

DFAS does not do purchasing, says supply officer

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I read the post from a contracted network engineer who stated that DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Service) does all the purchasing of government and military equipment and supplies. That is not correct. DFAS is the money disbursement and financial accounting arm of the Department of Defense. They do not do purchasing. They merely dole out money to the activities like the Air Force and the Air Force does the actual buying of equipment and supplies. The money spent is rectified by DFAS in their accounting activity. But the post made it seem like DFAS does the purchasing of supplies.

I know that because I work at the U. S. Army XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Command in XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. I am an Inventory Manager for the XXXX weapon system. My job is to determine proper stockage levels and initiate procurement actions. The actions are worked by our acquisition center who do the actual solicitation of bids, negotiation and awards of contracts for spare parts and vehicles. DFAS works with our Inventory Materiel Management Center, allotting our budget and keeping tabs on the dollars spent from that budget. But they have little insight to the actual parts bought or more importantly where they are going.

You may post some of this message if you wish, I would however ask that you delete my name and duty location (never know who is watching or reading). I don't wish to say that nothing will be found at the DFAS website (because it might!) just that DFAS doesn't do the purchasing. I hazard a guess that the actual purchasing for the Air Force is done by the Air Force Supply activities in that area. Still DFAS might offer some more peeks behind the door of secrecy.

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