

“Mighty” 407th Army Field Support Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas



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ASC Commanding General Visits Ft. Hood



By Donald J. Hudson, 407th AFSB Public Affairs Officer-**FORT HOOD, TEXAS** - The “Mighty” 407th Army Field Support Brigade welcomed Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, commanding general for the Army Sustainment Command and Command Sgt. Maj. James Spencer on their first official visit to Fort Hood, Texas on September 9, 2013.

One of the first things Wharton did was to provide his vision and ASC’s current way-ahead for the 407th, focusing on the Life Cycle Management Command’s (LCMC’s) and the Senior Command Representatives (SCR’s), along with special staff. Whar-

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Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, Commander of the Army Sustainment Command, briefs the way ahead for the new Logistics Readiness Centers to Life Cycle Management Command’s Senior Command Representatives, staff of the 407th AFSB, and the senior leadership of Fort Hood, during a Logistical Leaders meeting at the Freeman DFAC on September 12, 2013.

ton was also successful in meeting the key leadership of Fort Hood during a Logistical Leader meet-

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The ASC Command team visits the 407th AFSB at Fort Hood, Texas from September 11-12, 2013. (from l-r) Command Sgt. Maj. James Spencer, ASC Command Sergeant Major; Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, ASC Commander; Col. Steven L. Allen, 407th AFSB Commander; and Command Sgt. Maj. Nathaniel Richardson, 407th AFSB Command Sergeant Major.

ing. During the two-day visit, office calls with the commanding generals of 1st Cavalry Division, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and First Army Division West were conducted.

Wharton and Spencer also spent time with the Fort Hood Department of Logistics (DOL) on the Strategic Management System, and the need to better define mobilization and de-mobilization policy and resources. Bob Bishop, DOL Director, discussed the mobilization support concept and the methods the DOL uses to interface with each mobilizing Army Reserve or National Guard unit as early as six months prior to the mobilization date. DOL maintains contact with the mobilized unit during the deployment, and then three months prior to re-deployment, reconnects with the unit to initiate the

Automated Reset Management Tool (ARMT). This is a process in which the unit's equipment comes back through DOL for reset at the Mobilization platform, then sent back to the unit's home station, within 365 days.

During a working lunch with the Battalion leaders and the LCMC Logistic Assistance Representative's (LAR's), each section briefed their accomplishments and issues. Wharton seemed pleased at the results of this meeting.

“This kind of feedback is great, actually hearing the issues on the ground. People that can effect change are trying to get on my calendar. With this information, I can go on the offensive and ask them how they plan to fix these issues”, said Wharton. He went on to emphasize the networking assets available through Army Materiel Command (AMC).

“Bring your issues up through AMC. I want to put the momentum of AMC behind you so you aren't spinning your wheels,” Wharton explained.

Wharton and Spencer gave high praise to the 407th AFSB and the Fort Hood Battalion leadership in doing a great job supporting the war fighter.



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Maj. Gen. Wharton, ASC Commander, stands with Maj. Gen. Warren E. Phipps, First Army Division West Commander, after an office call at the Division West Headquarters on September 12, 2013.