



# U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

## 401ST ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BATTALION-KUWAIT

### MISSION FOCUSED...SUPPORT DRIVEN

The Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait (AFSBn-KU) headquarters is located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The AFSBn-KU receives, maintains, and issues Army Prepositioned Stocks in support of strategic requirements, provides theater sustainment support and conducts retrograde operations for the CENTCOM Area of Operations.

The battalion has a unique organizational structure in that it is composed of a team of Soldiers, Department of the Army (DA) Civilians, and a contractor support base for a total workforce of more than 2,000. The AFSBn-KU mission relies heavily upon contractors which comprise 98% of the Battalion's workforce. The Soldiers and DA Civilians perform contractor work oversight and ensure a quality product from the contractor. The Battalion and the contractor work together as a team to provide support to the Warfighter.

The AFSBn-KU core responsibilities are:

- **Army Prepositioned Stocks - 5 (APS-5):** An enduring mission supporting the Defense Cooperation Agreement (DCA) with Kuwait. Provide maintenance, accountability, and issue capability of the Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), Kuwaiti Sustainment Brigade (KSB), Tactical Command Post (TCP), Theater Sustainment Stock (TSS), SOCCENT Activity Set, and all Separate Reportable Units (SRU).
- **Retrograde:** Execute CL VII Retrograde mission ISO HQDA Reset Program. Retrograde mission includes the receipt, accountability, four-corning, processing, agricultural cleaning, customs clearing, and shipping of all AMC owned (TPE) Class VII Rolling Stock, Non-Rolling Stock and Non-Standard Equipment from Kuwait to Army depots and world wide RESET locations.
- **Intra-Theater Maintenance (ITM):** Supports Operations Spartan Shield, Inherent Resolve, Freedom's Sentinel. Support to ARCENT includes replacement for Battle Loss/ Battle Damage equipment, fulfilling Operational Needs Statements, and maintenance refurbishment.

In addition to its core responsibilities, the AFSBn-KU supports more than 30 other missions. A few of these missions are as follows:

- Maintain and issue Theater Sustainment Stocks (TSS)
- Foreign Military Sales (FMS)
- TPE Refurbishment
- Tire Assembly Repair Program
- JSLIST Sort Mission
- MRAP 1 for 1 exchange
- FRAG Kit 7 Installations
- Special Operations Group (SOG) Vehicle Refurbishment

The Battalion's complement of Soldiers, DA Civilians, and contractors work together as one cohesive unit to achieve mission success. The AFSBn-KU is "Mission Focused...Support Driven."

### HISTORY

Known as the Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait (AFSBn-KU) since 21 May 2007, AFSBn-KU was originally activated as the Combat Equipment Battalion-Kuwait (CEB-KU) on 01 October 1999 at Camp Doha, Kuwait.

As a forward deployed battalion set in place to receive, repair, issue, and retrograde Army equipment, the battalion has directly supported units in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and the Horn of Africa. In the last few years, the Battalion rebuilt the Infantry Brigade Combat Team, retrograded over 10,000 pieces of rolling stock, issued approximately 9,500 pieces of rolling stock, executed over 1.3 million hours of direct maintenance labor, and maintained accountability for over 700,000 pieces of equipment.

