



For the Defense Standardization Program (DSP) to have existed for 70 years is truly remarkable. The Department of Defense (DoD) was only established 5 years earlier in 1947. For the DSP to have been created near the outset of the DoD underscores the importance of standardization to the national defense.

The DSP's 70-year longevity is a testament to the talent and dedication of the thousands of people who worked together over the decades to ensure the Nation's armed Services and its allies had the necessary interoperability and interchangeability of systems, equipment, parts, and information to support the warfighter. Congratulations on many past achievements and to future successes.

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