As part of the Army’s modular force structure transformation, the 406th Army Field Support Brigade was provisionally activated in March 2005 as the Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) – Continental United States-East (CONUS-East) under the U.S. Army Sustainment Command. Charged with the responsibility to provide Army Force Generation support to warfighting units committed to the Global War on Terror, the AFSB encompassed 17 posts, camps, and stations in 26 states east of the Mississippi River. Oct 16, 2007 marked the redesignation of AFSB – CONUS-East to the 406th Army Field Support Brigade, as well as the internal reorganization of its subordinate Logistics Support Elements into four provisional Army Field Support Battalions (AFSBns). Of national strategic importance, the 406th AFSB is also responsible for the Army’s Pre-positioned Stock Afloat program located at Army Strategic Logistics Activity Charleston, South Carolina (ASLAC), and support to Army Special Operations Forces.

Continually evolving with transformation initiatives, the 406th AFSB expanded its area of responsibility to include Fort Polk/Joint Readiness Training Center officially activated its four Army Field Support Battalions in December 2009, received operational control of 30 Installation Directorate of Logistics in June 2010. In October 2014, The 406th AFSB assumed mission command of 30 Logistics Readiness Centers (LRCs), which were renamed from installation Directorate of Logistics, and later transferred control of four LRCs to other AFSB units. In July 2018 under the ASC Futures Initiative, the 406th AFSB will transfer mission command of several LRCs and ASLAC to 404th AFSB at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, WA, while completing the merger of our Army Field Support Battalions with Logistics Readiness Centers at their respective installations.

The 406th AFSB integrates, synchronizes and executes the delivery of U.S. Army Materiel Command capabilities in support of unified land operations in a garrison, joint and combined environment at the strategic, operational and tactical point of need to enable combat readiness of all Army units in the Eastern United States. Four significant efforts highlighted the 406th AFSB ability to exceed expectations of logistical contingency support both CONUS and OCONUS. First, mission command of 26 LRCs since FY15. The Baseline Levels of Support includes ammunition supply, retail supply, central issue facilities, asset management, materiel maintenance, transportation, installation level food service, and laundry and dry cleaning, for 26 supported installations, tenants, and surrounding communities. Second, the mission to support to the Activation and Equipping of Security Force Assistance Brigade #1, (SFAB1) at FBGA. The command worked with Fort Benning, Georgia’s LRC, AFSBns, DAG4, FORSCOM G4, 18th Airborne Corps G4, AMC G3/4, ASC DMC, DID and Field Support, TACOM and CECOM to develop a Concept of Support to stand up this new, high priority unit while simultaneously equipping them with excess equipment transferred from across the Army. Third, support response to disaster assistance within the brigade’s area of responsibility/support with the execution of DSCA events such as Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria. All required high measure of support during FY17, but most notable was the support to Irma in the 406th AFSB footprint where we supported elements of the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command as it traversed through the AFSBn-Stewart area of responsibility. Fourth, the mission of the 15th ABCT Build (Converting 2-3ID from IBCT to ABCT) at Fort Benning, Georgia. The command assisted ASC and FORSCOM with the Concept of Support and weekly information planning session to convert the 2-3 IBCT into an ABCT. Overall, the 406th AFSB showed unprecedented adaptability and commitment to excellence by continued engagement with Army transformation initiatives, support to the warfighter units of TRADOC, FORSCOM, and USASOC, and execution of contingency, operational and installation logistics support.

The real history of the 406th AFSB is the daily accomplishments of the command’s thousands of Soldiers, Department of Army Civilians, and contractors delivering anticipatory and responsive service to our supported customers. Throughout its history and into the future, the 406th AFSB provides “Steadfast Support” to ASC, AMC, the U.S. Army, and the nation.