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AMC CG visits 402nd AFSB

Dunwoody praises unit for Responsible Drawdown of Forces success

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402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – Two of the Army's biggest Materiel Enterprise power players visited the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Sept. 23 to Oct. 1, to meet with AMC personnel, conduct strategic planning and coordination, engage senior leaders, and tour brigade facilities in Kuwait and Iraq.

Gen. Ann Dunwoody, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, accompanied by Dr. Malcolm O'Neill, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisitions, logistics and technology, visited a number of sites on the 402nd AFSB footprint including facilities at Victory Base Complex in Baghdad, Taji National Maintenance Depot, and Joint Base Balad, In Iraq. They also toured brigade sites at Camp Arifjan and Port Shuaiba in Kuwait.

While at JBB, the duo participated in a key leader's luncheon hosted by the 402nd AFSB in their honor Sept. 26. The distinguished visitors praised 402nd AFSB personnel for their outstanding efforts in support of the Responsible Drawdown of Forces in Iraq and successfully navigating the "waterfall" of equipment that passed through the 402nd AFSB in recent months.

"I just want to tell you all that I really appreciate the team effort here. You really do set the standard," O'Neill said. "Thanks to Col. [Lawrence] Fuller [402nd AFSB commander] for hosting this luncheon ... and thanks to all of you. It's a real pleasure to be here."



Photos by Galen Putnam

Lt. Col. Daniel J. Moroney, commander, 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, escorts Gen. Ann Dunwoody, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, during her visit to Joint Base Balad Sept. 26.

Several members of the 402nd AFSB received commander's coins from Dunwoody at the event in recognition of their contributions to the RDoF. Recipients included: Lt. Col. Brett Hampton, Maj. John Gamby, Maj. Wade, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Peaveley, Warrant Officer Nathan Noel, Sgt. Maj. Tracy Johnston, and Mr. Crispin Banda. Other coin recipients were Maj. Phillip Lopez, Capt. Matthew Haistings, and Mr. Josh Mater, who were on travel and unable to attend.



Dr. Malcolm O'Neill, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisitions, logistics and technology.

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Power 6 Perspective

Safety isn't about slogans, it's about you

I realize this is unorthodox, but there is nothing more important that I would like for you to read—particularly since the holidays are upon us. To the right of this column is my Commander's Safety Policy. Please read it and take it to heart.

**Fuller**

I know policy letters aren't exactly stimulating reading, but that's not the point. The point is that everyone in the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade "gets it."

Just a couple of months ago, the Outpost ran a commentary titled "Complacency kills – be alert, aware of surroundings." Sadly, we have learned that "complacency kills" is not just a slogan but a reality.

Maintaining a good safety record isn't about "looking good." It is about preserving our most important resource – YOU.

The 402nd AFSB might be all about production and numbers and so forth, but that is on the mission side of the houses. When it comes to people, as a commander the most important thing I can do is return you *safely* home to your loved ones.

I sincerely request that you read, understand and comply with my safety policy. Work with me on this – look out for one another – because my number one priority is to get each and every one of you

Power 6 Out!

LAWRENCE W. FULLER
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Commanding



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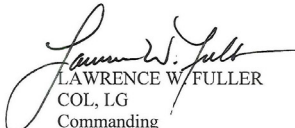
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanders Policy Memorandum No. 4, Safety Program

1. Reference: AR 385-10, Army Safety Program, 23 August 2007
2. Purpose: To provide safety policy and guidance to 402nd Army Field Support Brigade
3. Policy: As the Commander and Senior Safety Officer for this Command, my objective is to establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment in the workplace and living quarters for every member of this Command.
 - a. Leaders and supervisors are responsible to protect people and property under their control and leadership. To that effect leaders will:
 - (1) Be responsible for accident prevention to the same extent they are responsible for production and services.
 - (2) Integrate Composite Risk Management (CRM) into both routine and non-routine operations. Ensure the appropriate level of command is involved for the appropriate level of risk.
 - (3) Promptly report injuries and near-miss incidents, determine root cause and take corrective action to prevent recurrence.
 - (4) Communicate safety at every gathering. Leaders must repeat and reinforce the safety expectation, then ask for feedback to ensure the message was understood.
 - (5) Include safety accountability as a performance measure in all military and civilian performance appraisals.
 - b. All employees, as a first step, will report all unsafe conditions to their first line supervisor. If a condition is not resolved and persists, the employee should submit a formal report to the Brigade Safety office. It is my policy not to tolerate any reprisals against individuals who choose to exercise this right.
4. My intent is to create a climate in which all individuals throughout the Brigade instinctively consider safety and composite risk management before each and every task undertaken. I expect 100% participation in this vital effort to preserve the health and welfare of our people, property and resources.
5. Proponent for this policy is the Brigade Safety Officer, DSN 312-987-5130, opt 1, extension. 6551 or email at AFSB-IZ_Safety@mmsc.army.mil.


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402ND AFSB SAFETY**DSN: 312-987-5130 extension 6508**

*Chaplain's Corner***Chaplain, assistant bid adieu to 402nd AFSB Family**

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul E. Dirksmeyer
and Spec. John McCormick
402nd Army Field Support Brigade

This is (sadly) my final article for the Outpost. I leave Iraq and the 402nd AFSB with very mixed emotions. I am, of course, very excited to be going back to my 'comfort zone,' but I also realize how much I will miss the people I've met over here. I was called here to be a chaplain for all of you — a minister — but it is all of you who have ministered to me with your love, friendship and support. You shall all continue to be in my prayers and I sincerely hope our paths cross again in the future. My "One Final Thought" I borrow from our Lord: "Love one another as I have loved you."

And now I'd like to hand the mic over to my assistant, who has done more to keep me out of hot water than you can possibly imagine. Take it away, Spec. John McCormick.

Romans 8:28: "*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*"

When most people read this verse they think of the big things that happen in their life, the events, both good and bad, that have had a great impact on the way they live and the direction of their lives. What I want to talk about with this verse is the guidance that God provides us on a day to day basis that most of us take for granted. You see this verse isn't just talking about the big things that affect us. It's

talking about every event, no matter how seemingly insignificant, and the way God uses those events to touch our lives.

This year Chaplain Dirksmeyer and I have been able to appreciate more and more God's guidance as we have been traveling around theater. It seemed that we just happened to be in the right place at the right time every single trip we made. When visiting the different FOBs throughout the theater we ran into at least one person, many times several, that pulled us aside and told us, "I was just thinking about talking to a chaplain" or, "I'm so glad you showed up I just (insert problem here). The way we kept running into people who needed us was an awesome thing to see.

Not only were we able to minister to those that God led us to, we were also ministered to. About two months after we arrived in theater I was kind of down about being stuck for another ten months away from family and friends and really just ready to be out of here. The Chaplain and I took a trip to Camp Victory and had the opportunity to meet a man there that they call Cajun. Cajun is one of those guys that when you're around him you can't help but cheer up. He was going through his own problems at the time and we were able to talk to him about that, but his attitude about his situation and about life in general really struck me. Here I was down about being away from home and this man, who had to deal with much bigger issues, was upbeat and was able to minister to me. He

called us his BASIC friends (blessed and saved in Christ). I laugh to myself every time I think about this man with a thick Louisiana accent and the way that he and I were able to mutually minister to each other in our own ways. I will always remember my BASIC friend.

There is a movie called "The Four Feathers." In this movie the main character is in the British Army and resigns his commission when he finds out that his unit is being deployed. His friends then send him white feathers to symbolize his cowardice. He then finds out that his friends have been taken prisoner by the enemy and he sets out to go rescue them and to return the feathers. Along the way he teams up with a slave who has escaped his master. Over and over again this slave helps him with his quest. Finally the main character asks him, "why are you helping me?" and the man replies, "God put you in my way."

What I want y'all to take from this is that you need to be aware of God's guidance not only in the big things in your life, but in every event no matter how small. Watch out for those around you and those you come in contact with, because you never know when God is going to put someone in your way or when you've been put in someone else's way. Take every opportunity possible to uplift those that you come in contact with, and don't take for granted the divine guidance that God provides on a daily basis.

God Bless.

We'll see you around.

Personality Spotlight: Sgt. 1st Class Tamika Hutchinson

Age: 35

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.

Duty Position: Transportation NCOIC

Duty Section: Transportation Operations

Unit: 2nd Battalion, 402st Army Field Support Brigade

Duty Station: Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

How long have you been in this position? 6 Months

How long have you been in the U.S. Army? 15 years

Tell us about your job and what you do: I serve as NCOIC of Transportation for the 2nd Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade; responsible for overseeing timely, and efficient transportation of outbound and inbound Army Prepositioned Stock (APS) ; participate in establishing, planning, managing, overseeing, and executing the traffic management program for the APS located in Southwest Asia theater of operations; coordinate with vessel planners, and



Sgt. 1st Class Tamika Hutchinson

aircraft load planners to arrange stowage, and load space, and to initiate calls forward, and mission assignments for outbound equipment, and serve as principal transportation coordinator between 2-401st AFSB and other government agencies, and oversee the TC-AIMS process. **What is the best part of your job?** The best part is making our goal for the month and knowing

equipment is getting to the Warfighter in a timely manner.

Why do you like working here? I love a challenge.

If you could be the commander for a day, what would you do to improve your organization? I would request more transporters be assigned to the battalion.

What do you do to make a difference for the Warfighter?

Making sure they receive the most up to date equipment in the Army as fast as possible.

Most people don't know about me: I hate confrontation.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Spend time with my family and shop.

What is your personal philosophy? Live the best life you can possibly live.

What is your favorite quote/saying? "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." ... Mark Twain



Prayer Breakfast

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Dirksmeyer reads from the scripture during the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Prayer Breakfast held at the Tuskegee Room in Dining Facility #2 on Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Oct. 5. The invocation was conducted by Chaplain's Assistant Spec. John McCormick (right). The event included the JBB Praise Dance Team and a sing-along with accompaniment provided by Col. Kathryn Luna, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

Pink Shirt Of Shame



Iola Simpson

Ken Newkirk, member of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade softball team, models the pink shirt all Outcast players must wear upon striking out. Players wear the Pink Shirt of Shame until another player strikes out. On the plus side, Newkirk has a batting average of .650 and four other players have had shared the "honor."

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The distinguished visitors also took time for an interview with American Forces Network in which they highlighted military and civilian cohesion within the AMC workforce and praised their efforts.

"The reason Dr. O'Neill and I are here today visiting the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade is because this is where the AMC "face to the field" really is," Dunwoody said. "Here you see a collaborative effort where all the partners within the Materiel Enterprise community come together and reach back into our industrial base to become faster, more responsive, and to provide the latest technology as quickly as possible to the Warfighter. This is a team sport – there is no individual here who does anything alone, which is the beauty and power of [the 402nd AFSB]."

"I want to emphasize how proud I am of the acquisition, logistics and technology community around the world for getting us to this point (Operation New Dawn)," Dunwoody continued. "It's been a huge undertaking that's been largely below the radar screen, but we've gotten down to less than 50,000 troops in country and retrograded millions of pieces of equipment out of this theater, *responsibly*, so we can reset it and prepare for the next contingency."

After their visit to Iraq and Kuwait, the distinguished visitors departed for Afghanistan to visit AMC sites there.

"It was an honor for 1st Battalion, 402nd AFSB, to host Gen. Dunwoody and Dr. O'Neill to show how we execute the Materiel Enterprise here in Iraq," said Lt. Col. Daniel J. Moroney, commander of the 1/402nd AFSB. "My team was able to showcase the phenomenal work they do every day in support of the Warfighter."



402nd Army Field Support Brigade, Joint Base Balad, Iraq

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Commander

W. Arnold Pindle
Deputy to the
Commander

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Photos are posted to the Mini 5 shared drive. To locate the photos, open the shared drive and look for the folder named "402nd Photos." It is at the *bottom* of the folders list because it is a link!

If you do not have access to the Mini 5 shared drive, direct photo requests to Galen Putnam, **OUTPOST** editor.



FROM THE FIELD

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A2C2S MODIFICATIONS ENHANCE CAPABILITIES

By Scott Bowman
AMCOM Aviation LAR

CAMP Liberty, Iraq - On Camp Liberty, the 1-3 Advise and Assist Brigade (AAB) is supported by the Army Materiel Command's Brigade Logistics Support Team (BLST). The 1-3 BLST started their tour in January at FOB Falcon. The 1-3 AAB BLST includes CW4 Parker, TACOM Logistics Assistance Representatives (LAR) Marvin Ayers, and Logistics Management Specialist (LMS) Kenneth Rand.

In January 2010 the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (1-3 HBCT) conducted a RIP/TOA with two Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) and taking on the area of responsibility covered by those two BCTs. Task Force 3-69 Armor Regiment (AR) assumed 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division's footprint north west of Baghdad and the remainder of 1-3 HBCT assumed responsibility for 30th BCT's area to the south of Baghdad. The 1-3 HBCT quickly security preparations for the Iraq election polling sites and transition to an Advise and Assist Brigade (AAB) and started performing that mission well before the originally planned date.

GEN Odierno declared that the 1-3 HBCT was performing AAB mission and designated the brigade as the 1-3 AAB during his visit to FOB Falcon at the end of the Iraqi elections. The 1-3 AAB played host to GEN Casey, LTG Cone, MG Wolf, MG Cucolo, BG Mangum, and BG Baker and briefed them on 1-3 AAB's mission.



Sara Watrers, an A2C2S FSR runs wire bundle through sound proofing.

The 1-3 AAB conducted a RIP/TOA with 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division and 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in late July and early August to effectively assume responsibility for the Baghdad province. The 1-3 AAB transferred or closed ten Forward Operating Bases (FOB), Contingency Operating Stations (COS), and Joint Security Stations (JSS) in less than nine months. The 1-3 AAB has moved the Headquarters and all of the Battalions during their tour.

The 1-3 AAB BLST adapted with the 1-3 AAB providing on site and long distance support. The BLST assisted the 1-3 AAB with the conversion of their MRAP Fleet from mixed fleet to pure fleet Maxx Pro. The 1-3 AAB turned in 160 Caimans and picked up as many Maxx Pros. The 1-3 AAB BLST moved from FOB Falcon to Camp Liberty in August conducting split operations for three weeks. 'Support on the Move' became the team's motto.

The 1-3 AAB and its BLST worked long hours to ensure the ARMT plans were executed prior to R-90 and maintain a 100% planned and executed status. The 1-3 AAB has published the redeployment order and are ready to execute the necessary tasks to RIP/TOA with 2-1 AAB and depart for home station.

July saw the arrival of TACOM Automotive LAR Marvin Ayers. Having spent well over 20 years in various Army Maintenance Activities, LAR Ayers brings a wealth of knowledge about Army equipment. He provides vital support to the Warfighter by organizing, planning, and presenting unit level maintenance and direct support level maintenance training.

We would like to recognize TACOM Automotive LAR Don McClung for his service. LAR McClung left the team early because of an injury sustained during an Indirect Fire (IDF) attack. The 1-3 AAB BLST and the 1-3 AAB miss Don's can do attitude and superior support.

Mr. McClung made a huge impact in the six weeks he was with the team. He is now at home and going through physical therapy and rehabilitation at Jessup, GA. LAR McClung recently returned to work and is eager to deploy again when the call comes. He was presented the Secretary of Defense's Defense of Freedom Medal on the twentieth of September for his efforts in support of the Defense of Freedom for the United States of America.

FROM THE FIELD is a special supplement to the 402nd AFSB **OUTPOST**. It is written by the servicemembers, DoD civilians and contractors who comprise the Army's largest brigade.

1/401 AFSB TOUTS CAPABILITIES DURING 'AMC TOUR'

By Lt. Col. Peter Butts
Commander, 1st Bn., 401st AFSB

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar - In a continuing effort to showcase the Army Materiel Command (AMC) mission in Southwest Asia, 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade conducted a three-hour "AMC Tour" at Camp As Sayliyah (CAS), Qatar, inviting the attendance of all Army Support Group – Qatar (ASG-QA) personnel along with tenant unit military and civilian personnel assigned to CAS.

Most of the 42 attendees said that they now better understood the Army Prepositioned Stock concept and what 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade actually did here in Qatar, and how this AMC support was critical to Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom Warfighters.

The AMC tour kicked off with an introduction by Lt. Col. Peter Butts, commander, 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade, as he explained AMC's worldwide footprint, which encompasses over 67,000 government employees and a \$50 billion annual budget that reaches across 127 countries. Immediately after, attendees were treated to a 10-minute video that explained the 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade mission, its history and the purpose of Army Prepositioned Stocks throughout the world.

Lt. Col. Butts then talked about the 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade's command relationship with AMC, Army Sustainment Command and the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, identifying its leadership and their respective missions. After a question and answer session, everyone was invited on a tour of several warehouses that store the Army's prepositioned stocks; the five-acre maintenance facility; the container yard, which holds over 1000 containers; and, the Program Manager STRYKER Battle Damage Repair Facility.

A good portion of the tour's attendees were tenant unit senior Non-commissioned Officers that forecasted their monthly Non-Commissioned Officer Development Program to coincide with this AMC Tour. Command Sergeant Major Charles "Doc" Holliday, the ASG-QA Senior Non-commissioned Officer, supported this event and expressed his sincere gratitude and pleasure for having joined in the AMC tour presented by 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade.

As part of the AMC mission, the 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade receives, stores, repairs, issues, distributes and retrogrades materiel to units and agencies worldwide, with an enduring capability to support United States Army Central Command and the United States Central Command theatre of operations. The worldwide Army Prepositioned Stock (APS) concept was devised by the Army Chief of Staff in 1992 in order to satisfy the Army's continuous demands for providing and distributing materiel to meet Warfighter needs.



Jonald Lalas

Jason Gallimore briefs visitors at the Container Yard.

This APS development has allowed the Army to tap into and source materiel at any one of the five global APS sites found in the continental United States, in Europe, A-float, in the Pacific, and in Southwest Asia. Only the Department of the Army has the authority to release any materiel positioned at these APS sites.

In 1996, Camp-As-Sayliyah, and all 28 warehouses, became the home of APS-5. Because of the requirement for a contract oversight mission, the 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade was born, and has maintained its logistics footprint in Qatar since 2001. With the advent of Operation Enduring Freedom, 85 percent of all APS-5 prepositioned materiel was moved from Qatar to Kuwait, which freed up warehouse space for supporting units and agencies to occupy and sustain the Southwest-Asia war effort from Qatar, to include all current Camp-As-Sayliyah tenant units and, at one time, United States Central Command Forward Headquarters.

Besides its core mission to oversee APS-5, the 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade has provided continuous support for Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. Thus far in Fiscal Year 2110, the 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade has shipped and distributed over \$164 million worth of APS-5 materiel worldwide. The 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade also provides the logistical and administrative support for its customer base: United States Army Central Command, PM STRYKER, PM HELLFIRE, and, as well as, those respective tenant units on Camp-As-Sayliyah.

PM STRYKER has operated a contracted Battle Damage Repair Facility on Camp As Sayliyah since 2005, where the 1/401st Army Field Support Brigade has transported Battle Damaged STRYKERS into this repair facility, and has returned new, Ready-to-Fight STRYKERS back to the Warfighters assigned to Iraq and Afghanistan. PM STRYKER reached a 2010 milestone, having repaired 244 Battle Damaged STRYKERS from its Qatar location.

2/401 AFSB PERFORMS MULTITUDE OF MISSIONS

By Edward "Ned" Bryan
2nd Bn., 401st AFSB

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait - The 2nd Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade, is one of the few organizations in the force structure to perform full spectrum logistical operations at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels. The myriad missions performed by the unit can be difficult to grasp. In addition to its three primary missions (Army Propositioned Stock, Presidential Directives in support of the Responsible Drawdown of Iraq and Operation New Dawn, and direct theater support for Operation Enduring Freedom) the Battalion also supports multiple secondary missions. These secondary missions range from Foreign Military Sales to issuing equipment directly to organizational units stationed in Kuwait. Another secondary mission is to provide Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and enablers for Home Station Training requirements.

This iteration of Home Station Training support is just the latest phase of an ongoing requirement to send numerous variants of the new MRAP family of vehicles back to the Continental United States to enhance the training capability for organizations prior to deploying into Theater. To date, more than 480 MRAPs have been delivered to various locations in the CONUS. This current requirement will deliver more than 120 MRAP Expedient Armor Program variants to 12 different locations. The actual delivery is just one of the many internal tasks required to complete this complex mission.

Once the requirement is presented and validated, the battalion begins the planning and coordination phase. Prior to the MEAPs leaving Iraq, the battalion ensures property accountability is maintained throughout the process, which can be complicated by the fact that MRAPs being shipped out of Iraq go directly to the MRAP Sustainment Facility located 15



Ned Bryan

Customs-cleared MRAP Expedient Armor Program vehicles in the Kuwait Naval Base Sterile Yard await transport to seaport of debarkation.

kilometers from Camp Arifjan. At the MRAP Sustainment Facility, the vehicles are brought to Fully Mission Capable status and are presented to the Quality Assurance Team to ensure the vehicles meet standards and all enabler installation kits are complete. The Battalion then coordinates transportation of the vehicle from the MSF to the Kuwait Naval Base, where it is sent to the wash rack to be prepared for shipment to CONUS. Before the vehicle can be shipped, it must be inspected by the U.S. Navy Agricultural Team to ensure the vehicle will clear customs requirements when it arrives in the United States. When the vehicle passes inspection, it is moved to the KNB Sterile Lot where the final transportation documentation is completed and Military Shipping labels and Radio Frequency Identification Tags are applied.

The HST program requires the vehicles arrive in CONUS with multiple enablers. Those enablers are the Gunner Restraint System, Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System, Intercommunication Set Vehicular,

Driver Vision Enhancer Package and the Objective Gunner Protection Kit (OGPK). These enablers are inventoried and inspected for customs clearance by the U.S. Navy Agricultural Inspectors in Warehouse 503 on Camp Arifjan. Once the enablers pass inspection they are sealed into 20-foot shipping containers and transported to the Sea Port of Debarkation where they are linked with the vehicles. Their transportation documentation is synchronized to ensure they are on the same Unit Line Number and loaded together on the same CONUS-bound vessels.

The first push of MEAPS and 20-foot containers will stage at the SPOD awaiting transportation to various CONUS locations. The next push of MEAPS is slated for completion by early November.

This secondary mission is just one example of how the battalion satisfies the emerging and ever-changing Warfighter requirements across the strategic, operational, and tactical levels of logistics for CONUS and theater requirements.

ELEVATED SENSORS – THE ARMY’S ‘EYE IN THE SKY’

By LaTonya Brewington
Elevated Sensors

Elevated Sensors is a member of the Force Protection Team providing support to Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond. Our commitment is to provide the highest quality, best value services to our customer, the United States Armed Forces, coalitions, and specifically, to the men and women serving on the frontlines today. We fulfill this commitment with a professionally skilled team of technicians, logisticians, trainers, managers, and leaders: A formidable team with the experience, capability, and agility to meet operational readiness through continuous uninterrupted support to the War Fighter. The Elevated Sensors team takes great pride in rapidly delivering these critical capabilities to our forces.

First developers established the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment (RAID) program to meet the military's increasingly critical need for persistent surveillance in Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The RAID consists of infrared sensor systems and ground-based motion detection radars, elevated on a stationary platform, capable of detecting hostile troop and equipment movement at great distances. This capability enables U.S. and coalition forces to respond rapidly to threatening situations. The Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment (RAID) initially emerged as a Tethered aerostat program.

The Aerostats can carry different types of surveillance sensors to conduct multiple missions.

Together, the Armed Forces with the designers worked to find quick, rapidly deployable force protection applications which could utilize a variety of platforms. The aerostat, tower, and mast with their sensors, sweeps to provide persistent surveillance in support of Warfighter



The Aerostat is just one of the Army's "Eye in the Sky" platforms.

intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements. Observations were still noted which required a more optimum sensor height. Thus the birth of the secondary tower base was erected.

THE BETSS-C (Base Expeditionary Targeting and Surveillance Sensors-Combined). The BETSS-C system turns the towers into more than just a surveillance system. The BETSS-C operators have communication/radio links to call on each other for help in chasing down any hostile spots, as well as, utilizing video or electronic information feed from each tower to pick up on the bad guys.

The BETSS-C also swaps data with an intelligence community database called the Distributed Common Ground System.

Elevated Sensors provide the most experienced personnel across the range of skill sets, to include: electronic sensors technicians, generator mechanics and logistical/property book staffs. Our trained teams lead, manage, and perform the field sustainment support to the elevated sensors missions of today. From Operation Iraqi Freedom to Operation New Dawn we will continue to "Do our Part" by maximizing dedicated operators to



The RAID Tower



The JBB Elevated Sensors staff.

help downsize our current Armed Forces operators. We will stay on the Frontline doing our part of Force Protection until the WARFIGHTER states "That's a Wrap, Let's go Home!"