



April 15, 2022

Mr. Michael A. Heaphy, Jr.
Director
Defense Standardization Program Office
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Stop 5100
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Dear Mr. Heaphy,

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Defense Standardization Program, the Aerospace Industries Association would like to offer congratulations and best wishes for future success and collaboration. Having just celebrated AIA's 100th anniversary a few years ago, we recognize the importance of looking back to remember and celebrate the past, while looking ahead to a bright future. The Aerospace Industries Association represents over 300 aerospace and defense manufacturers and service providers, and we share in the mission of supporting US warfighters and the acquisition community.

AIA's first standard was published in 1941, and we have worked closely with the US military services and Department of Defense on standardization projects of mutual interest since that time. AIA's National Aerospace Standards library includes over 500 former Military Specifications that still maintain MS part numbering and we are proud to maintain these important part standards.

We would like to recognize the important role the Defense Standardization Program plays within the Department of Defense, and the leadership shown through DSP's recent "Digital Engineering, Documents as Digital Data" project. This new effort will enable more effective and efficient use of standards content throughout DoD, and AIA is also working to provide similar capabilities in the future.

Again, congratulations on DSP's 70th anniversary and we look forward to more engagement and collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Fanning", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Eric Fanning
President & Chief Executive Officer
Aerospace Industries Association