

402nd AFSB grows to meet missions

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

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

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

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

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

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