SUBJECT: Defense Depot Maintenance Council

Reference: (a) Title 10, United States Code

1. PURPOSE

This Directive under reference (a) establishes a senior-level Defense Depot Maintenance Council (DDMC) to advise the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics) (DUSD(L)) on depot maintenance within the Department of Defense. The mission, organization, responsibilities, functions, and administrative arrangements relating to the DDMC are outlined below.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD); the Military Departments; the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff; the Unified and Specified Commands; the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense (OIG, DoD); the Defense Agencies; and the DoD Field Activities.

3. MISSION

There is hereby established the Defense Depot Maintenance Council which shall:

   3.1. Advise the DUSD(L) on initiatives for reducing the costs and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of worldwide depot maintenance management and operations in the Department of Defense.
3.2. Serve as a mechanism for the coordinated review of DoD depot maintenance policies, systems, programs, and activities and for jointly planning, monitoring, and evaluating the implementation of management improvement initiatives.

3.3. Serve as a forum for the exchange of information among the DUSD(L) and DoD officials responsible for the conduct of depot maintenance operations in the Department of Defense.

3.4. Perform such other advisory duties relating to depot maintenance as the DUSD(L) may require.

4. ORGANIZATION

4.1. The DDMC shall be composed of the following members:

4.1.1. The DUSD(L), or designee, who shall serve as Chair.

4.1.2. The Commander, Army Materiel Command.

4.1.3. The Commander, Air Force Logistics Command.

4.1.4. The Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics).

4.1.5. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

4.1.6. The Director, Defense Logistics Agency.

4.1.7. The Executive Secretary, appointed by the DUSD(L).

4.1.8. The U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics.

4.1.9. The Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics.

4.2. The DDMC Chair may invite representatives from the other DoD Components and Government Agencies to attend specified meetings of the DDMC, as the Chair deems appropriate.
5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

5.1. The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics) DUSD(L) shall Chair, or shall designate an employee or an officer of the Department of Defense to Chair, the DDMC.

5.2. With regard to meetings of the DDMC, the Defense Depot Maintenance Council Chair shall:

5.2.1. Schedule and preside at DDMC meetings and designate a member to act as Chair in his or her absence.

5.2.2. Establish administrative and procedural arrangements for the DDMC.

5.2.3. Determine the agenda for DDMC meetings and ensure that issues are addressed comprehensively.

5.2.4. Designate lead responsibility for staff proposals and presentations.

5.3. The Defense Depot Maintenance Council (DDMC) Members shall:

5.3.1. Develop and submit depot maintenance issues for consideration by the DDMC.

5.3.2. Conduct studies and analyses of depot maintenance operations as requested by the Chair.

5.3.3. Make recommendations to the DUSD(L) on worldwide hardware and software depot maintenance systems and programs.

5.3.4. Review and advise the DUSD(L) on near-term and long-range plans for reducing the cost of depot maintenance operations and for improving the management of maintenance information.

5.3.5. Periodically review and advise the DUSD(L) on progress made by the Military Departments in implementing the plans for increasing the efficiency and reducing the costs of depot maintenance operations approved by the DUSD(L).

5.4. The Defense Depot Maintenance Council (DDMC) Executive Secretary shall:

5.4.1. Prepare agendas and assemble and coordinate materials on matters under consideration by the DDMC.
5.4.2. Document and disseminate decisions on DDMC issues and recommendations, monitor their implementation, and make periodic progress reports to the DUSD(L) and the DDMC as directed.

5.4.3. Maintain a record of DDMC proceedings. Maintain and safeguard all DDMC files and provide for their disposal when no longer required.

6. ADMINISTRATION

   6.1. The DDMC shall meet at the call of the Chair.

   6.2. Facilities and support for the conduct of DDMC meetings shall be provided by the DUSD(L).

   6.3. The DUSD(L) may issue DoD Instructions to implement this Directive.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

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