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*Thank you Team AAW*

Team – As we mark the end of another successful fiscal year, I would like to start by saying thank you to each and every one of you for what you do every day to make Army Sustainment Command the success that it is. All of you play a vital role in an organization dedicated to providing Soldiers and our Army the equipment, services and logistical support they require in a timely and professional manner.

In a couple weeks, I will pass the colors of Army Sustainment Command and the Rock Island Arsenal to Major General Patricia E. McQuiston. MG McQuiston is coming here from the 21<sup>st</sup> Theater Support Command. She has proven herself to be a thoughtful and professional servant-leader who will continue to guide this great organization on the next leg of our journey supporting our Army. I would ask each of you to provide her the support and professionalism each of you has shown me.

I have been honored and humbled to lead this great command over the last couple years. You have taught me much about the business side of the Army. I am continually amazed by the multitude of complex missions that ASC executes to support our Army. You have taken initial concepts for the Directorate of Logistics realignment and Lead Materiel Integrator and turned them into reality. Our nation’s Soldiers benefit from your expertise in materiel management, LOGCAP and Logistics Assistance to name but a few. You maintain the link to the tactical Army through our superb AFSBs. You sustain the nation’s APS strategic reserve and ensure our Soldiers in harm’s way have modern and ready equipment to keep them safe. Every Soldier in our Army is touched by what you do every day and I thank you on their behalf.

One final area you may not have heard about is our effort to develop a 2012-2016 Campaign Plan to synchronize key initiatives, objectives and plans for ASC to achieve our vision of becoming the “Soldier’s Storefront for integrated logistics solutions.” As part of the process, we have updated our mission: “Army Sustainment Command links national logistics capabilities, executes materiel distribution, and provides logistics solutions to enable unit readiness”. Our future success is dependent on the participation and teamwork of our workforce. I would ask each of you to familiarize yourself with our plan and bring your experience and expertise to the tasks ahead. The plan focuses on four areas:

- Mission. Focused on establishing integrated business systems and support solutions to optimize our effectiveness and efficiency through initiatives such as LMI, LSOC and DOL Transformation.
- Resources & Transformation. Focused on facilities and equipment, information technology, funding and process improvement to ensure success as we face increasingly constrained resources.
- Development. Focused on ASC maintaining an adaptive, competent workforce of problem solvers.
- Communications. Focused on implementing knowledge management within the Command and executing strategic communications to relay our messages to our stakeholder audiences.

As I close this final “Fontaine Sends”, I would like to once again tell you how honored I have been to be your Commander and what a privilege it has been to serve our nation with such a professional group of Civilians, Soldiers and Contractors. As always, remain vigilant, smart and safe. We need everyone to continue making the ASC as successful as we’ve been in the past.

You truly make a difference every day to support this great Nation and our Command.

Airborne!

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