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AMC Outpost

402nd AFSB Mission

Provide the single face to the field for AMC sustainment logistics forming a materiel enterprise that integrates acquisition, logistics and technology to protect, equip and sustain joint/coalition forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

ALT-D brings technology to the Warfighter

Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Directorate's mission is to integrate and synchronize acquisition and technology support with accountability and sustainment in the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade's area of responsibility in support of Army Materiel Command's (AMC) Materiel Enterprise. ALT-D is also responsible for synchronizing technology insertion accountability during retrograde operations to prevent equipment loss or destruction. ALT-D is a special staff section that monitors current and planned equipment fielding and rapid equipping activities and advises the brigade commander on the status of these activities.

ALT-D's three essential tasks are to assist synchronization of equipment fielding between program executive officers and program managers, Warfighters, and AFSB sustainment and accountability requirements; integrate, collect, analyze, and provide feedback to the Warfighter; and, synchronize technology insertion and accountability during retrograde operations.

With only four dedicated personnel, ALT-D has successfully facilitated over 85 fieldings consisting of more than 300,000 items. They are aware of what's coming and what support is needed to make the fielding successful. When required, they coordinate lodging and transportation for personnel who arrive with the new equipment. Most importantly, they facilitate accountability actions for the equipment; bringing the materiel enterprise full circle.

"We are the single face in theater for the Warfighter to communicate requirements for sustainment and accountability for newly fielded items," said LTC Steven G. Van Riper, ALT-D Director. "For the commander, we bring integration of new fielding with existing sustainment and accountability processes we have in place."

The MRAP Egress Trainer or MET is a recently fielded solution to a need identified by the Army. ALT-D worked with Army Central Command and Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation to field 14 METs and 5 HMMWV Egress Trainers. ALT-D provided logistical support and assistance to the field service representatives for movement of the systems to their designated locations.

The 402nd also provides life support for the FSRs and conducts property accountability actions by placing these newly fielded items on the theater property book.

"The 402nd's greatest role is the contribution and use of our resources for all the things the program manger needs to field equipment to the Warfighter," said MAJ O'Neill Williams, ALT-D's Science Advisor. "We contribute to the development of a fielding plan."

When the Army identifies a need, science advisors and science and technology assistance teams can take the needs and articulate them into an Operations Needs Statement or a Joint Urgent Operations Needs Statement.

"Once validated and approved as a need, RDECOM [Research, Development and Engineering Command] canvasses for a technology solution," MAJ Williams said. "It used to take up to five years for a product to be produced, but now a product can be produced in as little as 90 days."

"We should have visibility [on new fieldings] about 120 days out," said MAJ Camilla A. Wood, ALT-D Assistant Director. MAJ Wood said the team then begins working on what "we need to do to ensure everyone has visibility on what's coming."

Joshua A. Sherrod, ALT-D Support Operations Officer is responsible for making sure newly fielded items are on the property book and he

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Left: Alan Tiffany, Raytheon contractor for PEO-STRI operates the MRAP Egress Trainer during an Officer Professional Development training session August 19 at Joint Base Balad. The trainer is used to train Soldiers on how to safely exit an MRAP in the event of a roll-over. Fourteen METs have been fielded by the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Directorate. ALT-D has fielded over 300,000 cutting-edge items to Soldiers in the Iraq theater of operations.

Power 6's Page 2 Scoop



Hello friends of the Power Brigade! October is on us now and we are going through this brigade's long anticipated transition of both our entire military staff from the Multi-Functional Support Command of Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois (42 Reserve NCO's and officers) who have ably comprised the brigade and battalion staffs, and the arrival of the 249th Quartermaster Company from Fort Bragg, NC. Unfortunately, after staff members leave in mid-October, we'll be without backfill for a month, so our civilian and contracted staff augmentation will be working hard to fill the gap.

We've had some great visits in September by senior leaders learning about our operations in support of Responsible Drawdown. Our RPAT team at Victory Base Complex in Baghdad was featured on Fox News as well as a couple of newspaper articles. The new Air Force teams are in and really doing well. This month, we will start off with visits from the Commanding General AMC Southwest Asia, BG John Wharton, followed by MG Yves Fontaine, the new commander of Army Sustainment Command.

This month's area of focus is property accountability. As the experts in Iraq (if you wear the AMC patch - you are an expert), we have to set the example in accounting for our property and ensuring it is serviceable. Proper storage, serviceability and accountability is the standard. If you need a refresher, go to the following website: http://www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/R735_5_d19980131.pdf

That regulation is our bread and butter. We need to know it inside and out and ensure everyone who is associated with our Responsible Drawdown operation knows how this regulation will help us to achieve General Dunwoody's first imperative on Drawdown - "Accountability."

Have a great October capped off by Halloween.

Power 6

Clockwise from right: Power command team with the 3/2 Brigade Logistics Support Team. Power command team leads the way by getting flu shots 22 SEP from PFC Brittney A Moye and SGT Melissa J. DiMaggio, 248th Area Support Medical Company, . Power team at the Army Sustainment Command Change of Command 02 SEP.



Lower left: HAVE YOU SEEN THIS VEHICLE? **Wanted** - all FOB (Forward Operating Base) Runners - **Reason:** Old, outdated, unsafe and unauthorized excess equipment needs to be turned in to the RPAT to help us clear the FOB.



MG Fontaine assumes command of ASC

MG Yves J. Fontaine became Commanding General of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command at a ceremony presided over by GEN Ann E. Dunwoody, Commanding General, Army Materiel Command, held 02 SEP Rock Island Arsenal.

MG Fontaine took command of ASC from MG Robert M. Radin, who had served as Commanding General since July 2007. MG Radin has been reassigned to Department of the Army Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he will serve as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (G-4).

GEN Dunwoody remarked that MG Radin had accomplished much in his brief two years in command. "You've made amazing changes, you built a remarkable team, and by transforming this command, you ushered in a new era for Army sustainment," she said.

GEN Dunwoody then welcomed MG Fontaine to ASC by stating, "They don't come any more qualified nor any more

ready for command. He knows what right looks like and understands what support to the Warfighter means. Most important of all, he knows how to care of Soldiers, civilians and their families."

MG Fontaine comes to ASC from Kaiserslautern, Germany, where he served as Commanding General of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command. Prior to that assignment, MG Fontaine served as the Chief of G-4 (Logistics) for U.S. Army-Europe, 7th U.S. Army, in Heidelberg, Germany.

From November 2004 to November 2005, MG Fontaine was deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as Commanding General of the 1st Corps Support Command. He previously served in the Persian Gulf region during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as a Plans and Operations Officer with the 24th Infantry Division and later as the U.S. liaison to a French military unit.



MG Yves J. Fontaine, ASC Commanding General (center back) accepts the Army Sustainment Command colors from GEN Ann E. Dunwoody, Army Materiel Command Commanding General, marking his assumption of command from MG Robert M. Radin during a ceremony held at Rock Island Arsenal 02 SEP. ASC CSM Stephen D. Blake (right) waits to receive the colors from MG Fontaine.

QASAS support clean-up



Two Joint Munitions Command Quality Assurance Specialists (Ammunition Surveillance) supported the 80th Ordnance Battalion Amnesty Day at Joint Base Balad 12-13 SEP by spending over 17 hours as 762 trucks pulled up to the amnesty yard to unload thousands of pounds of excess material and supplies.

Henry "Doc" Baysinger pulled the shift on 12 SEP and Angela Bailey took over on 13 SEP. The amnesty day was planned to last only one day, but was extended due to the turnout by units.

"What we thought would happen pretty much happened," said Baysinger. "A lot of what we got was residue or brass."

Baysinger said there were no surprises in the items he and Bailey handled. He said the residue and brass were taken to the Ammunition Supply Point at JBB.

Getting ready for 249th Quartermaster Company

Furniture is being assembled for the housing area designated for the 249th Quartermaster Company scheduled to arrive soon to assist with responsible drawdown.

The 249th QM CO will provide personnel to double the number of Mobile Redistribution Property Assistance Teams that go out to units preparing to redeploy to inspect and sign for unit equipment ready to be shipped out of the Iraq theater of operations.

Some 249th QM CO personnel will be located at RPAT yards across Iraq to enable the yards to expand their hours of operation to accommodate the amounts of theater provided equipment that will have to be shipped during the responsible drawdown phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



LOGCAP – a flexible alternative for supporting the force

Thirty-three Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) practitioners met for a two-day conference at Joint Base Balad 07-08 SEP to put names and faces together and share tips and tricks of the trade to make their jobs easier.

The group was a mix of newcomers to LOGCAP and pros. The newcomers are with recently deployed sustainment battalions and the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). The pros are nearing the end of their deployments. The presenters were staff from the LOGCAP Logistics Support Unit at Joint Base Balad and LOGCAP Forward at Victory Base Complex in Baghdad.

"This is the first conference of its type for customer and supported units," said COL Robert A. Thompson, Deputy Program Director LOGCAP-Iraq. Noting that LOGCAP will be involved with responsible drawdown, he said, "The take away is how processes are turned on and off. Logistics is a big piece of getting the equipment out [of the theater]."

COL Thompson said LOGCAP augments units on the ground and is a resource for them. LOGCAP is externally driven by unit requirements and meets unit needs that cannot be met by their internal resources or by Joint Contracting Command-Iraq resources.

"LOGCAP provides a diverse range of services," said COL Herbert C Jones, Jr., Corps Logistics Support Services/Theater Transportation Mission LOGCAP Support Officer. "Bottled water, non-tactical vehicle maintenance, central issue facilities, MWR, the majority of postal services, laundry, food services, shuttle bus, and air terminal services are among the services LOGCAP provides. LOGCAP provides something for everyone in theater."

Conference attendees work in LOGCAP cells in the sustainment brigades that fall under the 13th ESC and are the link between their down-trace units and higher headquarters.

"We make sure Soldiers get what they need in the least amount of time and make sure it's what they need to enable the Warfighter to complete the mission," said MSG Madeline M. Allison,

10th Sustainment Brigade contract office. Allison said her goal is to be as effective and as quick as possible with minimum cost to the government.

"LOGCAP is here for the Soldiers," said Lee A. Davis, Logistics Management Specialist for LOGCAP assigned to the 10th SB. "I'm the continuity piece."

Davis said when the unit comes to him with a need, he writes it up in language the contractor understands and when the contractor responds he can "translate their response to language the Army understands."

"The 10th Sustainment Brigade is responsible for the Theater Transportation Mission piece of support to the Iraq railroad," said Davis. "They have to provide material handling equipment to load and unload cargo from trains at Camp Taji and they store and ship containers."

Davis said that the mission will continue after the 10th SB redeploys and he will be there to ensure there is no disruption of service when the 96th Sustainment Brigade falls in behind the 10th.

Marine MAJ Stephen T. Jones, LOGCAP MNF-W Officer in Charge, said LOGCAP has helped the Marines of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force because they can turn to LOGCAP for quality of life services such as dining and living facilities and allow the Marines to focus on their core missions.

SFC Roderick R. Rodriguez is the Corps Logistics Support Services and Iraqi Postal Mission Manager for the 13th ESC.

"Units take requests to their Sustainment Brigade and the Sustainment Brigade comes to me," he said.

"With the drawdown, requirements are shifting," Rodriguez said. "Contractors will match the green suiters – if we drawdown a FOB, they will match."

MAJ Gina R. Garabedian, 304th Sustainment Brigade LOGCAP OIC, attended the conference within days of her unit's redeployment and said "it did so much for our TOA [transfer of authority]. We gave the incoming unit two days of training and getting their hands dirty."

She said the handouts will be good reference material for the 90th Sustainment Brigade.

"I wish I had the intro to LOGCAP that they got," she said.

"The conference was better than I had any idea of," said COL Jones. "Participation from the 13th ESC, my primary customer, and the Sustainment Brigades, my secondary customers, and my headquarters in Victory Base Complex gave us a chance for networking, bringing all of my logistics management specialists together, and the timing was good with upcoming RIPTOAs."

Jones said he hopes to have conferences more frequently and is already planning one for January 2010. The focus of the next conference will be the transition from LOGCAP III to LOGCAP IV, but Jones said the overarching principle will still be that "we're here to support the troops on the ground in the most cost effective and efficient way possible."



Laundry service is one of many services provided under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program. Army Materiel Command administers LOGCAP to provide basic life support services including housing, bottled water, dining facilities and laundry. Other LOGCAP services include the majority of the Iraqi postal mission, non-tactical vehicle maintenance, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, theater transportation mission - air terminal services, shuttle bus and specialized services to meet various unit missions. LOGCAP is only used in contingency operations and allows units to concentrate on their core missions.

Supporting Strykers for Soldiers

Named for two unrelated Medal of Honor recipients, Strykers, have been a part of the landscape in Iraq since October 2003 and the Stryker Forward Repair Activity was established at Joint Base Balad around the same time.

The General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) team of 39 workers has completed more than 3,000 full-up power pack component repairs beginning in August 2005; shipped, received and tracked millions of parts; repaired the vehicles' remote weapons and mobile gun weapons stations; received and processed rebuilt Strykers; issued replacement vehicles to units turning in battle damaged vehicles; and, prepared battle damaged vehicles for shipment to the source of repair. In addition they keep the welcome mat out for units who stop by for repairs or assistance when they're in the neighborhood.

Currently the Balad facility is the main support hub for all Stryker major assemblies in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Qatar. A new forward repair activity is being built in Afghanistan to support the vehicles and units assigned to Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We bring a number of things to support the Warfighter," said Warren Wohr, Forward Repair Activity Manager. "We have rapid repair capabilities; rapid supply capabilities; we issue vehicles from our return to fight fleet; and we provide retrograde processing for parts being shipped back to a source of repair."

The component repair section rebuilds the full-up power packs (FUPP) consisting of the engine, transmission and cooling tower in one modular unit. This year, they have rebuilt over 450 power packs and are well ahead of their goal of rebuilding 10 FUPPs per week.

"The FUPPs come in with paperwork describing the problems," said Chris MacLachlan, component repair supervisor. He said each unit is power washed and then one of the mechanics inspects to find out what is wrong with the power pack. "There are hundreds of tests that can be run."

MacLachlan said it usually takes two to four days to repair a FUPP and that the unit can be

separated into three parts for repair or replacement.

The repair component includes sections that can rebuild differentials; driveline components; and repair wheel and tire assemblies. They also have a fire bottle recharging station that can refill fire extinguishers for crew fire bottles, engine fire bottles and the tire fire suppression systems.

"The fire suppression systems are absolutely critical," said Steven Morgan who is certified to fill the fire suppression bottles. "We do the best we can to give them [the Soldiers] a quality product with backups."

Steve Martin, who was an electronics technician in the Navy, and Lawrence "Rob" Robinson, a former Army electronics technician, provide the expertise to work on the remote weapons systems and mobile gun systems using a variety of test benches and calibration equipment.

"If we weren't here, things would have to go back to the vendor," said Robinson, Vectorics and RWS technician. "The time savings is critical to keeping the vehicle and the Soldier in the fight."

The Return to Fight (RTF) section receives battle damaged vehicles from units and issues a reserve vehicle to the unit upon approval by the program manager. The RTF shop then prepares the damaged Stryker to be sent to the battle damage repair facility located in Qatar. The RTF shop maintains a fleet of Strykers ready to be issued to units. Once the Qatar facility completes the repairs, the vehicles are returned to Balad for re-issue to the unit.

The RTF puts the welcome mat out for units who pull in for a quick repair or consultation when they're near Balad.

"We drop everything we're doing to work on their vehicles," said Wohr. "That's our top priority, our ultimate customer. We exist to make sure the Warfighter is successful in their mission."

Tony Borris, RTF and quality assurance supervisor, said his crew determines if a damaged vehicle can be repaired. They prepare repairable Strykers for shipment to Qatar where the vehicle is taken "down to the



Above: Joe Trevino works on a Full-Up Power Pack in the component repair section of the Stryker Forward Repair Activity at Joint Base Balad. The Balad facility is the main support hub for all Stryker major assemblies in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Qatar. **Left:** Steven Morgan fills a fire bottle for the Stryker tire fire suppression system.

"down to the hull, and it comes back like new."

Given the number of activities and the number of parts that are required to complete the jobs, the supply function is a critical piece of the FRA operation and that job falls to Annette Burton. She said the warehouse has approximately 2,700 line items in addition to maintaining about 415 line items for the deployed Stryker brigades.

"When they [a unit's Strykers] go down, we have to get the parts out to the brigades," she said.

She added that the parts she stocks range in size from small electronic parts to full-up power packs, "from less than one ounce to 8,000 pounds."

According to Wohr, the warehouse receives approximately 5,000 parts each week and Burton ships them out by every available means.

Parts removed from vehicles are returned to Burton who follows her standard operating procedures for either putting them in a retrograde status or disposing them.

Edward C. Meyer, Material Control Handler in the repair and overhaul section, receives electronics, engine parts, wheel drives and other parts for retro-

grade. He estimates that 200 to 500 shipments are sent out each month but before any part can be shipped, it must be cleaned and prepared for a customs inspection, and then packed for shipping. The R&O shop also custom builds the wooden boxes used to ship the parts.

Wohr said most of the GDLS personnel are prior military and have a strong commitment to supporting the Warfighter. Some have had personal experience with Strykers.

Dan Overby, who now works in the RTF section, was a specialist assigned to the 172nd Stryker Brigade and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said that Strykers he rode in were hit five times with improvised explosive devices and he walked away with a minor concussion.

Josh McGovern was a Soldier with the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and deployed to Iraq. He said he had never been in a vehicle that was attacked, but had friends and platoon members who were.

"Strykers are maneuverable and can move a lot of Soldiers and get them out of the danger area quickly and quietly," McGovern said.

NEW BLSTs support recently deployed units



Three new Brigade Logistics Support Teams (BLST) have taken shape recently to support units that deployed recently to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division based out of Fort Lewis, Wash. took over from the 1st SBCT, 25th IC in a ceremony at FOB Warhorse 12 SEP. The BLST is headed by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel A. Lal.

The 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, based out of Fort Riley, Kan. began arriving in late August with the last unit arriving from Kuwait on 26 SEP. A transfer of authority ceremony from is scheduled for 12 OCT.

The 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, based out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii began deploying in August and a transfer of authority ceremony is scheduled for 10 OCT.

While the BLST chiefs may be new, many of their team members were here with the previous units or have had multiple deployments. The BLST model provides a direct link to the unit from Army Materiel Command. The BLST chief can leverage AMC assets theater-wide so units can meet their mission.



Clockwise from left: 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division BLST team Dave Stroman, Logistics Management Specialist and MAJ Charles 'Chuck' Chapman, BLST Chief. Top left: 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division BLST team. Front row - Charles Maddox, Richard Noel, Celestino Babilonia; middle row - Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel A. Lal, BLST Chief, Jeff Limpkins and George Van Brunt; back row - Mark Carroll, Marion L. Williams and Riley Barth. Top right: 25th Combat Aviation Brigade BLST team. Front row - Don Schiller, Jose Escolero, MAJ Dean Janosik, BLST Chief, security guard, CW 3 Albert Medeiros; back row - Lionel Finley, Tom Smith, Godfrey Grant, Bill Medley, Robert Nichols and Marvin Armour.

M1114 Transfer Program completes production



The last M1114 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle rolled off the assembly line at the M1114 Induction Program facility at Taji National Maintenance Depot recently. The vehicle was accepted from AECOM, the contractor, on 08 SEP. The transfer project began in early 2008 with the first vehicle being transferred to the Government of Iraq on 08 MAR 08.

The M1114 transfer program was managed by Multi-National Security Command-Iraq logistics personnel with augmentation from Army Materiel Command, Tank Automotive and Armament Command in conjunction with Multi-National Corps - Iraq and other Coalition partners.

The program produced 400 and refurbished and painted vehicles each month. Approximately 7200 vehicles were transferred to Iraqi Security Forces.

Workers from the M1114 Transfer Program stand in front of the last vehicle produced during the 18 months of production..

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sure the distribution of newly fielded items is correct.

“Once the initial fielding plan is done, I step in and work whatever problems come up,” Sherrod said. “I can coordinate with the right people to utilize 402nd assets.”

“ALT-D marries the materiel enterprise piece with the acquisition and technology pieces,” said Daniel Hernandez, ALT-D Deputy. “We really are a force multiplier.”

The ALT-D team demonstrated its flexibility and responsiveness September 19 when they “took a tour of a Stryker” parked at one of the dining facilities at Joint Base Balad. MAJ Williams noticed that the Soldiers had made a modification in the form of side-mounted illumination. When the Soldiers returned to their vehicle, they talked to the ALT-D team and explained their modification. That brief meeting resulted in a request for information being submitted to REDCOM within 48 hours.

MAJ Williams said there are several options if the modification is approved. It could be fielded through the program manager, through RDECOM, through the Rapid Equipment Fielding pipeline, or it could be determined that the best course would be to have the Mobile Parts Hospital located in the 1st Battalion at Joint Base Balad fabricate the new parts.

“At the end of the day, you know you’re making a difference,” said MAJ Williams. “I talk to the Soldiers about their specific needs, their vehicles – what’s good, what needs to be better and I push that up to make their lives better and safer.”

“The mission we do on a daily basis impacts Soldiers on the ground and they can see the results,” said MAJ Wood. “People are impacted by the decisions we make – it’s about the Warfighter and what they need and making sure they are protected.”



Scott Brown, Training Specialist for the Common Remotely Operated Weapons System shows GEN Ann E. Dunwoody, Army Materiel Command Commanding General, how to use the joystick controller for the CROWS system as Dean G. Popps, Principal Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions looks on during their visit to Joint Base Balad 05 JUN. The CROWS system was named one of the top ten inventions of 2008 by the U.S. Army.

MG Bunch visits 402nd

MG Harold G. Bunch, Responsible Retrograde Task Force (R2TF) Acting Director, visited 402nd Army Field Support Brigade areas 12 SEP.

The first stop was the 2nd Battalion’s Redistribution Property Assistance Team yard for a briefing on the battalion’s mission to move equipment out of the Iraq Theater of Operations. MG Bunch then visited the 1st Battalion footprint for a briefing and tour of the LSAC/915 facility and the Stryker Forward Repair Activity.

Awards and Recognition

A Superior Civilian Service Medal was awarded to Tobi J. Montgomery, Logistics Management Specialist, Multi National Force- North

Commander’s Awards for Civilian Service Medals were presented to Marvin A. Armour, Patrick J. Connell, Jose Escolero, Martin A. Gonzales and Gary L. Koeing. All recipients are from Multi National Force- North.

Redeploying civilians also received Global War on Terrorism Medals and certificates for their service.



Top left: MG Harold G. Bunch, Responsible Retrograde Task Force (R2TF) Acting Director, is briefed by David CASS, LSAC mechanic, during his visit to the 1st BN, 402nd AFSB LSAC/915 facility 13 SEP.



Bottom left: MG Bunch is briefed on the Stryker Forward Repair Activity capabilities by Warren Wohr, Stryker FRA Manager, 13 SEP.

Desert Boats



A small fleet of U. S. Army boats sits on dry land at the Joint Base Balad Redistribution Property Assistance Team yard 20 SEP. The boats are awaiting transportation to Kuwait for onward processing.

Safety Focus

Accident reporting and investigation

All investigations have a purpose: a criminal investigation determines criminal intent which may lead to prosecution; a collateral investigation gathers facts for litigation. A safety accident investigation determines cause, not to place blame but to find out why the accident occurred and what we as leaders/team members can do to ensure you or a team member is not injured or killed from a similar accident. Safety accident investigations are kept confidential and they may not be shared with other investigators.

Army regulations require all accidents to be investigated, the cause determined, and corrective actions taken to ensure others don't suffer from similar occurrences. Over the years many safety improvements have been developed from information gathered in safety accident investigations. So if an accident occurs in your area of responsibility, promptly complete a thorough safety accident investigation to help others.

The following material was provided back in August as a safety notice (green hash). The green hash provides links to the reference material, forms, and identifies the steps to complete a safety accident investigation. Material may also be found in 402nd AFSB Safety Directive dated 11 July 2009 and on AKO under the 402nd AFSB Safety folders.

Following an incident/accident.

a. **Preserve the scene.** Ensure the scene is preserved for all 'Class A or B' accidents until the BDE Commander releases the scene. Preserve all other accident scenes until all investigative data is obtained and the BN, LSE, or BLST Commander releases the scene.

b. **Report.** Report all incidents of command interest and operational impact on a Serious Incident Report (SIR) / Commanders Critical Incident Report (CCIR) initially (in accordance with emergency operations protocol) followed by a DA Form 7306 or telephone report to BDE Safety Director.

c. **Conduct an investigation** to determine causes (document- take pictures, collect statements, review qualifications maintenance records and procedures/SOP, etc.)

then recommend and implement final corrective action(s) to prevent recurrence. For technical assistance in conducting investigations contact BDE Safety and review DA PAM 385-40.

d. **Complete the appropriate DA Form 285** on each accident per instructions in the AGAR 'Use and Preparation Guide' and this document. Submit the report to the Safety Director within 5 working days along with any facts, pictures and documents obtained in the investigation. Report forms include DA Form 285, U.S. Army Accident Report; or DA Form 285-AB-R, U.S. Army Abbreviated Ground Accident Report (AGAR). (visit Army pubs and forms or AKO 402nd AFSB Folders under safety forms); or on the 402nd "Near Miss Report" form.

(1) Injuries to military and DA Civilian personnel are reported, regardless of duty status. Accident report forms are based on the accident class. 'Class A or B' will be reported on a DA Form 285; a 'Class C or D' will be reported on a DA Form 285-AB-R. Both will be forwarded to the Safety Director within 5 days.

(2) Injuries to contractor personnel are reported for incidents occurring during an on-duty status. Civilian contractor accidents will be reported on a DA Form 285 for 'Class A or B' and on a DA Form 285-AB-R for 'Class C or D'. Both forms will be forwarded to the Safety Director within 5 days.

(3) All (military, civilian or contractor) near misses will be reported on the "402nd AFSB Near Miss Report" form and forwarded to the Safety Director within five days.

e. Conduct an **accident review board**. review recommendations, implement corrective actions, track, ensure corrective actions are completed, and they are preventing reoccurrence.

Classification of Accident: Incident classes are used to determine appropriate **investigative and reporting procedures.**

Class 'A' accident (DA form 285; signed by AMC). (Scene secured until investigation is completed and released by BDE CDR/AMC)

An incident in which the resulting total cost of property damage is more than

\$1,000,000; an aircraft or missile is destroyed, missing, or abandoned; an injury and/or occupational illness results in a fatality or permanent total disability

Class 'B' accident (DA form 285; signed by ASC). [Scene secured until investigation is completed and released by BDE CDR/ASC]

An incident in which the resulting total cost of property damage is \$200,000 or more, but less than \$1,000,000; an injury and/or occupational illness results in permanent partial disability, or when 3 or more personnel are hospitalized as inpatients as the result of a single occurrence. A spill of a POL product or chemical substance in excess of 110 gallons. Or a spill of an extremely hazardous substance greater than 10 gallons.

Class 'C' accident (DA form 285-AB; signed by BDE CDR). [Scene secured until investigation is completed and released by BDE CDR]

An incident in which the resulting total cost of property damage is \$20,000 or more, but less than \$200,000; a nonfatal injury or occupational illness that causes one or more days away from work or training beyond the day or shift on which it occurred or disability at any time (that does not meet the definition of Class A or B and is a lost time case). A spill of a POL product or chemical substance greater than 10 gallons but less than 109 gallons. Or any spill of an extremely hazardous substance less than 10 gallons.

Class 'D' accident (DA form 285-AB; signed by LSE CDR). [Scene secured until investigation is completed and released by LSE/BN CDR]

An incident in which the resulting total cost of property damage is \$2,000 or more, but less than \$20,000; a nonfatal injury or illness resulting in restricted work, transfer to another job, medical treatment greater than first aid, needle stick injuries and cuts from sharps that are contaminated from another person's blood or other potentially infectious material, medical removal under medical surveillance requirements of an OSHA standard, occupational hearing loss, or a work-related tuberculosis case, or first aid treatment rendered. A spill of POL or chemical substance of 10 gallons or less.

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Year of the NCO

402nd AFSB Year of the NCO Spotlight

Since 1775, the Army has set apart its NCOs from other enlisted Soldiers by distinctive insignia of grade.



With more than 200 years of service, the U.S. Army's Noncommissioned Officer Corps has distinguished itself as the world's most accomplished group of military professionals. Historical and daily accounts of "life as an NCO" are exemplified by acts of courage, and a dedication and a willingness to do "whatever it takes" to complete the mission. NCOs have been celebrated for decorated service in military events ranging from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, to charges on Omaha Beach and battles along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, to current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Noncommissioned Officers assigned to the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade are among the best in the Army and this continuing series will spotlight our NCOs.

Name: MSG Mark A. Mohler

Length of Service: 32 yrs (4 Active, 28 Reserves)

Current Job: 1st Battalion 402nd AFSB Command Sergeant Major and additional duty as the 1st Battalion lawn care specialist

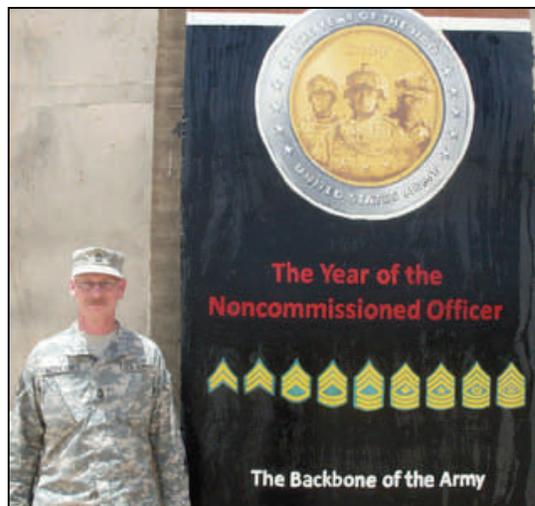
NCO Philosophy: Doing the right thing might not make you popular but people will respect you for it.

Advice to Soldiers: By living the Army Values you will be ready and can overcome career or life's setbacks when they happen.

Family: wife, Nancy; sons Mark Jr. (26) Michael (24) and daughter Kaylee (14)

Hometown: Albion, Michigan

Right: MSG Mark A. Mohler, Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, stands next to a T-wall recognizing the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer at the MWR Fitness Center East at Joint Base Balad. MSG Mohler advises Soldiers to live the Army values and always do the right thing.



402nd sponsors Labor Day raft race

The Labor Day raft race drew 17 teams who competed in a 100 meter race and prizes for best theme, best design and the raft that held the most passengers.

CPT Sarah P. Bobell, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 402nd AFSB Commander, coordinated the race and said she was pleased with the turnout and the creativity of the participants.

“People had fun,” she said. “People were very creative.”

With only water bottles, duct tape, tactical cord and one broom handle to work with, people had to be creative.

Entries ranged from just a bunch of bottles tied together to a dinghy, a pirate ship, a kayak, an alligator, a wrench, and an ambulance. The pirate ship won for best theme, the dinghy won best design and a patient litter won for holding the most people.

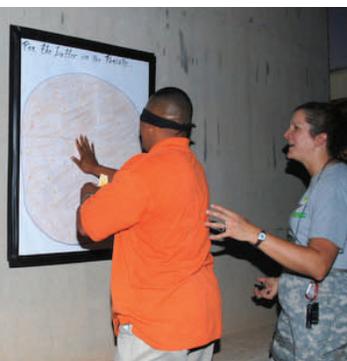
“It was a good excuse to get out of the office for a bit on Labor Day,” CPT Bobell said. “At the end of the race people were already asking when the next one would be.”

She said she added more categories so the team with the fastest swimmer would not be the only winner of the day.



Photos by Devin Ransom

Faces and Places around the 402nd and beyond



Top row from left: Members of 1st Battalion in a tug-of-war contest during the battalion's National Pancake Day cook-out. September 26. Raymond Murphy, transportation specialist gets a helping hand from MAJ Laura J. Powell, 1st BN Executive Officer as he tries to pin the butter on the pancake during the battalion's cook-out for National Pancake Day September 26. **Bottom row from left:** Brigade S3 Deputy, Robert Porter seems to have a mission to distribute AMC hats to as many people as possible. Several of those recently gifted with his hats are BG John F. Wharton, Army Materiel Command- Southwest Asia/G-4, Commanding General; MG Robert M. Radin, who was Army Sustainment Command Commanding General until September 2. MG Radin's new duties are Department of the Army Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he will serve as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (G-4); CSM Jose Crisostomo, 407th AFSB Command Sergeant Major who was the 402nd CSM until July 27.

Tug of war photo by Kenneth Mcquay



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