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## 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*

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**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 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 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 re-locatable 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 re-wiring. 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

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A LOGCAP response team member provides help at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, following an emergency landing of an Airbus 300.



Thanks to quick response by a LOGCAP response team, casualties were averted and damage limited after a forced landing.

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