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## Sept. 22 ceremony ushers in ASC era



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Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson (left), Col. Rocky Easter, and Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin review troops during the Army Sustainment Command activation ceremony Sept. 22.

By Paul Levesque  
ASC Public Affairs

The colors of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command were unfurled for the first time Sept. 22 at a ceremony marking ASC's activation at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

As a stiff breeze snapped the flags of ASC's subordinate units and the 50 states in the background, Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, ASC's first commanding general, received the new ASC flag. He presented it to Command Sgt. Maj. Norberto D. Osbourne, ASC's

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## ASC welcomes 60+ troops to fill slots, more on way

By Nikki St. Amant  
ASC Public Affairs

The Army Sustainment Command is making progress toward filling the 250 additional military slots authorized as part of its activation. As of Sept. 20, more than 60 new Soldiers had reported for duty at ASC headquarters at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

Lt. Col. Scott Kochheiser, the deputy assistant chief of staff for military human resources, said most of those Soldiers

are assigned to duty at the new Distribution Management Center. The DMC is the 124-person hub of ASC's new materiel management mission. The remaining Soldiers will be assigned to other offices within the command headquarters.

He also said about half of the 250 new slots will be filled by December, with about 90 percent to be staffed by next summer. Until then, the ASC

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## CFC & you make a big difference to many

By MG Jerome Johnson  
Commanding General

**P**overty. Disease.  
Hunger. Illiteracy.  
Despair.

These are all ugly words describing terrible things – yet, sadly, they are all still part of the human condition.

There are many among us who are in pain or crisis today, and who could benefit greatly from a helping hand. These individuals in need live all over the world, including in our own communities and our own neighborhoods.

As an individual, you may sincerely want to offer help to others who desperately need it, but you may feel powerless or overwhelmed. After all, what can one person hope to do when faced with human needs that seem so large?

But you, as one person, can do a lot. You can join others around you who also want to help, and give of yourself to a campaign that has been meeting human needs for more than 40 years.

The Combined Federal Campaign gives federal employees an opportunity to make donations to charitable organizations that are dedicated to making life better for individuals in need, and making a better world for all of us. By tapping into our individual generosity, CFC demonstrates the power found in each human heart.

When we give together through CFC, we achieve more than we could ever hope to



achieve on our own. Every dollar donated is applied where it is needed most, funding programs and initiatives that take on the most difficult problems and create hope for a better future.

Through CFC, we can reach out as one, with helping hands and hopeful hearts. We can make life better for people we will never see, and for people who may live next door to us.

We may even directly benefit ourselves or our families because, as well off as we may be today, we could suddenly find ourselves in need tomorrow.

As a military leader, I've seen how teamwork can yield some remarkable results. As honorary chairperson of the Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign – a position I am truly honored to hold – I've seen how joining many individuals together into a community of caring can produce some tremendous benefits and make a very positive difference.

So long as there are humans, there will always be human needs, and there will always be those among us who suffer through no fault of their own. But so long as we continue to care, those needs can be met and that suffering can be eased.

That's why I ask you to consider giving through the Combined Federal Campaign. Thank you for all you have given so far, and for all you plan to give. Always know that your CFC donation can unleash the power of caring – a power that can overcome any need.

### *For what it's worth: My two cents on your two cents*

By Nikki St. Amant  
ASC Public Affairs

Command information products like this newsletter are vehicles by which the commander can communicate with the workforce and other relevant audiences. They are also meant to be entertaining and informative, while encouraging a two-way channel between senior leadership and the workforce. The only way that two-way

channel works is if the workforce has a say. I encourage you to find your voice.

We all have something to say. And if I can print even a few of your letters to the editor, commentaries about current events and articles about what's going on in your area, the two-way channel works just a little better. So don't be shy! Put it on paper, or email, and send it my way at [ASC-GlobalLine@afsc.army.mil](mailto:ASC-GlobalLine@afsc.army.mil).

## CSM Osbourne steps into top enlisted spot

By Nikki St. Amant  
ASC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- Command Sgt. Maj. Clyde Yarborough passed enlisted responsibility for the newly formed Army Sustainment Command to Command Sgt. Maj. Norberto Osbourne in a Sept. 21 ceremony.

Yarborough is set to retire and Osbourne takes over after serving as the Joint Munitions Command command sergeant major.

ASC Commanding General Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson hosted the ceremony and spoke of the importance of the position. "No commander is better than his command sergeant major – they keep you straight," he said. "CSMs keep track of the military's most valuable asset: the American Soldier. I know I can count on Command Sergeant Major Osbourne to continue in Clyde's footsteps. He's got some big challenges ahead – we are going from 100 Soldiers to about 700 – but I know he's ready."

Osbourne recognized the magnitude of the mission he was handed and said he's ready to ac-



*U.S. Army photo by Ted Cavanaugh*

Command Sgt. Maj. Norberto Osbourne, right, accepts the ASC guidon in a change of responsibility ceremony.

tively engage. "ASC is a big train, with a lot of moving pieces and no template to follow, but I'm getting on board," he said. "This organization has eyes and ears in the field and that's where NCOs come in."

## SECARMY says APS-4 is model for Army

By Nikki St. Amant  
ASC Public Affairs

CAMP CARROLL, Korea --The Secretary of the Army spent about 45 minutes at Camp Carroll, Korea, on Sept. 27, observing operations at the Army Field Support Battalion-Northeast Asia's APS-4 site.

Dr. Francis J. Harvey walked through the site with both 8<sup>th</sup> Army Commander Lt. Gen. David Valcourt and Maj. Gen. Timothy McHale, the 19<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) chief. AFSBn-NEA commander Lt. Col. Karl Bopp escorted the group through the area.

During the visit, Harvey and those with him were briefed on operations at APS-4 and the status of several Lean Six Sigma initiatives. Harvey said he was impressed with the successes at the site and the kind of progress he saw at APS-4 was



*U.S. Army photo*

The Secretary of the Army, Francis J. Harvey, red shirt, tours the APS-4 site at Camp Carroll, Korea.

exactly what he intended when he put forward his business transformation initiatives. He noted that APS-4 is a model for the direction in which the Army needs to be moving.



U.S. Army photo by Chuck Sprague

An AFSBn-Kuwait employee washes down a Marine vehicle in the maintenance area for repairs.

## Joint Support

# Marines in Kuwait get help from ASC

By Chuck Sprague  
AFSB-SWA Public Affairs

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -- Joint military cooperation has evolved in the Southwest Asia area of operations as Marines in Kuwait are receiving support from ASC assets there.

Marines are receiving significant maintenance and repair support from the Army Sustainment Command's 401<sup>st</sup> Army Field Support Brigade.

Marine Central Command sought organizational support at Camp Arifjan and came to the brigade for help. Once an agreement was in place, the Marines began sending vehicles to the battalion repair sites for service.

"We set up a separate shop to control all the maintenance re-

quests by MARCENT," said 2nd Lt. Stephen Cole, deputy operations officer from at the Kuwait battalion. "The shop has received work orders for more than 30 Marine Humvees, five engine/power packs for the M1A1 Abrams and several forklifts," he said.

"The Army Sustainment Command is the backbone of logistical support to the theater and this joint cooperation with the USMC will continue with battalion plans to service MTRVs, the Marine version of the Army's family medium tactical vehicle and a series of Marine trailers," Cole said.

"We've also supported operations at the port where several Marine vehicles were broken down when the equipment was off-loaded," said Cole. This

ensures that the Marines up north receive equipment that is fully mission-capable for their combat missions, he said.

The battalion also recently acquired the retrograde mission for Marine vehicles, an extensive process of inspections and agricultural cleaning, concluding with transportation to the port. The equipment is loaded onto ships for the return trip to the States for major service by the Corps. More than 270 vehicles have been shipped out through this process, said Cole.

Since the start of the repair activity at Camp Arifjan by the Anniston and Red River Army Depots, Air Force and Marine vehicles, and even some Navy watercraft, have been repaired for our comrades in arms.

# AMC in SWA gets new commander

By Chuck Sprague  
AFSB-SWA Public Affairs

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -- Command authority of the Army Materiel Command Forward-Southwest Asia was transferred at a brief ceremony Sept 16, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. AMC units from Iraq, Qatar and Afghanistan participated by video teleconference.

Brig. Gen. Patricia McQuiston, former director of strategy and integration, Office of the Chief of Staff, G-4 at the Pentagon, became the new Combined Forces Land Component Command C4 and AMCFSA Commanding General when Brig. Gen. Raymond V. Mason pre-

sented her the AMC Command Crest at the ceremony.

"It seems like just the other day when I was standing up here with [Brig. Gen.] Kevin Leonard. In retrospect, the time goes by almost instantly. You have to enjoy every day, take everything you can out of every day, and I realize that is a tough challenge to meet. We are all given very little precious time on this earth. You have to take care of each other, take care of your family, and take care of your family in this theater," said Mason.

"It has been truly my honor and my pleasure and great privilege to have spent some time walking the battlefield here in South-

west Asia with this magnificent AMC team and my CFLCC team mates."

"You are world class professionals. You are taking care of Soldiers. Godspeed to everyone. I will not miss Arifjan, but I will miss all of you. Thank you very much for what you do for this nation." Mason concluded.

"The people here know that we will not miss a beat because of their commitment and their support and expertise," said McQuiston. "I look forward to getting out to each of the forward locations to find out more about what this great AMC team does, along with our logistics partners in theater."

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top non-commissioned officer, for safekeeping and for display with the command's color guard.

The ceremony marked the debut of one flag and the retirement of another. Just before the ASC flag was unfurled, the flag of the U.S. Army Field Support Command was cased and removed from the field, symbolizing the deactivation of AFSC.

Both flags passed through the hands of Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, who served as presiding officer at the ceremony. ASC is a subordinate command of AMC, and Griffin highlighted the critical role the new command will play in fulfilling AMC's mission during remarks delivered at the ceremony.

"(ASC) is my face to the field," Griffin said. "These men and women represent AMC's 50,000 folks who are providing support to the Army and the other services around the world. They are the point of the spear.

"This command has a tremendous responsibility, in wartime and in peacetime," Griffin said. "You need to support units around the world while they are deployed, and then when they return, you need to get them ready to go back into the fight."

Griffin said that he had met with many combat commanders in his travels, and that all were very

pleased with their logistics support.

"I didn't bring you any plaques or awards today," Griffin said, "but I do bring you thanks from a grateful Army for your extraordinary efforts."

When he spoke, Johnson echoed Griffin's remarks by stating, "The folks out on the field don't get a lot of recognition. They just get dirty and take care of business with Soldiers. And as long as the Soldiers get what they need, they're happy."

After acknowledging some local leaders who were present at the ceremony, Johnson noted that ASC had been formed both at the right time and in the right place.

"I don't think that this command could have been created anywhere but here," Johnson said. "The people of the Quad Cities have the unparalleled drive, the patriotism, and the willingness to do what needs to be done."

Johnson discussed the accomplishments of the ASC units and commanders both on the parade field and those unable to attend and then went on to remark, "What ASC adds to the Army is not yet measurable. We can and we will provide our Soldiers with what they need to protect themselves, while fighting and winning our nation's battles.

"We can't pay people enough to make this happen," Johnson concluded. "It has to come from the heart."

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is relying on the in-house expertise of Department of the Army civilians who have volunteered for temporary duty and contracted personnel who will augment the newly assigned Soldiers until the 90 percent, fully operational mark is hit next year.

"Building the new ASC and AFSB structures continues to be a significant challenge. The Army is investing a huge amount of valuable logistics expertise in this new organization, while continuing to resource ongoing deployment rotations," said Kochheiser. "We are not growing as fast as we would like, but are working hard with AMC and the Human Resources Command to get the right people here as soon as possible. This is an excit-

ing time, with great Soldiers arriving every day to help pull it off."

ASC's Headquarters Company Commander Sgt. 1st Class Michael Perry said he's excited at meeting the challenges too.

"This is definitely a challenge," he said. "Having come from the world of formations and training, this is way different. It's a little more relaxed in some ways, but in others it is much more difficult. Even though we may not have to deal with daily formations and organized PT, it all comes down to the same thing: taking care of Soldiers and enforcing standards. I just have to be flexible and coordinate around some very busy schedules."