



History of the Army Field Support Battalion-Hood (AFSBn-Hood) "TUSKERS"

As part of the Army's force structure transformation the Army Field Support Battalion-Hood transitioned from the 1st Cavalry Division Logistics Support Element and activated as a permanent Battalion in October 2009 under the 407th Army Field Support Brigade. During the organization's transformation, the battalion has grown from 43 personnel to a strength of 1500 to its current strength of 173 personnel. The Army Field Support Battalion-Hood fully developed the capabilities required to effectively fulfill its assigned missions. The Battalion is comprised of military, DA civilians, and contractors who are dedicated to supporting the warfighter and the Nation they serve; most notably as they deploy with their supported units as a Brigade Logistics Support Team.

AFSBn-Hood supports the largest and heaviest Division in the U.S. Army, the 1st Cavalry Division. The "Tusker" is symbolic of a strong forward presence, supporting a heavy division in order to preserve regional stability. The elephant is an excellent representation of this capability. The use of elephants over the centuries has left a deep cultural legacy in many countries. In Europe, the elephant became a symbol of military might from the experience of fighting foreign powers that fielded war elephants throughout history. Asian cultures admire the high intelligence and good memory of Asian elephants. As such, they symbolize wisdom and power. Many African cultures revere the African Elephant as a symbol of strength and power. It is also praised for its size, longevity, stamina, mental faculties, team, and loyalty. These are traits displayed by today's team members of the AFSBn-Hood "Tusker" Battalion. Like the innovators that first used elephants in combat centuries ago, the members of the "Tusker" battalion still must look for adaptive and creative ways to support the warfighter in modern military operations.

The heart of the Battalion has been and continues to be the Logistics Assistance Representatives (LARs) assigned to the Army Life Cycle Management Commands: Aviation & Missile Command, Communications-Electronics Command, Tank & Automotive Command, and Army Sustainment Command within the Logistics Assistance Program. They are the critical Army Materiel Command logistics operators here in garrison and deployed in theater.

Mission

Serves as Army Materiel Command's (AMC) face to the field in support of the Warfighter!

AFSBn-Hood synchronizes and provides direct sustainment support to the 1st Cavalry Division and synchronizes and provides general support for Army and Joint Forces within our area of responsibility.

Brigade Logistics Support Team (BLST)

The mission of the BLST is to provide direct support (DS) technical & Logistics Assistance Program (LAP) personnel support to selected combat arms brigade organizations. BLSTs are tailored to support specific types of units such as Infantry, Heavy, Stryker, Aviation Brigades.

Vision

An agile and responsive organization fully networked to leverage all capabilities in the Strategic Logistics Enterprise as the AMC “face to the field” to generate readiness for the Supported Commander