

# Get a Grip on ESDs



THE BEST WAY TO WRANGLE IN ESDs IS WITH THE TOOLS PROVIDED BY LOGSA'S LOGISTICS INFORMATION WAREHOUSE!

Dear Half-Mast,

I'm trying to understand why estimated ship dates (ESDs) change on equipment due-in. Every month my commander wants equipment shortages briefed along with the ESDs. Every month it seems that I brief a different ESD because the ESD is forever changing. I am trying to understand what causes ESDs to shift. Can you help?

Mr. A.W.

Dear Mr. A.W.,

I hear your frustration. It's important to understand and accept the fact that ESDs will continue to shift, depending on where your unit or organization is within the ARFORGEN cycle. Equipment sourcing is based on mission needs for those in deployment cycles, and mission requirements in other cases.

But that doesn't mean you don't have tools for getting a better grip on ESDs. The Logistics Support Activity's Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW) rides to the rescue!

## Welcome to LIW

1 DST ET DST ET	2 ILAP ILAP	LW RSRCS LIW RsrCs
3 WEBLIDB WebLIDB	4 FWD PPL Forward Pipeline	GRND EQ TRK Ground Eq Tracker

### LOGSA's LIW offers multiple options for firming up ESDs

- 1 Use the Decision Support Tool in LIW, which displays the fill level of your organization, reflecting the ARFORGEN cycle.
- 2 Use ILAP in LIW to verify the equipment's availability and on-hand balance.
- 3 Try a WebLIDB pipeline query to verify the requisition status.
- 4 Contact the equipment's item manager or project manager to verify where your unit or organization falls in the fill order.

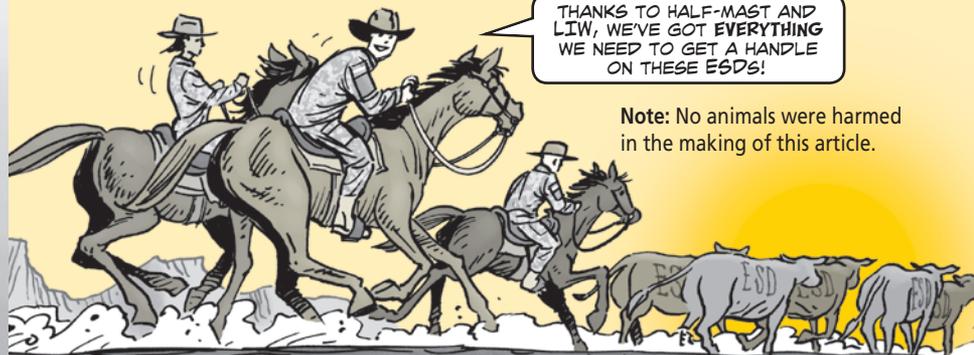
Options #1 and #3 can help determine where your unit is in the fill order, and options #2 and #4 will give you document's status. After you submit a request in PBUSE, you should interface daily (blast process or by Secure File Transfer Protocol [SFTP]) with the Standard Army Retail Supply System (SARSS) or Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) to get an updated status on your requisition.

You can find all these great LIW tools, instructions and more at:

<https://liw.logsa.army.mil/>

Half-Mast

THANKS TO HALF-MAST AND LIW, WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING WE NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON THESE ESDs!



Note: No animals were harmed in the making of this article.