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402nd AFSB Supports U.S. Agencies in Iraq

By Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) Commander, Col John S. Laskodi visited Iraq in April 2012, to observe the support the Brigade is providing in Iraq. The Brigade's mission in Iraq is primarily performed in three major areas. The Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) is focused upon providing base life support to operating locations throughout the country. Examples include providing dining facility support, vehicle maintenance, and transportation.

The Brigade provides maintenance support to critical force protection and communication systems through its Army Sustainment Command Field and Installation Readiness Support Team (ASC FIRST) contract. The maintenance activities are centralized at three hubs located in Kirkuk, Baghdad, and Basrah with support teams located at equipment sites as required.

The last area is the equipment and training the

United States is providing the Government of Iraq through the Foreign Military Sales program.

The critical support the Brigade provides to the US Department of State (DoS) and the Office of Security Cooperation – Iraq (OSC-I) is coordinated by the Brigade's Liaison Cell located in the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, led by Mr. Josh Mater. Mr. Mater and his team ensure that, working together with the DoS Management Section and the OSC-I J4, the Brigade is postured to support the US Mission in Iraq and has all the support needs to operate effectively.

"After nine years of US military operations, we now must coordinate more closely with the Government of Iraq as a sovereign nation to secure the permissions we need so we can accomplish our logistics tasks," said Laskodi. "The mission in Iraq is a paradigm shift for us. We can't default to the way we did business in the past. The mission is rewarding because it forces us to think critically to understand the problems and develop creative solutions."

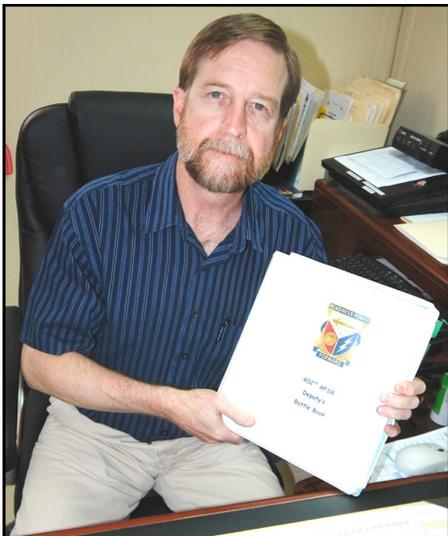


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Col. John S. Laskodi (front right), 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Commander, observes laptop computers about to be shredded at the Defense Logistics Agency-Disposition Services de-milling yard, Baghdad, Iraq, April 2012.

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Continuity key to 402nd rotational force



By Stephen W. Lockridge, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade has recorded many great accomplishments, most recently the successful retrograde of U.S. Army equipment out of Iraq last December. The Brigade and its subordinates are staffed with some of the most talented, dedicated and resourceful Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians (DACs) and contractors around.

So, where do these great Americans come from?

The military and DACs come for six-month, one and two year tours of duty on either Temporary Duty, Temporary Change of Station or Permanent Change of Station orders. Our U.S. contractors, another key ingredient to our force pool, often stay on assignment here for years at a time and bring a continuity of sorts.

All three groups, the legs of a sturdy stool if you will, work together to bring a synergy to the brigade, making it one of the best multi-functional logistics organizations in our Army. However, it's the rotational strategy that is

actually the catalyst for continual improvement. With new personnel come new, fresh ideas and the energy to bring them to fruition.

The challenge to such a rotational work force is how to retain continuity while embracing change and transition. Though change brings new and often better ways of doing business, good order requires Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and policies to provide an enduring framework of operation.

Working below these ordinances are Continuity Books, individual daily play-by-play books to help guide those who rotate in to replace a Power Team member. With generally one week of crossover training between incoming and outgoing personnel, these continuity books are the guide that answers the questions of replacements and keeps them on track with the brigade's battle rhythm and in synch with supported units.

Continuity Books are developed by each staff section, and updated and improved upon by each rotation. Basically, they have an index that breaks down major areas of responsibility, making it easier and faster to flip to a required section for quick reference. The sections should contain information papers that explain a significant event or task in enough detail for one to figure out the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of each required report, meeting or briefing. Key tabs would address purpose, task, meeting or presentation, audience, frequency and suspense.

The books are living references that should be updated as needed and reviewed before and during crossover training. So, if you're the outgoing Power Team

member, be sure you're setting your replacement up for success with an updated and complete continuity book. If you're incoming to the 402nd AFSB or any new assignment, ask your sponsor about their continuity book.

Speaking of transition, by the time you read this I will have completed my deployment here as Deputy to the Commander. My replacement, Mr. Robert Williams, will rotate in and take up where I left off assisting the Commander to make this a better AFSB and continue to meet all missions with success. And yes, he'll get a continuity book.

I thank each of the Power Forward Team members for their dedication to duty, hard work and long hours as we made history over the last 12 months. It has been my pleasure serving with each of you.

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TACOM FRA closed after almost 10 years

By Johnnie Frazier, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Public Affairs

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — On April 30, 2012, the Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) Forward Repair Activity (FRA) closed their doors after almost 10 years of supporting the sustainment maintenance operation in Kuwait in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. The FRA was a TACOM program that was established in 2003 as a life cycle management command mission to repair selected tactical wheeled vehicle components to include the Heavy Equipment Transport (HET) engines, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheel Vehicles (HMMWV) Turbo Engines and Transmissions, and various Armor Security Vehicle (ASV) components in support of ARCENT units or returning them to the whole-sale system.



Photo Courtesy of 402nd Army Field Support Battalion—Southwest Asia (AFSbn-SWA)

TACOM Forward Repair Activity (FRA) and 402nd AFSbn-SWA employees in front of closed FRA sign at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, April 2012.

Other support and capabilities included allied trades welding fabrication shop, a machine shop, a Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) Mobile Parts Hospital, and technical oversight of the Hawker Battery refurbishment and repair program.

“The TACOM FRA was a very productive and useful program that provided a great service to the supported units”, said Maj. Shawn Cosby, Support Operations Officer with the 402nd Army Field Support Battalion-Southwest Asia.

The FRA consisted of employees deployed from Anniston Army Depot and Red River Army Depot in support of the operation.

The Hawker Battery Program was part of the FRA and was a cost savings program which also closed on April 30, 2012. That program was designed to test batteries and determine if they could be refurbished and returned to the Army Supply System.

Out of a total of 29,500 batteries, 16,000 were revitalized to save the Army \$7 million dollars. “A solid program, very beneficial to the Army by revitalizing used batteries for reuse and allowing units to receive batteries one-for-one same day service which otherwise they would have to order from the Supply Support Activity (SSA)”, said Maj. Cosby.

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CECOM Drawdown Team works with deployed units

By Antonius B. Vasser , Kuwait CECOM Drawdown Lead

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – The U.S. Army Communications/Electronics Command (CECOM) Drawdown Team works with deployed units 180 days prior to their redeployment to assist and provide guidance for everything from building their Automated Reset Management Tool plans, to system configuration prior to turn-in.

The CECOM Team works with the deployed units all the way up to their turn in date to ensure that the turn in process is easy for the units. The 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion is one of the units that will be turning in Automatic Reset Induction and Intensively Managed Items between Kuwait, Qatar, and Bahrain.

During the turn in process a complete inventory of all the reset items will be conducted to make sure that all components are accounted for prior to the CECOM Team signing for the systems. Once the systems have been received, the CECOM Team will process the equipment to be shipped to the various repair facilities in the U.S.



Photo by Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

Antonius Vasser (right) and Tiffany Lancia (left) with U.S. Army Communications/Electronics Command (CECOM Drawdown Team inventorying equipment being turned in by the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion prior to their redeployment.

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The FRA also maintained 6,500 lines of operational stock with an estimated value of \$7 million dollars to support their sustainment maintenance operations.

“The mission that they accomplished was absolutely incredible”, said Lt. Franz Conway, AFSBn-SWA Commander. “The operation and the people that came from Anniston and Red River did a phenomenal job supporting the Soldiers over the last nine and half years”, he said.

The Mobile Parts Hospital (MPH), a fabrication facility that builds parts that are specific and unique, shared the same space with the FRA and moved to Camp Buehring, Kuwait on March 24, 2012 prior to the FRA closure. The MPH moved to Camp Buehring in an ongoing theater support mission to the units rotating in and out of Kuwait.

Currently there are two MPH facilities located in Kuwait. The other MPH in Kuwait is a production MPH located at the MRAP Sustainment Facility (MSF) in Mina Abdulla, Kuwait. The MPH is a self-contained unit manned with only three personnel. “The MPH uses a CNC system that stores data input which allows the CNC to remember one time programmed work orders allowing jobs to be completed in real time”, said Maj. Cosby.

One of the most significant fabrications that the MPH completed was M240B machine gun Guard Tower Pintle Mounts for the Kuwait base camps. The MPH has been successful in completing their mission to supplement the Army supply system with state of the art rapid manufacturing technology in a mobile unit and provide the required component near the point of need and reduce equipment down time.

“The people that came over here and supported the operations in Iraq and Kuwait have been top rate and we are very appreciative of the sacrifices they made leaving their families back in the United States to provide such outstanding assistance to our Soldiers”, said Lt. Conway.



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TACOM Forward Repair Activity employees at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, April 2012.

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402nd AFSB recycling in Kuwait



By Patricia Sinnott, 402nd AFSB, HR

Upon my arrival at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in April 2012, I noticed over a couple of weeks that plastic water bottles were being thrown away. While working in the states I supported the recycle program and wanted to continue supporting it in Kuwait.

As I began to get familiar with the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB), I asked the Brigade Sergeant Major, CSM Canterbury about our recycling program. Sergeant Major Canterbury asked me to help establish a recycling initiative for the 402nd AFSB. Maj. Robert Holden, the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment Commandant, and I worked to setup recycling collection bins for water bottles and cardboard throughout the Brigade footprint. In just the short time since the recycling

bins for water bottles have been in place, we noticed that they are already starting to fill up.

Please do your part to help the environment by utilizing the recycle containers in your area.



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Recycling Awareness Team, Command Sgt. Major Robert A. Canterbury (left), Patricia Sinnott (center) and Maj. Richard B. Holden (right) 402nd AFSB, Camp Arifjan. Kuwait, May 2012.



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