

CLASSES OF SUPPLY

Class I – Food, Rations, and Water

The **Army Class 1** supply list includes MREs, UGR rations, prepackaged meals, snacks, etc., necessary to sustain personnel during operations.

There are three categories of meals: meals ready-to-eat (MREs), unitized group rations (UGR)—A option, and UGR—heat and serve. Logistics planners forecast meals needed to sustain the force based on the head count, multiplied by the ration cycle, multiplied by the issue cycle.

Class II – Clothing and Equipment

The **Army Class 2** supply list includes your protective gear, tents, tools, uniforms, unclassified maps, clothing toolkits, hand tools, and individual equipment.

In the 1820's, American Soldiers wore ankle high boots. They did not have a left boot or right boot, and this way they could be worn on either foot. The reason for this was so soldiers didn't get confused with what boot goes on which foot. This design was very uncomfortable until they were able to wear them in so it would fit their foot better.

Class III – Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants (POL)

The **Army Class 3** supply list includes fuel, lubricants, hydraulic and insulating fluids, petroleum, coolants, and any other material essential to operating army vehicles, aircraft, and equipment.

During World War II, supporting one Soldier on the battlefield took one gallon of fuel per day. Today, we use over 22 gallons per day, per Soldier.

Class IV – Construction and Barrier Materials

This **Army Class 4** supply list includes material for barrier and construction projects such as lumber, sandbags, barbed wire, metal fence posts, etc.

Bonneville Dam, Panama Canal, Washington Monument and Pentagon are just few of the most amazing landmarks and projects the Army Corps of Engineers have done.

Class V – Ammunition

This **Army Class 5** supply list includes all types of ammunition and explosives, such as pyrotechnics, missiles, hand grenades, rockets, bullets, bombs, and any other munitions used by the military.

Ammunition is forecasted through the Total Ammunition Management Information System operated by the brigade ammunition office. Weapon density, the number of personnel, and specific mission requirements will determine the ammunition requirements. Unit basic loads (UBLs) will vary with each operation. There is no "one size fits all" UBL.

Class VI – Personal Demand Items

This **Army Class 6** supply list includes personal items that support the well-being of soldiers, such as hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, wet wipes, toilet paper, etc.), snacks, and other recreational items (cigarettes, cameras, alcohol, etc.).

The Burger King at Baghdad's airport opened in June 2003 and began making 5,000 meat patties a day. In 56 days, the restaurant topped \$1 million in sales.

Class VII – Major End Items

This **Army Class 7** supply list includes large equipment (humvees, tanks, artillery guns, trucks, aircraft, Bradley fighting vehicles, and M-1 Abrams).

The U.S. made a staggering 90,000 tanks from 1939 to 1945.

Class VIII – Medical Supplies and Equipment

This **Army Class 8** supply list includes medical materials such as bandages, medications, tubes, syringes, medical devices, etc. There is also a Class 8 Alpha and a Class 8 Bravo, which can include blood, plasma.

Medical elements typically deploy with a three-day supply of class VIII to support a battalion. When forecasting class VIII requirements for medical operations, consider the mission, location, projected casualty rates, and available medical assets.

Class IX – Repair Parts and Components

This **Army Class 9** supply list includes spare parts and equipment needed to repair and maintain military vehicles (engines, tires, mirrors, radios, etc.), weapons, and other essential equipment used in the military.

The time of year and operational environment will impact class IX requirements. For example, winter requires additional batteries and mountainous terrain requires additional tires. Units deploy with the SSA's authorized stockage list, which contains common-use items. Coordination with the SSA technician will help determine what assets are needed to transport class IX to subordinate units.

Class X – Miscellaneous Supplies

This **Army Class 10** supply list includes items not included in any other class of supply (1 to 9). Materials or things used in non-military operations or humanitarian assistance fall under this category.

