

# 401<sup>ST</sup> ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BATTALION- AFGHANISTAN

## Task Force Blacksmith

The Army Field Support Battalion-Afghanistan (AFSBn-AFG) headquarters is located at Bagram Airfield as the only forward deployed AMC AFSBn, charged with sustaining all United States and Coalition Forces in Afghanistan.

The AFSBn-AFG executes sustainment, property accountability, and responsible retrograde in support of the U.S. Army, Joint and Multinational Coalition Forces, and other U.S. government agencies across the Combined Joint Operations Area (CJOA-A) during Rolute Support (RS). It provides the strategic logistics link from the national industrial base to the Joint Warfighter as the “face to the field” for AMC.

The AFSBn-AFG conducts mission command of two Logistics Task Forces (LTF), eight Maintenance Support Teams (MST), one Logistics Support Element (LSE), two Maintenance Contact Teams (MCT), two Brigade Logistics Support Teams (BLST), and operational control of one Ammo Abatement Team. The AFSBn-AFG is responsible for supporting all five Train, Advise and Assist Commands (TAAC).

The AFSBn-AFG provides the 401<sup>st</sup> Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB), the Army Sustainment Command (ASC), and the materiel enterprise partners a forward presence and executes the following critical programs and missions in support of RS in Afghanistan:

- Provide oversight and support of maintenance operations in support of contracts in Afghanistan
- U.S. and Coalition Forces Support
- Sustainment of US Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A) Mission Essential Equipment List Sets and Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles
- Responsible Retrograde
- Consolidation and rightsizing of the Force, Equipment, and Materiel
- De-scope or transfer to Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA)
- Theater Provided Equipment (TPE)
- Electronic Sustainment Support Center (ESSC)
- Logistics Assistance Program (LAP)

Logistics assistance representatives (LAR) from the AMC’s Life Cycle Management Commands (LCMC) are an integral part of the AFSBn-AFG team. The LARs are on the ground in Afghanistan supporting units and assisting the AFSBn-AFG staff in leveraging and synchronizing materiel enterprise capabilities. This integrated team approach is pivotal to the materiel enterprise success.

## HISTORY

The AFSBn-AFG’s history is closely aligned with its Brigade Headquarters, located in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Upon redeployment of the 401<sup>st</sup> AFSB on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the AFSBn-AFG remains the only forward deployed AMC asset in Afghanistan.