

## **Army Sustainment Command**

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## Army Sustainment Command provides support to humanitarian assistance operations in Haiti

**ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, III**. – The U.S. Army Sustainment Command is participating in humanitarian assistance relief operations in Haiti as part of Operation Unified Response.

Soldiers, Department of the Army civilian employees, and contractors from ASC Headquarters and the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) located here, and members of the 406th Army Field Support Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C., have deployed to Haiti.

The 8-member ASC team, now on the ground in Haiti, has been designated "AMC – Haiti" and is the lead for all Army Material Command efforts in Haiti. ASC is a subordinate unit of AMC, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va.

A 12-member Brigade Logistics Support Team from the 406th AFSB is also in Haiti to provide logistics and maintenance support to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, while the "All-American" Soldiers take part in Operation Unified Response.

"The Army Sustainment Command is the AMC logistics face to the field. We have a worldwide mission and we support Soldiers in places like Korea, Japan, Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Qatar. We have a global mission, and almost anywhere we have Soldiers, ASC provides support," said Col. David Sears, ASC deputy chief of staff for operations.

"In this case we are playing a support role. We train for the full spectrum of military operations – everything from humanitarian assistance, all the way to full scale warfare. We've got a cadre of military and civilian folks who have a vast amount of experience," said Sears.

In addition to personnel, ASC is assisting in provided tons of desperately needed supplies.

The 3rd Battalion, 405th AFSB, located at Leghorn Army Depot in Livorno, Italy, has made two shipments comprising thousands of humanitarian aid items including 10-litre water containers, rolls of plastic sheeting, water purifying equipment, 10,000 gallon water bladders, and hygiene kits packed with laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, toothpaste and other sundries. The 405th AFSB is headquartered in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

"We received the call from USAID [United States Agency for International Development] notifying us that additional supplies were needed, and we packed and loaded the shipment as quickly as possible," said Lt. Col. Roger McCreery, commander of the 3/405th AFSB. "Our intent was to get the supplies to the area as quickly as possible in order to assist in relieving the suffering of the Haitian people."

In addition to those who have deployed or gearing up to do so, hundreds of ASC personnel world-wide are actively participating in relief efforts or are standing by to assist if called upon.

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Army Material Command:

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Department of Defense Haiti Relief

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