

Preface

The purpose of this Handbook is to provide both the LEDC and ALEDC (resident and correspondence) student with an overview of U.S. Army theater logistics doctrine. It has been written as a précis of multiple Field Manuals (FM), Joint Publications and other authoritative documents. The Handbook forms the basis of the LEDC 'Theater Logistics' module and the ALEDC Phases I and V modules. It is designed in lesson sequence with each chapter being supplemented with a Homework Assignment designed to cover the main points.

Part One – Chapters One to Five, is designed to give an overview of the current National Security Strategy (NSS), National Military Strategy (NMS), the US chain of command, and the fundamentals of Army operations doctrine. An understanding of the first two chapters is a necessary lead into the Army Combat Service Support (CSS) organizations and how they support commanders at all levels within the theater of operations. Chapter Three covers a range of material dealing with staff functions, responsibilities, reports and briefings. Chapter Four provides an overview of CSS Automation systems and enablers. Chapter Five focuses on the Transformation of the U.S. Army and provides an overview of current and future initiatives. The three Appendices contain further detail and information useful for students and logisticians alike.

Part Two - Chapters Six to Fourteen, covers those logistics functions required to support Army forces during offensive and defensive operations in a theater of operations.

Part Three - Chapters Fifteen to Twenty, cover the spectrum of current doctrine necessary to support Power Projection, and its subset of Force Projection, in a joint and multinational setting. It also places significant emphasis on military operations other than war, stability operations and support operations, the difference between supporting those types of operations and full-scale war. Joint operations are an inherent quality of today's Army doctrine. Substantial changes to doctrine have been incorporated into this edition.

The focus is on **key** logistics structures and processes that are necessary to understand CSS functions in the Theater of Operations. The material is further amplified at:

- **Joint Logistics:** <http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/jointpub.htm>
- **Army Logistics:** <http://www.adtdl.army.mil/atdls.htm>
- The **THEATER LOGISTICIAN'S HANDBOOK** will be available on the LEDC Web Page: <http://www.almc.army.mil/LEDD/8A-F17/TLogHBChaps.html>

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