



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

403RD ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BATTALION – NORTHEAST ASIA

Army Field Support Battalion – Northeast Asia’s history began with the 1994 establishment of the Army War Reserve Management Cell-4 to manage war reserve stocks in the Pacific Theater.

HISTORY

Operations were initiated at Camp Carroll in June 1994 with four temporary duty personnel from CONUS. Permanent personnel arrived in December 1994. The cell was designated as the Combat Equipment Base-Northeast Asia (CEB-NEA) in July 1996 and became part of the dual command with Depot Support Activity-Far East (DSAFE) located in Seoul. The dual command relationship ended in March 1998 when CEB-NEA was assigned its own commander.

In October 1998, CEB-NEA was re-designated as the Combat Equipment Battalion– Northeast Asia in recognition of its permanent status and growing responsibilities for Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS-4) in the Pacific. The stocks consisted of Class I, II, III (P), IV, V, VII and IX Materiel. These stocks are configured as an MTOE armor-heavy brigade set, four MTOE hospital sets, operational project stocks to support specified missions, sustainment stocks for the theater in the event of contingencies. Altogether, APS-4 stocks represent almost \$8.0B of assets in Korea. These assets serve to enhance peacetime readiness and power projection capabilities.

In October 2005, CEB-NEA was renamed the Army Field Support Battalion-Northeast Asia. The headquarters is located at Camp Carroll, Waegwan, South Korea, about 25 kilometers northwest of Daegu. In October of 2005, the Battalion received operational control of the Army Prepositioned Stocks– Support Division from the Materiel Support Center–Korea. The following year, in October 2006, the 36th Korean Service Corps Company was activated in direct support of the Battalion’s mission. In October of that year, the Battalion assumed responsibility for storage and maintenance of APS-4 watercraft relocated to Yokohama North Dock, Japan from the Combat Equipment Battalion, Hythe, England. In May 2007, the Battalion assumed responsibility for storage and maintenance of APS-4 stocks at Sagami General Depot, Japan. The Battalion strength is now approximately 553 personnel.

The Army Field Support Battalion-Northeast Asia mission is to receive, store, maintain, account for and on-order issue, Army Prepositioned Stocks-4 (unit sets, operational projects and sustainment stocks), located in Korea and Japan, in order to provide strategic flexibility and depth to Joint/ Combined and U.S. Army forces.

