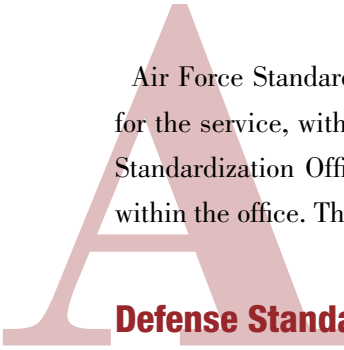


Plans for the Air Force Standardization Program

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Air Force Standardization Executive David Walker leads the Air Force Standardization Program for the service, with extensive assistance, guidance, and counsel from the Air Force Departmental Standardization Office. The following is a very concise summary of ongoing and planned actions within the office. The list may be brief, but it represents the office's core focus.

Defense Standardization Council

Our efforts are closely aligned with those of the Defense Standardization Council. Although not an exhaustive list, notable ongoing activities include support of the Human Systems Integration industry standard and updating of standardization documents that are past their scheduled review dates.

Locally

Within the service there are a number of homegrown initiatives that serve two purposes: to bolster the Defense Standardization Program and to assist program offices.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENTS

This year we have increased efforts to keep current custodian information for materiel-related NATO standardization agreements and Air and Space Interoperability Council air standards.

PEO-SPECIFIC STANDARDIZATION DOCUMENT LISTS

We have expended considerable effort developing customized lists for each program executive officer (PEO) to consider as they progress through acquisition and sustainment and even disposal. See the article in a previous issue of the *Defense Standardization Program Journal*.

REVIEW OF POLICY DOCUMENTS

If a policy writer wishes to cite a standard, we are there to help. We regularly review all kinds of command media with an emphasis on standardization documents. We ensure that current versions of documents are cited; and in special cases we will recommend including a reference to a standardization document, if it seems appropriate.

INNOVATING IMPROVEMENTS

Although in the initial planning stages, we are exploring innovative improvements for soliciting feedback from program offices that will be used to improve the standardization program. Of special interest are technical practices regarding the use of standards, specifications, handbooks, and all other document types. We would like to gain insight into the documents being used—whether they are effective, whether changes are needed, and so forth. This exchange of information completes the communication loop and can serve to advise us as we perfect and evolve the universe of available documents.

One thing we never lose sight of is that the standardization program exists to help program offices in their acquisition and sustainment endeavors, ensuring that airmen have what they need to fly, fight, and win ... in air, in space, and in cyberspace.

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