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402nd AFSB Holds The Line Through Sequestration and Budget Cuts



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Maj. Gen. Kurt J. Stein, Commanding General 1st TSC, speaks at the Army Materiel Command Forward Facility 1 (AMCFF-1) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 24, 2013 in Kuwait.

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Mgmt. Intern CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT - The US budget deficit for fiscal year 2013 has been estimated at \$642 billion. President Barack Obama signed the sequestration bill, which would roughly cut \$15.8 billion from the US Defense Department's budget. All organizations across the Department of Defense (DOD) would have to operate with significantly fewer funds, yet maintain a high standard of readiness. Colonel John D. Kuenzli, Commander of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB), stated "We have to hold the lines" in displaying his determination to operate efficiently and effectively as an organization. The 402nd began doing its part immediately.

Col. Kuenzli was at the helm of returning over \$190 million unobligated dollars from the 402nd annual budget back to DOD. Two major strategies were implemented; the Internal Cost Management Plan and the Army Prepositioned Stock-5 (APS-5) Cost Management Initiative. As part of the Internal Cost Management Plan, a variety of contracts

were carefully reviewed to see if there were any costs that could be reduced or avoided. Several scheduled projects were identified as no longer mission essential and cancelled reducing expenditures by \$850,000. Another cost avoidance of \$50,000 came from combining contracts within the same industry classification. This resulted in lowered manpower and personnel requirements for oversight of various support contracts.

The Internal Cost Management Plan also included various adjustments to Department of the Army Civilians and staff augumtee personnel and associated costs. The 402nd mirrored the intra-theater battle rhythm of 1st Theater Sustainment Command and reduced scheduled overtime by 36 percent, saving approximately \$4.2 million. This was achieved while still supporting the hierarchy of Army Sustainment Command (ASC) and Army Materiel Command (AMC) without hindering mission support.

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DA Log. Mgmt. Interns Shauntelya Tyler (left) and Temekka Ellis (2nd left) talk with Col. John D. Kuenzli, 402nd AFSB Commander (center), Maj. Gen. Kurt J. Stein, Commanding General 1st TSC (center), and Lt. Col. Manuel A. Jimenez, AFSBn-KU Commander (right).



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In other areas, a new relationship was fostered with the Civilian Logistics Career Management Office (CLCMO) at Ft. Lee, VA. Department of the Army Logistics Management Interns were deployed forward to complete their rotational on-the-job training in Kuwait. This proved to be mutually beneficial for each organization to meet their goals. This opportunity promoted the professional development of future logisticians, while providing the 402nd with additional staff augmentees.

One of the largest projects was placing a portion of the of the APS-5 into a leased facility. The 402nd played an instrumental part in facilitating a lease between KGL Logistics and the United States government. The facility would house a portion of the Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) and Armor Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) rolling stock (RS). This initiative significantly decreased "Delayed Desert Damage", which reduced maintenance costs. Maintenance on rolling stock (RS) equipment would only be required every 48 months and track vehicles every 30 months. This provided a cost savings of \$21.46 million for the current fiscal year and an estimated \$100 million per year over the next four years.



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A row of High Utility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, part of the APS-5 fleet, are lined up neatly inside of the newly leased warehouse.

Aerial View of APS-5 on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.



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