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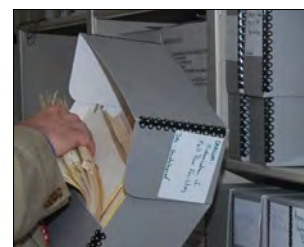
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Paul Briggs, left, Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh, center, and Col. Craig Cotter, right, view a small arms display at Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center.



Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, and McHugh, talk privately.



Sgt. Michael Adams salutes as Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, commanding general of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command, and McHugh, arrive at Rock Island Arsenal's Building 350.

The top-ranking civilian in the U.S. Army came to Rock Island Arsenal for his first visit March 16.

Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh thanked Arsenal Soldiers and employees for their contributions to military operations in Southwest Asia, and learned more about the missions and functions carried out on the Arsenal.

“Rock Island Arsenal’s future is bright,” McHugh said about RIA. “We can’t do this without them.”

McHugh serves as the 21st Secretary of the Army, a position he has held since Sept. 21, 2009.

McHugh began his visit at a conference room of the Headquarters of the Army Sustainment Command. There, he received a series of briefings on critical missions and programs carried out by the command.

McHugh was accompanied throughout the visit by Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command and Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, commanding general of the ASC.

He and Dunwoody also met with Gold Star families at the RIA golf club.

Following the briefings and a luncheon, McHugh was taken on a tour of the Arsenal’s manufacturing facility by Col. Craig Cotter, commander of Rock Island Arsenal’s Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center.

A press conference was held prior to McHugh’s and Dunwoody’s departure at Elliott Aviation in Moline. During his remarks, McHugh said that lessons learned have proven a need for an organic industrial base to partner with the Army’s contractors.



Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, McHugh, and Fontaine discuss the ASC mission.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND:

ASC supports humanitarian assistance operations in Haiti

By Galen Putnam
ASC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command is participating in humanitarian assistance relief operations in Haiti as part of Operation Unified Response.

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

“All of us back at ASC headquarters are extremely proud of the accomplishments and contributions of our ASC team members in support of this very important mission to provide assistance to Haiti,” said Col. David Sears, ASC deputy chief of staff for Operations, who is coordinating ASC relief efforts here.

Led by Col. Steven J. Feldmann, ASC’s deputy commander for mobilization, AMC-Haiti has grown in strength to 166 Soldiers, DA civilians and contractors. His eight-member team, “AMC-Haiti,” leads all Army Materiel Command efforts in Haiti.

A 12-member Brigade Logistics Support Team from the 406th AFSB provides logistics and maintenance support for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, taking part in Operation Unified Response. The 406th AFSB is a subordinate unit of ASC.

ASC assists in providing much-needed supplies to the Haitian people through its connection with the U.S. Agency for International Development. Tons of equipment, including 10,000-liter water bladders, water purification units, 10-liter water containers, personal hygiene kits, and plastic sheeting have been sent to Haiti from USAID warehouses operated by the 3rd battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade located on Leghorn Army Depot, Italy.



Photo by Eric Vidal, Army Sustainment Command

Lt. Col. Ralph Riddle, 832nd Transportation Terminal Battalion, explains Sea Port of Debarkation operations to Col. Steven J. Feldmann, Army Sustainment Command’s deputy commanding general for mobilization. Feldmann is heading up Army Materiel Command’s efforts in Haiti.

Personnel from ASC, Logistics Civil Augmentation Program, the Expeditionary Contracting Command and the 406th AFSB are integrated to serve Joint Task Force – Haiti requirements.

Efforts include:

- Supporting the World Food Program in delivering more than 8.3 million pounds of food to 2.6 million people, serving thousands of families.
- Obligating \$2.7 million for 71 contracts to acquire cargo and flatbed trucks, buses, water, and gravel.
- Restoring electrical power to an orphanage by configuring a generator donated by the Dominican Republic Red Cross.
- Providing training to U.S. Coast Guard personnel on the Army supply process.
- Supporting Aerial Port of Debarkation operations, averaging 91 aircraft landings per day, with AMC team members unloading cargo totaling 29 million pounds as of Feb. 17.

Haiti mission shows ASC capabilities

ASC Public Affairs

Within days after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked Haiti Jan. 12, units from the Army Sustainment Command were preparing to help the people of the devastated country.

By Jan. 18, 18 members of the 3rd Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade were putting together pallets of humanitarian aid, drawn from stocks in the U.S. Agency for International Development's U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance warehouses on Leghorn Army Depot, Italy.

The 3-405th is responsible for the storage and maintenance of USAID emergency humanitarian assistance commodities under an interagency agreement between the U.S. Army and the U.S. State Department.

"USAID keeps our warehouses stocked for emergencies such as this, and we're well-equipped to get the supplies where USAID needs them as quickly as possible," said Lt. Col. Roger McCreery, battalion commander. "We are grateful for the opportunity to assist the people of Haiti and to help alleviate their suffering in our own small way."

Missions such as this are not new to the battalion. In the months before the Haiti earthquake, the 3-405th shipped aid to the Philippines; Myanmar; Republic of Georgia; Dubai; and Miami, Fla.

The 3-405th sent a total of four shipments to Haiti, including four 10,000-liter water bladders, eight water purification units, and more than 58,000 10-liter water containers, 30,000 personal hygiene kits, and 4,500 rolls of plastic sheeting.

While the 3-405th worked to get tons of supplies to the people of Haiti, another ASC team also delivered a shipment into the hands of survivors, but on a smaller scale.

Members of the 2-82nd Brigade Logistics Support Team, Fort Bragg, N.C., visited the SOS Children's Villages (International), Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Feb.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Clifford Timpson, ASC G6

Miles Walston (2nd from right, top row), 2-82nd Brigade Logistics Support Team, Fort Bragg, N.C., poses with children from the SOS Children's Villages Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He and several other members of the BLST donated boxes of clothes, toys and tents to the children living in the orphanage.

19 to deliver boxes of donated clothing, toys, and tents to the children, ages 8 months to 15 years.

Miles Watson serves as the liaison between the orphanage and his church in North Carolina, which provided some of the donated items. Anthony "Woody" Woodard, spoke with the leader of the orphanage about building pallets for the donated tents.

Madsin Nerestant, a native of Haiti, assisted with the donation of baby and toddler clothing. He talked to the children and served as translator between the BLST members and the children.

"He expressed to them how we were there to help and the kids responded with smiles and hugs," said Staff Sgt. Clifford Timpson, who works in the ASC Office of Communications, G6, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

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ASC's Welker receives presidential award

1 of 14 selected in Meritorious Executives category

By Jon Connor
ASC Public Affairs

Scott Welker, deputy to the commander, Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island, Ill., was selected as a Presidential Rank Award Winner, the secretary of the Army has announced.

Welker was one of 14 receiving the award in the Meritorious Executives category.

"To say that I was shocked, would be an understatement," Welker said upon hearing the news in late December. "I had no idea that my accomplishments over the past several years were on par with the best SES [Senior Executive Service members] in the government."

Seven other Army personnel were awarded this distinction in the Distinguished Executives category, two others in the Distinguished Senior Professional category, and two in the Meritorious Senior Professional category.

"From my understanding, the Army had 25 Presidential Rank Award Winners this year and 11 of those were from AMC ... which says a lot about the great leadership we have across the Army Materiel Command," Welker said.

The Meritorious Executive rank is awarded to leaders for sustained accomplishments. Only 5 percent of SES career members may receive this award.

The Distinguished Executive rank is awarded to leaders who achieve extraordinary results. Only 1 percent of the career SES may earn this award, Welker said.

In 2001, the rank award statute was amended to extend eligibility for these prestigious presidential awards to certain senior career employees who have a sustained record of exceptional professional, technical, or scientific achievement recognized on

a national or international level. Beginning with awards granted in 2003, the president may confer the ranks of Distinguished Senior Professional and Meritorious Senior Professional on a select group of senior career employees in a manner similar to that for career members of the SES, he said.

The SES is a corps of federal executives appointed to key leadership positions just below the level of presidential appointees. The service began in 1978.

"I am so fortunate that my position allows me the opportunity to make a difference. Many of our folks have heard me say that you have to have fun in your job, you have to have the right attitude in your job, you have to have dedication to your work, and you have to do all of this with a tremendous respect for your workforce, Welker said.

"Couple that with a good understanding of the business you're in, and you'll be

successful...that's essentially how I tackle each day...it's not about me...it's about this great Army that we support."

Welker has held his current position as deputy to the commanding general since October 2005 with the then-Army Field Support Command and subsequently ASC. Welker also served as the former command's chief of staff and as deputy chief of staff.

This was the first year (2009) he was eligible for consideration, Welker said. You must have at least three years of career or career-type Federal civilian service at the SES level.

"Through their personal conduct and results-oriented leadership, they have earned and kept a high degree of public confidence and

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Scott Welker, deputy to ASC CG, was selected in the Presidential Rank Award Meritorious Executives category.

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trust,” Welker said of SES members. “They have demonstrated their success in balancing the needs and perspectives of customers, stakeholders, and employees with organizational results.”

Besides the actual award, those selected in the Meritorious Executive category receive a silver pin, a framed certificate signed by the president, and monetary award.

As deputy, Welker leads and directs the ASC’s global logistics mission, which encompasses a workforce of approximately 500 military personnel, 2,200 civilian employees, and 60,000 contractor employees. The command’s core missions include Army Materiel Command’s integrator of field operations, Army Prepositioned Stocks, and the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP).

Executives from across the government are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by citizen panels and designated by the president. Welker’s nomination noted: *“He was instrumental in implementing and establishing the Army’s Prepositioned Stocks program and was instrumental in building the Command responsible to execute this global mission from the ground floor. Further, Mr. Welker was the driving force in establishing the Army Sustainment Command with a focused mission of providing Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) logistical support to the Army’s Combat and Combat Support force structure. He planned, established, and executed a number of critical Army-directed programs including field-level reset synchronization, Left-Behind Equipment, Pre-Deployment Training Equipment, the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP), and establishment of a materiel management capability for Continental United States (CONUS) forces in support of Army transformation.”*

Welker began his federal career as an ammunition management intern beginning in late 1983 at the U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School at Savanna Army Depot, Savanna, Ill. After graduating from the intern program, he was assigned to Rock Island as an ammunition inventory management specialist working as an item manager in medium caliber ammunition in one of ASC’s predecessor commands — the Armament, Munitions, and Chemical Command (AMCCOM). During the mid-90s, Welker served as a logistics management specialist in the Business Management Directorate.

Born in Louisville, Ky., Welker’s family moved to Washington when he was a child. He still has strong family ties to Washington.

Welker holds a bachelor of arts degree in business and economics from Washington State University, and a master of business administration degree from St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

Welker’s leadership philosophy in a nutshell
“I call it random thoughts of what a leader should do, be, and provide to our workforce:

Build Trust and Confidence

Lead by Example

Appearance

Performance

Conduct

Be Approachable

Attitude — Only two choices — Motivate and Build Respect

Caring & Passion — About what you do and why we do it; about the people you lead; show consistency and fairness; exhibit strong moral character; be supportive; teamwork, mission and accomplishment; ask questions; Balance – Balance – Balance! (This one is important...balance between work, family and self.)”

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Route Clearance Shop keeps missions moving

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JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Route clearance vehicles, specialized members of the mine-resistant ambush-protected family of vehicles, are critical assets in keeping roads clear and convoys moving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Not only are the vehicles themselves unique, but the dedicated professionals who keep them on the road bring unique skills to bear for the Soldiers who depend on the hulking vehicles every day.

Part of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade arsenal of support services, contractors operating under Product Manager Assured Mobility Systems provide complete contract logistics support, said Charles Carter, project manager forward representative for BRTRC.

“CLS manages and supports the vehicles from the time a truck is accepted into the inventory to the time it is demilitarized,” Carter said. “AMS can provide all levels of maintenance from organizational to depot [level].”

That means the range of support spans everything from changing light bulbs to replacing the hull in some cases, Carter said. The significance is that vehicles can be repaired where they’re needed most instead of being returned to the United States for depot-level repair.

“This is the only contract I know of that can do depot-level repair this far forward,” said Jim Hobel, Mantech Theater Lead North, located at Joint Base Balad.

Route clearance vehicle work is performed at both fixed and embedded sites, supplied by two main warehouses maintaining approximately 10,000 lines of repair parts.

The warehouses stock everything from common keys to specialty fittings. Some of the complicated wiring harnesses contain hundreds of wires, Hobel said.



Workers at the Joint Base Balad Route Clearance Shop repair and upgrade vehicles needed for lifesaving route clearance missions.



Lt. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general, stands on a Husky Mine Clearance Vehicle at Joint Base Balad, as Jim Hobel, Mantech Theater Lead North, explains the how Route Clearance shops in Balad and other locations in Iraq keep specialized vehicles on the road and in the fight.

Fixed sites have complete maintenance facilities and repair parts pre-positioned, based on vehicle density. Also, several embedded sites support specific units. The embedded technicians bring parts and tools while host units provide life support and communications.

Hobel’s team performs a full technical inspection whenever a vehicle comes into the shop and fixes everything according to unit requirements. Every vehicle the teams work on is must pass inspection by Army Sustainment Command personnel from the 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade.

“By contract, we have to turn the vehicle around in 15 days,” Hobel said.

The teams put a great deal of effort into maintaining the vehicles. They are aware that the route clearance vehicles can mean the difference between life and death for Soldiers.

“We haven’t lost a Soldier since I’ve been here,” Hobel said.

ASC readies LSU Soldiers

Army Sustainment Command Soldiers conducted a training exercise course, Feb. 12, inside Rock Island Arsenal's Building 250 to replicate battlefield conditions in Southwest Asia.

Members of the ASC planned and carried out confidence-building training for LOGCAP (Logistics Civil Augmentation Program) Support Unit (LSU) Soldiers. The LSU troops are Army Reserve Soldiers assigned to the ASC to assist with LOGCAP operations in SWA.



Sgt. Scott Carlson controls an access point during the STX inside building 250 on Rock Island Arsenal, Feb. 12.



Spc. Brady Duncan prepares to evacuate a casualty during the STX inside building 250.



Sgt. Michael Brack and Master Sgt. Shane Courchene, evaluate Soldiers during an STX on Rock Island Arsenal, Feb. 12.

Sgt. Scott Carlson points to an IED during the training.

Army Sustainment Command Soldier, Sgt. Scott Carlson, negotiates a barbed wire obstacle while validating a training exercise course. Carlson and other ASC Soldiers constructed the training area inside Rock Island Arsenal's Building 250 to replicate battlefield conditions in Southwest Asia. ASC planned and carried out the confidence-building training for LOGCAP (Logistics Civil Augmentation Program) Support Unit (LSU) Soldiers. The LSU troops are Army Reserve Soldiers assigned to the ASC to assist with LOGCAP operations in SWA.

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Databases help move equipment out of Iraq

Story and photos by Summer Barkley
402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Units preparing to redeploy to their home stations at the end of an Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment and the managers charged with the responsible drawdown of forces and equipment have one thing in common: a lot of paperwork before people and equipment can move.

In today's electronic age, the paperwork must also be entered into computerized databases and reconciled to ensure that all equipment is accounted for and is routed to the right destination for redistribution, reset or retrograde.

Fortunately, help is available from the Standard Depot System – Army War Reserve Deployment System (SDS-AWRDS) cell embedded in the 2nd Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade. SDS and AWRDS are two database systems that are critical in the movement of equipment from Iraq.

“We're the keepers of everything reset,” said Adam Coffman, site lead for Stanley Associates.

Coffman's team members are located at fixed Redistribution Property Assistance Team sites throughout Iraq and also accompany mobile teams going out to where equipment is located instead of



Adam Coffman explains the SDS database to Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine, commanding general, Army Sustainment Command, at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

the unit delivering the equipment to a fixed RPAT site.

Units get both organizational and theater-provided equipment ready for turn-in and then it is all inventoried. When the inventory is correct and any shortages are noted, the wholesale responsible officer signs for the equipment, transferring ownership to the 402nd AFSB.

Contractors then verify the list against what the unit previously reported they were turning in and verify the radio-frequency identification tags attached to each piece of equipment or container. The next step is to input the data into the AWRDS system.

Once in AWRDS, the contractors then input the information into SDS, which is linked to Army Materiel Command's Life Cycle Management Commands, which decide where the equipment will move to. Downstream, this helps the LCMC repair depots plan workload and allocate resources.

The importance of this piece of the reset, retrograde and redistribution process is seen in the number of high-level visitors who have been briefed on the SDS-AWRDS process. At least six general officers, including Lt. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, the deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command, and Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine, commanding general of Army Sustainment Command, have visited the Joint Base Balad office recently and been briefed on the process.



Lt. Col. Garry B. Bush, commander, 2nd Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, looks on as Adam Coffman, site lead, briefs Lt. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, deputy commanding general, Army Materiel Command, on how SDS-AWRDS facilitates reset, retrograde and redistribution of equipment in the Iraq Theater of Operations.

Quartermaster Soldiers join 402nd AFSB as retrograde ramps up



Sgt. Doron Ransom and Pfc. Barrett Listenbee, inspectors with 249th Quartermaster Company, 2nd Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, inspect and wrap equipment at the Joint Base Balad Redistribution Property Assistance Team yard. This equipment is being sent from Iraq to Kuwait for redistribution or back to a source of repair in the United States.

Story and photos by Summer Barkley 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — More than 150 Soldiers of the 249th Quartermaster Company have deployed to support 402nd Army Field Support Brigade reset and retrograde missions, marking the first time an active-duty company has been assigned to an AFSB.

Most of the Soldiers are settled into Power Village at Joint Base Balad, but some are assigned to or travel to other sites.

Capt. Matthew Haistings, company commander, said two platoons will augment operations at Redistribution Property Assistance Team yards at major installations, one platoon will be assigned to supplement mobile RPATs that travel to redeploying units, and the headquarters platoon will take care of the administrative work.

Noting that the unit's mission at their home station of Fort Bragg, N.C., is running warehouses, Haistings said the deployment will give his Soldiers opportunities to learn new skills.

“Soldiers at fixed sites are leaning how to burn RFID (radio frequency identification) tags and complete [DD Form] 1348s,” said 2nd Lt. Renee McElroy, 3rd platoon leader.

Soldiers are partnered with Airmen, civilian employees and contractors to learn their new jobs and have completed a variety of training. Some have completed Customs inspections training; others have become qualified mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle operators with MRAP maintenance training; and still others are learning to operate the various vehicles turned in at the RPAT yards.

Now they are mission-focused and ready to get to work.

“The Soldiers are excited and eager to get started,” 1st Sgt. John Hogan said. “They understand the magnitude of the mission.”

“With our expanding mission, these Soldiers bring much-needed manpower, expertise and continuity,” said Air Force Capt. Elim Snaidy,

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Balad RPAT officer in charge. “We’re happy to have them.”

Snaidy said the Balad yard is operating around the clock with Soldiers and Airmen on every shift.

Seated in front of a computer, Spc. Christopher Woolard said he was inputting equipment information into the Master Blaster to provide visibility of the items.

Woolard, who is on his third deployment, said his job now is a good change of pace for him.

Out in the RPAT yard, Spc. Angel Gonzalez was checking an MRAP that had been turned in.

After checking the paperwork to make sure the serial numbers matched the vehicle, Gonzalez said he inspects the vehicle for “brass, ammunition and trash.”

“These vehicles usually come into the yard right from a convoy,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Robert Lopez, noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Gonzalez said he is enjoying working with the Airmen and his Air Force comrades were anxious to “bring us (the Soldiers) up to speed.”

Lopez said he found the Soldiers are eager to learn and want to go out and excel on the job.

Some Soldiers have already been deployed to the other fixed RPAT sites, McElroy said. She said her goals for the platoon are for the squads at the fixed



Lt. Col. Garry Bush, commander, 2nd Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, talks with 2nd Lt. Renee McElroy, 3rd platoon leader, 249th Quartermaster Company and Capt. Matthew Haistings, 249th QM Company commander, at the company’s headquarters at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. The 249th QM Company supports the Responsible Drawdown mission in Iraq by supplementing the 2nd Battalion’s Redistribution Property Assistance Teams at fixed yards and on mobile RPATs.

sites to work together as a team, for the squad leaders to grow as leaders.

Two platoons are assigned to augment the mobile RPATs and several Soldiers have already been on missions. Soldiers awaiting missions are anxious to get to work.

“We are looking forward to our mission,” said Staff Sgt. William Ortiz, a mobile team leader.

Spc. Lorna Lawrence will be on one of the mobile teams and said she has learned to drive an MRAP, had hands-on training for completing the documentation required for reset of organization equipment, and has had some Customs training.

Lawrence, who is on her first deployment, said her focus is on the mission and she hopes to progress in her military career while also completing some college courses.

Company Executive Officer 1st Lt. Eric Nilsen said he thinks the company will have a very interesting mission.

Commenting on the quality of life, he said, “We were told to expect good housing, but we didn’t expect it would be this good.”

Haistings added that the Soldiers at Balad have an education center, MWR and other amenities nearby. He said he knew the Soldiers assigned to the other fixed RPAT sites also have good accommodations.

Haistings said his goals for the deployment are to successfully complete the mission and provide good customer service for the supported units. He also wants his Soldiers to maximize their down-time to take advantage of educational opportunities.



Spc. Angel Gonzalez, an inspector assigned to the 249th Quartermaster Company, 2nd Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, sits in a mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle at the Joint Base Balad [Iraq] Redistribution Property Assistance Team yard. Gonzalez is inspecting the vehicle so it can be sent from Iraq to Kuwait for redistribution or back to a source of repair in the United States.

Historian's office gets new look



Photo by Danielle Toste, ASC Public Affairs

The new storage system for archives makes it easier for George Eaton, the Army Sustainment Command historian, to locate archived documents.

By Danielle Toste
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. — Down in the basement of the Army Sustainment Command headquarters at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., you will find a small historian office with boxes of documents and archives stacked on the floor and papers scattered on the table in the library.

George Eaton, command historian, has been dealing with the aftermath of several floods last summer that damaged the office and numerous archives.

“A pipe in the wall broke eight times causing the floor to flood,” Eaton said. “Then the air conditioner drain line clogged twice causing water to come through the ceiling.”

ASC and Joint Munitions Command share the space. The office received thousands of archives from the battlegrounds and from bases that have closed in Europe which caused storage issues.

“We originally used file cabinets to store and keep the files organized,” Eaton said. “However, the office did not have enough space or manpower to

keep up with all the archives, so cardboard boxes were stacked on shelves and the floor.

“The flood destroyed less than 10 items. The rest were sent to Amcad [a digital conversion business], located on the Arsenal, which had the room to dry them out,” Eaton said.

With more than 500,000 pages of documents, photos, DVDs, 16 millimeter film reels and other types of historical archives dating back to World War II, a new shelving system was needed. The flooding made it a priority. The construction and repairs of the pipes, walls, and shelving system have been completed.

The new shelves move back and forth on motorized tracks increasing storage space by about 40 percent. The shelves have solid metal tops to shut out water if a flood was to occur again. All the documents will be placed in acid free boxes to protect them.

With the increase in space, Eaton can remove the documents off the floor and categorize them.

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402nd AFSB grows to meet missions

Story by Summer Barkley
402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade has gained two battalions, a Brigade-South headquarters and approximately 3,200 personnel in a realignment of Army Sustainment Command assets in Southwest Asia.

Prior to the November realignment, the battalions were part of the 401st AFSB and what is now the 402nd Brigade-South was the 401st's rear echelon. The realignment enables the 401st to focus on its Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, while the 402nd focuses on supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, Responsible Drawdown in Iraq and transferring equipment transfer to support operational requirements in OEF.

The Brigade-South headquarters is led by Col. James Fly, 402nd AFSB deputy commander.

The 1st Battalion, 401st AFSB, commanded by Lt. Col. Peter Butts, is located at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, and provides new fielding and sustainment support.

The 2nd Battalion, 401st AFSB, commanded by Lt. Col. Michael Wright, is located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and provides logistics support to area units while managing the flow of equipment being sent from Iraq for redistribution, retrograde or reset.

The realignment will provide a single line of command and control for sustainment and responsible retrograde operations while facilitating the transfer of equipment to Afghanistan to support the buildup of operational capacity for OEF.



Lt. Col. Peter Butts,
commander, 1st Battalion,
401st Army Field Support
Brigade



Lt. Col. Michael Wright,
commander, 2nd Battalion,
401st Army Field Support
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So far, Eaton's staff has about half of the archives back in the office and he figures it will take about two months to account for everything.

"Not only did the flood lead to new shelves, but it made it a great opportunity to start to get things digitized," said Eaton. "The new era of archiving is to put them online, instead of having to go thru boxes."

Digitization will reduce the amount of physical space and amount of paper copies required because Eaton's staff will no longer need to store all of the hard copies here. Instead, some of the documents will be sent to the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Md. Eaton said he projects that it will take about six years until everything has been digitized.

Dr. Paul T. Ferguson,
Joint Munitions Command archivist,
tries to clean up the mess that the floods of 2009 caused.



Photo by George Eaton,
ASC Historian

LOGCAP Recap

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Editor's note: LOGCAP – Logistics Civil Augmentation Program – is a multi-billion dollar Army initiative to hire civilian contractors to perform services supporting the U.S. military in wartime and other contingencies. Use of contractors allows military units to focus on combat operations. Working with Army Contracting Command and the Rock Island Contracting Center, LOGCAP enables the Army to focus on the fight. The following reports from field activities highlight some recent examples of LOGCAP making the difference.

DFAC opens New Year's Day

PARWAN, Afghanistan — The Detention Facility in Parwan (DFIP), Afghanistan, witnessed the grand opening of its dining facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony performed on New Year's Day.

Many LOGCAP personnel ate steak and lobster along with military police Soldiers working there. This DFAC also represents the first self-performed DFAC operation for the contractor. All would agree that the food was pretty good that day.

Plans called for the contractor to operate more DFACs at Bagram Air Field.

Col. Garrity and Col. Randy LeCompte, deputy program director, LOGCAP, Bagram Air Field, gave the opening remarks just prior to the personnel participating in the ribbon cutting marking the official opening of the DFAC.

COB Adder:

Repairing the Canal Breach

COB ADDER, Iraq — On Jan. 16, the LOGCAP III Contractor's Waste Management team discovered the main effluent canal and overflow basin had been breached. Hundreds of gallons of black water were flowing through the breaks into the uninhabited northeast corner of the base.

The main effluent canal and overflow basin are maintained by Garrison Command, but they did not possess the assets to complete the repairs and requested contracting assistance. The contractor's Horizontal Department rapidly deployed resources and repaired the access road by dumping truckloads of rock onto it.

This allowed access to repair of the main breach in the canal.

Garrison Command expressed their appreciation for the initiative, speed, and quality of the support provided by the LOGCAP III Contractor team.

Postal Mission:

Delivering manpower in a crunch

FOB FALCON, Iraq — Sending and receiving mail is a huge morale booster for servicemembers deployed to Iraq. The responsibility of moving the mail falls on the LOGCAP III contractor responsible for the Iraq Postal Mission.

The staffing of the Postal Mission is contingent on workload, so when a unit is scheduled to depart a location, management ensures the Army Post Office (APO) is adequately staffed with clerks and inspectors to address the extra volume of footlockers and parcels Soldiers will mail.

On Jan. 22, the FOB Falcon APO was inundated with Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division (Fort Stewart, Ga.) who were involved in an unplanned redeployment to another location. On that day, the LOGCAP III contractor's postal team processed a near-capacity 520 outgoing parcels and footlockers (6,812 pounds), and expected a larger workload the following day.

When the Falcon APO management realized the predicament, they contacted IPM leadership in Baghdad, and in close coordination with the military, three LOGCAP III contractor postal employees deployed to FOB Falcon that evening and were ready to assist the Falcon team the following morning.

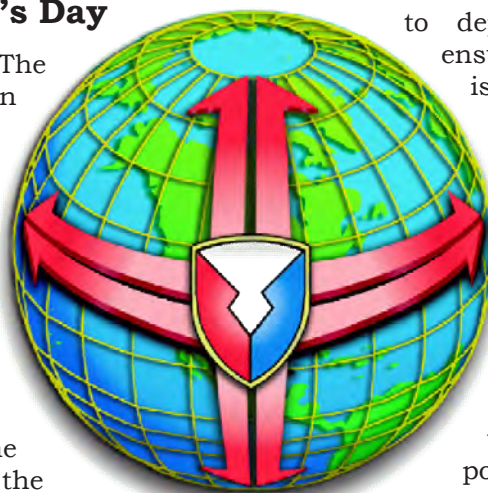
With the additional manpower, the Falcon APO processed 1,378 outgoing parcels and footlockers on Jan. 23 (18,052 pounds). This nearly tripled the previous day's workload and allowed all departing servicemembers the opportunity to mail their belongings to their new duty location in a timely manner.

COS Diamondback:

Flood control means road safety

MOSUL, Iraq — The rainy season in the Mosul area runs from December to April with roughly 75 percent of the rainfall in the final month. Hence, the rainwater cannot be readily absorbed in the

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soil, creating mud, standing water and general flooding conditions.

The water causes special engineering and safety concerns such as shifting T-walls and washed out bridges. Contingency Operating Station Diamondback is in a flood plain. Regular road maintenance is completed to include spreading gravel, trenching, and placing pipe to enable better drainage; however, the water cannot be contained in the low-lying areas.

The LOGCAP III Transportation Department at Diamondback augmented their normal services and provided the base with flood mitigation support. The Transportation Department worked tirelessly to remove more than 1,500 truckloads — the equivalent of about 4.6 million gallons — of flood water from roadways, walkways and parking areas.

With this water removed, the risk of dangerous hazards is decreased, reducing vehicular accidents.

Generators for Afghanistan

A LOGCAP contractor was tasked with providing logistical support to the drawdown of bases and assistance in Iraq and shipping equipment to Afghanistan. In the fall of 2009, this LOGCAP

contractor received contractual direction to ship generators to Afghanistan.

Generators were selected for air movement based on several factors, including dimensions, airfield capability, and access to tender. The transfer was also complex because certain airfields had limited support capability and a lack of key shipping equipment.

The contractor's logistics team, in concert with the regional Project Management Offices, coordinated the effort to send the generators to Joint Base Balad, Iraq; FOB Adder, Iraq; Sather Air Base, Baghdad, Iraq; and Qayyarah Airfield (West) in northern Iraq.

The generators were then pulled from the four sites, drained of all fuel, pressure washed, inspected and prepared for shipment.

All generators were successfully delivered to Afghanistan with the first shipment in early November 2009 and the last two on Nov. 21. The LOGCAP contractor continues to work closely with the customer to support the ever-changing mission in Iraq.

(Information for LOGCAP Recap was furnished by Maj. Oliver Grant, LOGCAP deputy operations officer, Victory Base Camp, Iraq, and Col. Randy LeCompte, deputy program director, LOGCAP, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.)



A 'general' discussion

Gen. Ann Dunwoody, commanding general of Army Materiel Command, conducts a morning meeting at the U.S. Army Central War Room at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Feb. 7. Other generals present included Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine, commanding general of Army Sustainment Command (right), Lt. Gen. William Webster, commanding general of Third Army and U.S. Army Central (left), and Lt. Gen. Kenneth Hunzeker, deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Forces-Iraq (back right).

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