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402nd AFSB welcomes new commander

By Pamela Proper
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CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony here July 26.

Col. John S. Laskodi, who is arriving from Washington D.C., where he completed a master's degree in national resource strategy at the National Defense University, assumed command from Col. Lawrence W. Fuller, who will next serve at Army Materiel Command headquarters in Huntsville, Ala..

Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, commanding general of the Army Sustainment Command, who served as the presiding officer for the ceremony, remarked on the historical significance of Fuller's mission.

"As the 402nd commander, you sustained the fight on terror with operations throughout Iraq and Kuwait and you spearheaded the Army's largest retrograde operation since World War II," Fontaine said. "You oversaw the successful transfer of M1114 Up-armored HUMVEES, valued at 212 million dollars to the governments of Iraq and Afghanistan."

Fontaine remarked on the mission ahead that Laskodi takes on.

"The 402nd AFSB will continue to ensure that retrograde of equipment occurs in a timely manner in order to ensure successful reset of our forces and will continue with the successful support of the DOS (Department of State) as they expand their operations in Iraq," he said.

Laskodi's career includes several deployments.

He deployed in January 2002 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM I, then deployed with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in March 2003 for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM I. In January 2006, he deployed to Iraq with the NATO Training Mission – Iraq. As the commander for the 189th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, he deployed to Kandahar,



Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine, commanding general Army Sustainment Command, passes the unit colors to Col. John S. Laskodi as he assumes command of the 402nd AFSB during a ceremony at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

[right] Col. John S. Laskodi, commander 402nd Army Field Support Brigade.



Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM XVIII from January 2008 until April 2009.

Laskodi said he is eager to continue the 402nd's legacy of excellence.

"To the Power Forward team, I am looking forward to serving together, especially at this exciting moment of transition."

The Way Ahead

402nd AFSB has a new team member

Greetings and hello 402nd team! I am so glad to be here and to be part of this mission, Operation New Dawn. This is a time of transition not just for Iraq but for everyone in this brigade. People are coming and going; mountains are being moved in this monumental task to draw down.

Nothing comes easy; the pipeline that was put in place here so many years ago is now moving in reverse as we regroup. With that it is not unusual to experience uncertainty and anxiety. My main concern is ensuring the welfare of our team and I am asking all of you to be flexible as we progress.

Living conditions are changing and the workload is building. These times call for resiliency and strength of character to accomplish the mission at hand. I ask you to reach out and take care of your Battle Buddies, take care of each other, and use compassion as you have never had to before.



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Robert A. Canterbury**

Now more than ever, we need to come together and build each other up in order to carry out this very important mission. Success depends

on our ability to rely on each other to create an unstoppable momentum in our move forward.

Remember, you got us here and now you get to take us home. The journey continues and I am so glad to be a part of it. Let's move forward!

In his previous assignment Canterbury was Command Sergeant Major, Special Troops Battalion, 377th Theater Sustainment Command, Joint Reserve Base Belle Chasse, La; Prior to that he served as Sergeant Major for the Deputy Commander for Training, Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, Va. Canterbury calls Coal City, West Virginia home. He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a Unit Supply Specialist and graduated from the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center at Fort Lee, Virginia in July of 1986.

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Cpt. LaShell Davis, commander 227th Quartermaster Company places the combat patch on Lt. Jarvis Adams, RPAT OIC/ Executive Officer for 227th Quartermaster Company at a ceremony at Joint Base Balad, July 20.

**227th Quartermaster
Company
Gets combat patch**

The unit patch worn on the uniform indicates a unit's participation in or support of, overseas ground combat operations against hostile forces during which, Soldiers in the unit were exposed to the threat of enemy action or fire, either directly or indirectly. In accordance with AR 670-1, paragraph 28-17, b, (14), each 227th Quartermaster Company Soldier is authorized to wear the 101st Sustainment Brigade patch on their right shoulder, signifying their service to a grateful nation.

Chaplain's Corner

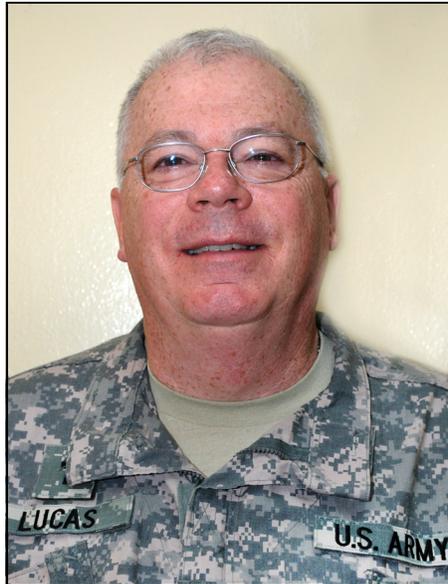
Understanding Ramadan

We are about to enter Ramadan, the holiest time of the year for our Muslim neighbors, and in order to properly respect them, it is helpful to understand the significance of this holy month. Ramadan is the ninth month of Islamic lunar calendar. It will begin on or about Sunday, July 31, and continue to on or about Monday, Aug. 29. The uncertainty on the date is due to variations in the sighting of the lunar phase in different locations in the world.

Since the lunar calendar is not fixed to the solar calendar, Ramadan "moves" through the seasons. Muslims believe this shows the compassion of Allah who makes the hardships of Ramadan equitable to all around the world, not making it harder on some geographic locations by having it occur during the same season every year.

Muslims believe that the Quran was revealed first to the angel Jibril (Gabriel) and then to Muhammad during this month, in essence making Ramadan the beginning of the revealed practice of Islam. One of the common practices of devout Muslims is to read the entire Quran during this month. It is also a time of reflection and self-examination, and a renewal of commitment to the principles of Islam.

This intense period is mostly known for the practice of fasting (sawm) for the entire month. The fast begins about one hour before dawn each day and lasts until about one hour after sunset.



Chaplain (Col.) Howard Lucas

Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, and sex during the fast. They typically consume a healthy meal before the fast begins, and resume eating each evening, beginning with a date, as did the prophet, Muhammad. During hours of darkness there is no required fasting or restraint from normal physical activities.

There are special provisions for health during Ramadan. The very young and very old, those who are pregnant, travelers, those involved in military operations, the ill, and others in extreme circumstances may make up a missed fast day later on a one-for-one basis. If the reason for missing fast days is chronic and actual fasting is not possible, then the person may make a charitable donation equivalent to the daily food ration for a person for each day missed. Islam teaches that Allah's intent is not to create hardship, but to foster

devotion, so these provisions are not regarded as signs of diminished faithfulness.

Ramadan ends on the first day of the following month. This is celebrated as the Eid-ul-Fitr, in which the fasting period is broken. This festival, often lasting up to three days, is characterized by joyous reunions, gift-giving, and lavish meals.

Just prior to the Eid, Muslims will donate food to the poor (sadaqah), an amount that all Muslims will donate equally. The head of the household is responsible for giving this gift. Many will also use this time for their annual zakat giving, which is based on a percentage of their surplus wealth. We can all use this month as an opportunity to learn more about Islam and to show respect and dignity to our Muslim neighbors. For the Muslim soldiers and civilians in our work force, feel free to contact your chaplain if you have special needs that arise due to your observance of Ramadan.



Personality Spotlight: George Evans

Hometown: Killeen TX.

Duty Position: Safety and Occupational Health Specialist

Duty Section: Safety- 1/402d AFSB

Duty Station: Joint Base Balad, Iraq

Home Station: Future Fort Hood Texas, Safety and Occupational Health Specialist

How long have you been in this position? 8 months

Have you had other jobs with the military?

Started my military career in 1976, as a 72B/E telecommunication center specialist. I became a Safety NCO in 1989.

Tell us about your job and what you do:

I am passionate about producing a safe environment for personnel to work in. Accidents, I believe, do not have to happen if preventive measures are put in place and it is my duty and responsibility to make that happen. I am obligated to follow OSHA guidelines to the letter under the safe work practices umbrella. AR 385 governs the army standards.

Have you had other jobs with the military?

Army Trainer (AIT Instructor), it demanded precise knowledge of the equipment and sound judgment on action that was involved in job performance.

What is the best part of your job?

Having the ability to share knowledge of safe work practices and how we as a team collectively share in this.

Why do you like working here?

Since my active duty time is over I can now share my experiences with a different generation.

If you could be the commander for a day, what would you do to improve your organization?

Stay within the guidelines that this commander has put forth. His leadership has taught me control and calmness.

What do you do to make a difference for the War fighter?

Provide oversight of all safety related issues and ensure that an understanding of safety and safe work practices are always important in everything they do.

Most people don't know ___ about me: I have two beautiful daughters, Alexis (20) and Erica (36) that I love much and am very proud of.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

When I am home I fish all-day long. This is a



George Evans

passion that is so relaxing that it takes me to a place of inner peace.

What is your personal philosophy?

There is always a possibility of being mature, taking more and more responsibility for yourself and for your life. And this is what I hope to make you understand how much you gain by taking responsibility for every emotion, every movement you make, every thought you have. We touch each other by honestly being what we are, not intentionally making up false impression of what you want to be.

What is your favorite quote/slogan/saying?

You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.

Oil analysis critical to readiness, safety

Story and photos by Pamela Proper
402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq -- Without it, everything grinds to a halt. Oil keeps the mechanized world running. It keeps everything in motion. If your oil is bad, chances are, you and your machine are headed toward disaster. That is why it is essential to take an in-depth look at it to keep the Warfighter safe.

Valarie Shakespeare is a lab chief with the Army Oil Analysis Program. The AOAP lab, located at Joint Base Balad, falls under the 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade. Shakespeare and her team receive and process between 1,300-1,600 oil samples per month. The samples come from military units across Iraq. The samples they receive come from aircraft and ground equipment, such as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), Blackhawk helicopters and M1A1 tanks for example.

“What I like best about my job is knowing that we’re directly supporting the military with a valuable service. Oil analysis provides early detection of component problems which extends component life, improves equipment readiness and reduces operating costs and maintenance downtime,” said Shakespeare.

What she finds under the microscope is critical. An oil sample may go through seven different tests to be analyzed. A sample is tested for contamination, water, viscosity, wear metals, excessive particle count, acidity, oxidation, fuel and more. Here in Iraq they find a lot of sand in the samples.

From these tests the lab can ascertain what kind of maintenance is required or if a part is showing signs of failure or is in the final stage of breakdown. That is important information to have because it could save a life or prevent an injury.



Lab chief, Valarie Shakespeare and oil analyst Christopher Raday receive oil samples from military units located throughout Iraq. The Army Oil Analysis Program lab, located at Joint Base Balad, Iraq processes more than 1000 oil samples every month.

“At the end of the day we feel accomplished. Customers frequently stop by, send an email or call with thanks and appreciation for what we do to support them and their equipment during deployment. Our mission is to support the Warfighter and when the Warfighters themselves let us know we’ve done that, then our mission is accomplished.”

The lab here will close as part of the drawdown and the sample load will be directed to another lab in Kuwait. After more than two years on the job Shakespeare will go home and she has no regrets, “It’s been an amazing experience. I learned a new job and was afforded the opportunity to excel at it and I take home the knowledge and experience of supporting our military with their mission in Iraq.”



AOAP lab chief, Valarie Shakespeare uses a microscope to analyze particles in oil samples.

When it's broken Soldiers get hands-on help from the experts

Story/photo by Pamela Proper
402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – What do you do when your washing machine dies in the middle of the Iraqi desert? When Soldiers in the field experience machine failure they call a LAR, Logistics Assistance Representative. They are technical experts who deploy with the Warfighter to resolve issues and fix equipment, washing machines included.

Robert Amano is a TACOM LAR who provides a direct link between the Warfighter and the Tank Automotive-Armament Command. He is a combat multiplier, providing units with training, logistics and technical assistance to keep the wheels in motion.

Amano has 34 years of experience and he has to know a lot about many different types of equipment.

“I have to know a lot because I deal with decontamination, water purification and food service equipment, heaters, water craft, refrigerated containers, laundry, pumps, and gas masks just to name a few,” Amano said.

Today, Amano assists the 549th Quartermaster Company from Fort Collins, Colo., with their laundry apparatus. High temperatures and blowing sand mess up the electronics over time.

“These machines are very complex. They have a filtering system so that the water can be distilled and re-used, so there is a lot to know and understand.”

Sgt. Jacob Brewer, a motor sergeant for the 549th Quartermaster Co., is glad to have face time with an expert.

“This is my fourth deployment to Iraq and you don't always have a LAR. Most of the time when you have problems you have to try to resolve it by phone which is hard,” Brewer said. “Having one face-to-face is so much better. You get answers quicker and they can get parts faster.”

“It is important to have the relationship with the LARs, as they are typically the subject matter expert for that particular piece of equipment,” said Cpt. William R. Hall, commander of the 549th Quartermaster Company.



Logistics Assistance Representative Robert Amano helps Sgt. Jacob Brewer, 549th Quartermaster Company, prepare laundry equipment for Soldiers to use during Operation New Dawn.

A new dawn for ammunition as drawdown hits full steam

Story and photos by Pamela Proper
402nd AFSB Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq - -- On time, every time. That is the promise of the Joint Munitions Command and from all accounts it is living up to its word supplying the Warfighter with ammunition during combat. Now, with combat operations officially over, units are drawing down in Iraq. It's a new day, a new dawn here, but the pace is just as hectic when it comes to moving ammunition.

As Forwarding Operating Bases close here ammunition is shipped to a supply point where it is sorted, inspected, classified and re-packaged for re-issue or designated to be demilitarized. JMC deploys technical advisers to assist units with ammunition turn-in and they are responsible for turning it around.

Jim Wettlaufer's title is Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surveillance. He deployed from Hawthorne Army Depot in Hawthorne, Nev., to work with the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade in Iraq. He is the lead civilian in a team of Soldiers who sort through boxloads of turn-in.

"The job here is a faster pace and more variety of ammo. It does make me appreciate air conditioning, stencil machines and factory packaging. Right now we are sending items to Kuwait in as close to factory pack as we can being in a field environment," Wettlaufer said. Back home he works with a civilian workforce where he is one of many ammunition experts. In Iraq, his team consists of



Jim Wettlaufer, Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surveillance, trains Spc. Ashley Nichols, 8th Ordnance Company, on the finer points of sorting ammunition lots.

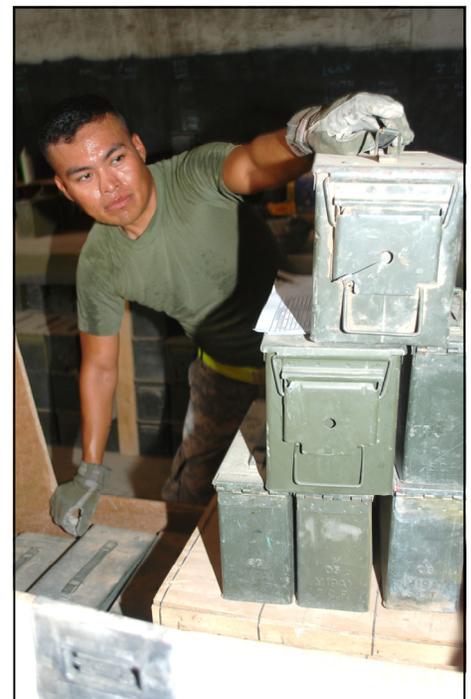
young Soldiers eager to learn.

"I have many Soldiers that start out afraid of ammo or just the opposite, they are reckless with it. I try to teach them to respect ammo and not fear it and understand its capabilities and to not be complacent with it. It is important that we, as QASAS, get it right, because ammunition is safe and reliable only when it is handled properly," Wettlaufer said.

When they receive it, the ammunition is a hodge-podge of items in varying condition. Imagine tree lights at Christmastime. Who wants to de-tangle that lot, especially when it's a box of 40- millimeter high explosive dual purpose rounds? Yet, that is what Wettlaufer and his team do every day.

Whether it is bricks of C4 plastic explosive or M-67 fragmentation hand grenades, it is all inspected, prettied up and repackaged for another round.

Spc. Aurelio Torres, 89B, ammunition specialist, 8th Ordnance Company, sorts ammunition that has been turned in at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.



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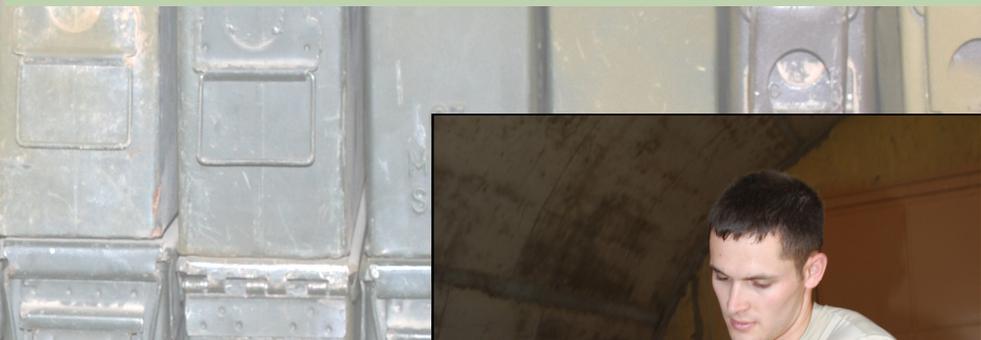
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Spc. Jacob Porter, 8th Ordnance Company, counts rounds in linked ammunition prior to re-packaging it.



"I'm good." Spc. Ashley Nichols, ammunition specialist, 8th Ordnance Company signals to the team chief that she knows what to do with the C4, plastic explosive she has unpacked from turn-in.



Soldiers at Joint Base Balad, Iraq inventory ammunition which has been designated for demilitarization.



Spc. Anthony Goosey, 8th Ordnance Company, inspects C4 plastic explosive prior to re-packaging.

Service with a smile ...

On the road

Sgt. Carla Valmont, 89th Transportation Company, Roadmasters, Ft. Eustis Va., arrives at Joint Base Balad, after a long haul on the road. It was her first time driving this rig. She is exhausted but smiling and proud that she took the challenge. She is one of the many who provide assistance to the 402nd AFSB mission during Operation New Dawn.



Extra shot?

Many 402nd AFSB team members start their day at the Green Bean coffee shop where Mohan, from a small village in Nepal, serves coffee everyday, always courteous and always with a smile.



***Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine, commanding general, Army Sustainment Command, visits Camp Virginia, Kuwait, where the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade prepares the Redistribution Property Assistance Team— RPAT— for the drawdown in Iraq. The 402nd AFSB will use this facility to process and take possession of all unit equipment from the Army's "self-redeployers."
Lt. Col. Matthew Houser, commander, 2nd Battalion, 402nd AFSB gets a chance to discuss the drawdown process with the ASC commander during the visit.***

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FROM THE FIELD

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NEW COMMANDER, 2ND BN, 401ST AFSB

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CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -- The 2nd Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade, welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony here July 1.

Lt. Col Kenneth C. Gill, who is arriving from the Pentagon where he served as chief of the Combat Service Support Force Integration Branch within the Department of the Army, G-4, assumed command from Lt. Col Michael T. Wright who will next serve as the Foreign Military Sales Officer for the Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, Kuwait.

Col. Lawrence W. Fuller, commander of the 402nd AFSB, who served as reviewing officer for the ceremony, praised Wright for his efforts and skill.

"Lieutenant Colonel Wright's operational and statistical resume is unrivaled. No other battalion commander in the Army Sustainment Command can match his profound impact on the Warfighters engaged in both theaters of operation," Fuller said.

"Mike (Wright) commanded my largest battalion with over 3,500 Soldiers, [Department of the Army] civilians, and contractors – and he did so with the skill and seasoning of a brigade commander," Fuller also welcomed Gill to the "402nd AFSB Family."

"Ken (Gill) comes [to us] with a wealth of experience including two combat tours, a solid reputation for customer focused support, and an intense desire to provide the very best to Soldiers," he said.

Wright expressed gratitude to those who contributed to his successful command.

"Everyone ... contributed to advancing the mission and I want to send out a blanket, but heartfelt, thank you to everyone who set the stage before I took command, [everyone] who made the command happen, and to those who will continue the difficult mission ahead," he



Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Gill, commander 2nd Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

said. "The team recognized this was a historic time in Army history, knew how important it was to the tactical, operational, strategic mission, and most of all, never lost sight of the Warfighter."

Gill said the day marked a milestone in his career.

"Standing here today as the commander and newest teammate of the 2nd Battalion of the 401st AFSB, it is truly one of the best days of my life," he said. "I am honored to join your ranks and together, as a team, will build upon this tradition of excellence."

FROM THE FIELD is a special supplement to the 402nd AFSB **OUTPOST**. It is written by the service members, DoD civilians and contractors who comprise the Army's largest brigade.

1ST BN/402ND AFSB GETS NEW COMMANDER

By Pamela Proper
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JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – The 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony here July 19.

Lt. Col. Dan Moroney relinquished command to Lt. Col. Franz J. Conway, who is arriving from the New Mexico Military Institute Army ROTC Department in Roswell, N.M., where he was the professor of Military Science and Leadership.

The ceremony's presiding officer was Col. Lawrence Fuller, commander of the 402nd AFSB, who remarked on the battalion's successes and Moroney's accomplishments during his command.

"Under his vision and direct leadership, his battalion installed over 4,000 M1151 Frag 7 armor kits, upgraded armor on over 400 tactical trucks, and maintained combat systems at their highest levels since the beginning of OIF. He synchronized and ensured the successful execution of over 47 PM programs located at over 50 Forward Operating Bases," Fuller said.

Moroney, who has a background in the medical field commented on his on-the-job training in the logistics world.

"I have learned more about equipping, sustaining and maintaining the force in the twelve months in this job than in my nineteen years of service," Moroney said.

Fuller remarked on the road ahead for the incoming commander.

"These are truly exciting times. We have a presidentially assigned mission, responsibly reducing the size of our force here and transitioning to the United States Mission-Iraq. Success for us is proper accountability and continued maintenance excellence and supporting the Warfighter's requirements."



Col. Lawrence Fuller, 402nd AFSB commander passes the unit colors to Lt. Col. Franz Conway as he accepts command of the 1st Bn / 402nd AFSB in a ceremony at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

Conway commented on his past experiences with the 402nd AFSB on previous deployments as a customer with an eye on commanding the mission ahead.

"The 1st of the 402nd is the heart and soul of many sustainment operations in Iraq. In Operation Iraqi Freedom in 06 to 08, I was in a maneuver brigade and received support from this organization. At that time the support my Soldiers and I received was first rate and I can see that hasn't changed," Conway said. "I realize this battalion's mission is critical to the success of Operation New Dawn and I am ready to be part of this incredible team."

Moroney's next assignment is with the Headquarters & Headquarters Company 32nd Medical Brigade at Fort Sam Houston, TX.



Lt. Col. Franz J. Conway, commander 1st Battalion, 402nd AFSB, Joint Base Balad.



1ST BN/401ST AFSB CHANGE OF COMMAND

By Pamela Proper
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CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar -- The 1st Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony here July 21.

Lt. Col. Aaron J. Cook, who is arriving from the U.S. Pacific Command, served as J4 support operations officer in the Joint Logistics Operations Center. He took command from Lt. Col. Peter W. Butts who credited his team for the unit's many success stories.

"I had no idea what an AFSB was all about prior to coming to Qatar, or how I was going to take on my new role, being notified in May 2009 that I would become the commander of this unique and special unit two months later. But, I was quick to learn that role and I knew it was the team that would bring success to the 1st of the 401st AFSB," Butts said.

Col. Lawrence W. Fuller, commander of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, who served as presiding officer for the ceremony remarked on the unit's significant accomplishments.

"Lt. Col. Butt's operational and statistical resume is incredible. He is directly responsible for 100% accountability of over one billion dollars worth of War Reserve assets, including the APS-5 equipment set consisting of PATRIOT launchers and missiles, a Fires Brigade, a Sustainment Brigade, and nine APS-5 project stocks. Additionally, he is charged with providing immediate support to PM STRYKER Battle Damage Repair Facility, as well as PM HELLFIRE Forward Test & Repair Facility," Fuller said.

Fuller commented on the skills that Cook brings to the team.

"Aaron comes with a wealth of experience with a combat tour in Iraq, a solid reputation for customer focused support, and an intense desire to provide the very best to Soldiers," Fuller said.

Cook stated that he looked forward to joining his new team.

"Although there are not ranks and files of Soldiers in front of you today; there is a group of professionals; Soldiers, DA Civilians and contract civilians, that make this battalion successful and ready to globally support our Army and military every day. I look forward to commanding and supporting this great battalion the 1st of the 401st AFSB and all of our Warfighters. "



Courtesy photo

Outgoing 1st Bn /401st commander Lt. Col. Peter W. Butts, 402nd AFSB commander, Col. Lawrence W. Fuller and incoming 1st Bn /401st commander Lt. Col Aaron J. Cook at the change of command ceremony at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, July 21. Butts will next serve as the Deputy Chief of Staff G4 for 1st Army (West).



Lt. Col. Aaron J. Cook, commander 1st Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade.



RAMADAN

August 1-29

Muslim Holy Month

Time of Prayer, Reflection & Worship

Purity of thoughts & actions

Chastity & Charity

Fasting to cleanse the Inner Soul

