

The post, camp, station, installation level logistics systems development effort within continental United States is a function of the U.S. Continental Army Command and Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of Army.

The centralization of supply management operations centralizes installation stock control and accounting into one activity under the direct control of the Army commander. A stock control center utilizing standard automatic data processing equipment, programs, and procedures is being implemented for each continental U.S. Army area with a U.S. Continental Army Command activity for systems control and program maintenance.

Centralization and standardization of supply management operations will provide benefits in the areas of reduced processing time, improved materiel readiness, and reduced supply operating and training costs.

Although responsibility for this system has been assigned to U.S. Continental Army Command, that command, in coordination with U.S. Army Combat Development Command, is responsible for the centralization of supply management operations interface with the combat service support system. Both will act under the supervision of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, Department of Army.

The national automatic data processing program for Army Materiel Command Logistic Management (NAPALM) provides for uniform materiel management procedures, standard automatic data processing equipment and standard programs at the Army wholesale logistics level.

Objectives of this program include:

Design of standard systems to support the operational mission at this level.

Standard documentation to responsible managers to perform surveillance of the system.

Maximum automation of management decision in order to reduce the hard copy output and the requirement for systems inquiry.

Establishing a common, standard automatic data processing data base in support of like functional areas across national automatic data processing program for Army Materiel Command Logistics Management organizational levels.

This program envisions a three-phase approach to standardization which permits an orderly progression from the documentation of specifications for the automatic data processing equipment to the development of standard systems at the affected installation of each organizational level of the U.S. Materiel Command.

The national automatic data processing program for Army Materiel Command Logistics Management organizational levels are:

- a. Commodity commands/centers/national inventory control points.
- b. Depots.
- c. Arsenals.
- d. Laboratories.
- e. Test and evaluation command systems.
- f. Data bank systems.

The inventory management applications of the commodity commands comprise a major portion of this effort, is the most critical in