

THE DEPLOYMENT PROCESS MODERNIZATION OFFICE

Answering Ever-Changing Deployment Questions

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The Deployment Process Modernization Office (DPMO) is an integrated team committed to leading with excellence in deployment readiness and execution in the strategic environment. The team is active across the doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, facilities, and policy (DOTMLPF-P) spectrum. Its goal is to improve the deployment readiness of units and installations across the Army and the joint force.

It is chartered by Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) G-3/5/7 and G-4, as lead for the Army's deployment/redeployment process. DPMO collects, consolidates, analyzes, validates, and integrates deployment requirements across the Army and develops solutions for their resolution to satisfy current and evolving total Army deployment and redeployment requirements. DPMO guides the integration of deployment and distribution. It does this by identifying and developing corresponding policies, concepts, doctrine, training, deployment and distribution automated information systems, and enablers. It also does this by conducting experiments, analyses, and studies to enhance deployment and distribution capabilities.

The office represents the commanding general (CG) of U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), the CG of U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command, and the Chief of Transportation (COT) on all

issues concerning deployment and redeployment of Army forces and the integration with joint services across DOTMLPF-P.

DPMO serves as a member of the U.S. Army Forces Command's assessment team that conducts the Chief of Staff of the Army-directed Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise program in support of the Army's Deployment Readiness Exercise program.

DPMO coordinates with the Future Force Integration Directorate-Enterprise Systems Directorate Transportation Branch to support U.S. Transportation Command and HQDA G-4 in developing Army requirements and functionality in support of the Joint Transportation Management System.

The office produces the DPMO newsletter for worldwide distribution in support of the COT. This newsletter publishes articles on various deployment issues to educate the force, share lessons learned, and disseminate best practices across the Army. In addition, DPMO provides matrixed support across CASCOM/Sustainment Center of Excellence and the schools as required for all matters pertaining to deployment, redeployment, deployment/transportation information systems, movement control, reception, staging, onward movement, and integration.

DPMO is organized into two branches. The Deployment Standards Branch is the proponent for the Army's deployment process

and provides recommendations to HQDA G-3/5/7 and G-4 on deployment doctrine, regulation, policy, and process. This branch also serves as the lead Army agency for incorporating deployment tools and products into the training and education system and maintaining the Deployer's Toolbox.

The Deployment Analysis Branch serves as the office of primary responsibility for the Army-level proponent for the Command Deployment Discipline Program and as the program manager for the Deployment Excellence Award program. This branch also manages the Deployment Trends Program to collect, analyze, and synthesize deployment-related challenges and best practices to inform other DPMO efforts.

DPMO continues to seek opportunities to engage with the deployment community and improve the Deployer's Toolbox and other resources for the Army. We encourage deployers to check out the toolbox and take our surveys. Feedback and recommendations from the field are always welcome.

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