The medium blue color of the DTIC seal is traditionally associated with the Department of Defense (DoD) activities. Gold reflects excellence and achievement; black and white denotes accuracy and clarity. The heraldic fret, emphasizing interactive synergy and interdependency, has been stylized to symbolize the Defense Technical Information Center's mission. The central portion represents storage capabilities with the reinforced corners simulating arrowheads and reflecting the input of information. The two crossed bars have arrowheads on each end indicating the dissemination of information. Together they highlight the cardinal points of the compass and allude to the worldwide mission of DTIC.