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404TH ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BATTALION - JBLM

Prior to 2002, Army Materiel Command (AMC) presence was known as the Logistics Assistance Office (LAO) at Fort Lewis; it was later re-organized and re-designated the Logistics Support Element (LSE) -Fort Lewis, Washington, as a subordinate organization of Army Sustainment Command. With a mission of providing the Stryker Brigade Command Team (SBCT) a “Single Face to the Field”, for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ALT) integration and sustainment support from AMC.

In June 2003, during the Army modular force transformation the first AMC Brigade Logistics Support Teams (BLST) were created for 3/2 and 1/25 Stryker Brigade Combat Teams at Fort Lewis under the command and control of the LSE to provide an interface between AMC and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA-ALT). Later that year, the LSE deployed the first BLST in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as an early entry logistic support team.

In 2005, a third BLST was formed to support the 4/2 SBCT. In 2006, the 1/25 BLST re-flagged to Vilseck, Germany and re-designated as the 2nd SCR BLST. During 2008 the 5/2 BLST was established after returning from war, and in July 2010 was re-designated as the 2/2 BLST, as the SBCT re-aligned. From 2006 through 2007, the LSE continued with numerous follow on missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; deploying individuals and teams to support diverse logistical support missions in both operational theaters.

In August 2007, the Logistics Support Element was re-organized and re-designated as one of AMC’s first Army Field Support Battalions, the 1/404th AFSBn(Provisional) with a diverse mission, and ability to rapidly establish forward logistical support with reach back to AMC and the ALT industrial base. Due to changing mission requirements, in 2008, the 1/404th AFSBn was re-designated the Logistics Support Element–Fort Lewis with direct support to the Commander, I Corps.

In June 2010, its mission grew exponentially; the Logistics Support Element at Joint Base Lewis-McChord(JBLM) was again re-organized and re-designated as the Army Field Support Battalion-Lewis (Provisional). In addition, the 16th CAB BLST was formed to provide direct support to the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade newly formed on JBLM.

The battalion continues to support the Power Projection Platform at JBLM as well as AMC’s Logistics Assistance Program, with regional support provided through the Life Cycle Management Commands throughout Washington,

Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Utah. In 2010, as a result of the OPTEMPO and supporting two War fronts the I Corps Logistics Support Team (LST) was formed and established to provide synchronization to the seven functional brigades and eleven individual units at Joint Base Lewis-McChord(JBLM).

During 2012, Forces Command (FORSCOM) implemented the Back to Basics initiatives, resulting in the battalion transitioning from the Left Behind Equipment (LBE) program to the implementation of the Unit Maintained Equipment (UME). Also AFSBn-Lewis provisional assumed Mission Command of LST Huachuca and LST Irwin then was assigned the Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) to the battalion mission. On 5 October 2012, the Army Field Support Battalion Lewis I Corps was renamed to the Army Field Support Battalion Lewis. While the United States Army Special Operations Command realigned the 1st Special Forces Group Logistics Support team to the battalion in 2013.

2014 brought Army Restructure (ARSTRUC) to the battalion formation with the deactivation of 4/2 SBCT and the realignment of 4/2 BLST personnel and equipment. The battalion partnered with the 593 ESC on the “Campaign on Property Accountability” recovering over \$20.5M in equipment back to accountable officers. Additionally, the battalion was tasked to process retrograded DVH Stryker’s, Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) from Combined Joint Operational Area-Afghanistan to JBLM, resulting in lateral transfers of approximately 5,685 pieces of CECOM/TACOM equipment worth \$31.7M.

AFSBn-Lewis continues as the “operational arm” for the 404th Army Field Support Brigade supporting Army readiness through its synchronization efforts during the Sustainable Reset Model focusing on materiel management and readiness in Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington. To date, AFSBn-Lewis has LAP personnel deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR-Kuwait), Freedom Sentinel/Resolute Support (FS/RS-Afghanistan) and Pacific Pathways.



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