

405TH ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BRIGADE



The 405th Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB), headquartered at Daenner Kaserne, Kaiserslautern, Germany, provides Materiel Enterprise support to U.S. forces throughout Europe and Africa, provides theater sustainment logistics; synchronizes acquisition, logistics, and technology; and leverages the Army Materiel Command Materiel Enterprise to support joint forces. The 405th AFSB is mission-focused and designed to bring logistics power forward to every element of an expeditionary Army.

The 405th AFSB has two Army Field Support Battalions (AFSBns) providing direct support in Europe and Africa; Brigade Logistics Support Teams (BLST) providing direct support to their assigned Brigade Combat Teams (BCT); Logistics Support Teams (LSTs) East and West providing direct support on an area basis to Army separate reportable units; and installation logistics operations. The 405th AFSB provides this support throughout the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) and the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) area of operations.

405th AFSB War Reserve Branch (WRB) is responsible for the European Activity Sets (EAS), consisting of Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) equipment sets located at various European locations, EAS stocks are used by the NATO Response Forces. The various EAS sites are fully modernized and independent combat-ready Combined Arms Battalion Combat Teams (BCT) for designated forces to utilize as directed, in support of NATO operations.

405th AFSBn-Germany, headquartered at Rose Barracks in Vilseck, Germany, is responsible for providing BLST and LST support to all U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) forces north of the Alps.

405th AFSBn-Africa, headquartered at Leghorn Army Depot Livorno, Italy primarily receives, stores, maintains, and issues APS equipment, principally Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles (MRAPs). It provides controlled humidity storage of assets for several COCOMs. AFSBn-Africa also supports the Defense Department's Humanitarian Assistance Program-Excess Property program and USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance with storage space and labor.

405th AFSBn-Africa was designated as the forward MRAP repair and storage site in Europe and Africa, and serves as a power projection platform for global operations.

The 405th AFSB provides ASC and its Materiel Enterprise partners a forward presence to assist in managing sustainment and field-level maintenance. Other missions managed by the 405th include: Army Force Generation, reset, and Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC), maintenance activity synchronization; materiel management; field support; direct theater support; Logistics Assistance Program (LAP); and LOGCAP.

The dedicated Department of Army civilians from AMC's Logistics Assistance Program (LAP) are an integral part of the 405th team. These dedicated men and women, better known as logistics assistance representatives (LARs), come to ASC from the four LCMCs: Aviation and Missile Command; Communications and Electronics Command; Joint Munitions Command; and the Tank Automotive and Armament Command. The LARs serve on the ground with supported units in garrison, in the field, and deployed in support of combat operations around the world.

In October 2012 405th AFSB assumed responsibility for all Logistics Readiness Centers (LRCs), formerly Directorates of Logistics (DOLs), and Base Operations (BASOPs) (Maintenance and Transportation) in Europe, supporting 16 communities in four countries. The LRCs are responsible for providing food service support; operating Central Issue Facilities; providing laundry and dry cleaning services; managing Hazardous Material Control and Reuse Centers; managing Region Supply Support Activities; maintaining installation property books; overseeing logistics automation systems; counseling and scheduling household goods shipment; executing annual Combined Logistics Excellence Award Programs (CSASEA, AAME, DEA, Connelly); providing customs clearance/agricultural inspections to include remote locations outside of Europe; providing BASOPs and tactical maintenance; and managing Europe's non-tactical Army-owned and -leased vehicle fleet. The DOLs provide services to NATO, SHAPE, USARAF, USAREUR, AFRICOM, EUCOM, and IMCOM, as well as many other units/activities stationed in Europe.

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History

The 405th Army Field Support Brigade-Europe was created on 16 October 2008 in Seckenheim, Germany, evolving to meet expanding missions and support customer requirements. AMC-Europe came into existence in 1984 to provide command and control of all AMC assets in Europe, manage the Logistics Assistance Program (LAP) and interface with HQ, United States Army Europe (USAREUR).

In 2000 the Operations Support Command (OSC) assumed controlled of AMC-Europe and was charged with creating an “AMC Single Face to the Field” resulting in the merger of the European War Reserves program, known as Prepositioned Organizational Materiel Configured to Unit Sets (POMCUS), into AMC-Europe

In 2004, renaming the program Army Prepositioned Stocks – Two (APS-2). In 2004 AMC-Europe was re-designated the Army Field Support Brigade – Europe and in October of 2007, the provisional 405th Army Field Support Brigade was established as a TDA Organization and then officially activated as an MTOE organization a year later.

In Dec. 2004, AFSB-Europe was directed to establish an operational command post in Iraq to command all AMC efforts in Iraq. During 2005, the AFSB commander and key staff deployed to Iraq and, as a unified brigade, streamlined AMC support by creating the same single point of entry for AMC in Iraq that the Brigade had created in Europe.

In 2009, the brigade relocated from Hammonds Barracks, Seckenheim, Germany, to Daenner Kaserne in Kaiserslautern Germany. The brigade unfurled its colors in Kaiserslautern on Nov. 30, 2009.

In 2012, the 405th AFSB supported the inactivation of the 170th BCT and 172d BCT in Europe and established Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) in Grafenwoehr, Germany building a heavy combined arms battalion known as the European Activity Set-Grafenwoehr (EAS-G) to enable the European Rotational Force (ERF) and the NATO Response Force (NRF). As part of the evolving European mission, the EAS expanded to a full Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) in 2014, at Coleman Work Site, Mannheim, Germany.

In October, 2015, to support the growing requirements for U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) and United States Army Africa (USARAF), the 405th AFSB re-designated Army Field Support Battalion-Italy to the Army Field Support Battalion-Africa;

both units continue to deliver readiness and materiel solutions to USARAF.

In Dec 2015, the 405th AFSB further expanded the EAS mission by distributing equipment and establishing three additional sites in Lithuania, Bulgaria, and Romania. With the task to store, repair and maintain equipment, the 405th AFSB increased its reach to ensure timely support to rotational forces.

2016 marks the year that the Enhance Army Global Logistics Enterprise (EAGLE) program comes to Europe to support APS-2 operations, replacing current contracts with an umbrella solution, further improving diverse capability for the expanding mission.

The herculean efforts of the entire logistics enterprise enabled this historic return of combat power to Europe and will continue grow from Fiscal Years 18-21 as APS-2 expands unit sets in Western Europe and establishes the Africa Activity Set (AFAS) over the next few years.

Today, the 405th AFSB has firmly established itself as AMC’s “Face to the Field” in Europe and Africa and remains well-postured to accomplish sustainment missions in the Area of Operation.

AMC's Face to the Field

Delivering Readiness to the Warfighter



Theater Support

- Linking AMC portfolio to two COCOMs
- Engaging EUCOM, USAREUR, AFRICOM and USARAF
- Engaging RAF enablers 4ID MCE, 1/3 ID, 4-3 AHB, 194 ENG BDE

BLST Support

- LAR training events
- Movement of LARs & BLSTs forward with RAF
- LSTs/LARs embedded with theater assets
- Right sizing LAP portfolio to emerging requirements
- BLST / LST University
- Surging LARs during named operations

European Activity Set

- Making the EAS business model sustainable
- Analyzing maintenance trends & ASL usage
- ASL/SSL mobility
- AMI/NAMI FWD DDD-E reduce maintenance down time
- Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS)**
- Africa Activity Set build
- Operational Project Stocks; Force Provider, War Reserve Stocks Allies-Israel, Bridging, Force Providers, HAP

MATV Reset

- Workforce management
- Class IX Management
- Africa**
- LST Africa
- Cooperative Security Locations
- Theater Provided Equipment & Contract Support
- LOGCAP Operations

LRC Operations

- Maintaining positive momentum under fiscal constraints
- Adapting Logistics Readiness Centers for changing missions
- Adapting Logistics Readiness Centers for Expeditionary Base Operating Staffs
- SSAs

Foundational Precepts:

SHARP, Leader Development, Command Climate, Health of the Force, Anticipating Requirements, Rebalancing Overseas Tours, High OPTEMPO with Fiscally Constrained Operations, Changing culture



405th Army Field Support Brigade supporting EUCOM and AFRICOM



"FULCIO BELLATORIS"

