In 1997, in the earliest days of distributed learning, DoD established the Total Force Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Action Team to document and coordinate distributed learning initiatives throughout the defense community. Today, that original concept has evolved into the Defense ADL Advisory Committee (or DADLAC, pronounced “dad-lack”). The DADLAC acts as an advisory body to support distributed learning policy stewardship, resource and information exchange, and monitoring of emerging distributed learning technologies and techniques across the Defense community.

The DADLAC provides advice to the DoD distributed learning community (with respect to policies and procedures described in DoDI 1322.26), and it helps the community adapt to evolving learning science and technical changes in distributed learning environments.

Members

The ADL Initiative, part of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, chairs the DADLAC. Core members of the committee include designated military and civilian distributed learning leaders (roughly, at the O6 or equivalent level) from:

- Army Training and Doctrine Command
- Naval Education and Training Command
- Air Education and Training Command
- USMC Training and Education Command
- Joint Staff J7/Joint Knowledge Online
- National Guard Bureau
- DoD Chief Learning Officer

Frequently, representatives from other organizations, such as the Office of Personnel Management and the Defense Language and National Security Education Office, also coordinate with the DADLAC or are otherwise invited to participate on an ad-hoc basis.

Activities and Governance

DoD Instruction 1322.26 (“Distributed Learning”) describes the DADLAC’s authorities and responsibilities, including:

- Promote distributed learning collaboration across DoD
- Foster information and resource sharing to maximize ROI
- Investigate emerging distribute learning capabilities for DoD utility
- Identify common deficiencies and recommend R&D priorities
- Recommend updates to DoD Instruction 1322.26, when applicable
- Advise the DoD distributed learning community on:
  - Implementing high-quality measurement and analysis
  - Safely and accurately recording learning experience data
  - Exchanging data among the DoD Components’ systems
  - Adoption of distributed learning standards and specifications
  - Specification conformance testing methods
  - Other interoperability considerations

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