DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

American Forces Information Service
The American Forces Information Service, established in 1977 under the supervision of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), is responsible for the Department's internal information program, visual information policy, and visual information and public affairs training. The Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, the Print Media Directorate (which includes among its many products the Current News Early Bird), the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service Broadcast Center, the Television-Audio Support Activity, the Defense Information Schools, and the Defense Visual Information Center function under the Director of American Forces Information Service. In addition, the Service provides policy guidance and oversight for departmental periodicals and pamphlets, Stars and Stripes newspapers, military command newspapers, the broadcast elements of the military departments, and departmental audiovisual matters.

Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service
The Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service (CPMS) was established August 30, 1993. It is under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and provides civilian personnel policy support, functional information management, and civilian personnel administrative services to DOD components and their activities.

Department of Defense Education Activity
The Department of Defense Education Activity (DOE) was established in 1992 under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. It consists of three subordinate organizational entities: the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, and the Continuing Adult and Post-Secondary Education Office. The mission of DOE is to serve as the principal staff adviser to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness on all Defense education matters relative to overseas, stateside, and continuing adult and post-secondary education activities and programs; formulate, develop, and implement policies, technical guidance, and standards for the effective management of Defense education activities and programs; plan, direct, coordinate, and manage the education programs for eligible dependents of U.S. military and civilian personnel stationed overseas and stateside, including those enrolled in continuing adult and post-secondary education programs; evaluate the programmatic and operational policies and procedures for the DOD Dependent Schools, DOD Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, and the Continuing Adult and Post-Secondary Education Programs; and provide education activity representation at meetings and deliberations of educational panels and advisory groups.

Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
The Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (OCHAMPUS) was established as a field activity in 1974. The Office contracts for and administers, in concert with military officials, regional managed care support contracts for medical care provided in military treatment facilities and by civilian sources for active duty and retired service members and their dependents and survivors. A regional structure, called TRICARE, combines two formerly separate components of the
Military Health Services System: care in military facilities; and, under OCHAMPS oversight, a civilian medical care program to supplement the care available from the military facilities.

(Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, Department of Defense, Aurora, CO 80045. Phone, 303-361-1313.)

Defense Medical Programs Activity
The Activity develops and maintains the Department of Defense Unified Medical Program to provide resources for all medical activities; develops, maintains, and provides guidance for an integrated system for planning, programming, and budgeting for medical facility military construction projects throughout DoD and for managing the allocation of the financial resources approved for such projects; develops, maintains, and oversees the design, enhancement, operation, procurement, and management of information systems and related communications and automated systems in support of the activities of the DoD Military Health Services System (MHSS); manages the DOD-wide automated MHSS information systems; provides other support for DOD military medical programs, as directed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

(Defense Medical Programs Activity, Department of Defense, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201. Phone, 703-756-8707. Fax, 703-756-8706.)

Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office
The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office (DPMO) was established July 16, 1993, under the authority, direction, and control of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and provides centralized management of prisoner of war/missing in action (POW/MIA) affairs with the Department of Defense. The Office provides DOD participation in the conduct of negotiations with officials of foreign governments in efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting of missing American service men and women; assembles and analyzes information and maintains data bases on U.S. military and civilian personnel who are, or were, prisoners of war or missing in action; declassifies DOD documents for disclosure and release in accordance with section 1082 of Public Law 102-190 (50 U.S.C. 401 note) and Executive Order 12812 of July 22, 1992; and maintains open channels of communication on POW/MIA matters between the Department and the Congress, POW/MIA families, and veteran organizations through periodic consultations and other appropriate methods.


Defense Technology Security Administration
The Defense Technology Security Administration was established by the Deputy Secretary of Defense on May 10, 1985, under the policy and overall management of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. The Administration is responsible for reviewing the international transfer of defense-related technology, goods, services, and munitions consistent with U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.

(Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense, Suite 300, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Phone, 703-604-5215.)

Office of Economic Adjustment
The Office of Economic Adjustment is responsible for planning and managing the Department’s economic adjustment programs and for assisting Federal, State, and local officials in cooperative efforts to alleviate any serious social and economic side effects resulting from major departmental realignments or other actions.

(Office of Economic Adjustment, Department of Defense, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-2884. Phone, 703-604-6020.)

Washington Headquarters Services
The Director of Administration and Management serves in a dual capacity as the Director of Washington Headquarters Services. The agency’s mission is to provide administrative and operational
support to certain Department of Defense activities in the National Capital region. Such support includes budget and accounting, personnel management, office services, security, correspondence, directives and records management, travel, building administration, information and data systems, voting assistance program, and other administrative support as required.

(Washington Headquarters Services, Department of Defense, Room 3D 972, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155. Phone, 703-695-4436.)