

# DOD Library Program Office Concept

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Department of Defense (DOD) libraries have an important role in advancing and supporting the DOD mission.



DOD lacks a unified agency-wide library service and overarching business process to provide cohesion and coordination between DOD libraries, develop policies and standards, provide oversight, advocate for libraries and librarians, promote best practices, and leverage economies of scale.

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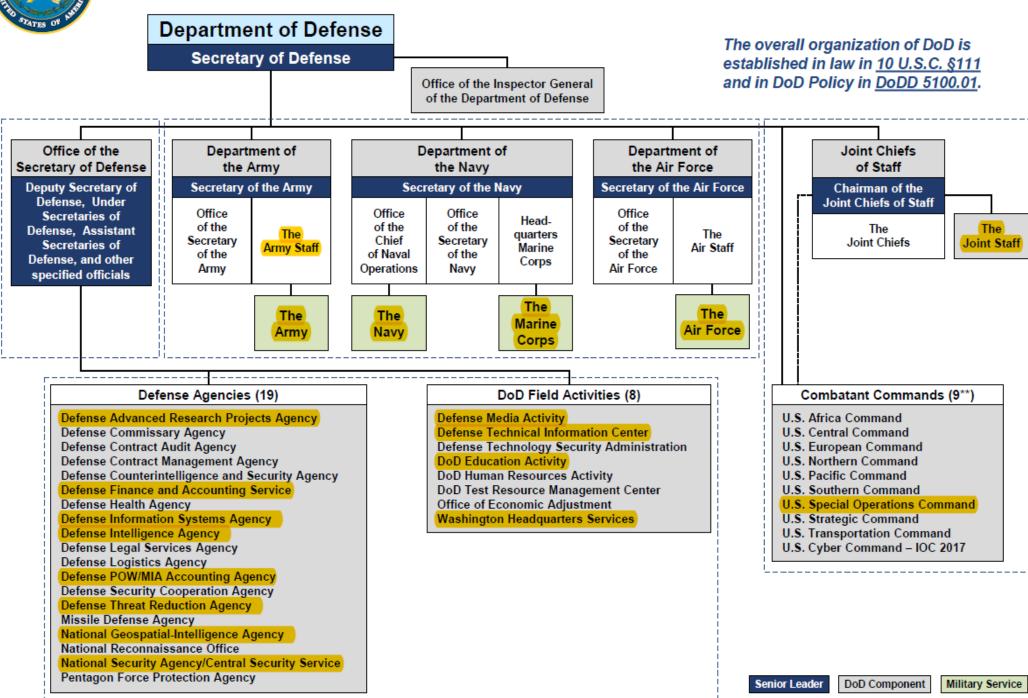
### Executive Departments

- 15 Executive Departments
- Most of them have central libraries or library program offices at the agency level. Not DOD.
- At DOD, libraries and program offices are aligned under military departments and defense activities and agencies.
- DOD is significantly larger than all other Executive Departments; 2.86 million employees (1.3 million active-duty, 826,000 National Guard and Reservists, 732,000 civilians



#### **DoD Organizational Structure**

Yellow Highlight = Libraries/ Librarians Supporting Mission







## DOD Library Program Office

#### Potential Benefits:

- Unified agency-wide library service and overarching business process for DOD libraries.
- Delivery of information and knowledge services and resources in the most cost effective and efficient manner.
- Cohesion and coordination between DOD libraries.
- Governance framework for libraries.
- Overarching policies and standards, advocacy for libraries and librarians, promoting best practices, and leverage economies of scale.
- Central procurement and management of enterprise library resources.



- Feasible?
- Interested in joining/forming a working group to continue the discussion? Contact me.

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# Backup Slides

Seal	Department	Formed	Employees	Agency-Level Central Library or Program Office?
	Agriculture	May 15, 1862	105,778	Yes. National Agricultural Library
	Commerce	February 14, 1903	43,880	Yes. Commerce Research Library
OF THE OF	Defense	September 18, 1947	2.86 million	No. Libraries/Program Offices are aligned under military departments and defense activities and agencies.
THE STATE OF THE S	Education	October 17, 1979	3,912	Yes. National Library of Education
	Energy	August 4, 1977	12,944	Yes. DOE Energy Library
A STATE OF THE STA	Health and Human Services	April 11, 1953	79,540	No. National Institutes of Health Library supports.
TO STORY OF THE ST	Homeland Security	November 25, 2002	229,000	Yes. DHS Research Library and Information Services
SO * A * A * A * A * A * A * A * A * A *	Housing and Urban Development	September 9, 1965	8,416	Yes. HUD Library
MARCH 3, 18 19	Interior	March 3, 1849	70,003	Yes. Interior Library

	Justice	July 1, 1870	113,543	Yes. DOJ Libraries
	Labor	March 4, 1913	17,450	Yes. Wirtz Labor Library
	State	July 27, 1789	69,000	Yes. Ralph J. Bunche Library
STATES OF AME	Transportation	April 1, 1967	58,622	Yes. DOT Headquarters Library
TINES OF THE SECOND	Treasury	September 2, 1789	86,049	Yes. Treasury Library
	Veterans Affairs	July 21, 1930	377,805	Yes. VHA National Desktop Library. Veterans Affairs Library Network (VALNET). Library Network Office (LNO) supports VALNET.