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BRANCH HEAD COMMENTS

Welcome to the first edition of Distribution Digest or "Double-D." This newsletter is packed with a wealth of information, as most of you were looking forward to a newsletter that collectively provides updates from all areas in the Logistics Distribution Policy Branch. Let's make no mistake about it -- bringing together Mobility and Traffic Management is the right chemistry for the future! Often times, change is good. This summer, our senior leadership changed. Brigadier General Panter departed and was replaced by Brigadier General Reist, who heads "LP"- Logistics Plans, Policies, and Strategic Mobility Division. In addition, Lieutenant General Kramlich departed and was replaced by Major General Usher as Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics Department. What does that mean? We'll continue to move forward in constructing the framework to establish, manage, and integrate the tactical-, operational-, and strategic-level distribution services associated with the movement and distribution of materiel, personnel, and services. The functions of transportation and inventory management will continue to be the focus for the Strategic Mobility and Traffic Management communities. Combining the expertise of these communities at the headquarters will foster a relationship that benefits the operational forces both in garrison and deployed. The synergy of Mobility and TMO under one Branch will maximize man-hours as we work together in achieving an environment that comes close to matching what the MAGTF Deployment and Distribution Operations Center may look like in the future.

We stand ready to continue our ongoing endeavors in Power Track Ops transfer to MCLC, Families First/DPS, MDSSII to GTN policy and procedures, Manpower requirements for 0430s and 31XX, DPO initiatives and taking action on mobility and traffic management issues voiced by the operational forces. This is our newsletter. Mobility and Traffic Managers, feel free to provide feedback and comments.



LPD PERSONNEL CHANGES

Since our April 2007 TMO Conference, we have experienced several personnel changes within LPD. Col LaSlavic is in-theater and will not return until March 2008. Mr. Marchetti is the Branch head of LPD. LtCol Gerry Griffin is the Deputy of LPD. Theresa Feagans is the section lead of LPD-1 (Integrated Distribution Section).

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Mr. Rod Callewaert left LPD to assume a position with OSD Transportation Policy. As a result, Mr. Bob Butherus assumed responsibility for LPD-4 (Second Destination Transportation Section) until Rod's billet is filled. Bob also remains Section Lead for LPD-2 (Personal Property/Passenger Section). Mr. Antoine Bailey reported to LPD-1 on 1 October to assume primary responsibility for transportation policy. Unfortunately, on 12 October, we lost Mrs. Mykia Baldwin-Grant, who has provided expert P3 and container management support. Mykia accepted a promotion and assumed a position with the Naval Sea Systems Command Joint Program Management Decontamination Office. Last, and certainly not least, LtCol Gerry Griffin, Major Kurt Hastings and MSgt Victor Seabrooks transferred to LPD in July from the Logistics Plans and Operations Branch, Strategic Mobility Section (LPO). Maj Hastings assumes responsibility for LPD-3, Strategic Mobility Section.

As you would guess, we are currently hiring several billets: one GS-0346-14 (YA3) Logistics Management Specialist (LPD-4 Section Lead), one GS-0343-12/13 (YA2) SDT Program Analyst (LPD-4 Deputy), and one GS-0346-13 (YA2) Logistics Management Specialist (Mrs. Baldwin-Grant's replacement). If you know of anyone who is qualified and interested, contact Ms. Feagans or Mr. Butherus.

Even though we have experienced numerous personnel changes, we stand ready to provide any needed support.

MOS 0430 MANPOWER ISSUES

New Billets: O-5 at USTC (Scott AFB, IL), O-4 at MCCDC (Quantico, VA), and W-2 at MCLC (Albany, GA).

Promotion Opportunities: O-5 (2), O-4 (8), and O-3 (8). 16 New Warrant Officers selected for FY-08.

FY-08 slate will be an ongoing process until all board results are available.

MOS 3102 MANPOWER ISSUES

LPD recently submitted the following TO&ECRs to move Traffic Management Officer structure:

- Requested to move CWO2 billet from Norfolk, VA, to 3rd MLG.
- Requested to move Capt billet from HQMC to MCSC Quantico, VA.



MOS 3102 MANPOWER ISSUES (CONT'D)

The target date to fill both of these billets is summer of 2008. We are also pending submission of a TO&ECR to move the Major's billet from GEOLC Code DDSP to NOLA. The Capt's billet at NOLA will then be moved to III MEF. Future status TBA.

Promotion - Congratulations to the new Warrant Officers selected for FY-07: WO (Sel) Pineda, WO (Sel) Rod, and WO (Sel) Taylor, IA.

FY-08 slate will be finalized and announced during 2nd Qtr 2008.

MOS 3112 MANPOWER ISSUES

➤ Occupational Field Leadership – The title 3102 OCCFLD Sponsor is now 31XX OCCFLD Sponsor, and the title of 3112 OCCFLD Sponsor is now 3112 MOS Manager. This change was directed at the Annual OCCFLD Sponsor conference held in August of this year.

➤ Deployment – The Commandant's guidance "every Marine to the fight," and our increasing role in-theater distribution, has created the opportunity for all 31XX Marines to deploy. All Marines who have not yet deployed are strongly encouraged to ensure their next assignment is with a deployable unit. The result of recent promotion boards indicate Marines with deployment time are selected at a much higher percentage.

➤ Promotion – Congratulations to the following Gunnery Sergeants on their recent selection: 1stSgt (Sel) Beacham, MSgt (Sel) Aviles, MSgt (Sel) Blackburn, MSgt (Sel) Canales, MSgt (Sel) Fogarthy, MSgt (Sel) Legette, and MSgt (Sel) Tinoco..

LPD recently submitted the following TO&ECRs to move enlisted structure:

➤ "Switch" a CWO2 billet at MARFORCOM for a GySgt billet at 3rd MLG. Move one (1) Cpl billet from MCC L9H, SDDC to MCC 1GH, MARFORRES.

MOS Road Maps – While conducting site visits at various TMOs, a majority of Marines polled did not know what the MOS Road Map was and where to find it. This also included many SNCOs. It is a valuable career enhancement tool, and senior leadership is encouraged to provide the information to all personnel. Here is the link:

[3112 MOS Roadmap \(link\)](#)

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202K Plus up – The Commandant has directed an increase of approximately 25,000 Marines by FY 2011. MOS 3112 inventory is currently at 110% (Approximately 70 Marines authorized TO) as a result and will keep growing until Boat Spaces are established. It is imperative that all first term Marines understand this could affect their future in this MOS. Most of the overage is currently assigned to the MLGs to augment deployments.

FROM THE FORMAL SCHOOLS MANAGER

2008 MOS Manual Revision. The name change from Traffic Management to Distribution Management is currently at TECOM for implementation. The new MOS Manual is expected to be signed in March 2008 and distributed NLT 30 April 2008.

Approved 2008 OCCFLD 31XX MOS Manual Changes is located at:

[Officer/Enlisted OCCFLD 31 \(Link\)](#)

Formal School No-Shows and Cancellations. Students that are scheduled and/or have received funding must advise this command if they are unable to attend their respective course.

LPD OPERATIONS**MAGTF DEPLOYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION POLICY (MDDP)**

The MDDP has been reviewed and approved by HQMC and the operating forces. A follow-on order pertaining to the specific procedures utilized in each element of the MDDP is now being drafted. The target date for publication of the Procedural Order is Dec 08. The MDDP will provide policy for the organization, management, and integration of transportation and inventory and management and control related activities associated with the MAGTF deployment and distribution processes. MCO 4470.1, dated 23 Oct 07 can be found at USMC publications link below:

[MCO 4470.1.pdf \(Link\)](#)



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(GAT/SDT)****LOGMOD WARGAME**

LPD conducted Logistics Modernization (LOGMOD) Wargame 07-2, from 17-21 Sep 07 at MCB Quantico, VA. The purpose of the Wargame was to examine logistics support request procedures and the roles, functions, and activities of the Logistics Combat Element and the supporting establishment while supporting a Ground Combat Element conducting maneuver in the MEF battlespace. LOGMOD 07-2 examined the feasibility and practicality of changes in capabilities, staffing, processes and technology as recommended by the Field Maintenance Capability Alignment (FMCA) workshops, MARCORLOGCOM SECREP management concept of operations, Realignment of Supply Spiral I process action teams, and the MAGTF Deployment and Distribution Policy (MDDP). Some of the final recommendations from the Wargame included:

- Establish a T/O and T/E that supports the MAGTF Deployment and Distribution Operations Center (MDDOC)/MAGTF Material Distribution Center (MMDC) concept in both garrison and deployed environments.
- Create MMDC as a sub-unit under the MDDOC and “chop” to the MLG staff.
- Include pre-deployment/deployment/RSO&I in future Wargames.
- Maintain an expeditionary focus on logistics.

FINAL NOTE: Overall reviews from the Wargame were very good. LOGMOD Wargame events will continue to be planned for the future.

TMO CONFERENCE AFTER ACTION ITEMS

LPD hosted the 2007 TMO Conference in Orlando, Florida. Topics discussed at the TMO Conference included MAGTF Distribution Center Concept/Policy, Second Destination Transportation (SDT), Passenger/Personal Property/Cargo Movement issues, Installation Metrics, Distribution Initiatives, Transportation Systems Update, Automatic Information Technology, OIF Analysis, and the impact of change on the TMO MOS. OCCFLD and training issues were also discussed. As a result of the briefings, numerous issues were identified which require further clarification/action. An explanation of these issues and their status are located on the LPD Web Page at:

[TMO Conference After Action Item Information](#)



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(GAT/SDT) **SYSTEMS UPDATES**

Current status of related LPD system is located on the HQMC LPD web page at:

[Systems Updates Information](#) **LPD-1****Defense Transportation Coordination Initiative (DTCI) Contract Award/Protest**

The U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) announced that the DTCI contract was awarded to Menlo Worldwide Government Services, LLC of San Mateo, CA, on 17 Aug 07. DTCI is a freight management program designed to improve the reliability, predictability and efficiency of DOD materiel moving within CONUS by reducing cycle times and improving predictability through the use of more dedicated truck schedules, cross docking operations, better mode selection and load optimization. DLA/DDC locations will be the first for implementation.

Worldwide Express-4 (WWX-4) Contract Award

The U. S. Transportation Command announced the award of WWX-4 with an effective date of 1 October 2007. The new contract incorporates both the Worldwide International Small Package Express (WWX), letter to 150 pounds, and International Heavy Weight Express (IHX), 151 to 300 pounds. The WWX program targets high-priority validated cargo requiring faster-than-channel service with a high degree of on-time delivery reliability to the warfighter. The WWX program benefits the warfighter and enhances mission requirements.

Both small package and heavyweight service awarded to: ASTAR Air Cargo, Air Transportation International, FedEx, UPS

Heavyweight only: Continental Airlines, Miami Air International, National Air Cargo, Ryan International Airlines

The WWX-4 contracts offers service from the Continental United States (CONUS), to include Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico to outside the Continental United States (OCONUS), OCONUS to CONUS (Import Routes), and OCONUS to OCONUS locations (Lateral Routes).

Additional information is available on the following websites:

<https://private.amc.af.mil/a4/WWX/wwx.htm>



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(GAT/SDT) LPD-2**Attention Passenger Travel Offices!!!**

The current **GSA SmartPay** master contract expires 29 November 2008. New cards will activate 30 November 2008. As Bank of America chose not to bid on the new contract, there will not be any chance of the two cards overlapping during the transition process, making every step critical to ensuring a smooth transition. In order to clearly identify potential payment problems, we have asked each of you to carefully review all of your accounts and report back to this Headquarters the current status of each. ***If you have not already done so, it is imperative that you provide this data ASAP!*** Please take into consideration the payments that are in queue and have not posted, as this will not reflect in the current balance.

For additional information concerning the transition to SmartPay 2, please visit the following website:

[GSA SmartPay 2 \(Link\)](#)

Full Replacement Value (FRV). All DoD household goods (HHG) shipments will have FRV as of 1 Oct 2007. ***All TMO personal property counselors*** should be aware of the significant changes and coverage which applies under the new FRV program so they may counsel service members accordingly.

SDDC has provided detailed information at the following site:

[SDDC PPTY Full Replacement Value \(FRV\) Link](#)

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TRANSPORTATION TRACKING NUMBER (TTN) INITIATIVE. The TTN is a USTRANSCOM, USJFCOM initiative which would implement the use of a unique number into each Service's FDP&E and unit move processes to gain better in-transit visibility at the joint level. Our main concerns with this initiative continue to be the undefined operational impact on the warfighter and business process, impact on FDP&E time/process flow and impact on our Service systems.

SINGLE LOAD PLANNING CAPABILITY (SLPC) INITIATIVE. The SLPC is a USJFCOM initiative to consolidate similar load planning capabilities into one system eliminating redundant systems in order to provide a better capability in the future.



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(GAT/SDT)****LPD-3 (CONT'D)****MDSS II TO GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK (GTN) INTERFACE INITIATIVE.**

Due to the base realignment and closure policy, the Air Force support previously provided to upload our Service manifest data via GATES to GTN at Marine Corps Air Stations no longer exists or is going away in the near future. As a result, the Project Office in conjunction with the Functional Advocate worked with Stanley Associates in developing a patch to support a data transfer interface from MDSS II 7.1 to GTN.

GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE TESTING (GAT) OF MDSS II 7.2 AND ICODES 5.4.3; 20-30 AUGUST 2007 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

This meeting provided MARFOR, NAVFOR and supporting establishment representatives the opportunity to test and evaluate the functionalities of subject systems for government acceptance.

For more information on the TTN, SLPC, MDSS II to GTN initiatives or GAT results please visit the following LPD-3 link:

[LPD-3 Strategic Mobility \(link\)](#)

LPD-4 SECOND DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (SDT)

Marine Corps Bulletin (MCBUL) 4610 is now available to be downloaded from the LPD website. HQMC SDT Transportation Accounting Codes (TAC's), excluding the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) TAC's, have changed this year to include a fiscal year character. Please continue to ensure the appropriate TAC is assigned.

Please use the following link to download the Word and Excel version of the MCBUL 4610:

[FY08_MCBUL4610.doc \(link\)](#)

In Sep 07, LPD-4 visited MCB Camp Butler to field the Financial and Air Clearance Transportation System (FACTS). FACTS collects transportation financial information, allows the Air Clearance Authority (ACA) to clear and divert shipments as appropriate, and interfaces between the Cargo Movement Operations System (CMOS) and the Global Air Transportation Execution System (GATES). Contact HQMC LPD-4 personnel at 703-695-9041 for more information on FACTS and FACTS training.

