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Mr. Jim Martin

CLEP January 2010 Message from the President

As we enter this new year I would like to report on progress of the Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals over the

past year and our plans for the future. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of many volunteers we have grown and expanded our benefits and services in many areas. The unsung heroes for this has been our Board of Officers and our Advisory Committee listed on the on the front page of this newsletter along with local Section officers and members who work diligently to achieve the goals of CLEP. I believe we have come a long way toward fulfilling our mission to mentor, educate, share knowledge and ideas and to advance the profession of logistics engineering with its members and throughout the logistics community and to disseminate the interdisciplinary principles of logistics supportability to industry and government.

Some of activities of note in 2009 included:

- Expansion of the Council Advisory Committee to add to our group of great logisticians.
- Primary sponsor of the very successful LOGSA – CLEP Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and Users Group Seminar held last May. Attendance increased from 176 to 335.
- CLEP helped sponsor and provided member discounts to a variety of educational symposiums including:
 - IDGA Military Logistics Summit 2009, June 2009, Vienna, VA,
 - WBR Performance Based Logistics, July 2009, Alexandria, VA
 - The ASNE Naval Logistics Symposium, July 2009, Arlington, VA.
 - Defence Logistics – The Through Life Challenge, November 2009, London, UK.
 - In association RMS Partnership DoDI 5000.02 and You, November 2009, Springfield VA.
 - WBR Defense Logistics, December 2009, Arlington. VA.
- Activity of local Sections of CLEP increased.
- The CLEP newsletter was provided at no charge to many fellow logisticians, both

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US Military Helping Build Temporary Hospital in Haiti

The U.S. military says it is working with the Haitian government to build a temporary medical facility for Haitian earthquake victims recovering from injuries.

The Commander of the U.S. Southern Command General Douglas Fraser said Thursday that the facility will have an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 beds and will dramatically improve the capacity of the medical care being provided.

He said the U.S. Navy hospital ship, the *Comfort*, is reaching its care limit as some injuries have required more treatment than anticipated. He said the new facility would give discharged patients the space and time they need to recover.

General Fraser said efforts to supply victims with food are also falling short in some cases. He said though the situation in Haiti is improving, troops are still finding places where more than two weeks after the January 12 quake, relief has not yet arrived.

The International Committee of the Red Cross says the situation remains "precarious" for hundreds of thousands of people. The head of the group's delegation in Haiti, Riccardo Conti, says people in the poorest areas of Port-au-Prince still have pressing needs for shelter, food, health care and sanitation.

On Wednesday, a French rescue team pulled a teenage girl alive from under the rubble in the capital, 15 days after the earthquake leveled much of the city.

The rescuers say they found the girl, severely dehydrated, in a pocket surrounded by concrete. It was not clear whether she became trapped during the initial earthquake or an aftershock.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Wednesday that the U.N. mission in Haiti and U.N. agencies are working around the clock to help Haitians

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events

WBR Soldier Tech US, February 2-4, 2010, Location TBD, www.soldiertechologyus.com

UID Forum, February 22-24, 2010, JW Marriott Hill Country Resort & Spa, San Antonio, Tx, <http://uidforum.com/>

2010 Life Cycle Logistics Tools Users Group and Workshop, March 8-11, 2010, Von Braun Center, Huntsville, AL; Registration site to posted soon – visit www.logisticsengineers.org

NDIA 26th Annual National Logistics Conference & Exhibition, April 12 – 15, 2010, Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, FL; <http://www.ndia.org/events/0730/Pages/default.aspx>

ASNE, Fleet Maintenance and Modernization Symposium, September 14-15, 2010, Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA, <http://www.asne-tw.org/asne/FMMS10/>

64th Annual Transportation and Logistics NDTA Forum & Expo, September 18 - 22, 2010, Gaylord National Resort/ Convention Center Washington, DC, http://www.ndtahq.com/events_forum_expo.htm

13th Annual Systems Engineering Conference October 25-28, 2010, Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego, CA, <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/1870/Pages/default.aspx>

ATTEND THE 2010 LIFE CYCLE LOGISTICS TOOLS WORKSHOP & USER GROUP SYMPOSIUM – March 8-11 2010

The Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals (CLEP) is hosting the 2010 Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and User Group Symposium, with educational support provided by the United States Army Materiel Command Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA).

The workshop will be held in Huntsville, AL on March 8 through 11, 2010.

Following on the heels of a very successful event that took place last May, this year's workshop will be extended to a four-day event.

Last year's event was attended by more than 350 attendees who gathered to learn about the LOGSA-developed Life Cycle Logistics Tools, hear about new product improvements and provide user-feedback directly to the product

developers of the various LOGSA tools.

Besides seminars and discussions on LOGSA's Tools, several keynote speakers will provide attendees with additional information on how these logistic tools are currently being used or how they are planned to be used throughout the DoD and industry.

This year, due to the popularity of the workshop, the event has moved into the North Hall of the Von Braun Convention Center in downtown Huntsville.

Many logistics professionals from all over the country and world will be in attendance for this popular event, so make plans now to join us.

Details on registration and hotel accommodation information can be found at <http://www.logisticsengineers.org>

Meeting The Needs of The Logistics Engineering Community Through Competency Based Education and Certification.

Patrick M. Dallosta, CPL
Vice President, Education
Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals

Education is the cornerstone concept of the Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals (CLEP).

This article is the first of a series that addresses the Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals' programs for education and certification. The article highlights current "best practices" that we intend to use to establish a framework for developing our educational and certification programs that will benefit both Government and Industry communities.

The objective of our educational program is to provide competency-based training and certifications that enable members of the Logistics Engineering Community to demonstrate the behaviors, knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to perform their assignments at the highest levels of proficiency through a mix of experience, training, and education.

In this quest, the Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals is most fortunate to draw on the expertise and experience of Professor-Emeritus Benjamin Blanchard of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. Without question, Professor Blanchard is a pioneer in engineering education and certification programs in the areas of systems engineering, reliability and maintainability, maintenance and logistics support, and life-cycle costing.

We look to you, the members of the Logistics Engineering community as well as all those interested in improving our educational processes and offerings, to join us in this effort to establish competency based education.

Part I - Human Capital Strategic Planning

Understanding the importance of Human Capital Strategic Planning is critical to developing educational and certification programs for the Logistics Community. Human Capital Strategic Planning defines the Logistics Community competencies and associated proficiencies and provides a 'path ahead' for achieving them. As a starting point, CLEP has identified the Department of Defense's Human Capital Strategic Plan as a 'best practice' in order to identify

the issues, scope and decisions needed to establish competency-based education and certifications. We are also identifying Industry 'best practices' in the area of Human Capital Strategic Planning and are looking for inputs from Industry. We greatly appreciate your assistance! In May 2008, the Department of Defense 1 initiated the DoD Logistics Human Capital Strategy (HCS) <http://www.acq.osd.mil/log/sci/hcs/DoD_Logistics_HCS.pdf> to "...describe the vision for the Logistics functional community, enabling pillars,

outcomes, benefits, the implementation approach and a timeline of key actions and tasks.... and to provide a roadmap for future logistics human capital strategic planning." The HCS was authored by members of the DoD Logistics functional community, to include the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), the Joint Staff, the Military Departments, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and USTRANSCOM. The DoD Logistics HCS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE

The Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals
In Cooperation With
US Army Materiel Command-Logistics Support Activity

Presents

The
**2010 Life Cycle Logistics Tools
Workshop and Users Group**
March 8 – 11, 2010



Von Braun Center
700 MONROE STREET - HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801

Key Note Speakers Include:

Hon. Claude Bolton Jr., DAU Executive in Residence

Mr. Pat Tamburrino, Asst. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for
Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4B)

Mr. Randy Fowler, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for
Materiel Readiness, OSD

Mr. Lane Collie, Principal Deputy G-3 for Operations/Executive Deputy
US Army Materiel Command

Get the latest information on life cycle logistics decision support tools, emerging logistics support concepts, policies and lessons learned.

Users Group Training and Workshop Sessions for:

- Systems Planning and Requirements System (SYSPARS)
- PowerLog-J Logistics Data Support System
- Post Fielding Support Analysis tools (PFSA)
- Computerized Optimization Model for Predicting and Analyzing Support Structures (COMPASS/COMPASS-Lite)
- Cost Analysis Strategy Assessment (CASA)

...and more

Visit WWW.LOGISTICSENGINEERS.ORG/Mar10.htm for
Registration and More Symposium Details

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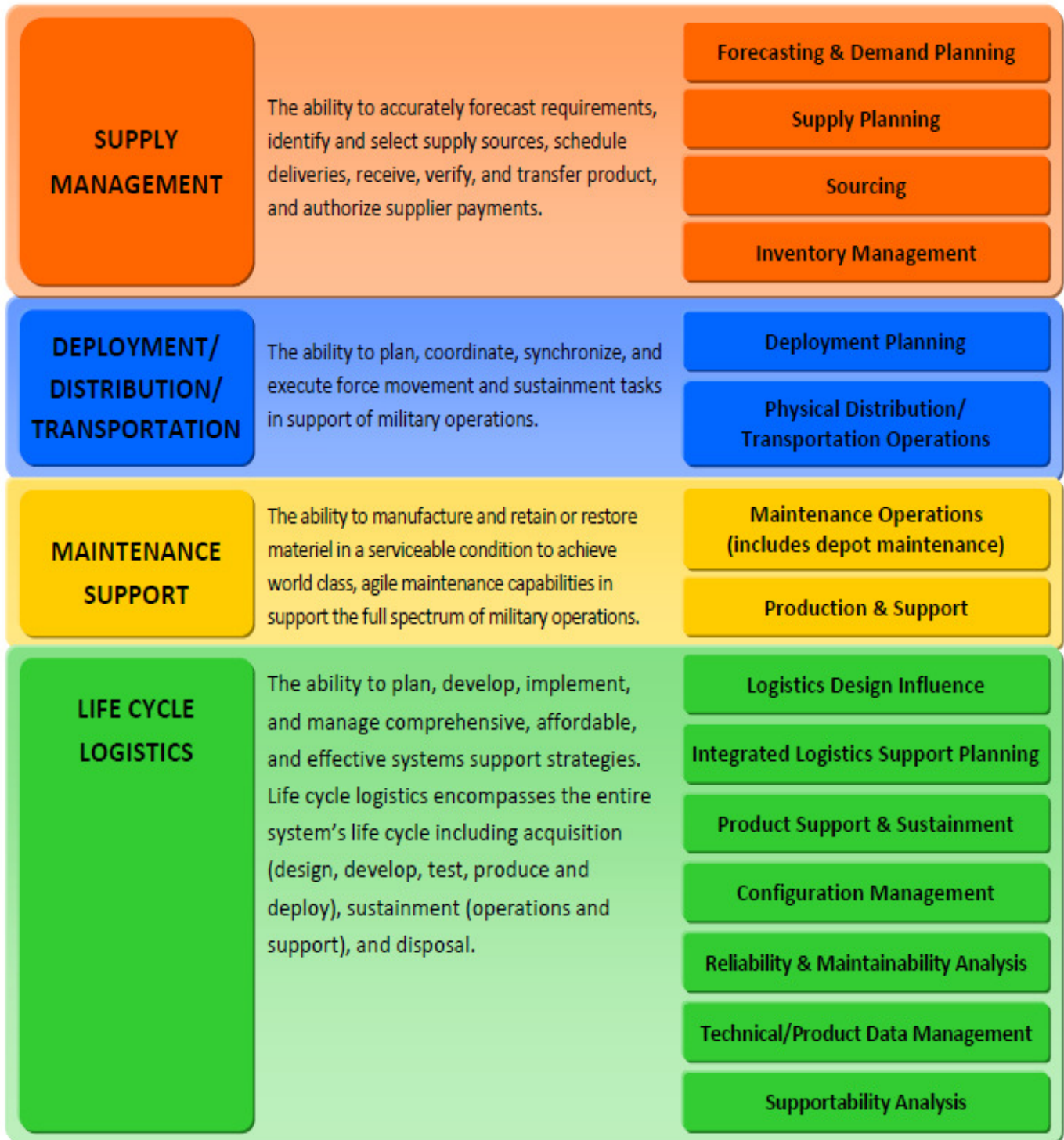


Figure 1. DoD Logistics Workforce Technical Categories, Definitions and Competencies.

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identified four DoD Logistics Workforce Categories (Life Cycle Logistics, Supply Management, Maintenance Support, and Deployment/Distribution/Transportation), as shown in Figure 1. (see page 5)

WORKFORCE CATEGORY – Maintenance Support:

The ability to manufacture and retain or restore materiel in a serviceable condition to achieve world class, agile maintenance capabilities in support the full spectrum of military operations. It includes planning and executing maintenance, both scheduled and unscheduled, to weapon systems and defense system equipment. This involves inspecting, testing, servicing, repairing, rebuilding, overhauling, upgrading and manufacturing, and applies to organizational, intermediate and depot levels of maintenance to weapon systems, hardware, equipment, software, or any combination thereof.

COMPETENCY#1 – Maintenance Operations:

Manages and coordinates maintenance strategies and operations, e.g. work loading production organization, performance metrics, internal controls, policies and procedures, compliance and

other business operations related services involved in the effective running of a maintenance process unit in support of the Joint or component commander.

COMPETENCY#2 – Production & Support:

Manages the planning, scheduling, execution, control, and resources of the production process in a ***maintenance activity***

The "DoD Core Logistics Competencies and Proficiencies Booklet <http://www.acq.osd.mil/log/s ci/hcs/Logistics_Compety Book_30Jun08.pdf>" (DTD 16 July 2008) supports the "Competency Pillar" of the HCS document dated May 12, 2008. It includes the 15 core technical competencies and their 5 level of proficiency growth for all DoD Logisticians across the Services, Agencies and COCOMS. It also includes the 6 fundamental and leadership and 25 management competencies that OPM had defined that are consistent across all career fields. There are seven designated Life Cycle Logistics workforce competencies: 1) Logistics design influence, 2) Integrated Logistics Support planning, 3) Product Support & Sustainment, 4) Configuration Management,

5) Reliability & Maintainability Analysis, 6) Technical Data Management & Product Data Management, and 7) Supportability Analysis.

WORKFORCE CATEGORY

– Life Cycle Logistics: Life Cycle Logistics is defined as the planning, development, implementation, and management of a comprehensive, affordable, and effective systems support strategy. Life cycle logistics encompasses the entire system's life cycle including acquisition (design, develop, test, produce and deploy), sustainment (operations and support), and disposal. The work translates force provider performance specifications for system operational availability and readiness into tailored product support, designed to deliver specified and evolving logistics support performance capability parameters. Life Cycle Logistics shapes all the functions of logistics into product support that spans the entire system life cycle. It extends optimal logistics support across all potential joint and enterprise-wide applications.

COMPETENCY #1 – Logistics Design

Influence: Defined as the

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technical and management activities conducted to ensure supportability performance capabilities are considered early and throughout the acquisition process to optimize support costs while providing the user with the resources to support and sustain the system.

Ensures the equitable and concurrent incorporation of specified supportability related performance, capability, design, and development criteria associated with systems design (both initial and modernization) of defense system programs.

COMPETENCY#2 – Integrated Logistics Support (ILS)

Planning: Defined as the technical and management activities conducted to develop and deliver required system support to ensure achievement of warfighter required performance capabilities, while minimizing support costs, logistics footprint, and providing the user with the resources to sustain the system in the field.

COMPETENCY#3 – Product Support and Sustainment:

Defined as the total life cycle systems management of program support and sustainment activities to translate force provider-specified performance criteria and associated outcome metrics for defense system operational availability and readiness into affordable, total

system/total life cycle support performance capabilities.

Oversight of defense system logistics support planning and execution extends business case analyses to cross-program, logistics infrastructure considerations.

COMPETENCY#4 – Configuration Management:

“A management process for establishing and maintaining consistency of a product’s performance, functional, and physical attributes with its requirements, design and operational information throughout its life.” (Source: ANSI/EIA-649)

Changes to configuration may have an effect on reliability, maintainability, supportability, performance, and operational needs. This consequently will have an effect on the logistics needs of an item/system.

COMPETENCY#5 – Reliability & Maintainability Analysis:

A process used to determine an item/system’s failure modes and frequencies, wear characteristics, maintenance methods, etc. This information becomes a major input to the Logistics processes to build the logistics support system that will ensure that an item/system will be available for its intended purpose.

COMPETENCY#6 – Technical/Product Data Management:

Integrates and controls various forms of life cycle technical/product data. Technical/product data range from requirements and specifications used in design and procurement to maintenance manuals and parts lists used in sustainment. All aspects of defense systems incorporate technical/product data and require technical/product data management.

COMPETENCY#7 –

Supportability Analysis: A process used to determine procurement to maintenance manuals and parts lists used in sustainment. All aspects of defense systems incorporate technical/product data and require technical/product data management.

COMPETENCY#7 –

Supportability Analysis: A process used to determine an item/system’s support needs and preferred support methods. Uses the reliability and maintainability, operational requirements, existing support systems and Integrated Logistics Support objectives as inputs and it outputs an integrated support plan for the item/system’s life cycle.

Winners of 2009 Defense Logistics Awards Program Announced

Arlington, VA. December 3, 2009 - The winners of the 6th Annual Defense Logistics Awards were announced at 8pm last night during a dinner attended by over 150 guests at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Virginia.

The event was hosted by IBM, Cisco Systems and Rockwell Collins. The winners were selected by a judging panel from a group of finalists in each of the five categories.

“It’s great to see the great collaboration between different DoD services as well as contractors. It shows we are all committed to supporting the warfighter through a synchronized, joint-force supply chain,” said Jarrett Spagnoli, Executive Director, Defense Logistics. “We had the greatest interest in this year’s awards program since its launch in 2004, and that’s a testament to how far we’ve come in furthering the cause of the joint force.”

“It is a great honor to be a part of recognizing these logisticians and programs for their tremendous efforts. This year’s field of submissions was extremely competitive. I feel privileged to be involved,” said Amol Tembe, Director, Defense Logistics.

The finalists and winners are indicated here (winners in

bold):

Best Logistics Strategy: A Specific Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Or Defense Agency Project:

- USTRANSCOM/USCEN TCOM-NDN Northern Distribution Network Team
- PMS-408 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Logistics Team
- **Naval Logistics Integration (NLI) & Navy-Coast Guard Logistics Integration (N-CGLI)-WINNER**
- GSA/USMC 4PL Partnership
- DLA QSLD Implementation Team

PBL Implementation Of The Year:

- The Boeing Company, C-17 Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership Program
- PMW 120 Battlespace Awareness MEMF(R) Operations Support
- **Michelin Aircraft Tire Company, Inc. / Aircraft Tire Privatization Initiative (ATPI)-WINNER**
- F-35 Lightning II JSF Program
- Defense Distribution Center Kuwait, Southwest Asia (DDKS)

Beyond The Call Of Duty:

Logistician Of The Year

- Lieutenant Colonel Danny P. Johnson, Logistics Readiness Officer, 75th Mission Support Group
- **Ms. Anita Luich, Chief, Integrated Supplier Team, Flexible Hose and Tubing (FMDC), Defense Supply Center Columbus-WINNER**
- Ms. Deborah Elliot, Tech Data Program Manager, USCG
- Mr. Leon McInelly, Logistics Management Supervisor, Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Program (GMD), Operations Support Group-Alaska (OSG-AK)

Technology Implementation Of The Year

- JTRS - Joint Tactical Radio System, Network Enterprise Domain
- PdM SCIE and Fort Bragg’s 82nd Sustainment Brigade, 11th Quartermaster Company RFID Parachute Tracking System (PTS)
- **USTRANSCOM - Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics Directorate, Asset Visibility Division-WINNER**

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- Defense Supply Center Philadelphia – AFRICOM/CENTCOM/EUCOM (DSCP-ACE)

Military-Military Collaboration Of The Year: Rewarding The Joint Effort

- Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) / Missile Defense Agency (MDA)
- PACAF Transportation Training Center – US Army/Navy/Marines, Okinawa
- Naval Logistics Integration Team For Expeditionary And In Garrison Repairables Distribution
- **Defense Energy Support Center - Kuwait (DESC-KU)-WINNER**
- DESC/USAF/USN Alternative Fuels Team

The Judging Panel:

- **Major General (Retired) John Phillips**, former Deputy Under Secretary for Defense (Logistics)
- **Terry J. Pudas**, (Former) Acting Director, Force Transformation, OSD & Senior Research Fellow, Center for Technology and National Security Policy, National Defense University
- **Robert E. Mansfield, Jr.**, Brig Gen, USAF (Retired), Director, National Center for Aerospace Leadership, and Principle Investigator, National Aerospace Leadership Initiative, Connecticut Center For Advanced Technology
- **Dr. Wesley S. Randall**, Assistant Professor of Supply Chain Management, Department of Aviation and Supply Chain Management College of Business, Auburn University
- **William Horne**, Vice President-Programs, Council of Logistics Engineering

Professionals (CLEP)

The Defense Logistics awards ceremony has been established to honor, recognize and promote the logisticians in the US Department of Defense and the Defense Industry that have made a significant contribution to military logistics. These logisticians support interoperability and transformation through logistics initiatives/programs/processes.

For further information on this year's awards program or information on submitting an award for future programs, contact:

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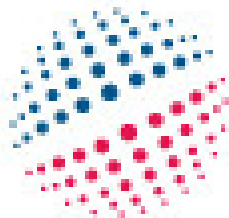
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WORLDWIDE BUSINESS RESEARCH

USNS Comfort Recent Missions:

If you have ever visited the waterfront of Baltimore you may have caught a glimpse of , and wondered about this large, white ship with red crosses painted on its sides. Many folks who are familiar with the US Military, and especially the Navy, know this ship as the USNS Comfort. The Comfort is the second ship of the Mercy Class (T-AK) of ships. Operated by the Military Sealift Command, the USNS Comfort provides rapid, flexible, and mobile medical and surgical services to support Marine Corps Air/Ground Task Forces deployed ashore, Army and Air Force units deployed ashore, and naval amphibious task forces and battle forces afloat. Secondly, she provides mobile surgical hospital service for use by appropriate US Government agencies in disaster or humanitarian relief or limited humanitarian care incident to these missions or peacetime military operations.

Most recently, the world has heard of the Comfort as she was called upon to provide medical relief to the victims of the January 12 earthquake that hit Haiti. The ship was tasked shortly after the news of the earthquake spread around the world and the Navy notified the crew that they would deploy on January 13. As buses transported the crew of medical personnel – Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Corpsmen, etc. – trucks carrying supplies began arriving pier side to load on the needed equipment, provisions and supplies for this tasking.

On the day of getting underway, and as the ship was actually moving away from the pier, cranes and other lifting equipment were still moving food, equipment and medical supplies onto the ship's helipad and sailors were about their business of storing the supplies in the ship's

Temporary Hospital in Haiti

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affected by the quake, which left an estimated 200,000 people dead.

He said 150 health centers and hospitals have been set up and are running in Port-au-Prince. However, the secretary-general voiced the need for tents and shelter for the estimated one million Haitians left homeless following the 7.0-magnitude quake. He also appealed for support of a recently announced "cash-for-work" program aimed at putting more than 200,000 Haitians to work to rebuild their country.

Officials estimate it will take at least 10 years to rebuild Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest country.

storerooms.

We have all heard about this in the news over the last week, but most of are not aware of the many humanitarian missions and deployments that the USNS Comfort has been a part of in recent years. Here is a list of what the Comfort has been a part of:

Continuing Promise 2009 - The hospital ship USNS Comfort brought medical, dental and civic action programs to seven Caribbean, Central and South American nations during this four-month humanitarian and civic assistance deployment. Continuing Promise offered training for U.S. military personnel and partner nation forces while providing valuable services to communities in need. The humanitarian-focused mission provided medical treatment to more than 100,000 patients.

Partnership for the Americas – From June – Oct. 2007, USNS Comfort conducted a four-month humanitarian assistance mission to Latin America and the Caribbean that treated more than 98,000 people in 12 countries. For this unique mission, the ship's hospital was staffed by medical professionals from the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Public Health Service as well as Canadian troops and civilian volunteers from a number of nonprofit organizations.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita – From Sept. – Oct. 2005, Comfort deployed to provide medical assistance to the Gulf Coast following the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. During 12 days in Pascagoula, Miss., Comfort's medical crew provided treatment to nearly 1,500 people. The ship then pulled into New Orleans, La., and provided care to residents and emergency workers.

Operation Iraqi Freedom – From Jan. – June 2003, Comfort deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During 56 days in the Persian Gulf, Comfort served as an afloat trauma center and provided expert medical care to nearly 700 people including wounded U.S. military

personnel as well as about 200 injured Iraqi civilians.

Operation Noble Eagle – Comfort activated the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001, in response to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. From Sept. 14 – Oct. 1, Comfort was pierside in Manhattan where the ship's crew provided meals, housing, medical and psychological services to volunteer and relief workers at ground zero.

Operation Uphold Democracy – From Sept. – Oct. 1994, Comfort deployed to provide combat surgical support for U.S. contingency operations in Haiti off the city of Port-Au-Prince. Comfort medical personnel provided a 250-bed hospital facility for the 35,000 Cuban and Haitian migrants and assisted in an effort to rebuild the local health care system.

Operation Sea Signal – From June – Aug. 1994, Comfort arrived at Kingston, Jamaica to function as the first-ever U.S. afloat migrant processing center for Haitian migrants. Comfort provided basic support services, and the medical crew aboard the ship established one operating room and a 50-bed inpatient capability.

Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm – From Aug. 1990 - April 1991, Comfort deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations to treat wounded U.S. military personnel. The ship's medical personnel saw more than 8,000 outpatients, admitted 700 inpatients and performed 337 complex surgical procedures that could not have been done in combat hospitals ashore.

Without a doubt, we owe our most deepest gratitude to our Armed Forces of the United States, but we often forget about these unsung heroes who, on behalf of our nation, are taking humanitarian relief to relieve suffering to areas of the world – when and where they are needed.

USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) passing the Statue of Liberty enroute to Manhattan to provide assistance to victims of the September 11th terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. September 15, 2001



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- members of CLEP and those who were not members.
- Networking increased allowing for communication on technical topics and job opportunities.
- Introduction of opportunities for anyone to submit questions and receive answers from experts in the field in our "Ask the Experts" sections in our newsletters and on our website.
- Enhanced website. See www.LogisticsEngineers.org.
- Increased awareness of the Council and how it can benefit members.
- Incorporation in Virginia as a Non-profit corporation.
- Application and presentation to the Reliability and Maintainability Symposium (RAMS) Board of Directors for CLEP to become a sponsoring society.
- Priority speaking opportunities at CLEP conferences and related forums.
- Production and distribution of CLEP lapel pins to members.

There are many planned and on-going activities scheduled for 2010 including:

- Publication and promotion of a great tool for evaluating government and logistics organizations. This will become available in the form of a monograph titled **A Logistics Engineering Organizational Evaluation Approach**. Development of this document was lead by and largely authored by Benjamin S. Blanchard, Professor-Emeritus, Virginia Tech. More on this exciting document and the related model for evaluating organizations will be provided in the next newsletter.
- Expansion of communications of job opportunities.
- Expanded support for educational symposiums with CLEP Member discounts including:
 - The CLEP – LOGSA **2010 Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and Users Group Symposium**, 8-11 March 2010 to be held in Huntsville, Alabama. The CLEP Regional Logistics Educational Seminar,

Logistics Integration in a Complex World ©, is planned for the latter part of 2010 in San Diego, CA.

- And a variety of other symposiums throughout the year.
- Rapid expansion of Council membership as these benefits become more well known in the logistics community.
- Development of a Professional Certification and Testing program
- Emphasis on corporate membership.
- Possible international expansion.
- Continued enhancement of the Council website.
- Support for RAMS

Again I applaud those that have made CLEP such a vibrant organization! I also solicit support from all as we go forward in the coming years.

James L. (Jim) Martin, C.P.L.
President, The Council of Logistics
Engineering Professionals

Army Establishes Program Executive Office Integration to Support Modernization

The Department of the Army announced that it established the Program Executive Office (PEO) Integration to support current and future acquisitions programs. This office supports the April 2009 Secretary of Defense decision to cancel Future Combat Systems (FCS) and restructure the program in accordance with guidance by the Defense Acquisition Executive to the Army outlined in the June 2009 Acquisition Decision Memorandum.

PEO Integration will oversee several project and product management offices which focus on the Ground Combat Vehicle,

the Network, and Brigade Combat Team (BCT) modernization.

"It is important for the Army to establish a new PEO," said Acquisition Executive and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Dean G. Popps. "We are moving forward with efforts to improve our ability to equip brigade combat teams, and to modernize the Army consistent with the Army force generation model. PEO integration will enable better portfolio management."

As part of the Army's transition to a new modernization strategy,

this new PEO will enhance the Army's ability to develop and deliver improved warfighter capabilities needed in current and future contingency operations, such as identifying threats from standoff positions, gathering and disseminating real-time intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance information down to the soldier level, removing soldiers from potential danger by using unmanned systems and providing the BCT with a 40-kilometer precision-strike and all-weather capability.

Northrop Grumman Marks 45th Anniversary of C-2A Greyhound First Flight

Northrop Grumman Corporation marked the 45th anniversary of the maiden flight of the C-2A Greyhound -- the U.S. Navy's premier platform for Carrier-on-Board Delivery (COD) to Carrier Strike Groups throughout the U.S. Navy fleet.

"This is a significant milestone for Northrop Grumman and the C-2A Greyhound Program," said Jim Culmo, vice president of Airborne Early Warning and Battle Management Command and Control Programs for Northrop Grumman's Aerospace Systems sector. "Since taking its first flight in November 1964, and entering service with the U.S. Navy in 1966, Carrier Strike Groups have depended on the Northrop Grumman-built Greyhound to provide the critical logistics support they need to be mission ready at all times."

In addition, the C-2 acts as the critical "first impression" of the United States when transporting foreign dignitaries and heads of state in support of U.S. engagement and foreign policy overseas.

A derivative of the E-2 Hawkeye, the C-2 Greyhound's primary mission is to transport high-priority cargo, critical aircraft parts, mail and passengers to deployed Carrier Strike Groups. The two aircraft share a common wing and empennage, but the C-2 has a widened fuselage with a rear cargo loading ramp to facilitate quick

cargo loading and off-loading. Together, this pair of aircraft provides security and sustainment for U.S. Navy deployed maritime forces.

The C-2A delivers up to 10,000 pounds of cargo over distances in excess of 1,000 n.m. without refueling. This capacity and range allows Carrier Strike Groups greater maneuver space and flexibility across a full range and type of operations. With a flexible interior configuration adaptable to accommodate cargo, passengers or

both, the Greyhound can operate safely and seamlessly during carrier launch and landing cycles. The C-2's folding wings allow it to minimize the amount of deck space it occupies when parked on the carrier deck and its on-board auxiliary power unit allows it to start its own engines and operate its electrical systems without outside assistance. These capabilities provide versatility not found in other cargo aircraft and help ensure carriers have the parts, supplies and personnel they need when they need them.



The Northrop Grumman-built C-2 A Greyhound took its maiden flight on November 18, 1964, and entered service with the U.S. Navy in 1966. With a primary mission of transporting high-priority cargo, critical aircraft parts, and passengers to deployed Carrier Strike Groups, the C-2A Greyhound provides critical logistics support. The C-2A Greyhound can deliver up to 10,000 pounds of cargo over distances in excess of 1,000nm without refueling, allowing Carrier Strike Groups greater maneuver space and flexibility. (U.S. Navy Photo)

Sentinel-Class Patrol Boat Fast Response Cutter Contract Option Awarded

The Coast Guard awarded a contract option for approximately \$141 million to Bollinger Shipyards of Lockport, La., on Dec. 15, 2009, to begin production on three Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutters (FRC).

Having successfully cleared its Critical Design Review in November 2009 and the Department of Homeland Security's Acquisition Review Board in December 2009, the Sentinel project is now approved to begin low-rate initial production (LRIP) of three of the 154-foot patrol boats.

In September 2008, the Coast Guard awarded Bollinger an \$88 million contract for the lead Sentinel. The initial patrol boat, which will be home ported in Miami, is expected to be delivered to the Coast Guard in the third quarter of fiscal year 2011. The Sentinel project leverages the expertise from the Coast Guard's highly successful 87-foot Coastal patrol boat acquisition project as well as recent improvements in the Coast Guard's acquisition processes.



Artist rendering of the Coast Guard's Sentinel Class Patrol Boat (Fast Response Cutter)



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