

Preface

Effective force projection logistics requires a seamless logistics system operating across the strategic, operational, and tactical levels. Logistics elements from CONUS and the theater of operations must work together with tactical organizations to form this seamless system.

The concept for the logistics support element (LSE) evolved out of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The Army and US Army Materiel Command (USAMC) saw a need for a single logistics command and control element to centrally manage strategic logistics personnel, call forward elements as required, and integrate these elements into the theater. The LSE satisfied this need then and continues to do so. Furthermore, the LSE spans the bridge between the strategic and tactical levels, linking the industrial bases with operational logistics units, and extending through the Logistics Assistance Program into tactical logistics.

The LSE is a multi-faceted organization which supports military operations. It is largely a civilian organization which deploys at the request of the supported operational commander to perform doctrinal USAMC missions forward on the battlefield or area of operations. USAMC mans the LSE headquarters with personnel possessing the required skills. It predesignates LSE personnel on a contingency table of distribution and allowances (TDA). The LSE staff can come from table of organization and equipment (TOE) units, TDA activities, individual military/DOD civilians/contractor personnel, host nation personnel, or any combination of these. This tailorable logistics organization can coordinate or perform certain supply, maintenance, and related functions. In addition, it can provide or augment command and control (C2) in the theater.

This manual is designed to assist Army service component commanders (ASCC), theater support command (TSC) commanders, Army force (ARFOR) senior logisticians, LSE commanders, and other Army logisticians and their staffs in translating requirements and needs into logistics support in joint, multinational, and interagency environments. Also, this manual is a handbook for personnel that are or will be assigned to a deployed LSE. This manual implements relevant doctrine, incorporates lessons learned from recent operations, and conforms with Army keystone doctrine. Additionally, it links FM 100-5, FM 100-7, FM 100-10, FM 100-15, FM 100-16, FM 100-17, FM 100-17-1, FM 100-23, and other tactical and logistics doctrine manuals with joint and other Army capstone manuals.

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