



## **Defense Standardization Program Conference**

*Hosted by the  
Defense Standardization Program Office  
August 3-6, 2026*

***“Strength Through Standardization: Forging a Modern Force”***

**August 3-6, 2026  
Tysons, Virginia**

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| <b>Event Parking:</b> | <b>Parking available on site in parking garage</b>                               |
| <b>Check-in:</b>      | <b>See DSPO representatives on first floor each day</b>                          |
| <b>Costs:</b>         | <b>No meeting fee. Lunch option available</b>                                    |
| <b>Lunch:</b>         | <b>Available for pre-order on-site</b>                                           |
| <b>Dress:</b>         | <b>Tuesday- Business Dress<br/>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - Business Casual</b> |

**For up-to-date details, please visit [www.dsp.dla.mil/2026DSPConference](http://www.dsp.dla.mil/2026DSPConference)**



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**Monday, 03 Aug 2026**

**11:30AM – 12:00PM**

**All Aboard the Standardization Express**

**Registration/Check-In**

**12:00PM – 1:30PM**

### **ASSIST Overview**

An essential overview of ASSIST, covering fundamentals and modules that support the complete document lifecycle. Also get a glimpse into the ASSIST modernization effort. Available in a hybrid format.

**1:45PM – 3:15PM**

### **WSIT/Pinpoint Training**

Learn how to navigate the Weapon Systems Impact Tool and PinPoint in a comprehensive clinic designed to answer your questions about the systems. Available in person only. For authorized participants with a CAC Card.

**3:30PM – 5:00PM**

### **DISR Tool Overview**

From mandated Standards to emerging technologies, learn to effectively use the DISR, the DoW's single register for approved IT standards. Available in person only.

### **GIDEP Training**

This comprehensive GIDEP training session equips attendees with the practical skills to navigate, extract, and leverage critical data across all five GIDEP Data Areas. Participants will receive targeted instruction on DMSMS tools, counterfeit mitigation, and new MFA security protocols. This session is highly recommended for both new representatives and veteran users looking to maximize their use of GIDEP.org. Available in person only.



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**Tuesday, 04 Aug 2026**

**Day 2**

**8:00AM – 8:30AM** Registration and Check-In

**8:30AM – 8:40AM** **Opening Remarks** Mr. Michael A. Heaphy Jr., *Director, Defense Standardization Program Office*

**8:40AM – 9:10AM** **Keynote Presentation** Ms. Leigh Method, *Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment*

**9:10AM – 10:00AM** **FY25 DSP Achievement Awards Ceremony**

**10:00AM – 10:25AM** *Break / Awards celebration*

**10:25AM – 11:30AM** **Strength Across the Enterprise: A Leadership Dialogue on Defense Standardization**

**Moderator:** Mr. Thomas Simms, *Defense Standardization Executive*

- Ms. Luz Bird (on behalf of Mr. Devin Cate), *Air Force Standardization Executive*
- Mr. Tom Ray (on behalf of Mr. Alexander Raulerson), *Army Standardization Executive*
- Mr. Todd Loy (on behalf of Mr. David Tremper), *Navy Standardization Executive*
- Mr. Steven Sturgeon, *DLA Standardization Executive*
- Mr. Jay Chung, *DISA Standardization Executive*

**11:30AM – 12:45PM** *Networking Lunch*

**12:45PM – 1:30PM** **The Impact of Standardization** Mr. Christopher Paquette, *2024 DSP Lifetime Achievement Award Winner*

**1:30PM – 2:45PM** **Proven Strength: Case Studies in Standardization, Cost Savings and Lethality**

**Moderator:** Mr. Michael A. Heaphy Jr., *Director, DSPO*

- Mr. Jason Dirner, *2024 DSP Distinguished Achievement Award Winner*
- Mr. Jason Lucas, *MV-75 Cheyenne*
- Mr. Aleksander Zlateski, *2025 DSP Achievement Award Winner*

**2:45PM – 3:00PM** *Break*

**3:00PM- 4:30PM** **Lethality and Reach: Standardization Successes from the Joint Standardization Boards**

**Moderator:** Mr. Lloyd Thomas, *DSPO*

- Mr. Farhad Choudhury, *Aerial Refueling Systems Advisory Group*
- Ms. Sandy Picinic, *Fuze and Initiation Systems*
- Mr. Cory Goetz, *Mobile Electric Power Systems*
- Mr. Adam Rocco Olean, *Expeditionary Shelters & Basing Equipment*



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### Wednesday, 05 Aug 2026 Day 3

7:30AM – 7:50AM Check-In

7:50AM – 8:00AM **Interactive Solution Summit Kickoff: The “present, ponder, produce” model**  
Mr. Michael A. Heaphy Jr., *Director, DSPO*

8:00AM – 8:50AM **Navigating the AI Frontier: Implementation in Standardization**  
Moderator: Mr. Michael A. Heaphy Jr., *Director, DSPO*

- Mr. Mike Olness, *DSPO*
- Ms. Lesley West, *ASTM International*

8:50AM – 9:00AM *Transition to breakout rooms*

9:00AM – 11:00AM **Workshop 1: AI, Data Analytics & Automation**

- Resilience by Design – *Ms. Robin Brown, DSPO; Mr. Mike Olness, DSPO*
- Automation of Standards Management – *Mr. Wesley McDonald, Department of the Army; Mr. Brian Placzankis Department of the Army*
- Workforce Development – *Mr. Michael Flynn, Warfighting Acquisition University; Ms. Nicole Daddario, DSPO*
- Unlocking Agility – *Mr. Nicholas Legrand, Office of the Secretary of War, Research and Engineering; Mr. Nathaniel Barley, SAIC*

11:00AM-11:20AM *Break*

11:20AM – 12:00PM **Workshop 1 Findings**

12:00PM – 1:00PM *Networking Lunch*

1:00PM – 2:00PM **Forging the Digital Baseline: A Unified Vision for Policy, Tools, and Interoperability**  
**Moderator:** Ms. Latasha Beckman, *Deputy Director, DSPO*

- Mr. Simon Powell, *Digital Standards Alliance*
- Mr. Daniel Hettema, *Office of the Secretary of War, Research and Engineering*
- Mr. Neil Rutan, *ANSER*

2:00PM – 4:00PM **Workshop 2: Digital Standards**

- Policy, Governance, Tools & Practices – *Ms. Leslie McKay, SAE; Dr. Richard Forselius, Lockheed Martin*
- Semantic Interoperability & Ontologies – *Mr. Simon Powell, Digital Standards Alliance; Mr. Alton Sanders, Boeing*
- Structural Integrity in IT and Data – *Mr. Jay Chung, DISA; Mr. James Andrukaitis, DISA*
- Additive Manufacturing – *Mr. William Lum, Department of the Army; Ms. Sarah Topper, PM2 Strategy; Mr. Jared Andrews, LMI*

4:00PM – 4:20PM *Break*

4:20PM – 5:00PM **Workshop 2 Findings**



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**Thursday, 06 Aug 2026**    **Day 4**

**8:00AM – 8:30AM**    Check-In

**8:30AM – 8:35AM**    **Opening Remarks**

**8:35AM – 9:35AM**    **Keynote Presentation** Mr. Andy Morris, *Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Product Support*

**9:35AM – 10:20AM**    **Meet Your Departmental Standardization Officer**

**10:20AM – 10:30AM**    *Break*

**10:30AM – 11:30AM**    **Forging the Path Forward: DSP Town Hall**  
Mr. Michael A. Heaphy Jr., *Director, DSPO*

**11:30AM – 11:45AM**    **Closing Remarks**