402nd Army Field Support Brigade

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade is a mission-focused, modular organization designed to bring logistics power forward to every element of the expeditionary Army.

The 402nd AFSB has three subordinate Army Field Support Battalions providing direct support at the corps or theater level.

The Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait manages Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS-5), including Theater Sustainment Stocks and Heavy and Infantry Brigade Combat Team sets from its headquarters at Camp Arifjan. The battalion is also an integral part of retrograde support and theater-wide support to Southwest Asia.

The Army Field Support Battalion-South West Asia, headquartered at Camp Arifjan, provides one-stop single integration fielding for new technology systems and sustainment maintenance to units in Southwest Asia. In addition, the battalion provides centralized command and control for AMC Life Cycle Management Commands’ forward repair activities and support to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Program Executive Offices and Program Managers in Kuwait and Iraq.

Army Field Support Battalion-Qatar executes contract oversight for the Qatar APS-5 Materiel Enterprise, which is comprised of Army Prepositioned Stocks-5, including Theater Sustainment Stocks, Fires and Sustainment Brigades Heavy, FALCON 78 Ammunition Supply Point and a total of 13 Operational Projects. In addition, AFSBn-Qatar provides government oversight to the Stryker Battle Damage repair facility. Al Udeid Air Base and Masaeed Port, Qatar, are the main hubs for all logistics operations in the country of Qatar.

The 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, presently based at Camp Virginia, Kuwait, provides logistics expertise through Redistribution Property Assistance Teams (RPATs), mobile RPATs, equipment Reset and management of the largest property book ever managed in the history of the U.S. Army.

The 402nd also comprises a network of Logistics Support Elements providing direct support to division-level activities, Brigade Logistics Support Teams, providing direct support to their assigned brigade combat team, and Logistics Support Teams, providing direct support to non-brigade combat team Army units in their assigned area.

Logistics Assistance Representatives from
the U. S. Army Materiel Command's Life Cycle Management Commands are integral members of the 402nd team, working on the ground with supported units.

Among the missions managed by the 402nd are: Army Force Generation, including managing the Theater Property Book for Kuwait, Qatar, Egypt, Djibouti and the Horn of Africa; Left-Behind Equipment; Reset; Pre-Deployment Training Equipment and LCMC/Maintenance Activity Synchronization; Army Prepositioned Stocks; Materiel Management; Field Support; Theater-Provided Equipment; Direct Theater Support; Logistics Assistance Program; and the Logistics Civilian Augmentation Program (LOGCAP). The 402nd AFSB currently provides enduring support to the Department of State and the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq.

HISTORY

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade was officially activated on Oct. 16, 2006, at Balad Air Base, Iraq.

In May 2003, nine Logistics Support Elements, under the command and control of the LSE-Southwest Asia, provided operational logistics support to customers in Iraq. LSE-SWA was also responsible for all other Army Materiel Command operations there, and the mission outpaced its effective span of control.

LSE-Iraq was established in May 2003 to provide command and control for all logistics support elements in Iraq. LSE-Iraq took an administrative burden off LSE-SWA, allowing that unit to focus on Kuwait, Qatar and Afghanistan.

As the theater matured, the LSE-Iraq’s missions expanded. By September 2003 CECOM and TACOM Life Cycle Management Commands had forward repair activities in Iraq but remained under the LSE-SWA. In late 2004, Logistics Support Activity-Iraq was established to provide command and control for these units. AMC increased its support to the Army in Iraq with the establishment of up-armor programs and retrofit.

In January 2005 LSE-Iraq was renamed the Army Field Support Brigade-Iraq. It assumed command and control of all AMC operations in Iraq, again establishing a single point of entry for all AMC operations in its area of responsibility. AFSB-Iraq’s mission continued to grow with the addition of the Retrograde Property Accounting Team, Theater Property Book, Route Clearance support, and an increasing number of fielding missions.

The 402nd AFSB was activated October 2006. In addition to its other missions, the 402nd transitioned to retrograde operations in 2009 as the Army began to withdraw from Iraq and shift focus to Afghanistan. The 402nd assumed responsibility for Army Field Support Battalions Kuwait and Qatar in 2010, freeing the 401st to concentrate on Afghanistan. The 402nd also assumed direct responsibility for Logistics Civil Augmentation Program operations in Iraq and Kuwait.