



AMMTIAC Ensures that Warfighters in the Field Are Provided with Clothing, Supplies, and Equipment without Delay

AMMTIAC provided technology transfer and technical support to the Apparel Research Network (ARN). ARN is a program operated under the auspices of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to ensure that military soldiers are provided with clothing, supplies, and equipment without delay. As part of the support, AMMTIAC coordinated ARN research activities, provides technical oversight, and assisted the DLA in technology transfer and information dissemination activities.

The DLA's mission is to supply of food, clothing and equipment, and spare parts to the Nation's combat forces during peacetime and emergency. The DLA ManTech Program conducts research in the areas of soldier support and weapon systems support. In order to maintain surge capability in the U.S. apparel industry, the DLA established the Apparel Research Network (ARN). The Apparel Research Network is a soldier support program for military clothing that originally focused on the recruit military clothing supply chain. The program has evolved into ARN II Customer Driven Uniform Manufacture (CDUM). The goal of the ARN II-CDUM is to achieve immediate troop deployment support for military clothing and individual equipment. To this end, the ARN II-CDUM focuses on the non-recruit military clothing and individual equipment supply chain. The goal is to provide an integrated, end-to-end supply chain system that ensures that warfighter requirements are met with high quality items, delivered at the right time for the right price. In 2005 DLA established TENTNET, an R&D program for the improved manufacture and supply chain logistics of military tents and shelters in support of the warfighter. TENTNET is a partnership of DLA, industry, government and academia working together to ensure availability of tentage and shelters when needed.

AMMTIAC provided technology transfer assistance to the DLA ARN program manager by preparing ARN descriptive materials such as success stories, brochures, and presentations. AMMTIAC also assisted in the planning, storyboarding, and review of footage for a promotional video shown at the Defense Manufacturing Conference (DMC) 2006. In addition, brochure materials on digital radiography for castings and high voltage drivers were prepared and were used by DLA in the development of a DoD ManTech Warfighter brochure.

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