

402ND ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BRIGADE

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) is a mission-focused, modular organization designed to bring logistics power forward to every element of the expeditionary Army by providing responsive strategic logistics capability and materiel readiness to enable Combatant Commanders to conduct the full range of military operations.

The 402nd AFSB has five direct reporting units (DRUs) two Army Field Support Battalions (AFSBns) and three Logistics Readiness Centers (LRCs) providing direct support to US Army Pacific (USARPAC) forces throughout US Pacific Command (USPACOM) area of responsibility (AOR) with reach-back capabilities covering five different time-zones.

AFSBn-Alaska (AFSBn-ALK) provides leadership to integrate and synchronize AMC materiel enterprise (ME) support to U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) and the Alaska National Guard. AFSBn-ALK provides logistics assistance to Commanders that are confronted with challenges beyond their resources or capabilities. AFSBn-ALK performs this function through the employment of Brigade Logistics Support Teams (BLST) composed of technically proficient logistics and maintenance personnel, Logistics Assistance Representatives (LARs) from all the AMC Life Cycle Management Commands (LCMC). The LAR's primary mission is to analyze unit materiel readiness and assist in resolving equipment readiness issues.

AFSBn-Hawaii (AFSBn-HAW) provides logistics and sustainment support to all units within Hawaii and other areas within USPACOM not covered by a Sister Brigade, through prioritization, integration, and synchronization of the Army's Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (AL&T) capabilities in order to maintain unit readiness. AFSBn-HAW is responsible for direct operational support to three Combat Brigades of the 25th Infantry Division, and 15 Active and Reserve Component Combat Support Brigades within USARPAC.

LRC-FT Greely Alaska (LRC-FGAK) provides a broad range of logistics services in a remote locale under harsh Arctic conditions to the Garrison and Tenant Activities supporting the Missile Defense Complex across the full spectrum of operations.

LRC-FT Wainwright Alaska and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Army Support Area, Alaska (LRC-FWAK & JBER ASA) provides full spectrum logistics support under harsh Arctic conditions and across vast distances in Alaska to USARAK units, the Garrison, and Tenant Activities at FWAK, JBER, Bilio Lake and Black Rapids Training Site in order to ensure warfighters are properly sustained to fight and win the nation's wars.

LRC-Schofield Barracks Oahu, Hawaii (LRC-SBHI) integrates and synchronizes materiel enterprise operations that provide sustainable installation support and Power Projection capability to the Army and Joint forces in USPACOM AOR. The logistics support and services provided are inclusive of Logistics Services Contract, Transportation, Supply and Services, and Maintenance. Additionally, LRC-SBHI provides sub-installation support to Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA), located on the big island of Hawai'i.

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History

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) was aligned to US Army Pacific (USARPAC), Fort Shafter, Hawaii on 3 August 2015; however, 402nd AFSB official activation as a MTOE unit occurred on 16 October 2006 at Ballad Air Base, Iraq due to operational necessity in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). 402nd AFSB Iraq provided stellar Materiel Enterprise (ME) support to all US Forces assigned in support of OIF. Though the 402nd AFSB lineage only traces back to 2006, the Army Materiel Command's (AMC) ME provided support to the build-up of OIF starting in 2002 and saw our first engagements in Iraq as early as April 2003.

By late May 2003, there were nine (9) Logistics Support Elements (LSE) providing operational logistics support to forces in Iraq. All 9 LSEs were under the command and control of the AMC Forward (FWD)-Southwest Asia (SWA) (AMC FWD-SWA). LSE-Iraq was established in late May 2003 to provide Mission Command (MC) of all Logistics Support Teams (LSTs) in Iraq. LSE-Iraq took an administrative burden off AMC FWD-SWA allowing them to focus on support to Kuwait, Qatar, and Afghanistan.

By Sep 2003 Communications and Electronic Command (CECOM) and Tank and Automotive Command (TACOM) had Forward Repair Activities (FRA) in Iraq. From May 2004 to January 2005 LSE-Iraq provided MC from Ballad for AMC entities in Iraq. AMC continued to increase readiness support to forces in Iraq by establishing an Up-Armoring program and retrofit to mitigate the casualties forces were taking due to roadside bombs, rocket and mortar attacks by insurgent forces.

In January 2005, LSE-Iraq was restructured into AFSB-Iraq which provided a full staff to manage internal and external support and MC of all AMC operations in Iraq establishing a single point of entry for all AMC operations in Iraq. In October 2006, the 402nd AFSB was activated in Ballad assuming all of the mission sets of the AFSB-Iraq. The 402nd AFSB continued to execute all AMC missions in Iraq, including transitioning to retrograde operations during 2009 as the Army began to withdraw from Iraq and shift focus to Afghanistan. In October 2010, the 402nd AFSB assumed responsibility for AFSBn-Kuwait and AFSBn-Qatar, giving it MC of the entire retrograde process and freeing up the 401st AFSB to concentrate their efforts in Afghanistan. The 402nd AFSB also assumed MC of the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) operations in Iraq and Kuwait.

Until 2011 the brigade focused on retrograde and drawdown while continuing support to forces remaining in Iraq. The unit relocated their headquarters to Kuwait in December 2011 after serving a continuous five years and two months deployment in Iraq. From January 2012 the 402nd AFSB provided support operations to Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Djibouti, and Jordan while also receiving retrograde from Afghanistan. On 16 July 15, the 402nd AFSB colors were cased in Kuwait and their SWA missions were officially transferred to the 401st AFSB. After eight years and nine months of continuous duty in SWA, the 402nd AFSB redeployed in July 2015 to its official permanent home at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

On 3 August 2015 at Fort Shafter Hawaii (FSHI), COL Anthony L. McQueen, and CSM Brian Morrison assumed MC of all AMC activities in PACOM less Korea and Japan; effectively establishing the 402nd AFSB as AMC's face to USARPAC. The CDR, 404th AFSB relinquished MC of all AMC activities in Alaska and Hawaii to the CDR, 402nd AFSB. 402nd AFSB became the AMC "Face-to-the-field" to USARPAC and 8th TSC, and continue to provide "Readiness Power Forward."



During JRTC 16-04, the 4/25 IBCT (A) BLST provided fully integrated support both forward and within the ISB to the the brigade ISO force on force operations and LFXs. The BLST Chief co-located with the BSB at the BSA enabling him to be nested in with the Brigade support operations section throughout the exercise. This facilitated the call forward process and improved the response time for external LAR support. As one of the senior logisticians in the brigade footprint, BLST Chief conducted battlefield circulation throughout the BDE HQs, BSB, and FSCs to ensure units were maximizing the strategic level logistics capability available to their units. The BLST LMS operated from the ISB and assisting the BCT by expediting critical CLIX repair parts into the “box”.