward with our partnership!"

POLICY



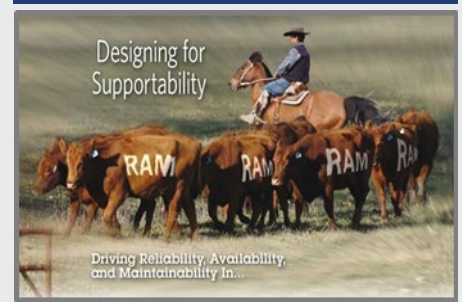
We are excited to announce that the new Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) for product support management will be published in 2021. This instruction lays the groundwork for product support within all six pathways of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework. It provides a one-stop-shop that details the statutory, directive, and regulatory requirements for major pathways, and allows for a more tailored approach to utilizing product support to the individual pathway. This policy empowers program managers and product support managers to be more agile in providing tailored strategies. It will help reduce costs and increase operational readiness. ODASD (PS) is working on a complimentary streamlined guidebook to be hosted on the Adaptive Acquisition Framework website. Stay tuned for more news on information sessions to learn more about the DoDI. We have already published a complimentary table on the DAU website.

PROGRAMS



The U.S. nuclear deterrent underpins the security of the nation. As the DoD transitions from legacy systems to more modernized systems the DASD for Product Support is at the sustainment forefront of this effort. Most recently DASD (PS) has been focused on the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD), which is the replacement for the legacy Minute Man III (MM III) missile system. The MM III, which this year is celebrating 50 years on alert, is one of the critical focal points for nuclear modernization. DoD Leadership recently approved the GBSD Life Cycle Sustainment Plan enabling the program to advance to the Engineering and Manufacturing Development Phase of the acquisition process. Achieving this milestone sets the GBSD program on a path to meet a 2029 Initial Operating Capability. This is a cornerstone achievement in support of our overall national defense strategy.

DAU LINKS FOR SUCCESS



At Defense Acquisition University (DAU), you can sign up for courses and also discover relevant topics for day to day success such as the following: Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Supportability are key to ensuring affordable, combat-capable weapon systems. The DoD Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Cost Rationale Report Manual put it simply: “the DoD needs to acquire reliability and maintainable products that are of high quality and readily available to satisfy user requirements in meeting mission capability and operational tasks. The Department must acquire these product at the most reasonable cost to the taxpayer.” The DoDI 5000.88 calls reliability and maintainability “...an integral part of the overall engineering process and the digital representation of the system being developed”. To assist, DAU offers a range of multi-disciplinary learning assets on these topics, including: [click here to go to full article.](#)

WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION

The Back To Basics (BtB) Acquisition Workforce Transformation is coming on October 1, 2021! This will restructure the career fields in the Acquisition Workforce and improve training and development. Life Cycle Logisticians will see a leaner, two-level certification and credentialing framework and it will be coupled with credentials. The goal is to empower the Workforce with tailorable learning through credentials aligned to the twelve Integrated Product Support (IPS) Elements and in other functional areas. Rest assured that certified Life Cycle Logisticians in the Life Cycle Logistics career field will be grandfathered into the new certification framework in accordance with BtB implementation guidance. Any Defense Acquisition University courses required for the new certification framework that have been successfully completed prior to this transition will count towards the new certification. Life Cycle Logisticians are encouraged to complete any current certification requirements before October 1, 2021.

