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Subject: 2009 Logistics Tips from the Chief of Staff Army, Supply Excellence Award (CSASEA) Team

1. This "Tips" document provides a quick reference to logistics insights and tips we have encountered during our SEA evaluations. We desire to share information with **boots on the ground Soldiers** running our supply operations.

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3. TIPS:

Tip # 1: Common Table of Allowance (CTA) on the web.

A. CTAs are now posted at the Force Management System Website (FMSWEB) formerly known as WEBTAADS @ <https://webtaads.belvoir.army.mil/usafmsa/>

B. Additionally, Modified Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE) and Table of Distribution and Allowance (TDA) **authorization documents** are available here. You may download the documents in excel and use as required for your project. A password is required.

Tip # 2: Digital Publication Management System (DPMS)

A. This tool is located at <https://dpms.lia.army.mil/>.

B. On the left side, under DA G4 at the top is a "**Policy Information**" tab that contains: **G-4 Bookshelf (Regs and Pams)**: All publications for which the DA G-4 is the proponent may be accessed here.

Publication Review Schedule: Ever wonder when an update to a supply publication was going to be available? Peruse the schedule here.

G-4 PENS: "Policy Enrollment and Notification System" (PENS). One of our favorites because once you're set up, it's on auto pilot. Sign in using your AKO User Id/Password and you can subscribe to receive automatic notification when a G-4 owned publication is changed or revised and/or a new one is published. This is a great way to stay up to speed with minimum effort on your part.

Tip # 3: Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW):

A. What is the Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW)?

LIW is a single, authoritative source of logistics information for the Army. It provides a common point of entry to the existing Web capabilities of the Logistics Integrated Data Base (LIDB), the Integrated Logistics Analysis Program (ILAP), and other LOGSA tools.

LIW provides real-time logistics information in today's web environment.

Applications include ETMs Online, FEDLOG, PBUSE Management Tools, SKO's online, PS magazines and many others. Multiple queries are available as well such as Reset Management Tools and Asset Management. Don't forget to query the links tab, you can find under AMC the commodity manager for equipment on your authorization document.

Link to LIW: <https://liw.logsa.army.mil>

B. A couple of tips:

(1) On the main page, click on the **LIW** box, select **WEBLIDB** (middle/bottom), scroll down and click open **Publications Selection** (left column), then select the report titled **Tailored Index Report By UIC**, enter your UIC in the box.....click "Submit" and look for the UIC you entered to appear above your input. (It's almost instantaneous, so.....once there, look at the top right of the screen and click on the running man icon (this runs your report). You may also schedule it by clicking on the clock. Regardless, once run – return to the left side and scroll down to **Report Status** and once available click it open.

This tailored index report by UIC provides a complete list of all equipment publications for the requested UIC. It includes Supply Catalogs (SC), Technical Manual (TM), Lubrication Orders (LO), etc. All the supply catalog data you need on a daily basis but especially for change of hand receipt holder or change of command inventory purposes. Let's stay current and not order items no longer authorized or retain items that have been removed from the current authorization pubs.

(2) Back on the main page, again click open **LIW** – now let's look at **FEDLOG**. Open it and ensure the Army "tank" icon is selected. You now have access to the Army Master Data File (AMDF) information.

Click on **Help** in the top tool bar and scroll down to **Army ESP**. Click it open. You will see a list of **Essential Supply Publications Content** (ESP). Open any of the lists and a list of suggested publications appears for that level of supply operation. Remember, the publication dates may be old, so go back to DPMS and ensure you are referencing current pubs. This is a good place to start your list of "required" publications for your Standing Operating Procedure (SOP).

Tip # 4: *The Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Requirement Management Office (TWVRMO)*.

This is a great source for obtaining information and pictures about tactical wheeled vehicles in the Army's inventory. Link to TWVRMO:

<http://www.transchool.eustis.army.mil/twvrmo>

Tip # 5: *Sustainment Training* – Interactive multi-media products can be found at the following locations:

92A Basic Supply Principles Course <https://atiam.army.mil>

92A10 Non-Automated Sustainment Training Course <https://www.lms.army.mil>

92A30 Supply Management Training Course <http://www.defenseimagery.mil/index.html>

92Y10 Unit Supply Specialist Course <http://www.defenseimagery.mil/index.html> and <https://atiam.train.army.mil>

92Y20 Intermediate Level Unit Supply Course <http://www.defenseimagery.mil.html>

92Y30 Unit Supply Specialist IMI Sustainment Training

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/atrrscc>

Financial Liability Officer Orientation Course <https://atiam.train.army.mil>

Unit Armorer Course <http://defenseimagery.mil/index.html>

S4 Staff Officer Course <https://www.lms.army.mil>

**My personal favorite – Property Accountability for Leaders in the Contemporary Operating Environment Course <https://www.lms.army.mil>

If you have any questions about the above courses or the link is not working, please contact Mr. Winston Mullins, Fort Lee Training Directorate, email:

Winston.mullins@us.army.mil or Phone: 804.765.1947, DSN 539.1947.

Tip # 6: *The Army Sustainment magazine* <http://www.almc.army.mil/alog/index.html>

"a must read for all great Logisticians" *The Army Sustainment magazine* is a bimonthly publication, prepared at the Army Logistics University and published by the Army Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, Virginia, for the Department of the Army. It was established in 1969 by the Department of the Army as the official magazine for Army logistics and was originally known as Army Logisticians. It was renamed Army Sustainment in 2009 and now serves as the Army's professional bulletin for the sustainment warfighting function, including logistics, personnel services, and medical logistics and evacuation. A great article to read (which is also Tip # 8) is in the January-

February 2010 edition of Army Sustainment, titled “Easing the EPIC Search for Logistics Policy Information” at http://www.almc.mil/alog/epic_logpolicy_info.html

Tip # 7: The Battle Command Knowledge System (BCKS) is a phenomenal forum designed to help others find or share documents related to their career field. Sustain Net is one of the largest communities inside of BCKS and is the Army’s primary tools for facilitating the exchange of knowledge between Logisticians within the Institutional and Operational Force. I encourage you to check out the Quartermaster Community posting at: <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/secure/communitybrowser.aspx?id=295973&lang=en-US>, you will find a wealth of information (SOP’s, Survival Guides) that will aid you in your current duties. Your AKO user name and password is required to log on.

Tip # 8: New Search Tool that feels similar to the popular commercial search engines like Google or Yahoo. Enterprise Policy and Process Interactive Capability (EPIC) – LIA, the field operating agency of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 created EPIC, an electronic policy search tool that brought the archaic and cumbersome methods of searching for Army Logistics policies to include ALARACT messages into the 21st century. EPIC can be accessed through the EPIC Policy search tool at <https://epic.lia.army.mil/> I used this site frequently during the SEA onsite evaluation to quickly find ALARACT messages. Your AKO users name and password is required to access this site.

Tip # 9: DODAAC/TAC-Address Validation

A. Did you know you can query the **LIW** database by DODAAC and check the accuracy of your unit’s DODAAC information, including **TAC addresses**? Just go to:

<https://liw.logsa.army.mil>, expand **force** on the left side of the page, click on **DODAAC information**, then **DODAAC search**” and enter the DODAAC you wish to validate.

B. **TAC addresses**, also known as in-the-clear addresses, are tied to your unit’s DODAACs to identify the delivery location of your unit’s supplies. An explanation of TAC addresses may be found in **AR 725-50, paragraph 9-2(b)**.

C. Your Installation DODAAC coordinator performs an annual DODAAC reconciliation per AR 710-2, paragraph 1-24. Should you discover problems with your TAC addresses, notify the DODAAC coordinator for correction. Check back with LIW to ensure your requested changes take effect.

D. Another option to validate DODAAC information is the **Defense Automatic Addressing System (DAAS)**. Just go to: <https://www.daas.dla.mil/daasing/>, click **DODAAC** along the left side of the page and enter the DODAAC you wish to validate. Here you will find additional query options, such as: Search DODAAC by ZIP code, Routing Identifier Code (RIC), National Item Identification Number (NIIN), etc.

Tip # 10: “How the Army Runs” Have you ever asked yourself how and why senior officers know so much? Well, they're smart and study hard. Just like you, so – go to:

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/> and click on the publication titled “How the Army Runs” we recommend you pay special attention to *Chapter 12, Logistics*. Make yourself smart and take the time to study this publication.

Tip # 11: New CSDP Guide for Small Unit Leaders (January 2010) The Small Unit Leaders Guide to the Command Supply Discipline Program addresses the CSDP every unit must establish and enforce. Leaders must enforce and implement effective programs to ensure resources are being used without fraud, waste, and abuse. This handbook is designed to provide the necessary tools for commanders to successfully address the relationship of good logistical processes and operations achievements which are reached by stressing good supply discipline. The handbook features a handy dandy pocket guide and helpful hints for a successful change of command. A must have for every Organization – you can find the handbook at <http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/call/docs/10-19/toc.asp>

Tip # 12: Property Accountability Newsletter: A great way to keep up with the changes concerning property accountability straight from HQDA G4! You can find current and past editions of the newsletter on BCKS Professional Forums (<https://forums.bcks.army.mil>) >SustainNet>Quartermaster Community>Property Book>G-4 Property Accountability Team. These newsletters are wildly popular. The more you know, the more you grow!

Tip # 13: PBUSE Training Aids:

PBUSE Training Aids were designed to assist the users in the field on the procedures to complete a particular transaction in PBUSE at the Unit and Property Book Level. The Training Aids will give the user specific “Show Me” training with narration. The user will also have the option to perform the required steps using the “Try It” feature. There is also a “Check On Learning” feature available that can be used as an assessment tool. Anyone with an AKO account can access the PBUSE Training Center by following the steps shown below:

1. Go to the PBUSE Log On page <https://pbuse.lee.army.mil/>
2. Enter your AKO Username and password
3. At the Security Warning Screen click "Continue"
4. At the PBUSE Homepage click on Training Aids. This will open a new window that displays the PBUSE Training Center.
5. Click on the functional area that you are interested in and take the training