

# Genealogy of The DLA



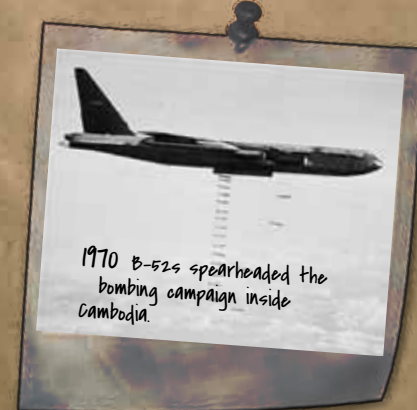
**DEFENSE SUPPLY AGENCY (DSA) established 1961**

**1962 Cuban Missile Crisis** - President Kennedy institutes a quarantine on the shipment of offensive missiles to Cuba from the Soviet Union



**1964** Following a Congressional resolution and a communist attack on a U.S. installation in central Vietnam, the U.S. escalates its participation in the Vietnam War to a peak of 543,000 military personnel by 1969

**1966** DSA is involved in DoD's Red Ball Express to speed deliveries from the initial request to units in Vietnam within 168 hours



1970 B-52s spearheaded the bombing campaign inside Cambodia

**1968** Laos and Cambodia - U.S. starts a bombing campaign against targets along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Cambodia and Laos - the bombings last two years

**1970** U.S. forces conduct bombing raids inside Cambodia in a further effort to disrupt the Viet Cong

**Congo (Zaire)** - The U.S. sends three military transport aircraft with crews to provide Congo's central government with logistical support during revolt

**1967** DSA provides more than 75 items to the Apollo 11 mission, including high-gain antennas responsible for the TV broadcast of man's first walk on the moon, space suits and life sustaining packs worn by the astronauts

**Defense Contract Administration Services established within DSA**  
Defense Personnel Support Center established to replace clothing, textile, subsistence and medical supply centers  
Defense Item Intelligence Systems established in Battle Creek, Mich.

**Wholesale distribution established**  
DSA sends medical supplies to flood victims in Indonesia

**Cambodia** - President Ford orders U.S. military forces to proceed with the planned evacuation of U.S. citizens from Cambodia

**1972** DSA becomes DoD's central manager of bulk fuel worldwide

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**1977** DSA expands its support to troops by providing food items to overseas commissaries - previously only U.S.-based commissaries were supported

**1979** DLA provides medical supplies to earthquake victims in Pakistan

**1981** Defense Construction Supply Center and DLA Systems Automation Center become the first field activities within DLA to negotiate a local labor agreement supplementing DLA's master labor agreement

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**Defense Contract Administration Services Region Los Angeles is responsible for NASA's design, property and quality assurance of the Apollo-Soyuz space project - the first joint flight of the U.S. and Soviet space programs**  
**DSA RENAMED DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA)**



150 MREs have fed on the battlefield and in humanitarian crisis

**Base Operating Support System (BOSS)** comes online at all DLA centers and depots to track supply requests from the time they are telephoned in until they are procured, paid and delivered

**1977** The Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE), adopted as the main DoD combat ration, is tested by Defense Depot Mechanicsburg, Pa., throughout 1980

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DLA installs its first dial-a-conference telephone system, which allows employees to conduct a conference from separate locations

**Saudi Arabia** - President Reagan orders the deployment of military personnel and equipment to participate in the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai

**Lebanon** - President Reagan orders the deployment of 1,200 Marines to serve in a temporary multinational force to facilitate the restoration of Lebanese government sovereignty

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President Carter pardons all remaining draft evaders as part of a cultural reconciliation after the end of the Vietnam War

**1985** Defense Property Disposal Service renamed Defense Rertilization and Marketing Service

**1989** Panama - The U.S. deposes general dictator and de facto Panamanian military leader Manuel Noriega

**1991** DLA receives Joint Meritorious Service Award for support provided to American forces during Desert Shield/Desert Storm

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**Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Kuwait** - In response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the U.S. deploys its military forces to Saudi Arabia and is joined by military forces of 12 countries, the Persian Gulf states and Saudi Arabia to liberate Kuwait

**1991** U.S. military airlifts 900 personnel from Sierra Leone as the capital city is overrun by marauding troops

**1995** Based on the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure recommendation to close Cameron Station, Headquarters DLA and its co-located activities move to Fort Belvoir, Va.

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U.S. launches air strikes against suspected terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and a suspected chemical factory in Sudan

**1998** Defense Fuel Supply Center is renamed Defense Energy Support Center

**1999** Defense Logistics Support Command, formerly known as Materiel Management, is established supporting five inventory control points, the distribution center and 24 distribution depots

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DLA extends its enterprise to 48 states and 28 countries, working hard in hand with military services around the globe

DLA provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency with meals-ready-to-eat and supplies necessary for evacuee and personnel fighting California wildfires

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DLA provides humanitarian support to Haiti, including 2.7 million ready-to-eat meals

DLA completes BRAC commodity privatization recommendation for tires, packaged petroleum and lubricants, and compressed gases

DLA launches "We are DLA" initiative to better represent its products and services to military customers, partners and employees

Within the Department of Defense, Operation Iraqi Freedom transitions to Operation New Dawn

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