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## 404th AFSB Welcomes "CAST IRON 7"

**Command Sergeant Major Terry D. Burton** assumed responsibilities of the 404th Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) in October 2012. Command Sergeant Major Burton was raised in Roanoke, Virginia. He joined the Army on 9 November 1989 and attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training as a Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. Command Sergeant Major Burton's positions and assignments include: Command Sergeant Major, 172D Support Battalion, Schweinfurt, Germany; Sergeants Major Nonresident Course Facilitator and Battle Staff Instructor, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Ft Bliss, Texas; First Sergeant, 227<sup>TH</sup> General Supply Company (AASLT), Detachment Sergeant, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (ABN), Operation Sergeant, 129<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (AASLT), Ft Campbell, Kentucky; Senior Maintenance Supervisor, 561<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Battalion (AASLT), Mosul, Iraq; Platoon Sergeant, 2<sup>ND</sup> Infantry Division, Forward Support Battalion, Camp Hovey, Korea; Senior Drill Sergeant, 1-61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion, Ft Jackson, South Carolina; Battalion Motor Sergeant, 32<sup>nd</sup> Medical Battalion (ABN), Ft Bragg, North Carolina; Squad Leader, 5/502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, Berlin, Germany; He has participated in 1 rotation of Operation Enduring Freedom and 3 rotations of Operation Iraqi Freedom in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Command Sergeant Major Burton's military and civilian education includes: United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class # 58), Certified Advanced Instructor, Brigade and Battalion Pre-Command Course, Command Sergeant Major (Follow-on-Battalion) Course, Senior Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course, Warrior Leaders Course, Battle Staff Course, First Sergeant Course, Drill Sergeant School, Jumpmaster School, Airborne School, and Air Assault School. He received his Bachelor Degree in Science from Excelsior College. Command Sergeant Major Burton's awards and decorations includes: the Bronze Star Medal (W/OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4/OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2/OLC), Joint Army Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (S/OLC), Army Good



Conduct Medal (7<sup>th</sup> Award), National Defense Service Medal (W/BS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (W/BS), Iraq Campaign Medal (3/BS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (ISAF), Military Outstanding Army Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army of Occupational Medal, NCOES Ribbon (4<sup>TH</sup> Numeral), Humanitarian Service Medal, Oversea Ribbon (5<sup>TH</sup> Numeral), Army Service Ribbon, Army Superior Unit Award (W/OLC), Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Meritorious Unit Citation, (2/OLC). His badges include the Air Assault Badge, Master Jump Wings, Singapore Jump Wings, British Jump Wings, German Schutzenschner, the German CSM Occupational Badge, Driver/Mechanic (W/4 Clasps), and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and the 172<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade Plank Holder Medallion. He is the 3,365 recipient of the prestigious Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe (Ordnance Corps) and an honorary member of the Order of Saint Martin (Quartermaster Corps).

OPSEC CHECK





The holiday season is a time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. These are historically remarkable times for the 404th AFSB and we as members of the United States Army will be remembered as the vanguard of change in shaping Army logistics. Change should be embraced. It is an essential part of life and necessary to grow and evolve to meet new challenges. Organizations that avoid change stagnate, decay and eventually become irrelevant. We need only look around our home and work place to see how technology has simplified our lives and created incredible efficiencies that were once unheard of just a few years ago. One of the key successful elements to change is attitude. If you are looking for negativity and fear, you will find it. However if you adopt an attitude of cooperation and hope, change can be exciting and progressive. Change will bring new strengths, opportunities, and innovations to develop higher levels of quality and services to our soldiers. Albert Einstein once said “insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” Now is the time to start building warm supportive relationships with our DOL counterparts, at both Kwajalein and JBLM. We will learn a great deal from them, as I’m am sure they from us. Please take every opportunity to actively welcome them and help to make the glide path to next year’s transformations a wonderful experience. We all share the same goals; keeping our nation’s Army at the highest level of operational readiness.

I want to extend a hearty welcome on behalf of the entire 404th AFSB family to our new “Cast Iron 7” Command Sergeant Terry Burton. CSM Burton comes to us with an impressive resume, solid leadership experience, great ideas and a positive attitude. He and his family will be a wonderful addition to our team and family.

This has been an amazing year, I want to personally thank each of you for all that you do to make my job a joy. I feel blessed to have such a great team of professionals who truly excel in their fields of expertise. You guys rock! I know your, our, success must be shared with those who are often behind the scenes providing you support and encouragement. Our families, friends, loved ones, neighbors and desk mates are part of an extended family who provide us a bed rock of stability to guide, balance, and keep us focused. This is also the time of year to be reflective of all we have and all that others are without. In a world where many walk in fear let us be thankful of our freedom and to our soldiers whose oath of office has taken them to distant frontiers to preserve that freedom. Please keep those who are struggling in your thoughts, prayers and actions.

In closing I want to extend my best wishes, seasons greeting to you and your families, I am looking forward to an equally incredible and exciting 2013 and the opportunities to visit with each of you. I am immensely proud of all that you do and continue to do for the soldiers of our great Army.



# Coffman Building Takes Form

Building 9514



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# FORT LEWIS SUPERFUND SITE

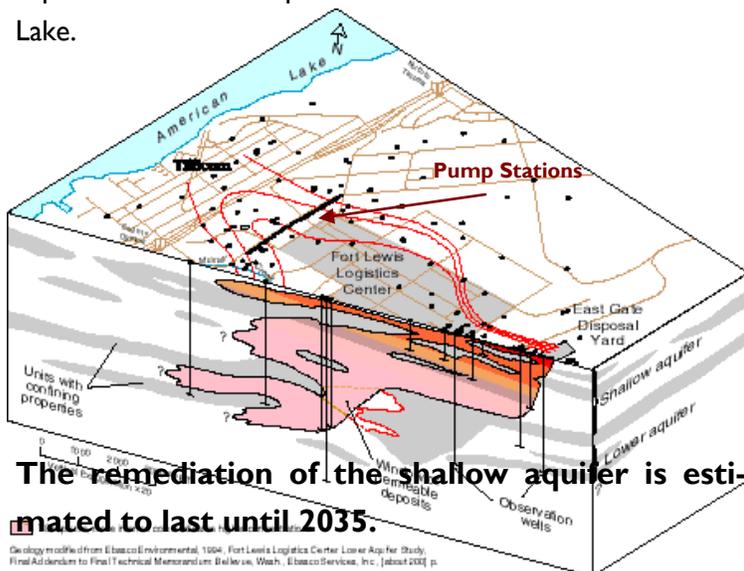


Treatment Sparging Tower

Photo by: Greg Alderete

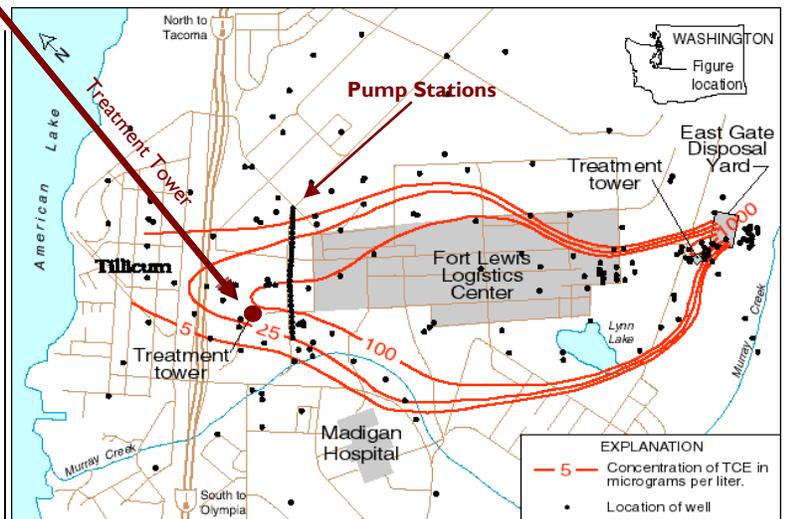
**Air sparging tower located on the construction site of the future Coffman Regional Maintenance Complex (Above).** Air sparging injects air through a contaminated aquifer. The injected air then traverses horizontally and vertically in channels through the soil column, creating an underground stripper that removes contaminants by volatilization. This injected air helps to flush (bubble) the contaminants up into the unsaturated zone where a vapor extraction system is usually implemented in conjunction with air sparging to remove the generated vapor phase contamination.

In 1989, the then, Fort Lewis Logistics Center (now JBLM) was designated a Superfund site on the Environmental Protection Agencies National Priorities List. The superfund program was designed to fund the cleanup of toxic waste sites. The cleanup began in 1990 with the Army in the lead. The system is designed to pump water out and treat it by exposing it to air before returning it to the ground. The sparging tower located near building 9503 is the final barrier to intercept the contaminate plume before it moves into American Lake.



**The remediation of the shallow aquifer is estimated to last until 2035.**

Geology modified from Elbasco Environmental, 1994, Fort Lewis Logistics Center Lower Aquifer Study, Final Addendum to Final Technical Memorandum, Bellevue, Wash., Elbasco Services, Inc. [about 200] p.



Plume isoconcentrations from Woodward-Clyde, 1997, Final Fort Lewis Logistics Center Remedial Action Monitoring First Annual Report, Seattle, Woodward-Clyde, [about 100] p.

**Figure 1.** The TCE plume flows from southeast to northwest under the Logistics Center Superfund site.



Photo by: Greg Alderete

One of the multiple pump stations which move contaminated groundwater to the sparging tower. This one is located next to building 9503

Photo by: Greg Alderete



Joe Magee's '64 Chevy Impala



Sam Dresel's '57 Chevy Pickup

# Blue 2 Green



I am currently serving as the Brigade Logistics Support Team Chief in support of 4/2 ID Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT). 4/2 SBCT just completed rotation 12-08 at the National Training Center (NTC) and while there were many challenges none compare to the impact Stryker parts availability posed to the unit readiness.

Since the inception of the Stryker family of vehicles in to the Army inventory all maintenance and parts requisitions have been done exclusively through Contractor Logistics Support (CLS), because when the STRYKER was first deployed to Iraq, the Army did not have the institutional capability to train soldiers on conducting STRYKER vehicle maintenance, and therefore faced the immediate need for contractor maintenance personnel.

This changed in October 2012 when the "Blue to Green Transition" which exchanged CLS with Soldiers for unscheduled maintenance and supply support within the Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCTs) took place. Inevitably with change there are always new challenges, and this was no exception. This article focus on provisioning, because I believe the root cause and the biggest issue we are having is parts availability.

In essence provisioning is the process where a part number is assigned a National Stock Number (NSN) however, it is far more complicated and time consuming than it sounds. Provisioning is a process where the contractor identifies a part used on a vehicle, then builds a Provisioning List Item Sequence Number (PLISN) record with all data elements and presents to government as part of LSA 036 review at a provisioning conference. Then the contractor provides the government a drawing of the part for NSN assignment, and then the drawing is provided to the Defense Logistic Information Systems (DLIS) for loading into their library. At this point the contractor delivers LSA 036 to the government (usually 30 days after conference), the file is loaded into Logistics Modernization Program (LMP), and the provisionary does a new NSN request in LMP, finally DLIS in Battle Creek assigns the new NSN to the part.

Due to the fact that the STRYKER family of vehicle were "Rapid Fielded", meaning it did not undergo the traditional method of fielding new equipment into the Army inventory. The contractor support utilized a complete different supply chain than the Army uses, that relies primarily on part numbers compared to Army NSNs. When it was time to execute the "Blue to Green Transition" converting or provisioning all of those part numbers to NSN became an issue.

Many were the challenges that we faced during the transition, from some of the most frequently used parts not yet having a NSN assigned to NSNs not populating the SARRS catalog fast enough in order to support our rotation. In order to requisition a repair part that have not been assigned a NSN the unit was required to use a locally generated request form created by the CLS, with assistance from the BLST the unit then will fax it to the item manager which in turn will send it to the Auburn warehouse in order for the part to be release.

This method of offline requisitioning created additional budget challenges, by ordering parts offline the unit was been charged full price for the item and at times not been billed for months thus having a direct impact on the unit's EP. Because of this it wasn't until recently that I Corps received \$1.1 million in credit from PM Stryker for items paid full price earlier in the fiscal year.

Another issue the BLST faced was tracking of the parts requisitioned offline. Because these parts were not ordered using the traditional Army systems of record like SAMS, and SARRS, we were not able to see them on the 026 or use the tools we will usually use to track statuses.

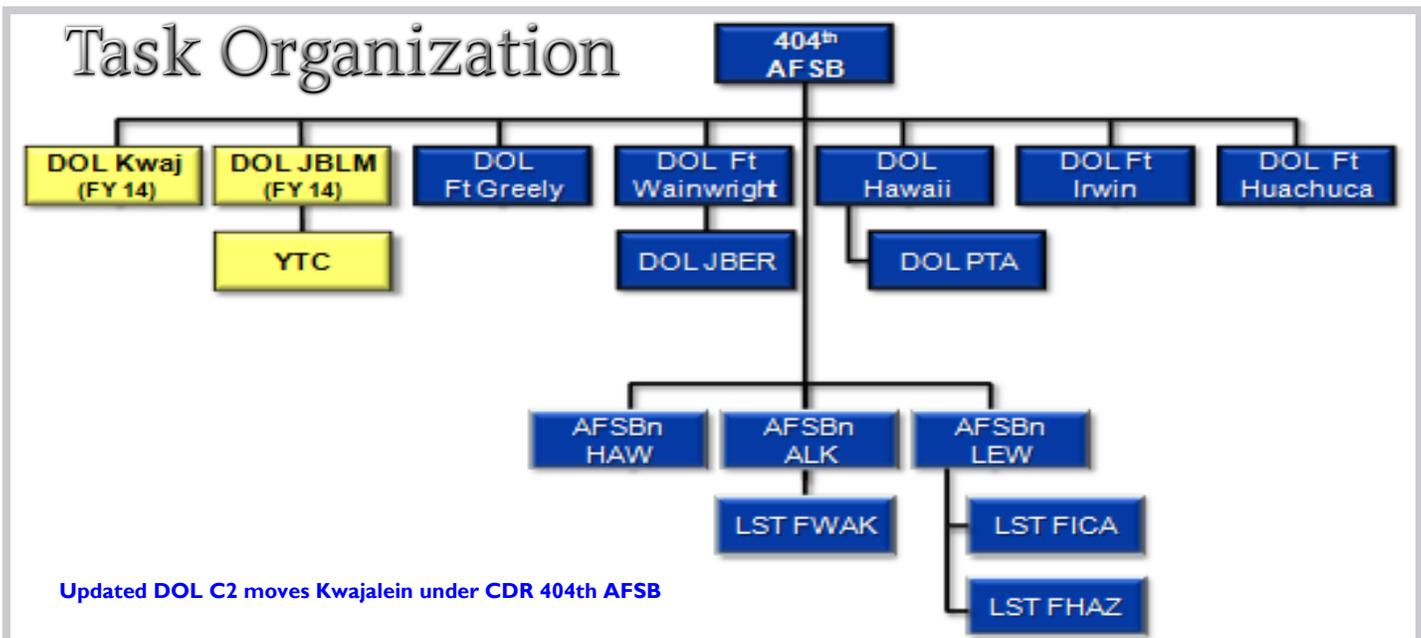
I also supported 2/2 ID SBCT during rotation 12-02 which happened on Nov 2012, immediately after we have transitioned to "Green". I have been able to compare the two, and while we still have some minor issues to address I believe we are on the right path to success. If you would like to learn more about provisioning here are some of the regulations that covers it. AR 700-18 and AR 700-127, DoDD 4140.1-R, MIL-PRF-49506, MIL-HDBK-502, and GEIA-STD 0007.

CW5 Mike Gomez

**Arnold Pindle**, 404th AFSB Deputy to the Commander, was recently selected as **Army Sustainment Commands Equal Employment Opportunity Champion of the Year for OCONUS**.

The period of consideration was May 1, 2011, through April 30, 2012. The ASC EEO Office developed this award to recognize employees and supervisors for their commitment and efforts to support EEO programs throughout all levels of ASC, said Gayla Pacheco, chief, ASC EEO office. ASC's winners received a Two-Star Note from the commanding general, a CG coin, and a crystal plaque. "Nominees must show a summary of contributions that maintain the principles of equal opportunity and exhibit leadership qualities that result in notable contributions to the cause of social justice and equal rights," Pacheco said. Specifically, recipients must exemplify one or more of the following criteria for nomination eligibility: *Promote an inclusive workplace and/or learning community free from harassment, retaliation, and discrimination.*

*Exhibit leadership qualities which result in notable contributions of the cause of rights and demonstrate commitment to the principles of equal opportunity. Take action above and beyond Americans with Disabilities Act requirements to help raise awareness and improve sensitivity to individuals with disabilities. Go beyond the requirements of job responsibilities in order to advance understanding of and/or improve the climate of ASC for underrepresented groups. Have the courage to speak up about issues of inequality even if a lone voice, and continue to keep these issues alive in order to encourage change in the workplace. Enthusiastically and actively collaborate with Headquarters ASC EEO to implement the ASC's affirmative action program.*



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COL, LG  
Commander

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# JOHN H. WRIGHT



Photo by: Greg Alderete

## 2011 TACOM LAR OF THE YEAR

The competition is annual and he competed against the other **292 TACOM LARs**. There were a total of **7 finalist** and he was selected for his performance, cost avoidance and technical experience. The award comes with a on the spot cash award, a plaque and the honor of competing in the AMC LAR of the year competition. John finished as the runner up in the AMC LAR of the tear completion as well. TACOM selection criteria is initiated by a recommendation from the TACOM regional LRM and concurred by the LAR's TACOM division chief. The LAD Director reviews the selection candidates and the division chiefs select the very best qualified from the candidate list. John was selected as the 2011 TACOM LAR of the year and the announcement was made in the March - April 2012 timeframe. The award presentation was delayed because John volunteered and was selected over many of his peers to serve as the SSTR in Kuwait.

# ARCTIC AUGMENTATION

In an era of constrained resources, one solution towards ensuring that ASC provides maximum support to the field in spite of budgetary restrictions is to surge DOL assets between installations, as needed, in order to meet mission requirements. Such a strategy was a great success here in Alaska recently, as demonstrated by the deployment of 39 workers from the Fort Hood, Texas DOL to augment the personnel at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Army Support Activity (ASA) in support of the repair of Left Behind Equipment (LBE) for 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Airborne). With 4/25 IBCT(A) deployed in 2012, the ASA would be in no position to complete its pass back maintenance and other missions, as well as repair the IBCT's LBE before the unit's projected LBE reissue in January and February 2013. As a result, planning and coordination between Army Field Support Battalion (Alaska), Army Field Support Battalion (Fort Hood), 404th Army Field Support Brigade, 407th Army Field Support Brigade, and ASC determined that the best way to overcome this shortfall was the deployment of a 39-person team from the



Fort Hood DOL to JBER during the summer of 2012. One of the keys to the Fort Hood team's eventual success was their sending a five vehicle inspectors and supply specialists to Alaska in the spring, 45 days before the arrival of the 34 people in the main body. By inspecting the unit's LBE and placing parts on order, the ADVON ensured that a healthy stockpile of parts was standing by at JBER the moment that the main body arrived in May. Once the main body arrived, the mission began in earnest. The operation initially fell below the glide path so the more maintenance-intensive types of equipment could be serviced first. However, once the augmentees found their groove, their work soon exceeded the glide path, such that the concern grew that they would run out of work to do. It was at that point that we engaged ASC towards expanding their mission to include inspecting 4/25 IBCT (A) equipment that had failed LBE induction prior to the deployment. As a result, the augmentees accomplished more than what anyone had anticipated they would.



LTC Dekever and Paul Coleman Team Lead

**LTC Andrew DeKever, CDR AFSBn ALK**

**Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)** is a full-service state agency that assists veterans, their family members and survivors. The department is an advocate for veterans and their families, and aggressively pursues all federal and state benefits and entitlements on their behalf. The department's Veterans Service Offices and the statewide referral service are staffed with qualified benefits specialists to assist veterans and family members in accessing benefits to which they may be entitled. Using a case management approach, the staff attend to the needs of the individual and their families by providing counseling and referral services in a holistic fashion. This includes representing veterans in cases adjudicated with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Seattle.

**Washington State PTSD Counseling Services.** Washington State is one of three in the nation that provide free PTSD counseling to honorably discharged war era (war or peacekeeping) veterans and their family members. Counselors offer a wide range of specialized treatment services as well as linkage to other services. For additional information contact (360) 725-2226 or write to 1102 Quince St SE, PO Box 41150 Olympia, WA 98504.

If you are a disabled veteran you may be eligible for a regional reduced fare permit card. Disabled passengers may travel at half the regular fare. You will need proof of your VA rating. For more information contact 1-888-988-6722.



**Richard Kaumans**, Training Officer for the 404th Army Field Support Brigade conducts Suicide Awareness Training September 2012



**Equal Opportunity Assistance is available by contacting the 404th AFSB Representative**



Hello, I am **SFC Theodore Turner** the Equal Opportunity Leader (EOR) for the 404th AFSB. I am available to offer advice and training for our military personnel. Each quarter as your EOR, I am required to ensure each of you receives training on Equal Opportunity, Prevention of Sexual Harassment, and Consideration of Others. If you have any questions or issue, I may be reached through the Public Affairs Officer at 253-477-1469 or email to the Emergency Operations Center at [Lewis404AFSBEOC@CONUS.Army.mil](mailto:Lewis404AFSBEOC@CONUS.Army.mil)



# Army Reserve Sustainment Command



Photo by: Greg Alderete

(L-R) SFC Fowler, COL Trent, CW4 Hyatt and LTC Hampton showing off their new patches

The first regionally aligned Army Reserve Logistics Support "Element" is aligned with the 404th ASFB, JBLM commanded by Col Cameron L. Trent, attached to the 377<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command (TSC) Birmingham, AL, Army Sustainment Command Rock Island, IL and is known as the Army Sustainment Command, Army Reserve Element (ASC-ARE). The Element is responsible for providing support to the Army Sustainment Command (ASC) and the 404<sup>th</sup> AFSB, in its

mission to provide the single AMC face to the field by integrating and synchronizing Materiel Enterprise Operations to ensure a dominant joining force in the Pacific Region and efforts to assist in the Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) within the PACOM AOR. There are two other elements similar to the JBLM element and they are located at Fort Bragg and Fort Hood. They support the respective AFSBs in their area. This Element brings a new patch assigned to the 377<sup>th</sup> TSC, AMC and JBLM. The Element is roughly the size of a squad, made up of senior personnel ready to assist its Active Duty counterpart missions. According to Col Trent, the mission is to supplement the AFSB focusing on support operations and O/O execute DSCA support operations in FEMA Regions VIII(-), IX, and X. The reserve Soldiers assigned to the JBLM element of the ASC-ARE brings unique skills from their civilian jobs as well as extensive military experience from previous deployments. Many logistic resources are in the Army Reserves due to budget constraints and because the Army recognizes the skills gained from working in the civilian sector are invaluable. Being an Army Reserve Soldier requires juggling a civilian job and or school, satisfying the Army's mandatory training requirements, meeting internal ARSC chain of command initiatives and supporting ASC/AFSB counterparts. The JBLM ASC-ARE Soldiers do a monthly Battle Assembly (BA) for two days at JBLM and will soon be permanently located in Room 202 of building 9630. The Soldiers live in various locations around the west and travel to JBLM at their own expense and the Army covers the lodging. Please stop in and get to know your ASC-ARE Soldiers; we all benefit from forming relationships before a major exercise or incident. **Reserve soldiers interested in joining contact [COL Cameron Trent](#).**



The shield is adapted from the Army Materiel Command (AMC) and highlights the direct support to AMC and its subordinate elements. The colors signify the Command's missions. Bronze, buff and red indicate the sustainment/support role as well as the tie to the logistics community. Blue is a nod to the support mission for Defense Contract Management Agency as well as AMC. The four stars represent strength, experience, knowledge, and support. The arrow, flaring up from the base, represents the focus to bring the strength and teamwork of both officers and enlisted to one focus or point to support the mission of many.



Gold is emblematic of honor and high ideals. The colors and configuration of the disc refer to Army Materiel Command and support to its subordinate elements. The four stars represent the strength, experience, knowledge, and support. The compass points and rayed lines on the back disc signify a compass rose and highlight the worldwide mission of the Command. The arrow, flaring up from the base, represents the focus to bring the strength of both officers and enlisted to the one focus or point to support the mission of many. It also underscores the Command's motto which translates to "One Sustains Many." The green of the motto scroll points out the United States Army



Gregory Wright S4

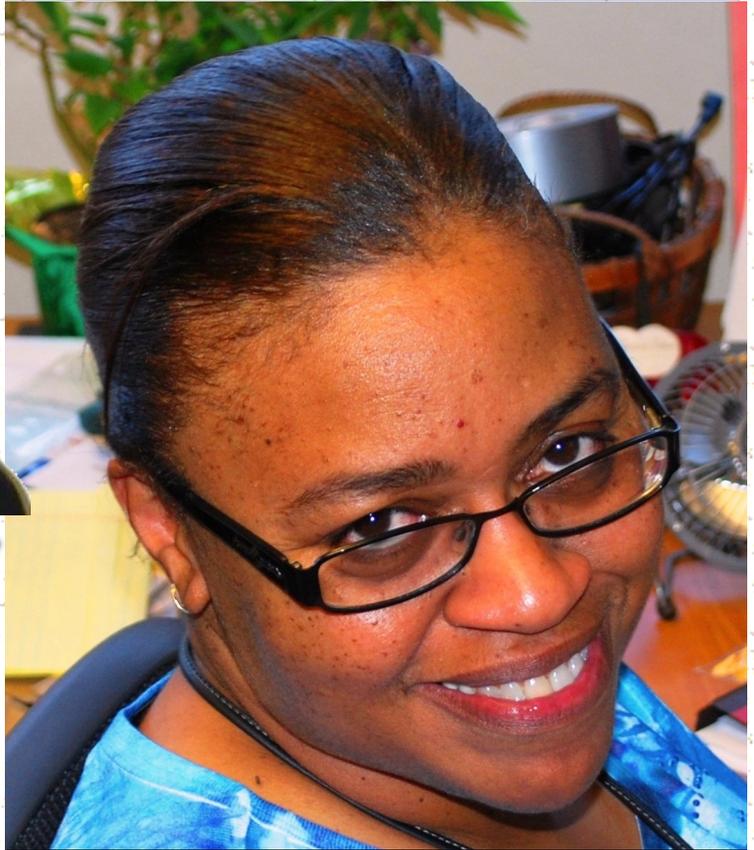
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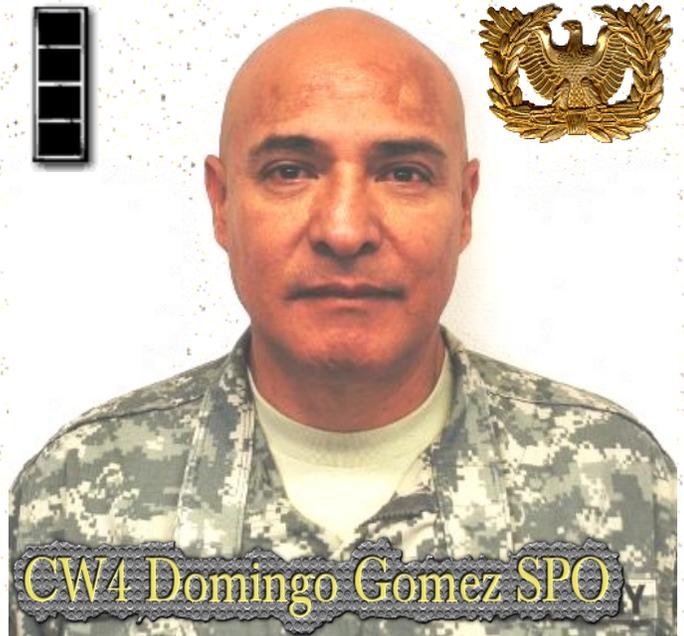
Debra Delost S-8

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Farewell Jeannie



Jeannie Dobson, one of our long time 404th AFSSB family members has headed south to Fort Irwin. Jeannie's outstanding dedication, professionalism and unconditional friendliness will be missed by all.



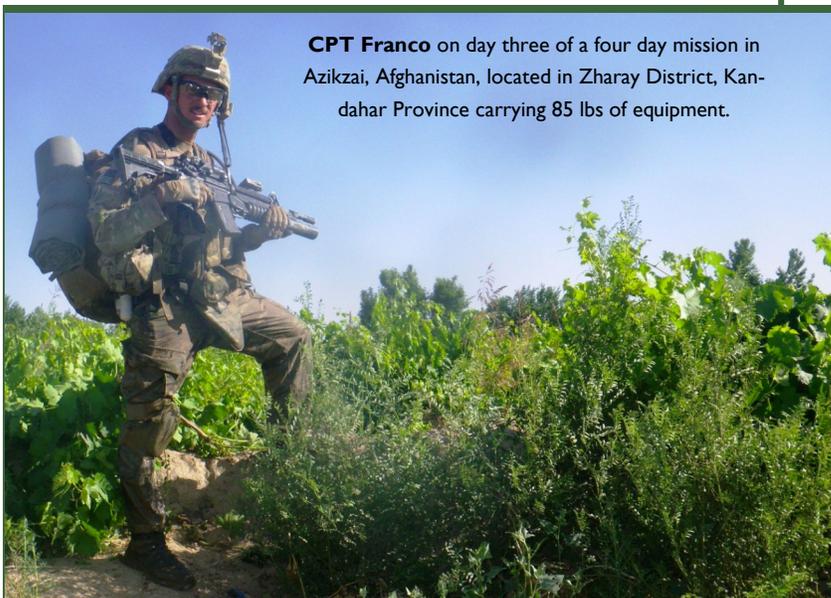
CW4 Domingo Gomez SPO

# Captain Chris Franco

Shortly after leaving the Army Chris Franco joined the 404th AFSB as one of the operations officers focusing on Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA). Chris was instrumental in opening the doors for AMC to participate in Arctic Edge and other DSCA missions. Chris has an undergraduate degree in history and was planning to complete his master's degree and return to New York City as a teacher. He was also interested in international relations so when the opportunity to return to the Army as a Civil Affairs specialist was presented to him, he jumped on it, believing this would enhance his credentials and geopolitical understanding. After completing Civil Affairs training he was assigned as a Civil Affairs team leader for 4-4 CAV and 5-20 IN working in the Zharay district. Zharay is known as the birthplace of the Taliban and Mullah Omar. The Soviets referred to this part of the country as the "Heart of Darkness," as Chris states "a name well deserved." It is considered one of the most dangerous locations in Afghanistan. Chris' job as the CA Team lead was to advise the battalion commander on the civilian populace, project management for development projects and be the LNO between civilians, Afghan security forces and the US military. During his tenure over \$1.5 million in development projects including 3 schools, bazaars and canal repair was completed; more than any other

Civil Affairs Team in Southern Afghanistan.

On 17 November 2011, three weeks after arriving in country and on his second mission he was wounded. While clearing an old education center built by the Canadians and taken over by the Taliban, a soldier set off a pressure plate IED on the roof. The roof collapsed seriously injuring several. Chris received a concussion and blown eardrum and was able to rescue several of the wounded and provide security until the MEDEVAC arrived. He was again injured in May 2012 during an intense fire fight after returning from a meeting with village elders to start a local police program. During the fire-fight an Afghan soldier fired a RPG too close to Chris' position resulting in further concussive injuries. On 25 May 2012, while clearing the village in the Central Zharay District, an IED exploded near his position on the 1st day. 2 days later, an RPG hit near his position during a firefight causing yet another concussion. Chris was MEDEVAC'd from theater on 5 July 2012 as a result of the successive concussions resulting in Traumatic Brain Injury. Further medical evaluation had shown the combat injuries were more profound than originally thought including severe back and neck injuries. Chris recognizes he will have a long road towards recovery but is looking forward to beginning his Masters in Education and eventually teaching in New York City.



**CPT Franco** on day three of a four day mission in Azikzai, Afghanistan, located in Zharay District, Kandahar Province carrying 85 lbs of equipment.



**The Afghan NCO** nicknamed "Bird Man" because he always had a bird in his pocket, he was killed several weeks later.

# AFSBN LEWIS CHILI COOK OFF

## AND HALLOWEEN PARTY



Rachel Long



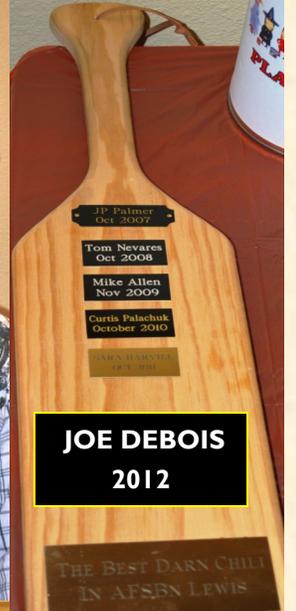
Karen Watts

Linda Murphy

1st Place "Best Costume"



Jeremy Brast



JOE DEBOIS  
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THE BEST DARN CHILI  
IN AFSBN LEWIS



# AFSBN LEWIS CHILI COOK OFF AND HALLOWEEN PARTY



Raggedy Franny Mayers



Hannah Whitley



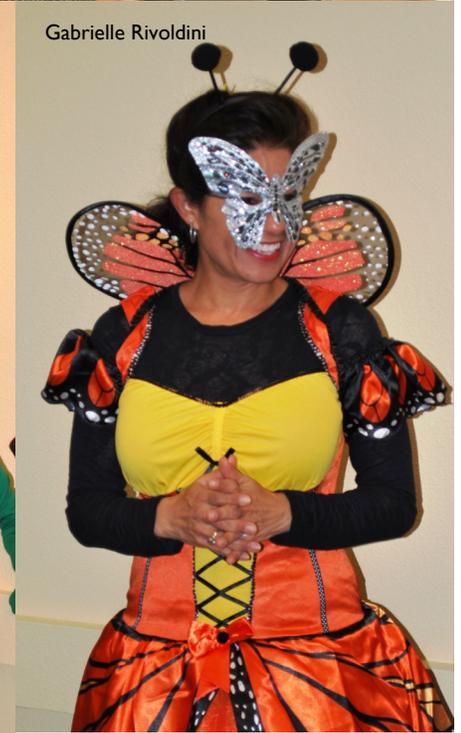
Sam Dresel



Joe 'Gumby' Deblois



Gabrielle Rivoldini



MAJ Boyea, MAJ Woo, LTC Harvill, CW5 Gomez-Rivera, MAJ Ruiz  
at the AFSBn Lewis activation



# ADIOS CARLOS



Carlos Perez receives the Commands Award for Civilian Service. Carlos is PCSing to Okinawa to assume duties as the Civilian Deputy to the Garrison Commander



Leroy Williams joins the SPO as our Regional Ammunition Specialist



Ken Baker joins the 404th AFSB SPO Section as our Regional Food Service Specialist



Devin Pompa joins the S-4 Section as one of our Facility Engineers



Photos by: Greg Alderete

## AFSBn Lewis settles in to the newly renovated second floor of Building 9630

**Mike Johnson**, 404th LOGCAP Forward Planner assisted in the LOGCAP Worldwide Requirements Meeting (LWRM) at Rock Island, IL, during the week of 29 October to 2 November. The intent of the meeting was to provide a collaborative forum for key stakeholders within the OCS community, partner agencies and supported commands to discuss operational support requirements that may be met by OCS or LOGCAP capabilities. Eight hours of the three day meeting were dedicated to a breakout session organized by Geographic Combatant Commands. Mike Johnson and Jay Hirata lead the Pacific workgroup to define the requirements of PACOM, USARPAC, and the 8th TSC. Currently the LOGCAP program shelves seven regional plans to provide base life support and other activities though contract services. At the recommendation of the Pacific stakeholders, Mike Johnson proposed to BG Gamble deputy commanding general, ASC, and Mr. Marks, executive director, LOGCAP that the LOGCAP program look into consolidating five of these regional plans into one plan that is function based instead of focusing on geographic location. This would reduce redundancy caused by shelving multiple geographic base plans, reduce the cost of keeping the plans up-to-date, and drastically reduce the overall size of the plans without sacrificing critical information required by the planners that use them. LOGCAP regional plans and contracted services can be used by all US military units to support them during deployments anywhere in the world.



Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division and 3rd IBCT, 25th ID receive their Reset Command Post Platforms and are provided with Standard Integrated Command Post System (SICPS) refresher training that included both Large and Medium Trailer Mounted Support Systems (TMSS). The units equipment was initially inducted from Iraq and Afghanistan from the unit's forward location by 401st AFSB and CECOM Reset Team, then shipped to Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD) at Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA. While at JBLM, the equipment is thoroughly inspected, tested, repaired and/or replaced by TYAD, all returning back to the unit in Hawaii within their Reset window. If that wasn't enough, Reset training/ Individual refresher training is provided to all unit Soldiers, this is prior to unit collective training events/ Mission Command Staff Integration Events.

# COMMAND POST PLATFORMS



Tobyhanna Army Depot instructors Mr. Darrin Wright and Mr. Billy Binikos provide training to the 728th MP BN and 58th MP CO on the Command Center System (top) and TMSS Med (below).



BY ROGER MOORE

# STRYKER + TR



New "Stryker + Tr" coming soon. This new vehicle will be considered for "heavy combat brigades," weighing with an addition 30 tons bringing the end weight to 84,000 lbs. USARPAC announced more Strykers will be coming to Hawaii . The Army has plans for a total of nine Stryker Brigades.

# "The eagle has landed"



**Cast Iron Congratulations to LTC(P) Alton B. Clowers Jr** Commander AFSBn Hawaii who was recently selected for Colonel. LTC(P) Clowers, is a distinguished military graduate of Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He was commissioned through ROTC in the Ordnance Corps in 1990. His military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Support Operations Course Phase I, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, CGSC, and U.S. Army Airborne School.. Before his battalion command he was Director of Logistics, J4 for Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He has held a variety of leadership and staff positions with his major assignments being the Operations Officer, C3, Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) in both Kuwait and Iraq; Logistical Operations Officer, G4, 3d ID, Fort Stewart, GA and Iraq; S4, 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT, 3d ID, Fort Stewart, GA and Iraq; XO and Support Operations Officer, 87<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3d Sustainment Brigade, Fort Stewart and Iraq; S3, 3d Sustainment Brigade, Fort Stewart and Iraq.



3rd IBCT, 25th Infantry Division receives improvements for Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System (LRAS3) from CECOM and Program Manager Forward Looking Infrared (PM FLIR). During the unit's Reset window, a new network capability was inserted into 3-4CAV's 26 each LRAS3 sights. This "Netted LRAS3", as it is known, is a P3I upgrade to the current fielded LRAS3. Using Ethernet connectivity, automated messages and imagery are created on the sensor and transferred to the platform Blue-Force Tracker-Joint Capabilities Release (BFT-JCR) system.

The Netted LRAS3 now generates SPOT Reporting, Cue to Target (CTT) and Call for Fire messages using the sensor's on-screen menus. These messages are automatically sent to the BFT-JCR, while the sensor operator maintains eyes on target. Netted LRAS3 is the prime enabler for the Network Lethality concept, exercised successfully during NIE 11.2 and 12.1 at Fort Bliss, TX. In addition to the Netted LRAS3 upgrade, 3-4CAV received additional Vehicle Integration Kits (VIK), and Field Level Maintenance training.

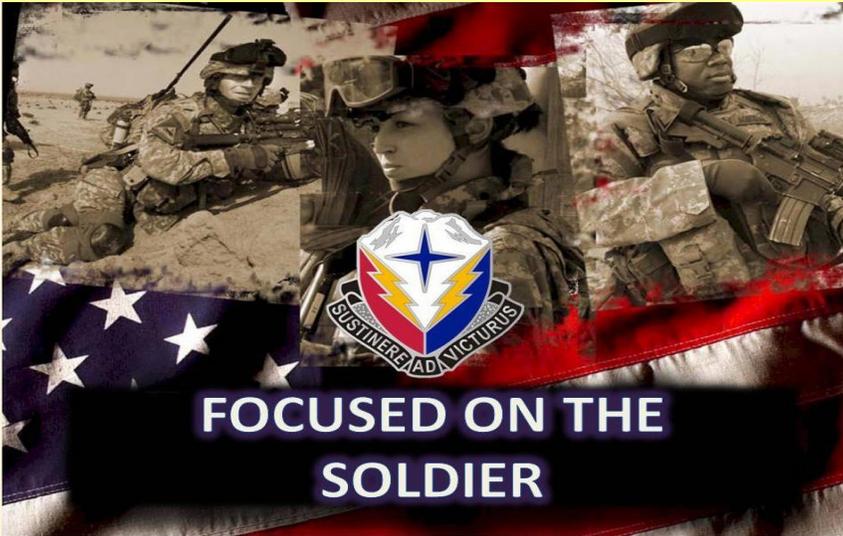
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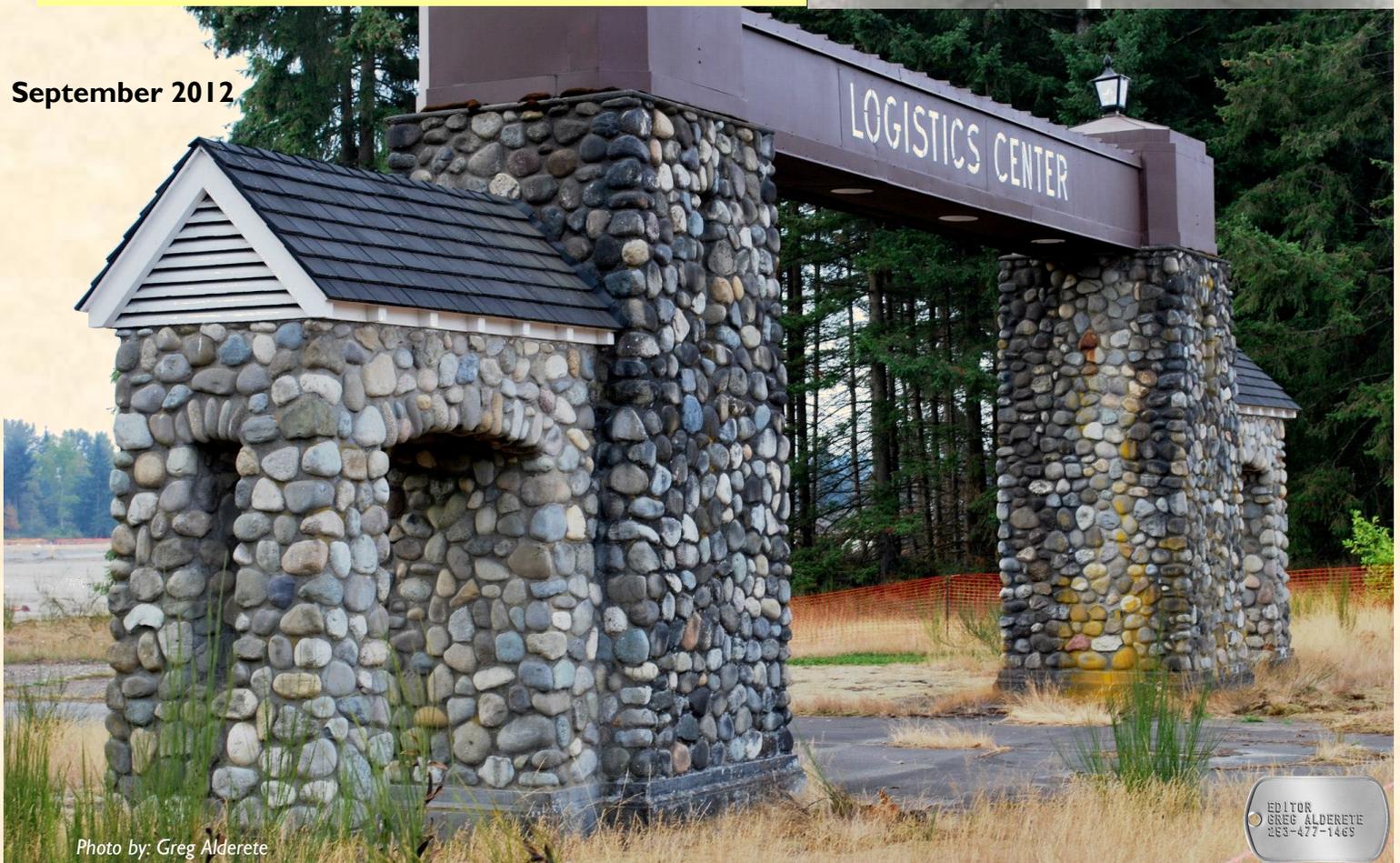


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