



## U.S. Army Sustainment Command

### 401<sup>st</sup> Army Field Support Brigade



The 401st Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) headquarters is located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, where it leverages the full might of the Army Materiel Enterprise at the tip of the spear in support of operations in Southwest Asia.

The 401st AFSB executes, directs and manages field and sustainment level logistics for U.S. and selected coalition forces in Afghanistan. It serves as the single entry point for integration and synchronization for acquisition, logistics and technology between the tactical and the materiel enterprise while enhancing unit readiness and improving combat capability.

The 401st AFSB has command and control of two Army Field Support Battalions; AFSBn-Bagram, located at Bagram Air Field, is responsible for supporting regional command east and north; and AFSBn-Kandahar, located at Kandahar Air Field, is responsible for supporting regional command south and west. Each AFSBn has command and control of a logistics support element (LSE) and multiple logistics task forces (LTF) positioned at the seven regional support

activities (RSA) throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area. Additionally, every brigade combat team (BCT) that deploys receives direct support from an attached brigade logistics support team (BLST).

The 401st AFSB provides its headquarters, the Army Sustainment Command (ASC), and the materiel enterprise partners a forward presence and executes the following critical programs and missions in support of OEF in Afghanistan:

- Operation Enduring Freedom expansion (planning/establishing Army Materiel Command capabilities)
- Assist Program Managers and Program Executive Offices with new equipment fielding
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle (MRAP) and MRAP all-terrain vehicle (M-ATV) retrofit support
- Battle-damaged equipment repair
- Backup field and sustainment maintenance
- Theater Provided Equipment (TPE)
- Theater Sustainment Stocks (TSS)
- Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS)
- Electronic Sustainment Support Center (ESSC)
- Small Arms Support Center (SASC)
- Logistics Assistance Program (LAP)
- ARFORGEN (Redeployment, Retrograde and Reset)





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Senior command representatives (SCRs) and logistics assistance representatives (LARs) from the AMC's Life Cycle Management Commands (LCMC) are an integral part of the 401st AFSB team. The SCRs and LARs are on the ground in Afghanistan supporting units and assisting the AFSB staff in leveraging and synchronizing materiel enterprise capabilities. This integrated team approach is pivotal to the materiel enterprise success.

The 401<sup>st</sup> also manages the Logistics Civilian Augmentation Program to provide essential Combat Support and Combat Service Support tailored to requirements identified by Battle Space Commanders.

### HISTORY

The 401st traces its history back to the 1997 activation of the Combat Equipment Group-Southwest Asia (CEG-SWA). The command was formed as a result of the Chief of Staff of the Army's decision to expand Army Materiel Command's responsibility for war reserve stocks to include the Persian Gulf region.

While the unit created Army Prepositioned Stock sets in Qatar and Kuwait, it underwent a series of name and organizational changes. CEG-SWA was renamed AMC Forward-SWA on Oct. 1, 2000, when the unit assumed responsibility for the Logistics Assistance Program and Logistics Civil Augmentation Program in Southwest Asia.

AMC Forward began war support operations in Southwest Asia in October 2001, when it

began to support U.S. Forces in Afghanistan. The headquarters moved from Qatar to Kuwait in the fall of 2002 as part of the ramp up to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was re-designated the Army Field Support Brigade-SWA on Oct. 1, 2004. At the time the AFSB-SWA consisted of the Brigade Headquarters in Qatar; Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar; AFSBn-Kuwait; AFSBn-Afghanistan; Prepositioned Watercraft at Kuwait Naval Base; and the Logistics Support Element at Arifjan, Kuwait.

The AFSB-SWA was deactivated on Oct. 16, 2006, when the 401st AFSB was activated. In 2008 the Brigade headquarters forward deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The battalions in Kuwait and Qatar transferred to the 402nd AFSB in 2010 to allow the 401st to focus on Afghanistan.

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