

# 401ST ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BRIGADE

The 401st Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) headquarters is now located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, after moving from Afghanistan, where it leverages the full might of the Army Materiel Enterprise across Central Command's (CENTCOM) area of responsibility in Southwest Asia.

The 401st AFSB executes sustainment, property accountability, and responsible retrograde in support of Army, joint and multinational forces, and other U.S. government agencies across CENTCOM. It also provides the strategic logistics link from the national industrial base to the joint Warfighter in the field.

**The 401st AFSB now commands three Army Field Support Battalions (AFSBn), operating in Afghanistan, Qatar, and Kuwait, sustaining the warfighter throughout the entire CENTCOM area of responsibility.**

The 401st AFSB provides its headquarters, the Army Sustainment Command (ASC), and the Materiel Enterprise partners a forward presence and executes critical programs and missions in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Afghanistan. These include building and sustaining the CENTCOM joint Warfighter; providing property accountability; enhancing CENTCOM readiness, and providing strategic depth.

The 401st AFSB also manages the Logistics Civilian Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) to provide essential combat support and combat service support tailored to requirements identified by battlespace commanders. It is also involved in contracted field support maintenance; the Logistics Assistance Program; theater property equipment; Army Preposition Stocks-5; support to foreign military sales; and Life Cycle Management Command reach back support.

## History

The 401st traces its history back to the 1997 activation of the Combat Equipment Group-Southwest Asia (CEG-SWA). The command was formed as a result of the chief of staff of the Army's decision to expand AMC's responsibility for war reserve stocks to include the Persian Gulf region.

While the unit created Army prepositioned stock sets in Qatar and Kuwait, it underwent a series of name and organizational changes. CEG-SWA was renamed AMC Forward-SWA on Oct. 1, 2000, when the unit assumed responsibility for the LAP (Logistics Assistance Program) and LOGCAP in Southwest Asia.

AMC Forward began war support operations in Southwest Asia in October 2001, when it began to support U.S. forces in Afghanistan. The headquarters moved from Qatar to Kuwait in the fall of 2002 as part of the ramp up to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was re-designated the Army Field Support Brigade-SWA on Oct. 1, 2004. At the time, the AFSB-SWA consisted of the Brigade Headquarters in Qatar; Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar; AFSBn-Kuwait; AFSBn-Afghanistan; prepositioned watercraft at Kuwait Naval Base; and the Logistics Support Element at Arifjan, Kuwait. The AFSB-SWA was deactivated on Oct. 16, 2006, when the 401st AFSB was activated. In 2008, brigade headquarters forward-deployed to Bagram Airfield. The battalions in Kuwait and Qatar transferred to the 402nd AFSB in 2010 to allow the 401st to focus on Afghanistan.



**Soldiers from the 401st Army Field Support Brigade look out over the Persian Gulf from an upper deck of the Army Landing Craft Utility 2008 Buena Vista May 28, 2016. The 401<sup>st</sup> AFSB manages a watercraft activity set at Kuwait Naval Base as part of APS-5 that includes 32 watercraft.**