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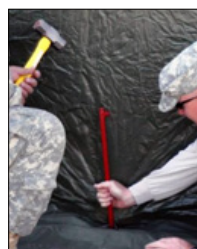
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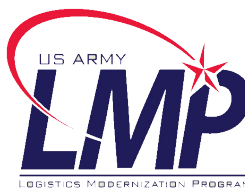
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Celebrating 235 years' service to America

Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine
U.S. Army Sustainment Command

In June of 1775, thirteen months before thirteen British colonies on the North American continent formally declared their independence, the U.S. Army was born. The Continental Army that fought the Revolutionary War had little in the way of weapons, equipment, training and provisions. Yet it was an Army rich in spirit, the spirit felt by patriots fighting for their freedom. Often, those brave Soldiers went into battle outnumbered and outgunned – but, in the end, they emerged victorious, and the United States of America became a free nation.

Today, America's Army is as good as it's ever been. We are, in fact, the best Army in the world, and the best Army ever seen in human history. We have the best weapons, the best equipment, the best training, and the best support systems. Our Soldiers have a high level of education and physical fitness, and are backed by a highly skilled, well-motivated team of civilian employees and contractors.



What truly sets the U.S. Army apart is our spirit, the spirit we share with those courageous Soldiers of the Continental Army who won our freedom against all odds. It is the fighting spirit that moves us to fight for that which is worth fighting for, and to lay our lives on the line for our nation and the ideals which it represents.

Recently, we celebrated the Army's 235th birthday - a celebration of the fighting spirit that defines the Army and the warriors who exemplify it. For more than two centuries, we've celebrated our values such as courage, loyalty, duty, service and self-sacrifice, and we recommit ourselves to living out those values.

We are truly privileged to be part of America's Army, and truly grateful for all that the Army has given us. I thank every one of you for your hard work, devotion to duty, and support. I also thank the American public for their continuous support to our Soldiers and their families.

May our Army always remain strong, and may the nation it defends always remain free.

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Wounded Warriors return to Iraq, share experiences

Story and photos by Galen Putnam
402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq —“I got out of the Bradley with my left arm in my right hand.”

That’s how retired Staff Sgt. Brian Neuman recounted the incident that led to his return to Iraq, along with eight other Wounded Warriors, as part of Operation Proper Exit.

The April 9 visit offered the Soldiers -- some still active, some medically retired -- the opportunity to go full-circle regarding the wounds that precipitated their sudden, and unexpected, return home.

Their day here included a visit to the 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, where they had the opportunity to check out the Army’s state-of-the-art armored vehicles.

“I was in Bravo Company, 9th Psyops (Psychological Operations) Battalion, and was attached to [the] 1st Marine Division supporting the area in and around Fallujah. I got hurt on November 11, which is Veterans Day, 2004,” said Neuman who spent nine months recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and the Army’s only other amputee treatment facility at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, Texas.

“We were in the city about four days before I got hurt. It was about noon when the vehicle was hit with an EFP (explosively formed penetrator). Up to that point we had gotten hit with about 10 to 15 RPGs (Rocket-Propelled Grenades), but they just bounced off the vehicle. This thing did a little bit more damage. It came right through the back gate, took my arm off, came right across my chest, cut my magazines and my 9 millimeter [pistol] in half and proceeded to hit my interpreter — it went right through him — and went into the turret where it cooked off some 25-millimeter rounds then exited. It was pretty nasty whatever it was.”

Despite the harrowing experience, Neuman remains upbeat.

“I can’t say it was the worst day of my life. It definitely wasn’t the most fun I’ve ever had. It was difficult getting pulled out of the fight, not by choice, but it is great to be able to come back,” he said. “This also gives us the opportunity to share

our experiences with the Soldiers currently serving over here. If any servicemember or unit leadership gets anything out of our stories, that makes the whole thing worth it.”

The Wounded Warriors enjoyed viewing the new-generation Panther, Stryker and MRAP armored vehicles that are retrofitted and repaired by the Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contract employees of the 1st Bn., 402nd AFSB.

“It’s good to see the Army is making a concerted effort to improve the vehicles that Soldiers rely on

for protection,” said retired Sgt. 1st Class Michael Schlitz, who was burned over 85 percent of his body and lost both hands while conducting road clearing operations. “It is a natural progression. We started out with soft-skinned Humvees and progressed to up-armored Humvees -- now we’ve got these. We are definitely moving in the right direction. These are some awesome vehicles.”

Battalion personnel were glad to have an opportunity to showcase their vehicles.

“Number one, it is a humbling experience when you meet someone who has been injured serving their country. These Soldiers have sacrificed a lot,” said Lynden Lawson, Stryker program manager representative with JACOBS Technologies. “They asked a lot of questions and were particularly interested in the improvements. They were glad to see that Soldiers are better protected today.”

“When we were hit, I was thrown from the Humvee,” he said. “I didn’t know I was on fire at

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Lynden Lawson, a Stryker program manager representative with JACOBS Technologies, describes the intricacies of the Infantry Carrier Vehicle to retired Staff Sgt. Brian Neuman during a visit to 1st Bn., 402nd AFSB at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, April 9. Neuman was part of a group of Wounded Warriors to visit JBB as part of Operation Proper Exit, a program designed to provide closure for seriously wounded Soldiers.

ASC gives Midwest schools free computers

Story and photo by Danielle Toste
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.— Despite economic turmoil, a long-lost program of donating federal government computers to schools is coming alive at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., and the surrounding community.

Former President Bill Clinton signed an executive order mandating that the federal government donate excess and outdated computers to schools ranging from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and to non-profit organizations. It's called the Department of Defense Computers for Learning Program and focuses on four major developments in American education: making modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom; providing teachers with the professional development they need to use new technologies effectively; connecting classrooms to the National Information Infrastructure; and encouraging the creation of excellent educational software.

"We are taking our computers that were being sold for almost nothing and giving them to schools that have not received new computers in eight or nine years," said Lt. Col. Jerry Martin, Army Sustainment Command automation management officer.

Rock Island Arsenal re-started the program in March 2009, when a memorandum of agreement was signed between the garrison command and Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO).

"We try to share the wealth with schools throughout the Midwest," said Martin. "For example, one school might request 300 computers, so we will give that school as many as we can without neglecting other requests. However, we will endeavor to find a way to fulfill their needs; it just might take some time."

"RIA has given 419 computers, 36 laptops, 56 flat-screen monitors, and two printers to schools," said

Sherrill Benson, disposal service representative of DRMO.

Beneficiaries include: Jordan Catholic School, Rock Island, Ill.; Earl Hanson Elementary School, Rock Island, Ill.; St. Paul Lutheran School, Moline, Ill.; Carlton High School, Carlton, Minn.; Valmeyer Elementary School, Valmeyer, Ill.; and Lutheran Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.

"At the beginning of this school year, we had one 11-year-old computer in each classroom and 30 seven-year-old computers in each of our two libraries," said Janine Parr, director of advancement at Jordan Catholic School. "We are in the process of replacing those with the newer computers received through the CLP."

Since December 2009, the school has received 97 desktops and 27 laptops. Each classroom will now have two computers and each lab will have 30. The laptop computers will be placed on carts to be used in 5th through 8th grade classrooms.

"Through the CLP we have been able to provide newer equipment at no cost to the Jordan community," said Parr. "It has allowed us to realize technology objectives and enable increased computer time per student."

Local law enforcement agencies have been able to participate in the program as well.

"The Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) is another special program that has received 26 computers, 16 laptops, and 34 flat-screen monitors," said Benson.

The police departments from East Moline, Ill.; Monmouth, Ill.; Somonauk, Ill.; Chicago; and Walkerton, Ind. have acquired equipment from RIA.

Not only does CLP allow schools and organizations to save money, but it saves the government money.

"When we are able to give computers to local schools or other organizations, we do not have to pay for them to be shipped to warehouses throughout the United States, where they sit until

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Jordan Catholic School Principal Michael Daly and 8th-grader Connor Doak help unload computer equipment that was given to the school by the Army Sustainment Command through the Computers for Learning Program. Since joining the program in December 2009, the Rock Island, Ill., school has received 97 desktop and 27 laptop computers.

ASC teams with industry on EAGLE Program

By Barbara Toner,
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – Companies interested in government business traveled to Davenport, Iowa, to learn more about the Enhanced Army Global Logistics Enterprise, or EAGLE, contract program.

“The attendance has been just overwhelming,” said Kathy Acree, Army Sustainment Command’s Distribution Management Center deputy director. “We have more than 400 contractors representing 207 companies, which is a magnificent turnout.”

EAGLE Program Industry Day took place May 17-18 at the Radisson Hotel. ASC and the Rock Island Contracting Center organized the event to reach the private sector for input into the new contracting strategy.

The meeting introduced industry to the new \$50 billion contracting strategy that will support the Army’s logistical requirements for global wartime sustainment missions.

The EAGLE contract replaces the Field and Installation Readiness Support Team, or FIRST, Program, which is approaching its funding ceiling, said Scott Welker, ASC deputy to the commander.

“We’re walking them through the strategy, get their input and start partnering with industry up front, so they’re not surprised when a (Request for Proposal) comes out for \$50 billion,” he said.

The draft RFPs will go out in September, Welker said. The final RFP is scheduled to be released in January 2011, with the contract expected to be awarded by January 2012. The contract has a base period of performance of two years with eight option years, he said.

The first day featured briefings on the Army’s needs that the EAGLE Program will support. Representatives from ASC and the Joint Munitions Command informed the contractors on their requirements.

Carl Cartwright, executive director for Field Support, discussed ASC’s many missions, including Army Prepositioned Stock, Reset, Property Accountability, the Directorates of Logistics, and Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP). He stressed that there were plenty of opportunities

for companies to work within the command.

Regarding the announcement that 77 Directorates of Logistics would transition to ASC from the Installation Management Command, Cartwright said; “What we want to do is be able to, as an enterprise, leverage capabilities that we already have versus adding redundant capability.”

Cartwright also said that, through its property accountability mission, ASC now owns about 20 percent of the Army’s equipment.

“It’s many, many, many billions of dollars,” he said.

Representatives from government contracting offices explained how the EAGLE Program is expected to work.

In her briefing, Jessica Dobbelaire, RICC procuring contracting officer, took the audience step by step through the procurement process and outlined the opportunities that will exist for small and large businesses in the EAGLE strategy.

Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring, commanding general of the Mission Installation Contracting Command, Fort Sam Houston,

San Antonio, Texas, attended the event as one of the primary acquisition players in the pre-award planning, award and administration of the new contracting strategy. The MICC and the RICC are subordinate organizations to the Army Contracting Command.

“This enterprise contracting solution provides us a contracting tool to meet both the logistics side, the pure maintenance side, the core ASC functions as well as ... other non-core ASC functions that are currently being performed at the Directorates of Logistics throughout the United States,” Leisenring said.

Day two focused on one-on-one meetings between the contractors and government representatives.

The workshop provided the organizers with the industry participation they needed to move ahead with EAGLE.

“The event was an excellent opportunity to unveil the EAGLE Program to industry and to launch this important Army acquisition,” Dobbelaire said. “It surpassed our expectations for small and large business participation and we’ve received great feedback from industry on the concepts presented.”



Photo by Barbara Toner, ASC Public Affairs

Richard Valkos, Data Solutions & Technology Inc., and Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring, Mission Installation Contracting Command (MICC), speak during EAGLE Industry Day.

Singer-Soldier takes talent to town

Story and photo by Danielle Toste
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.— One Soldier's passion and talent for music has not only grown since joining the Army, but has brought him recognition throughout the Quad Cities.

Spc. Luis Ochoa, a human resource specialist assigned to the Army Sustainment Command headquarters at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., became inspired as a little boy after watching the movie "La Bamba."

At 14, Ochoa's family moved from California to Laredo, Texas. He began to sing in local heavy-metal, punk rock, and alternative bands with friends.

"The main reason I started doing it was to 'rebel.' I was mad at my parents for making us move, so I decided to do the complete opposite of what they wanted me to do — sports," Ochoa said. "It was also something I had kept in the back of my mind for a long time after seeing 'La Bamba.'"

By the time Ochoa was 18, he was playing the acoustic guitar and performing solo.

"Playing the guitar and singing became an addiction," Ochoa said. "Kind of like a therapeutic release."

After high school, Ochoa drifted around Austin's and San Antonio's music scene. He first began playing shows in restaurants and pubs, covering a plethora of music including The Beatles and Bob Dylan.

"They were amazing musicians and very innovative," said Ochoa. "In today's music, you can still hear things that are based on them."

After a few years of bouncing around in Texas, Ochoa decided to join the Army four years ago, but never put down the guitar.

While serving in Iraq, he participated in the Christmas talent show, a Hispanic heritage show

in which he sang a few songs in Spanish, and performed in open mic nights.

"It was definitely very fulfilling, knowing I created some form of entertainment for my fellow troops by giving them some sort of temporary distraction amidst the madness that was in Iraq," said Ochoa.

Ochoa arrived at RIA in April 2009 and quickly became involved in the local music scene.

"The Quad Cities has an amazing music scene," Ochoa said. "There is definitely a decent amount of

friendly competition, which in my opinion pushes us to be better musicians."

To date, he has played at restaurants and bars throughout the Quad Cities playing covers of classic rock songs, Dave Matthews, Incubus, John Mayer, his renditions of hip-hop songs and performing a few self-written songs.

Even with his full-time duties as a Soldier, Ochoa practices almost daily, even finding the time to write and rehearse his own songs.

Ochoa usually can be found Tuesday

nights at CoolBeans coffee house in Rock Island, Ill., and Bier Stube's open mic in the Village of East Davenport, Iowa. On Thursdays, he performs at Dam View Inn's open mic night in Davenport.

Although Ochoa has duty the following morning, he said the late hours are definitely worth the amazing feeling he gets when on stage and seeing people singing along to his music.

Ochoa has teamed up with another local musician and created a band called "Vagabond Cove" that has been getting gigs at Dam View Inn, Christopher D's in Moline, Ill., and various other bars and restaurants throughout the Quad Cities.

"It is something I love to do and would love to make it a career," said Ochoa. "Playing keeps me grounded."



Spc. Luis Ochoa plays at Tim's Corner Tap in Rock Island, Ill.

405th AFSB completes deployment training

Story and photos by Jennifer King,
405th AFSB Public Affairs

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany—Sixteen members of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade returned here May 9 after participating in “Exercise Austere Challenge 10”, during which they validated the brigade’s capability to deploy and operate a forward command post. The brigade’s mission requires support of both U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, requiring capability to deploy a FCP to sustain theater operations

“As a deployable brigade, we must train and practice so that we can be prepared for a deployment if we have to execute one in the future,” said Col. Jack Haley, commander of the 405th AFSB. “We had a very thorough review of last year’s exercise and learned some lessons about what we needed to improve, and we executed our deployment even more effectively this year.”

For this deployment exercise, the brigade utilized two new pieces of equipment in the FCP. For the first time, the brigade erected a Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter.

“The brigade currently has two different-sized tents in our inventory for establishing a FCP in the field,” explained Maj. Kevin Emerick, a member of the deployment team. “The DRASH is unique in that the design incorporates a self-contained composite frame, so there are fewer poles, parts and pieces to go missing. The primary advantage is the relatively short amount of time required for set-up in comparison to the old General Purpose — Small and General Purpose — Medium canvas tents.”

The brigade also used a SIPR/NIPR Access Point for the first time. The SNAP is a satellite communications system that enables the brigade



Majors Lloyd Togisala (left) and Kevin Emerick set up the 405th AFSB’s forward command post shelter.

to be self-supportive in communications.

“By utilizing the SNAP, the FCP was able to conduct both secure and non-secure video teleconferences and access worldwide Defense Switched Network voice telephone lines,” explained Mark Dillingham, the brigade’s director of information management. “The FCP was also able to host other systems, including the Command Post of the Future, which enhanced the brigade’s capabilities to support our mission during the exercise.”

Lt. Col. Eric Helm, the FCP officer-in-charge, was impressed by the SNAP.

“Our information technology and communications team did a great job setting up and maintaining the SNAP during the deployment,” he said. “By using the system, our communications capabilities were extremely reliable throughout the exercise.”

Helm was also proud of the way the team operated in a field environment.

“The teamwork displayed by the Soldiers and the civilians in making the exercise a success was incredible,” he said. “I was especially impressed by the civilians who stepped out of their normal work environment and enthusiastically assisted in building the FCP and making it operational.”

Haley believes that exercises such as AC10 are critical to the brigade.

“These exercises are extremely important for us,” Haley said. “It’s our chance to get out in the field and do what we’re prepared to do — deploy in support of the Soldier.”



405th ASFB Soldiers prepare a DRASH for deployment.

Cadre team prepares to 'go live' with LMP

Story and photos by Barbara Toner
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.— A team of Army Sustainment Command experts has begun delivering training on the Logistics Modernization Program, in preparation for an Oct. 13 “go live” date.

LMP is part of the overarching logistical strategy called the Single Army Logistics Enterprise. LMP, the first part to be implemented, will replace the 30-year old Commodity Command Standard System and the Standard Depot System.

“Instead of having two systems of record, you’ll see everything in one, which will eliminate a lot of errors,” said Tonia Kennedy, ASC’s cadre lead.

The transformation to LMP, a web-based system employing SAP technology, will affect about 300 ASC employees, said Kennedy. At ASC headquarters, those most affected include workers in the G-8 Resource Management office because of its financial mission. LMP will be fielded to other ASC locations, including the Service Item Control Division in New Cumberland, Pa., the Army Strategic Logistics Activity in Goose Creek, S.C., and locations throughout the world.

ASC will be the first command to deploy LMP outside of the continental United States, said Kennedy. LMP fielding will affect APS sites in Italy, Japan, Korea, and Southwest Asia. The cadre identified some issues, such as language and cultural differences, which could impact LMP training, but have also devised methods to overcome them.

“We’ll have bumps in the road, we know that. We’ll just have to handle them as professionally as we can, and make sure we get the answers to [users],” said Kennedy.

The cadre, made up of eleven employees from ASC headquarters, New Cumberland, and Goose Creek, are gearing up to deliver LMP training worldwide. The cadre has been preparing for its mission for a year, working with the LMP Project Office and a

contract service provider (CSC) to learn about the system and develop training capabilities.

The cadre will deliver training, said Kennedy, beginning with expert users and working down to end-users. “Just in time” training will take place for most end-users in September. Training for expert users started in April and will continue through July. End-user training for Rock Island G-8 employees will take place in August.

The biggest challenge in learning LMP is the terminology, said Kennedy.

“Once you’ve learned that, it’s not bad,” she said.

Bruce Gainey, an accountant with the ASC G-8, participated in expert LMP training. He was chosen

to undergo the training because some of his duties will be converted to LMP.

While LMP is different than any system he has ever used, and the students had to absorb a lot of information in a short period of time, Gainey said he has learned the basic transactions he will be using in his job and will be able to share it with others.

“I have learned enough to pass on the basics to each end-user and, with my knowledge of our end-

user needs, I believe I can answer the questions that will come up in terminology and application related to LMP,” he said.

LMP has already been fielded in two deployments: CECOM Life Cycle Management Command in 2003 and Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command in 2009. ASC is part of the third deployment, which also includes TACOM Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command.

For additional information visit the Logistics Modernization Program web page - https://www.po.lmp.army.mil/_site/index.html and ASC LMP Homepage on AKO <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/570235>.

For more information, contact the ASC LMP Communications Team, DSN 793-5033 or 309-782-5033.



Tobaris Holmes, ASC Logistics Modernization Program cadre member, leads a mock training session before the April 26 start of expert training. The cadre will train key people, known as experts, and end-users in LMP until the program goes live in October. LMP is a new logistics program that replaces the Command Commodity Standard System and Standard Depot System.

Army Sustainment Command – Forward steps up production for Afghanistan surge

Story by Alexandra Shattuck
ASC Forward

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Army Sustainment Command - Forward has stepped up its operations to install armor and accessory kits for more than 1,300 vehicles headed to Afghanistan.

The Project Manager-Tactical Vehicles asked the Field Logistics Readiness Division, ASC-Fwd, in December 2009 to assist with armor installation on approximately 500 heavy tactical vehicles, said Carmen Madero, FLRD project manager. The completed vehicles would be sent to Afghanistan to support the surge.

The work fell to the Field Logistics Readiness Center, at Lexington, Ky., because of its valuable experience since 2004 in installing armor on tactical vehicles, Madero said.

The mission expanded, however, when the Army requested accessory kits be installed in both heavy tactical vehicles and medium tactical vehicles, Madero said. The kits include the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINGARS), Counter Remote Control Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare (CREW), Blue Force Tracker (BFT), Field C4I Integration kit, Fire Fuel Tank Fire Suppression kit, and the Tanker Armor Module (TAM).

Installing the kits required increased coordination with Project Manager SINGARS, PM CREW and PM BFT offices, which Madero said increased the complexity of the mission.

“This mission is the largest FLRC Lexington has undertaken,” said Cash Centers, chief, FLRC Lexington (BAE Systems). “It was imperative that numerous players worked together to accomplish the mission. Everyone worked as a team ensuring that we provide our Soldiers the equipment to keep them safe as they work to complete their mission. After all, that is why we are here and we are all proud of the support we provide.”



Photo by Sam Sallsman, Kentucky Commission for Military Affairs

FLRC-Lexington, Ky., is installing armor and accessory kits to a variety of MTVs and HTVs for shipment to Afghanistan.

By the time the mission is complete, an estimated 1,415 pieces of equipment will have been serviced through FLRC Lexington, Centers said. That includes installation of 1,339 SINGARS, 1,307 CREW and 440 BFT installation kits on 1,356 wheeled vehicles.

The FLRC is capable of running three shifts, seven days a week, if needed. During this mission, the tempo has been adjusted based on the volume of vehicles and shipping schedules, said Henry Meadows, FLRC Lexington deputy chief (BAE Systems).

FLRC Lexington must work with 17 variants of tactical vehicles -- eight heavy tactical vehicles (HTVs) and nine medium tactical vehicles (MTVs) -- while making adjustments to installing the kits to fit each variant.

Shortened schedules, frequently changing vehicle packages for shipment dates, complexity of installing the kits, accounting for the large number of vehicles arriving at the facility from the original equipment manufacturer, and the large shipments of completed vehicles leaving the facility, all combine to create significant challenges, Meadows said.

Thus far, the facility has completed each of its shipments either on time or ahead of schedule, Meadows reported.

Army ethos can help business succeed

ASC's CSM Blake enlightens businessmen on leadership

Story and photo by Jon Connor
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—When the Army Sustainment Command's top enlisted leader speaks, people listen.

Such was the case when Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Blake spoke at the 2010 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium held April 12-13 at the i wireless Center in Moline, Ill.

Facing a post-lunch crowd stifling yawns on the symposium's second day, Blake took the stage and placed his hands on the wooden podium. He looked up and then began speaking, breathing new life into the docile crowd.

Blake presented a captivating speech that compared running a successful business to the principles of professional Soldiering and leadership. Specifically, he addressed the purpose of business and doing business with honor.

"It's all about opportunities," Blake said of the Army and free enterprise.

Drawing from his own life as a country boy from West Virginia who often had to split firewood, he related how that boy left mountain life in rural America to build a 29-year career in Army maintenance and logistics that includes four combat deployments – three to Iraq and one to Afghanistan.

As a noncommissioned officer and now holding ASC's highest enlisted position as its command sergeant major, Blake said his focus has always been Soldiers and families.

"It's about our honor; it's about our product; it's about our integrity," he said.

Looking friendly but stern, Blake admonished local business leaders: "You owe it to your people sitting in the i wireless [Center] to do better.

"We have to want better for everyone," Blake said. If you believe in that, "then guess what, it's worth fighting for. Our country can only be as good as you are."

Blake said today's youth deserve good-paying jobs, a good education, and in general, a leg up.

"We're struggling as a nation. They need jobs," he emphasized. "Would you like fries with that?" he asked. "The answer is no!"

To illustrate the value he places on education, Blake said he went to school when he could during his career, culminating in a college degree at age 41.

"It's about our business as people," he said. "Looking out for people."

Blake gave a few heartfelt personal examples of taking care of people with honor.

"Our country has to be about honor. Our business has to be about honor," he said, and then rhetorically asked, "Do we give the honor that we expect from everyone else?"

Through the illustration of slides, Blake showed some deployment

photographs of his troops and sparse living conditions over the years. As time went on, the conditions improved, he said, thanks to American business supporting the U.S. military through innovations and new products, especially during wartime.

"This is somebody's son or daughter," he said of a slide photo of young deployed Soldiers. "Part of a small business...doing it with honor."

Blake then stated the Warrior Ethos Soldiers live by:

- I will always place the mission first
- I will never accept defeat
- I will never quit
- I will never leave a fall comrade

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Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Blake of ASC speaks at the 2010 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium in Moline, Ill.

Workshop focuses minds on missions

Story by Jon Connor
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—Property book officers and Army Field Support Brigade staff personnel from worldwide locations brought their combined skills to bear at the third annual Army Sustainment Command Property Branch and G-4 (Logistics) Workshop held April 13-16 at the Bettendorf, Iowa, Holiday Inn.

The 85 attendees included Department of the Army civilians, military personnel and contractors from Iraq, Japan, South Korea, Army Materiel Command G-4 and virtually every continental U.S. installation — all focused on enhancing service to the Warfighter.

The workshop was designed to enable participants to share ideas, discuss problem areas and develop corrective actions. Additionally, it served to formulate processes for future initiatives, as well as discuss and develop reporting procedures to accurately measure progress and shortfalls.

Since ASC is growing larger with each fiscal year, there are more missions, each with its own set of priorities.

Molding these missions into a seamless operation within the ASC arena is a complex venture, said meeting organizers. Bringing the “movers and shakers” together for just a few days each year adds to the recipe of success.



Photo by Ted Cavanaugh

Property book officers and Army Field Support Brigade staff personnel from worldwide locations met at the Third Annual Army Sustainment Command Property Branch and G-4 (Logistics) Workshop held April 13-16 at the Bettendorf, Iowa, Holiday Inn. The 85 attendees included Army civilians, military personnel and contractors from worldwide locations – all working on ways to enhance service to the Warfighter.

Discussions conducted during the workshop finalized a number of processes unique to ASC. Included in these discussions were processes regulating the flow of Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss reports, inspection results and corrective action, and the disposition process for Residual Equipment Without Disposition.

Computers

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they can be sold as a whole or be stripped for parts,” said Martin.

The CLP faces two major challenges. The first problem is that many departments are not aware of the program, Martin said. If ASC people do not specify that the computers they are disposing of should be assigned to the program, they are shipped to the warehouses instead. The second challenge is getting the word out to local schools and organizations.

“The way schools find out about the program is through word of mouth,” said Martin. “Or someone who has worked here (RIA) has told a school district and then the request trickles down my way.”

RIA is in need of more agencies to become part of the CLP.

“We have schools that belong to the program and are waiting for computers, laptops and monitors to become available for donation,” said Benson.

While requirements add some extra work for

contributing organizations, they need not be a deterrent. The return on investment more than matches the cost.

“It really helps when the agencies on the Arsenal turn in their computers and laptops with the hard drive purged or degaussed instead of removed,” said Benson. “This takes extra work and time, but is greatly appreciated by the schools.”

For agencies on the Arsenal that wish to participate in the Computers for Learning Program, turn in guidance can be found at <http://www.drms.dla.mil/turn-in/usable/cpu-turn-in-guide.pdf> and http://iase.disa.mil/policy-guidance/asd_hd_disposition_memo060401.pdf, or by calling Martin at 309-782-8132.

Schools and organizations that qualify for the program fill out an online request at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service web site (<https://www.drms.dla.mil/rtd03/cfl/index.shtml>). Once the application has been received, a representative will contact the applicant within seven business days to find out how many computers are needed.



Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Blake addresses the audience at the East Moline, Ill Commons Memorial Day ceremony on May 31. In his remarks Blake stressed the need to honor those who fought and died to defend the nation's freedom.

Photo By Dan Carlson, ASC Public Affairs

Col. David Sears, ASC deputy chief of staff for G3/5/7, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Herrera, Davenport, Iowa, place a wreath at the foot of the flag pole at the All Veterans Memorial.

Photo by Barbara Toner, ASC Public Affairs



Col. (Dr.) Robert Pero, ASC command surgeon, delivers the keynote speech during a Memorial Day afternoon ceremony May 31 at the Bettendorf, Iowa, Veterans Memorial Park. Pero, along with Bettendorf Mayor Michael Freemire, also placed the traditional remembrance wreath to close the ceremony.

Photo by Jon Connor, ASC Public Affairs

Memorial Day tributes

Members of the Army Sustainment Command flag honor detail prepare to raise the colors on Memorial Day at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. The colors were placed at half-staff until noon, and then raised to full-staff from 12:01 p.m. until the evening retreat ceremony.

Photo by Dan Carlson, ASC Public Affairs



Brig. Gen. Steven Feldmann, ASC deputy commanding general for operations, speaks as the keynote speaker at a Memorial Day Ceremony at American Legion Post No. 569 Milan, Ill., May 31.

Photo by Capt. Anthony Clas, ASC Public Affairs

Wounded Warriors

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the time. I didn't see my guys moving so I ran back for my guys. Unfortunately, I didn't make it because when I reached the vehicle, the flames hit my face. I took my IBA (Interceptor Body Armor) off and tried to hit the ground to roll. I did about a roll and-a-half before my body locked up on me and I was basically face down in the dirt just burning until someone hit me with a fire extinguisher. Unfortunately my crew wasn't as lucky. I lost my driver, my gunner and my medic in that incident."

Schlitz said participating in Operation Proper Exit, sponsored by the Troops First Foundation and supported by the USO, has provided closure.

"I'm glad to be able to come because I've had the opportunity to go back and see where I got hurt, see how Iraq has changed and see the changes in the Iraqi people themselves," he said. "They are now doing things for themselves; their government is getting up and running. There is just a whole new atmosphere here that we can all be proud of. That's a win for us. That's exactly what we wanted. That's why we came here in the first place."

The group made a number of other stops, including the Air Force Theater Hospital through which most of the group were originally evacuated. They also participated in a town hall meeting where they shared their experiences with the Joint Base Balad community.



Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Wilson, command sergeant major of U.S. Forces – Iraq (left) and retired Sgt. 1st Class Michael Schlitz, who was burned over 85 percent of his body and lost both hands while conducting road clearing operations, view the Panther armored vehicle while visiting the 1st Bn., 402nd AFSB at Joint Base Balad, Iraq April 9. Wilson escorted Wounded Warriors who were taking part in Operation Proper Exit, a program designed to provide closure for seriously wounded Soldiers.

"This is a very good program that offers the Wounded Warriors a chance for closure," said Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Case, 1st Bn., 402nd AFSB, command sergeant major. "It was an honor to have them on our footprint and to be able to show them the improvements and different levels of armor and upgrades that have been made to our vehicles."

Business

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Blake urged business leaders to talk to their employees. "We're blind at the top," he said.

He then closed by reminding the attendees of the 27,000 veterans and family members buried at Rock Island National Cemetery. Business leaders must ask themselves a couple of questions of their business, he said: "Is it an honorable business? Am I giving my people a chance?"

A standing ovation attested to Blake's effect on the audience. There were no more yawning symposium participants.

The event, now in its third year, was the first time ASC headquarters participated as an exhibitor. Capitalizing on the theme "Building Strong

Together," the ASC exhibit featured a visual display of the command's missions and the Soldiers it supports. An estimated 400-plus attendees were present on opening day, according to local media reports.

As it had in previous years, ASC's Small Business Office had its own display. Both of ASC's booths offered abundant literature outlining the command's mission and explaining the federal acquisition process for small businesses.

The symposium included presentations from industry experts and networking opportunities for small business contractors, ranging from prime roles to subcontracts.

Reset & Fielding Time

Story by ASC Public Affairs

FORT DRUM, N.Y.—Perry Taylor, Closed Combat Weapon Systems Project Manager Office, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., recently assisted members of the 710th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, at Fort Drum, N.Y., with check-out procedures and system confidence tests on equipment before final acceptance by the 3rd BCT.

Taylor assisted the Soldiers on TOW – the tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided missile -- M41 Improved Target Acquisition System, which is an upgrade to the M220 ground/high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMMWV)-mounted TOW 2 missile system.

The M41 TOW ITAS is fielded to airborne, air assault, and light infantry forces throughout the active and reserve components of the U.S. Army. The ITAS provides better anti-armor capabilities to anti-tank units, and has capabilities that make it an integral part of the combined arms team.

The 406th Army Field Support Battalion supports the 10th Mountain Division and is a subordinate unit to the 406th Army Field Support Brigade, headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C.



photo by Dexter Myers

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ASC commander celebrates Army birthday in Chicago



Photo by Capt. Anthony Clas, ASC Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, commanding general of Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., participates in the cake-cutting ceremony at Daley Plaza in Chicago June 14. Assisting Fontaine are an Army ROTC cadet (center) and an Army noncommissioned officer.

ASC's Feldmann promoted in rainy ceremony

Story and photos by Elysa Otero
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—Sgt. Adam Feldman watched proudly as his father, Brig. Gen. Steven J. Feldmann, was promoted during a May 7 ceremony at Rock Island Arsenal's Constitution Square.

The younger Feldmann, a recruiter for the Iowa National Guard, took charge of his father's new one-star flag during the ceremony.

Despite the rain, the elder Feldmann smiled broadly as Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, commanding general of Army Sustainment Command, removed the insignia of colonel. Feldmann's wife, Jane, placed the new star of brigadier general on her husband's uniform.

The newly promoted general started his military service in the Marine Corps in 1973, serving until 1978. He enlisted in the Iowa National Guard in 1980. In 1984 he was commissioned as a Signal Corps officer. Feldmann joined the Army Reserve in 2003, and was assigned to ASC in October 2009.

Feldmann is the ASC deputy commanding general for operations. He is also charged with providing trained and ready Army Reserve Soldiers to support mission requirements for the Army Materiel Command; the Defense Contract Management Agency; the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program; the Defense Logistics Agency; and the Army Contracting Command.

Since being assigned to ASC, Feldmann has deployed to Afghanistan, and most recently, Haiti.

Fontaine took a few minutes to praise Feldmann's performance and dedication.

"We have handed you a lot of changes, and you



Brig. Gen. Steven J. Feldmann speaks during his promotion ceremony, as his son, Sgt. Adam Feldmann looks on.



Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, ASC commanding general, removes the former rank on Brig. Gen. Steven J. Feldmann's chest during Feldmann's promotion ceremony.

have handled them brilliantly," said Fontaine.

"When an earthquake hit Haiti earlier this year, you led the AMC team supporting Army units and distributing assistance to the survivors. Your efforts in repairing equipment for local business, hospitals, and schools helped the people of Haiti start over after this disaster," Fontaine said.

Feldmann thanked his family and the many Soldiers who were instrumental in the development of his career. He took the opportunity to give advice to the many people who came to show their support.

"Be prepared to take advantage of the chance, luck, and timing of opportunities that present themselves", said Feldmann. "Always give your very best in everything you do, but remember to have some fun, smile, and laugh."

Also attending the ceremony were Feldmann's other children — Nathan and Lynsey — and his father Art, a World War II veteran, and mother Laura.

Not only is Feldmann a Soldier, he also serves the community as a lieutenant in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Police Department.

During the ceremony, Feldmann was honored with a cannon salute. Music was provided by members of the 101st Airborne Division Band of Fort Campbell, Ky.

Central communication hub relocating to Rock Island Arsenal

Story and photos by Elysa Otero
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—A former cafeteria is being transformed into a new operations center supporting Army Sustainment Command's global mission.

Eleven miles of cable route information through the Network Operations Center from servers in the new Technical Control Room. The Network Operations Center, which is under construction, will become fully operational at Rock Island Arsenal this November.

The NOC mission is connecting ASC's deployed logistics personnel around the world via voice, video, and data communication.

The NOC's current home, Fort Monmouth, N.J., will be closing in 2011 as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act. Beside RIA, Fort Belvoir, Va., and Fort Bragg, N.C., were considered for the NOC relocation, but both required a significant investment to upgrade their existing infrastructure, said Paul Meaker, program manager of the NOC.

The NOC is not your typical operations center. "The NOC consists of two main components. One is the control room where network specialists sit and monitor the equipment. The other is a warehouse integration facility for building field communications packages that are deployed all over the world," said Mark Komatar, ASC Information Management, project manager for NOC relocation.

The NOC mainly supports the ASC, but also provides support to other customers. Because it will rely so much on the NOC for two-way communication with the field, ASC agreed to pay most of the NOC relocation cost.

ASC's former commanding general, Maj. Gen.



Jared Haggert, senior systems engineer for the NOC, describes the capabilities of the new facility.

Robert M. Radin, now the assistant deputy chief of staff of Army logistics at the Pentagon, supported the 2008 decision to relocate the NOC to RIA, according to Meaker. The relocation project will cost ASC nearly \$14 million.

"The driving factor here was cost, cost to the taxpayer," Meaker said. "We saved probably \$4 million in renovation cost in coming here."

"ASC is our main customer," Meaker said, describing the advantage of being at RIA.

"The commander can reach in here at anytime, 24 hours a day. He knows the operational status of all the communication assets he has deployed," Meaker said.

The NOC not only connects deployed logistics personnel via sophisticated communication equipment, it also monitors computer usage, such as downloads and web sites visited by users.

"Bandwidth is a very big concern for us because of the cost involved," said Jared Haggert, an engineer who works in the control room.

When the NOC is operational at RIA, an estimated 125,000 telephone calls, 1.5 million e-mails, and 500 video teleconferences will go through its servers monthly.

The other main mission of the NOC is building communication packages for deployed personnel. Construction is underway at RIA to house the Facility Integration Center where the packages will be built. These deployable units will be assembled at the FIC, then undergo routine maintenance after returning from deployment.

These sets allow deployed personnel full connectivity in the field through the Multi-Media Communications System. Each package will be able to provide a variety of communication capabilities for up to 150 deployed personnel. All communication packages are equipped with satellite links, making the NOC a global operation.

Depending on the number of deployed personnel, packages vary in size. According to Meaker, a package can be configured in a matter of hours.

The NOC will be operated by more than 30 contractors from DRS Inc., headquartered in Parsippany, N.J., and one federal civilian assigned to Defense Wide Transmission Systems.

The FIC will also be contractor-operated and employ 11 people.

"We already have four personnel assigned out here from the work force we are bringing up from Fort Monmouth. The main flow of personnel we hope to start moving in June or July," said Meaker.



LOGCAP Recap

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. Under the auspices of the Army Sustainment Command working with Army Contracting Command and the Rock Island Contracting Center, LOGCAP enables the Army to focus on the fight. The following reports from the last quarter field activities highlight some recent examples of LOGCAP making the difference.

Timely equipment transfer from Iraq to Afghanistan

FOB SHARANA, Afghanistan -- Vehicles and equipment were transferred from Operation Iraqi Freedom to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

High on the priority list of equipment and vehicles transferred are those used for firefighting, including crash fire rescue and structural fire vehicles. As one recent example, a major forward operating base at Sharana in Regional Command East received at least five fire trucks for the firefighting mission.

In addition, during the week of April 19 – 23, nine firefighting personnel arrived in support of that mission. – Submitted by Lt. Col. Katheryne Leedham, LOGCAP support officer

Recovery team saves aircraft, personnel from disaster

BAGRAM, Afghanistan -- At noon March 1, Flight ICIS-01WH was inbound to Bagram Airfield with a negative (landing) gear indicator, compounded with hydraulic issues -- a situation that would require rapid reaction from the Bagram Fire Department.

Within seconds of the initial call to the department, all units responded and were on the move to cover the airfield in case the landing gear on the aircraft failed.

With six personnel aboard the Airbus 300, how the fire department responded to this emergency could mean the difference between life and death. The response team was in place within 90 seconds of the initial call.

The inbound flight passed perpendicular to the airfield, a maneuver that concerned the response team chief. Additional back-up water truck support was called in.

In less than five minutes, the aircraft landed but its left wing landing gear failed, causing the aircraft to land on its engine and left wing. As a consequence, the engine burst into flames.

With the wing on the ground, the aircraft slid down the airstrip into an embankment between the runway and taxiway. The response team moved quickly to douse the flames on the engine



Courtesy photo

A response team member on the scene provides emergency help at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, where an Airbus 300 experienced landing gear problems, forcing the aircraft to land on its engine and left wing.

and create a rescue path, but while clearing the path, they noted that the plane had stopped on top of the airfield's above-ground, five-inch, fuel line.

Firefighters moved quickly to isolate the shut-off valves, but realized that the aircraft itself still held over 10,000 pounds of fuel on board, with some of it leaking from the left wing. The aircraft's external power unit (EPU) could still be heard running. The recovery team located the battery powering the EPU in the nose of the aircraft and disconnected it, shutting off all power to the aircraft helping to avoid casualties and further equipment damage.

The speed and expertise of the response team and their handling of this incident are indicative of the flawless execution of transitioning critical services from LOGCAP III to LOGCAP IV. – Submitted by Col. Randy LeCompte, LOGCAP deputy program director, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

Improving quality of life for U.S. forces

FOB SHARANA, Afghanistan -- As part of the surge support throughout Afghanistan and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, LOGCAP has been tasked with building 52 LOGCAMPs (12

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Four members of Arsenal community retire

Story by Danielle Toste
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—Family, friends and coworkers gathered at Rock Island Arsenal's Constitution Square to celebrate the retirement of a Department of the Army civilian and three Soldiers, March 31.

Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, commanding general of the Army Sustainment Command, hosted the ceremony and extended his personal gratitude to the retirees.

"We're taking this opportunity to offer these individuals the most sincere and heartfelt thanks on behalf of our grateful nation, our Army, our command and on my own personal behalf as well," said Fontaine.

The retirees - Diana Balmer, ASC chief of staff; Col. Darryl Bradley, ASC director of support operations; Col. Richard Burns, ASC deputy director for field support; and Sgt. 1st Class Leonel Rubio, ASC maintenance noncommissioned officer - have a combined total of nearly 120 years of service.

During the ceremony, all four received decorations: Balmer received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and Superior Civilian Service Award; Bradley was awarded the Legion of Merit; Burns received the Legion of Merit; Rubio was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; and all received certificates of retirement and a U.S. flag.

Though most of the new retirees plan to spend their time enjoying leisure pursuits, some are still nervous.

"My feelings right now are joy and fear because this has been a part of my life for so long," said Balmer, who worked 41 years for the Army.

Balmer said she hopes to volunteer in schools and libraries because she understands the importance of children getting a good start on reading and feels that she can help make a difference.

The event concluded with a retreat ceremony, a military tradition rife with symbolism. From the bugle sounding the somber notes of retreat, to



Photo by Danielle Toste, ASC Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine (center, left), commanding general of the Army Sustainment Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen D. Blake (left), present Diana Balmer, former ASC chief of staff (center, right) and Col. Darryl Bradley (right), ASC support operations officer, with their retirement awards, March 31, at Rock Island Arsenal's Constitution Square.

the firing of the ceremonial cannon, the ceremony signifies the end of the duty day for Soldiers. But, for the retirees, it signified the closing of a chapter in their lives.

"We honor the flag just after we honor our retirees which is very appropriate, and a proper way to send them off as they formally end their days of active service to our Army," said Fontaine. "After all, they served under that flag, and devoted their time and talent to defending the values embodied by that flag. Through their hard work and devotion to duty, they paid tribute to the flag. Their unwavering loyalty to our nation brought more distinction to our flag, and earned them the gratitude of all our nation's citizens."

Ceremonial music was provided by the Army Material Command Band's Brass Quintet.

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in the north area of operations; 40 in the south area of operations), with many more being planned.

LOGCAMPs can range in capacity from housing 300 to 20,000 persons, depending on the size required and approved. Current requirements call primarily for camps sized for 300 to 1,200 persons.

Three LOGCAMPs recently built by the LOGCAP contractor at Forward Operating Base Sharana were completed ahead of schedule. – Submitted by Lt. Col. Katheryne Leedham, LOGCAP support officer.

Soldiers get better housing in Kandahar

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- A Kandahar Air Field relocatable building (RLB) ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted at South Park on March 25. The ceremony celebrated the opening of 32 RLBs and was filmed by American Forces Network-Afghanistan.

These RLBs were designed to support the then-current troop surge of 2,584 RLBs designed to support two people per unit -- 5,168 soldiers housed in these new units with all the final touches applied, including weatherization and rewiring. Overall LOGCAP is responsible for installing 9,289 RLBs throughout Regional Command South, which will house more than 18,000 Soldiers and Marines when completed. – Submitted by Col. Roy Bennett, LOGCAP Support Officer

Recovery team saves Stryker in Iraq

Iraq -- The recovery of military vehicles is not an out-of-the-ordinary job for the LOGCAP Theater Transportation Mission (TTM) Recovery team. But, there are occasions when the team receives short-notice missions that require ingenuity and sound judgment to make quick decisions and take immediate actions to recovery assets.

Shortly after midnight on Jan. 21, the C5/Taji Recovery Team was notified of an emergency recovery mission. A Stryker vehicle belonging to Company C, 23rd Infantry Regiment, slid off of the road during a combat patrol.

The vehicle carrying six Soldiers was precariously perched at the top of a 50-foot slope leading into a deep canal. The company commander informed the TTM Recovery Team on the scene that he was concerned the vehicle was too far over the ledge to be recovered and the vehicle -- used for the Quick Response Force -- would be lost.

The C5/Taji TTM Recovery team arrived on location 19 minutes after being notified of the emergency mission. A quick assessment was conducted and the recovery team went into action.

Hooking winch cables to strategic points on the front and back of the Stryker, they started pulling the vehicle back onto the road. At 3:56 a.m., the

vehicle was back on the road ready to continue the patrol. The TTM Recovery Team's decisiveness, ability to make sound judgment calls, ingenuity and teamwork were key to the success of this mission.

-- Submitted by Maj. Oliver Grant, LOGCAP deputy operations officer, Victory Base Camp, Iraq

Postal personnel ensure mail delivery in Iraq

FOB FALCON, Iraq -- Sending and receiving mail is a huge morale booster for servicemembers deployed to Iraq, and 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 is adequately staffed with clerks and inspectors to address the extra volume of footlockers and parcels Soldiers will mail.

On Jan. 22, the Forward Operating Base Falcon APO was inundated with Soldiers from Fort Stewart, Georgia's 3rd Infantry Division, 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 weighing 6,812 pounds, and expected a larger workload the following day.

When the Falcon APO management realized the predicament, they contacted leadership in Baghdad. After 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 totaling 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. – Submitted by Maj. Oliver Grant, LOGCAP deputy operations officer, Victory Base Camp, Iraq

LOGCAP III extended in Iraq

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. - The U.S. Army announced May 5 that it will continue the LOGCAP III contract to provide life support services to U.S. Forces in Iraq until the scheduled withdrawal of those forces is completed in December 2011.

The decision to continue LOGCAP III rather than transition to LOGCAP IV for base life support services was based on three main factors: input from military commanders in the theater, the projected cost of the transition, and contractor performance. Theater commanders had raised concerns that a transition from LOGCAP III to LOGCAP IV would strain logistics and transportation assets in Iraq at the same time that a massive withdrawal of U.S. forces, weapons and equipment is under way.

Joint Base Balad holds a “shadow run”

Story and photos by Galen Putnam
402nd AFSB Public Affairs



JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – More than 1,000 runners showed up here on Memorial Day to participate in a run taking place in Hunstville, Ala.

Huh?

No, the runners weren't lost or misguided, they were taking part in a “shadow run” in conjunction with the 31st Annual Huntsville (Ala.)

Cotton Row Run May 31.

Off-site shadow, or satellite, runs are unofficial runs supported by a sanctioned event, allowing participants to symbolically be part of the official run by providing the opportunity to participate at distant locations.

“This was my chance to run the Cotton Row Run and have the T-shirt for 2010 when I otherwise

couldn't be there,” said Maj. Daniel McClintock, plans and operations officer, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, who resides in Huntsville and helped coordinate the Joint Base Balad “shadow” run.

To help bring the runners in Iraq a little “closer to home,” the Huntsville Track Club contributed 1,200 Cotton Row Run T-shirts for JBB participants.

“What impressed me was not the run as much as the support of my home town,” said McClintock who has participated in the Cotton Row Run three times previously. They didn't have to show the effort they did, especially working through all of the efforts to redesign and meet the DOD requirements that were involved, but they came through. I'm glad to know that the servicemembers are remembered by the people of Huntsville.”

A number of 402nd AFSB personnel participated in the run. The 402nd AFSB is the Army's largest brigade with more than 8,100 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors.



Participants surge across the starting line at Holt Stadium as a “shadow run” version the 31st Annual Huntsville (Ala.) Cotton Row Run kicks-off on Joint Base Balad, May 31. More than 1,000 runners took part.

APS-5 welcomes newest member

Story and photo by CW3 Darren Reese
401st AFSB

KUWAIT NAVAL BASE, Kuwait – After a 38-day, 9,000-nautical-mile journey from Baltimore, Md., the newest member of the 2nd Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade, reported for duty with Army Prepositioned Stock-5 here May 8.

The ocean-going tug, United States Army Vessel Col. Seth Warner (LT-806), will be inventoried, inspected, and preserved for storage prior to being put into the care of supplies in storage maintenance program. This will coincide with the official retirement and sale of another vessel, the fuel barge BG 6448, within the next few months.

“The arrival of the USAV Colonel Seth Warner and retirement of the fuel barge are both long-awaited changes and an incredible capability increase for the APS-5 Kuwait Watercraft Section,” said Lt. Col. Michael Wright, battalion commander. “It is a great start to a new future for the APS fleet across the battalion as the theater experiences transitions over the next couple of years.”

The Col. Seth Warner is the first of two 128-foot coastal and ocean-going tugs that will be part of the equipment set at APS-5 Watercraft. The 800-series tugs are the Army’s true “beasts of burden,” used for coastal and ocean towing and docking/undocking operations with large ocean vessels. The large tug is capable of towing up to five 120-foot barges loaded to their maximum weight of 733 long tons (2,200 pounds) per barge, or a 567 foot-long guided missile cruiser with a displacement 9,600 long tons.

The LT-806’s primary mission is to tow and maneuver the APS-5 Watercraft 115-ton floating crane to any theater of operation.

The process of integrating the LT-806 into APS-5 will take from seven to ten days, and will require

the efforts of several different agencies. More than 1,600 lines of on-board spare parts and basic issue items will be removed, inventoried, and stowed back aboard the vessel in a more user-friendly configuration. A top-to-bottom, stem-to-stern technical inspection will be conducted to ensure that all faults are identified and repaired prior to preservation.

Preserving an Army watercraft consists of draining and changing various fluids, preserving the engines with preservative oils, sealing every exterior opening, and connecting the vessel to a dehumidification unit that circulates dry air throughout the vessel.

Once integrated into the COSIS maintenance program, the LT-806 will receive monthly and quarterly maintenance, and annual dock and sea trials. As

with every other COSIS vessel, the tug will undergo on-condition cyclic (depot-level) maintenance at five-year intervals.

The tug’s namesake, Col. Seth Warner, was born in Woodbury (now Roxbury), Conn., May 6, 1743, and died there Dec. 26, 1784. Warner first became prominent among a group of settlers forcibly resisting claim to the area. On Nov. 27, 1771, the governor of New York offered 20 pounds British Sterling for Warner’s arrest. The General Assembly declared him an outlaw in 1774. A leader of the “Green Mountain Boys” and serving under Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold, Warner participated in the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y., from the British on May 12, 1775. Warner was elected lieutenant-colonel commandant of the “Green Mountain Boys” on July 26, 1775. Participation in several other important battles preceded his appointment to brigadier general by the Vermont Assembly in 1778.



United States Army Vessel Col. Seth Warner (LT-806) moored in port at Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait.

New operations center taking shape

Story by Elysa Otera,
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—Names are changing and people are moving. Army Sustainment Command's Global Logistics Integration Center, which formerly described the entire operations center, now refers only to a meeting room.

The newly established Command Operations and Information Center, or COIC, significantly expands operations of the former GLIC.

"We wanted a single point, a one-stop shop, that controls all operational information the command's involved with for asset visibility, readiness data and any emerging trends that may have an impact on ASC operations," said Jim Anderson, director of the Army Sustainment Command Operations Center, a component of the COIC.

With the change will come more capabilities, Anderson noted.

"An enhanced capability, for example, [would be] the military decision-making process. Organizations will have the ability to generate operation orders, fragmentary orders, and execution orders, which are now external to the operations center," Anderson said.

"The command's ability to capture and direct information will become more effective and more efficient," Anderson said.

A storage room in the COIC was recently emptied to enable expanded work space.

Along with an increase in mission comes a need for additional personnel. To support these new missions, 10 reserve component Soldiers, consisting of senior noncommissioned officers and field-grade officers, will be activated for a year and assigned to the COIC. They will relocate to RIA from a five-state surrounding area to augment the current operations section of the COIC, Anderson said.

To fill out the COIC cadre, at least one staff member from the headquarters' primary "G" or general staff elements, Logistics Assistance Program, Responsible Reset Task Force, Army Prepositioned Stock, Logistics Civil Augmentation Program and Field Support Directorate, will be stationed in the COIC. The staff members will have the same functions as before, but now will be located in the COIC.



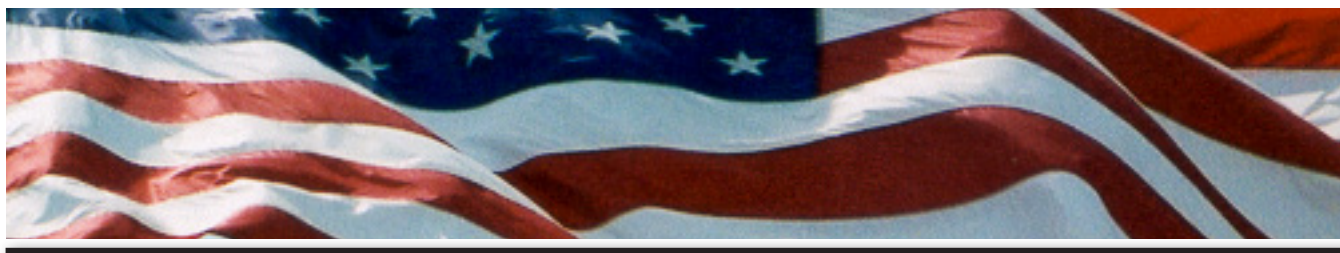
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Jim Anderson discusses the expanded operations of the former GLIC, which has become part of the new COIC.

According to Anderson, staff personnel "represent and should have the full authority of their director to make commitments on their behalf."

Because COIC staffers will be reassigned from within the command, there will be no outside hires for this additional mission, Anderson said.

The COIC is a 24/7 operation with plans for manning most staff stations for about 18 hours on weekdays. Split shifts for personnel will be dependent on the missions of the functional area. Over time, he said, long-term interior structural changes are scheduled in the COIC to improve overall efficiency.



TASM-E supports 1/214th Avn. Regt. exercise

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – The Theater Aviation Sustainment Manager–Europe supported the 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment’s exercise at Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels last month by providing technical expertise and logistics planning assistance. The TASM-E, an element of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade, sent seven contract employees to assist the unit with both scheduled and unscheduled aircraft maintenance and provided a downed-aircraft recovery team for the exercise.

“The contractors provided the 1st Bn., 214th Avn. Regt. with greater flexibility during the exercise,” explained Lt. Col. Kye Allen, the commander of the TASM-E. “Not only do they augment the maintenance team for the unit, they also give the unit more options in their approach to logistics support while they operate from their home base.”

The 1st Bn., 214th Avn. Regt. participated by supporting the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment’s exercise. The 2nd SCR is preparing for a deployment later this year.

“We supported [the 2nd SCR] with five UH-60 Black Hawks and crews and two medical evacuation helicopters and crews,” said Maj. Christopher Wingate, the 1st Bn., 214th Avn. Regt. operations officer. “We provided training to the 2nd SCR’s ground units by conducting air movement of platoons and companies throughout the exercise area and also provided training and exercises on the use of air medevac assets.”

Wingate believes these exercises help prepare units for their deployments.

“Through these exercises, the ground units train on the use of helicopters so they understand both the capabilities and limitations of aviation support in a combat zone,” he explained.

Wingate thinks the TASM-E assistance in the exercise was an integral part of his unit’s success.

“TASM-E helped us by conducting both scheduled and unscheduled aircraft maintenance on our helicopters at both Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels training areas in order to keep all aircraft in flying condition,” he said. “We couldn’t have executed the training flights we did without their around-the-clock aviation maintenance support.”

Supporting military exercises is a regular mission for the TASM-E.

“We support exercises throughout the European and African theaters eight to 12 times per year,” Allen said. “We have a great deal of involvement in exercises in Bulgaria, Romania and Uganda as well as those in Germany. In addition to our regular maintenance operations and supporting exercises, we also execute DART missions and presidential and vice-presidential missions.”

The TASM-E is responsible for aviation maintenance, reset and limited depot-level repair capability for the European theater of operations. Its link to the 405th AFSB connects the unit to the entire range of the Army Sustainment Command and Army Materiel Command capabilities.



Contract employees of the Theater Aviation Sustainment Manager - Europe helped keep UH-60 Blackhawks, like the ones shown here, in the air during a pre-deployment training exercise in Germany. TASM-E is affiliated with the 405th Army Field Support Brigade.

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