Fellow Quartermasters:

Greetings from hot and humid Fort Lee, Virginia. Temperatures have been over 100 degrees the past few weeks with little to no rain, but our outstanding team continues to produce outstanding Quartermaster Warriors for our Army. On June 9th under a blistering sun, I assumed command of the Combined Arms Support Command, Sustainment Center of Excellence and Fort Lee. I am honored to take command of this organization if only for a few short months until the arrival of MG James L. Hodge.

The US Army Women’s Museum conducted a Homecoming in May for all Army women veterans. General Ann E. Dunwoody provided the keynote address at the Anniversary Luncheon celebrating 55 years of the museum’s existence and 68 years of service to our Army and Country by women. We were honored to have women attendees who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Somalia, Desert Storm and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

During our Regimental Symposium week, we honored great Quartermasters. A hall in the Technical Logistics College in the Army Logistics University was dedicated in memory of CW4 (Deceased) Stephen N. Chobanian. He was an outstanding instructor and the recipient of the Instructor of the Year award four times, a record that still stands today. LTG (Retired) Arthur J. Gregg was honored with a lobby dedication in the Army Logistics University and a conference room was dedicated in honor of LTG (Retired) Joseph S. Laposata located in the Quartermaster Command Group. We also honored MG Robert C. Gaskill with the Ancient Order of St. Martin award for his outstanding contributions to the Quartermaster Corps both while on active duty and since his retirement and for his continued work with the Quartermaster Foundation.

We welcome the arrival of Colonel Robert (Rick) Harney as our new Assistant Commandant. Colonel Harney just completed the Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama and reported for duty as the AC on 6 July. We congratulate Mrs. Francoise Bonnell on her selection as the Curator/Director of the US Army Women’s Museum and welcome back Mr. Al Davis, former Assistant Commandant, as the Director of Training Management.

Always remember the Soldiers who stand in harms way so that we may continue to enjoy our many freedoms. As always, I will listen to your comments, suggestions, questions, and critiques for future improvements. You may contact me at (804) 734-3683 (DSN 687) or at Jesse.Cross@us.army.mil.

Supporting Victory!

Jesse R. Cross
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
2010 Quartermaster Symposium

The Quartermaster School hosted the 2010 Quartermaster Symposium held during the week of 14 through 19 June and included separate professional development sessions for both Quartermaster Warrant Officers and Command Sergeants Major/Sergeants Major.

This year’s Symposium updated attendees on recent developments in sustainment doctrine and equipment, previewed initiatives, addressed specific issues and concerns raised by the operating and generating forces, and recognized Quartermaster Corps excellence.

As part of the Symposium and aligned with the theme “Honoring the Past; Resetting for the Future”, three highly celebrated Quartermaster Warriors were honored with special dedication ceremonies. The second floor lobby at the Army Logistics University was rededicated as the “LTG Arthur J. Gregg Lobby” in honor of Lieutenant General (Retired) Gregg. The Quartermaster Command Conference Room was rededicated as the “LTG Joseph S. Laposata Conference Center” in honor of Lieutenant General (Retired) Laposata, and finally the first floor corridor at the Technical Logistics College, Bunker Hall was dedicated as the “CW4 Stephen N. Chobanian Corridor” in honor of Chief Warrant Officer Four (Deceased) Chobanian.

Guest Speakers

The Symposium agenda included a variety of senior leaders who provided updates on the challenges of sustaining today’s Army. A total of 30 guest speakers, some of whom included Major General Ray Mason, Major General James Rogers, Major General Darren Owens, Brigadier General Gregory Couch, Senior Executive Service Michael Brown, Senior Executive Service William Moore and Command Sergeant Major Raymond Chandler. There were over 100 equipment exhibits and static displays provided by the Quartermaster School Training Departments and a host of Commercial Vendors. Included in the displays were the Agile Robotics “Un-manned” Forklift, a Platoon Expeditionary Camp Hygiene Complex, and an Expeditionary TRICON Billeting System.
Warrant Officer Professional Development

CW5 Jack Van Zanten, Quartermaster Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, welcomed nearly 80 Quartermaster Warrant Officers to the 2010 Quartermaster Symposium. The Warrant Officer Professional Development Session was top-loaded with Military Occupational Specialty updates from across all five of the Quartermaster Warrant Officer cohorts and an overview from the Command Chief Warrant Officers of the Army National Guard and the US Army Reserve, respectively. CW5 Wade Lovorn, a Quartermaster Warrant Officer and current Senior Warrant Officer Advisory Committee Chair, provided an update on Warrant Officer Initiatives currently being worked by the Army leadership. COL Mark Jones, Commandant of the Warrant Officer Career College and an avid supporter of Warrant Officer issues, provided an excellent Officer Professional Development brief on how Warrant Officers are viewed and should view themselves.

CSM Nathan Hunt, the Quartermaster Regimental Command Sergeant Major, hosted more than 62 Active, National Guard, US Army Reserve and retired Quartermaster Command Sergeants Major and Sergeants Major who assembled for a Professional Development Session.

There were several guest speakers to include Human Resources Command Sergeants Major Branch, who provided an update on upcoming changes for current and future CSMs and SGMs. Each Quartermaster School Department provided an update on their specific training departments. There was also a Noncommissioned Officer Academy Team Building event with the NCOA students and the Quartermaster CSM/SGM attendees.

2010 Quartermaster Foundation Dinner and Regimental Honors Ceremony

Symposium events culminated on 18 June with the Quartermaster Foundation sponsored dinner and Regimental Honors Ceremony. The Regimental Honors Ceremony recognizes the outstanding contributions of Quartermaster units, Soldiers and Civilians. During the Regimental Honors Ceremony, one recipient was awarded the very prestigious Ancient Order of Saint Martin, nine distinguished Quartermasters were inducted into the Quartermaster Hall of Fame, seventeen Quartermasters were recognized as Distinguished Members of the Regiment, and seven Quartermaster units were recognized as Distinguished Units of the Regiment. Each of the 2010 Regimental Honors Inductees are listed on page 4.
## 2010 Regimental Honors

### Ancient Order of Saint Martin
- MG Robert C. Gaskill (Retired)

### 2010 Hall of Fame
- LTG Billy K. Solomon (Retired)
- MG Carl H. Freeman (Retired)
- MG Paul J. Vanderploog (Retired)
- COL Warren W. Whitside (Deceased)
- CW5 Jimmy W. Tiner (Retired)
- CSM Archie L. Turner (Retired)
- CSM Bradley J. Peat (Retired)
- CSM Vera Harris (Retired)
- SGM Jimmy R. Cunningham (Retired)

### 2010 Distinguished Members of the Regiment
- BG Darrell K. Williams
- BG Robin B. Akin
- COL Michael P. Saulnier
- COL Robert A. Harney
- COL Eugene L. Manner (Retired)
- COL James E. Rupp (Retired)
- COL Eddie Coleman (Retired)
- COL David Pagano (Retired)
- CW5 Candis Martin
- CW5 Jack Van Zanten
- CW4 Pamela R. Null
- CW4 Verona A. Williams
- CSM Natividad Lopez Jr.
- CSM James E. Spencer
- SGM Raymond L. Arnold Sr. (Retired)
- 1SG Sharon K. Barnes (Retired)
- Dr. Ellen S. Pruett (Retired)

### 2010 Distinguished Units of the Regiment
- 121st Brigade Support Battalion
- 203rd Brigade Support Battalion
- 307th Brigade Support Battalion
- 308th Brigade Support Battalion
- 402nd Brigade Support Battalion
- 501st Brigade Support Battalion
- 505th Quartermaster Battalion
The 2010 Quartermaster Symposium was a very informative and outstanding event. It brought together an array of Senior Officers, Warrant Officers, Command Sergeants Major and Civilians from across the Army and all components both active and retired. The Quartermaster Symposium proves to be a vital component in continuing to preserve the success of the Quartermaster Corps. We look forward to yet another successful Symposium for 2011.
Warrant Officer Professional Military Education (PME)

Attendance by Active Component (AC) Warrant Officers (WOs) to their respective PME is at historic lows. According to current personnel records from Human Resources Command (HRC), 54% of eligible WOs have not attended their proponent WO Advance Course (WOAC), 55% have not attended the WO Staff Course (WOSC), and 45% have yet to complete the WO Senior Staff Course (WOSSC). This translates to an aggregate of 3,635 WOs. There are several factors that have contributed to this situation. 1.) Promotions rates have been very high since the onset of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). This has resulted in a higher number of WOs available to attend PME. 2.) Multiple deployments for some WOs have severely affected the availability for them to attend PME. Often it comes down to a decision whether to spend dwell time with the family or attend PME. 3.) Some AC WOs do not deem PME necessary as it is not linked to getting promoted and others are getting promoted without completing the recommended level of PME. 4.) The Commander shares the same feelings and does not want to give up their WOs for the time necessary to attend PME. This has created a culture in the WO community that PME is not important or essential. Vice Chief of Staff of the Army (VCSA) GEN Peter W. Chiarelli recently sent a note to senior Army leadership stressing the importance of command support for PME. The notes may be accessed at: https://forums.bcks.army.mil/secure/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=1050046.

Human Resources Command (HRC) is in the process of establishing prioritization of seats for WO PME. There are also several initiatives being implemented and considered to help reduce the WO PME backlog. Initiatives include: expanded classroom capacity at Fort Rucker; development of Distance Learning (DL) and Video Conference Training (VCT); use of National Training Institutions (NTIs); and the possible use of USAR Professional Development tours. Part of being a professional officer is attending PME. I ask that all of you support the effort to reduce the backlog of WO PME and create a culture that PME is vital and important to have a successful warrant officer career. I encourage you to make this an item of discussion during initial counseling and topics at Officer Professional Development sessions and Warrant Officer Professional Development sessions. If warrant officers expect to be treated like officers and have the privileges extended to officers, they must also be willing to fulfill the responsibilities that come with being an officer. Thank you for supporting the warrant officer corps and making it a stronger and more effective organization. Army Strong!

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Fiscal Year 2011 Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel Command Key Billet Selection Board Results

On 13 April 2010 the US Army Human Resources Command released the results and slating from the Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel Command and Key Billet Centralized Selection Lists (CSL) for FY11. Fourteen Quartermaster colonels and thirty-four Quartermaster lieutenant colonels were among the officers selected for command positions.

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*** Branch Immaterial

Congratulations to the following future Quartermaster commanders for their prestigious selection:

**Brigade Command and Key Billet**

- COL Rodney D. Edge
- COL Rodney D. Fogg
- COL Aimee L. Kominiak
- COL Lawrence A. Kominiak
- COL Gregory R. McClintock
- COL William I. Rush
- COL Christopher J. Sharpsten
- LTC(P) Fredrick J. Hannah
- LTC(P) Kelly J. Lawler
- LTC(P) Joseph R. Novack
- LTC(P) Thomas J. Rogers
- LTC(P) James R. Ryan
- LTC(P) Brian J. Tempest
- LTC(P) Robert W. Weaver

**Battalion Command and Key Billet**

- LTC Robert L. Barnes, Jr
- LTC Franz J. Conway
- LTC Aaron J. Cook
- LTC Sean P. Davis
- LTC Timothy M. Gilhool
- LTC Derell M. Bibbs
- LTC Ronald Childress, Jr.
- LTC Brett F. Gordon
- LTC Derek K. Jansen
- LTC Rodney H. Honeycutt
- LTC Michael B. Martin
- LTC Matthew R. Morris
- LTC Bernard L. Moxley, Jr.
- LTC Paul J. Norowski, II
- LTC Joseph O. Ritter

- LTC Paul G. Schlimm
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- LTC Denny L. Starks, Jr.
- LTC Miles E. Townsend
- LTC Mendel D. Waddell
- LTC Gregory D. Wagnon
- LTC Dennis E. Wedding
- MAJ(P) Kent A. Clark
- MAJ(P) Henry R. Douglas
- MAJ(P) Donna K. Fanning
- MAJ(P) Gavin A. Lawrence
- MAJ(P) Grant L. Morris
- MAJ(P) Michael B. Siegl
- MAJ(P) Aaron M. Stanek
- MAJ(P) Theodore O. White

The by-name list of colonels, including the CSL positions they are slated to command, is available online at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/select/colaccmd11.htm, and the by-name list of lieutenant colonels, including CSL positions they are slated to command, is at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/select/ltcacccmd11.htm.

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New Selection Procedures for Brigade and Battalion CSM/SGM Positions

The Army implemented a new centralized selection process to select and slate eligible Command Sergeants Major (CSM) and Sergeants Major (SGM) against Brigade CSM and Battalion CSM positions. This change ensures placement of the best qualified Soldiers in key leadership positions to best serve our Nation, the Army, and our Soldiers. The decision to centrally select CSMs/SGMs for Brigade and Battalion positions represents a significant change in culture and current practices regarding CSM/SGM management and requires the support of leaders across our Army.

As this new process is phased-in, aspects that will be implemented include: establish Projected Change of Responsibility (PCoR) dates; establish 24-month tour lengths for battalion and brigade billets; synchronize the selection, training and Change of Command (CoC) and PCoR dates for incoming Commanders and CSMs. In FY11, centralized selection boards will begin this new process. The Brigade level CSM Board will take place 5-22 October 2010, while the Battalion level CSM Board will be held 6-14 January 2011.

At that time, CSMs and SGMs will be collectively considered for CSM Battalion-level FY12 projected vacancies.

The new CSM/SGM centralized selection process will improve leader development which is essential to an Army engaged in a worldwide strategic environment amidst constant change and persistent conflict.

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Calling all Petroleum and Water “Old Timers”

The Petroleum and Water Department (PWD) extends an invitation to all petroleum and water personnel, past and current, for the biennial “Old Timers Reunion”. This year’s event will be conducted on August 20 – 21. The Old Timers Reunion is an opportunity to bring those who are currently serving as a petroleum and/or water logistical warriors together with those who supported our Army in years past. Information and registration forms can be obtained on the PWD web site at: http://www.quartermaster.army.mil/pwd/pwd_main.html. POC is Mr. Robert A. Lias, (804) 734-2618, (DSN 687), Robert.lias@us.army.mil.
Building Resilience

Comprehensive Soldier Fitness is designed to develop the 5 dimensions of soldier strength: Physical, Emotional, Social, Spiritual, and Family. Adapted from http://www.hooah4health.com (Hooah4Health)

Make Connections. Our relationships with parents, siblings, spouse, family members, friends, or others are important for our resilience. The help and support we receive from those who care about us and will listen to us, strengthens our resilience. Our Faith groups, civil organizations, Veteran groups or other groups provide a network of social support and can help with reclaiming hope. Reaching out to others in their time of need also benefits the helper.

Avoid Viewing Crises as Impossible Problems. Highly stressful events happen, we can’t change that. But, you can change how you interpret and respond to these events. It’s all too easy to see problems as being bigger that they really are. Look beyond the moment to the future when today’s circumstances will be a better, or at least different. Avoid “Terminal language” when describing the situation – it won’t ALWAYS be this way. Don’t say that it will!

Change is Part of Life. Certain goals may no longer be attainable as a result of your situation. But, remember – Life is 10% what happens and 90% what you do next. Accepting circumstances that cannot be changed can help you focus on the things you can control. The best things happen to those who make the best of the things that happen.

Set Goals. Make a plan. Set some goals. Where do you want to be 10 years from now? What skills, degrees, and certifications have you attained? Who/what can help you get what you want? What do you need to do in the next 5 years in order to achieve your 10 year goals? What needs to happen in the next 3 years to realize your 5 and 10 year goals? Finally, what do you need to do in the next 18 months to achieve your 3, 5, and 10 year goals? Now you have a list of concrete tasks that need to work on today and tomorrow!

Take Action. Withdrawal from the event may be a natural reaction to trauma, but in the end we have to do something. Act on adverse situations in the ways you are able. Take action, rather than detaching completely from problems and stresses; wishing they would just go away. The longest journey begins with the first step. Take a step. Take action.

Seek Self-discovery. People often learn something about themselves and may find that they have grown in some respect as a result of their struggle with loss. Many people who have experienced tragedies and hardship have reported better relationships and a greater sense of strength and well-being. In the midst of being vulnerable, they report an increased sense of self-worth, a deeper spirituality, and a heightened appreciation of life. Keep a Positive View. Developing confidence in your ability to solve problems and trusting your instincts helps build resilience.

Keep Your Perspective. Even in the midst of traumatic events, look at the situation in the context of the bigger picture, and remember that this is only temporary. Don’t blow the event out of proportion. This is just one event in time. There’s a much larger context in which this fits.

Maintain Hope. An optimistic outlook enables you to expect that good things will happen in your life. Visualize your plan, rather than worrying about the event; what you don’t have, or fear.

Take Care of Yourself. Set aside “time for you”. Take stock of your needs and feelings. Find an activity that you enjoy and that helps you relax. Maintain your exercise patterns and watch your diet. If you take care of yourself it helps keep your mind and body primed so that you can deal with the changes in your situation as they unfold.

Strengthening Resilience. Some people write about their deepest thoughts and feelings related to their trauma or other stressful events in their life. A journal can help you organize your thoughts and reflect on your journey. Prayer, meditation, and spiritual practices help some people build spiritual connections and restore hope. Identify steps that work for you and make them part of your personal strategy for building resilience.

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2010 Supply Excellence Award Recipients

In the 24th year of competition, the 2010 Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award (SEA) Program recognized 32 units for outstanding logistics readiness and superlative supply effectiveness. 2010 marked another year of fierce competition. Congratulations to all the competitors, your participation alone made all of you winners! The Supply Excellence Award Team encourages all participants to use the added experience gained while competing to assist their units and the Department of the Army with outstanding supply economy and property accountability.

The Department of the Army, Association of the United States Army and the National Defense Industrial Association are co-sponsors for the Combined Logistics Excellence Award (CLEA) ceremony that was held on 24 June 2010 in Richmond, Virginia. The CLEA Ceremony honored the winners of the Awards for Maintenance, Deployment and Supply Excellence. The following tables recognize the 2010 SEA Winners, Runners-Up and Honorable Mention units/activities:

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35th Annual Culinary Arts Competition

The Quartermaster School’s 35th Annual Culinary Arts Competition, the largest American Culinary Federation (ACF) sanctioned competition in the United States, began 27 February 2010 at Fort Lee, Va, and culminated on 12 March 2010 with an award ceremony to recognize competitors. The Joint Culinary Center of Excellence (JCCoE), Joint Culinary Training Directorate (JCTD) hosted 229 individual competitors and 24 teams from every service displaying 629 entries, all competing for ACF medals.

A major change in this year’s competition was the number of public days increasing from two to seven which included daily events such as cold plate displays, live cooking demonstrations, ice carvings, Student Skills competition, Enlisted Aide competition, Armed Forces Junior and Senior Chefs of the Year and the United States Army Culinary Arts Team tryouts.

The Field Competition event consisted of two teams utilizing Containerized Kitchen equipment to prepare 80 three-course five-star meals served restaurant style to diners. The teams served a total of 1120 meals over the seven day period to some very appreciative diners.

ACF judges issued more than 494 individual medals, and 133 team gold medals earning our competition exceptional public ratings and great media support.

The Installation of the Year award went to United States Army Europe (USAREUR) this year for their exceptional performance followed by Fort Bragg in 2nd place, and the US Coast Guard team in 3rd place.

The Field Cooking Competition was an event that had great public support. Ticket sales exceeded expectations, and were sold out daily within 10 minutes of opening. Each team created some spectacular meals, and had diners begging for more. The 1st place winner was the team from Fort Monroe, with 2nd place going to Fort Bragg and 3rd place going to USAREUR.

The Student Team Skill Competition was awarded to Fort Bliss: PV2 Michael Bravo, PV2 Trimesha Rosser, PFC Joel Fernandez, SPC Jose Rivera, and PFC Carlos Hayes. The team competed at the ACF South East Regional Competition in Huntsville Alabama in April and received a silver medal.

The Armed Forces Senior and Junior Chef of the Year competition was one of the toughest and most challenging events of the competition. Each of the competitors did an outstanding job in preparing their meals. The Armed Forces Senior Chef of the Year award went to SSG Joshua Spiess (Army), and the Armed Forces Junior Chef of the Year award went to PFC Antoinette Davison (Army). Both winners departed Fort Lee enroute to New York City where they conducted a live cooking demonstration on Fox & Friends morning show 17 March 2010 prior to returning to their home station.

The Army Enlisted Aide of the Year competition included a written test, uniform practical examination, a leader’s board and a live cook-off event. This year’s winner of the Army Senior Enlisted Aide of the Year went to SFC Sherra Jackson, Enlisted Aide to LTG Huntoon Jr., and the Army Junior Enlisted Aide of the Year went to SSG Jose Alves, Enlisted Aide to MG Chambers. The Army Enlisted Aide of the Year announced at the 2010 Philip A. Connelly Award ceremony in April during the International Food Service Executive Association conference was SFC Sherra Jackson, Enlisted Aide to LTG Huntoon Jr. Congratulations Sergeant First Class Jackson!

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Our congratulations go out to all the Commands represented and their competitors and teams for a job well done. We look forward to seeing everyone return and hopefully with some new competitors and teams for next year’s competition.
Although the 505th QM BN’s primary mission is petroleum operations, its ongoing combat readiness and capability is proven with the BN’s participation in a host of joint exercises conducted annually by the battalion and its 87th Quartermaster Detachment which is an Airborne unit. Most recently, the battalion participated in the North Wind exercise which was conducted at the Oojihara training area in Sendai, Japan. For more than two weeks the battalion served as the logistical task force for nearly 200 Soldiers of the South Carolina National Guard and infantry units of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF). Providing unmatched logistical support, the BN successfully accomplished its first BN deployment. Other annual exercises and missions that members of the BN participate in include Balikatan, Cobra Gold and Yama Sakura. Members of the BN are also currently deployed as part of OIF and OEF.

In addition to its logistical mission, the BN plays a major role in community relations on the island of Okinawa, Japan. The BN has recently adopted both a local high school and children’s home. Members of the battalion routinely volunteer their services at these sites. The BN celebrated the Christmas holidays at the children’s home and provided each child with much appreciated gifts. The BN also participates in its bilateral exchange program in which Soldiers of the 505th QM BN and the JGSDF accompany each other to their perspective bases and experience each other’s work environment while being able to enjoy joint fellowship.

The 505th Quartermaster Battalion was recognized as one of the Distinguished Units of the Regiment at the Quartermaster Regimental Honors program during the 2010 annual Quartermaster Symposium.
Laundry Advanced System Simulator

The Aerial Delivery & Field Services Department recently acquired a Laundry Advanced System (LADS) Simulator. The LADS Simulator was designed to provide Advanced Individual Training, Senior Leader Course, and Advanced Leader Course students’ exposure to the new D Model LADS. The LADS Simulator is mounted on a semi-portable 12x10 steel frame with a 50 inch touch screen monitor. The simulator is designed to be interactive so students get the feel of the actual equipment in the field.

Recent fielding of the D Model has given priority to Quartermaster Field Services Companies that are schedule to deploy. The simulator bridges the training gap between the past LADS Model on hand and the D Model being fielded. The D Model LADS has a touch-screen display from which all LADS operations are performed.

The Simulator is designed to allow three to four students to physically interact with the touch-screen during simulated laundry operations. The simulator provides instructors the ability to simulate real-time conditions, laundry cycles, and equipment errors for the students during practical exercises. The simulator enables Soldiers to troubleshoot and correct common faults experienced in the field. An example of a common fault is a “Boiled-Over.” The simulator allows Soldiers to recognize and understand a Boiled-Over fault.

The simulation culminates with a 20 question quiz to check comprehension of LADS operator functions. The Soldier must answer questions as well as identify different functions occurring on the simulator. Because all the functions are software based, future expanding of quizzes and simulations are limitless. Soldiers are also able to perform simulated regular laundry cycles in as little as 15 minutes as compared with 55-70 minutes on an actual LAD. Soldiers gain a firm understanding of D Model LADS operations and are confident to operate the equipment upon arrival to their unit.

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Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced (PBUSE) Operator Training

PBUSE is the Army’s web-based, state-of-the-art, force sustainment property accountability management tool. PBUSE functionality is designed to provide the Army with integrated automated property accountability information in both garrison and tactical units. PBUSE is and continues to be part of the Global Combat Support System-Army (Field/Tactical). How to properly use PBUSE and work within the program can at times be a challenge for the many PBUSE users. This article will focus on training venues that are within the PBUSE operating system.

The PBUSE system offers numerous “help” functions which are embedded in the PBUSE software program and can be accessed in two ways:

1. Immediately upon login, a Soldier can click on “Training” and review all of the embedded modules or if you are working a particular transaction and unsure of the next step you can simply click on the “Training” button to open the help function to view data requirements or steps associated with that particular task and then have the ability to return to the exact spot where they were previously working.

2. Each training aid module consists of four features:
   a. The first is a “tell me” document that graphically shows the procedure needed to complete the transaction.
   b. The next feature is the “show me” capability, which uses a multimedia presentation to demonstrate the process.
   c. The “try it” feature allows the user to interact with the program and execute the actual steps required to complete the transaction.
   d. A short “check on learning” exercise that assesses the operator’s understanding of the procedure needed to complete the transaction is also available.

For any additional information on the PBUSE embedded training modules or any other PBUSE function you can contract SFC Dedra Clark, Senior Instructor and PBUSE Team Chief for the 92Y10 Unit Supply Specialist Course at the US Army Quartermaster School. POC is SFC Dedra Clark, (804) 734-7705, (DSN 687) or dedra.clark@us.army.mil.
Fuel Management Defense – Quality (FMD-Q) Module Imbedded into the Laboratory Specialist Course

In March of this year, the Petroleum and Water Department (PWD) partnered with Defense Energy Support Center (DESC) to include automated laboratory analysis reporting in the joint laboratory specialist course. As Department of Defense’s joint laboratory training platform, Seaman Laboratory must meet all service quality surveillance testing and reporting needs. DESC and sister services are gradually migrating to automated laboratory analysis reporting. In order to meet all stakeholder’s needs, PWD approached DESC under the Bulk Class III Executive Agent umbrella and requested hardware and software support to include the automated laboratory reporting capability in the course.

DESC donated over $20,000 in computer hardware and software support to improve joint laboratory training. The addition of FMD-Q will have a significant impact to the war-fighter and PWD’s quest to leverage technological advances. Graduates of the laboratory specialist course are now able to provide manual and automated quality surveillance reports. The automated tracking module expedites fuel sample reporting, provides a system generated tag number and the laboratory technician is able to rapidly determine the fuel suitability for use, decreasing reporting time and expediting fuel stock availability for use. POC is MSgt Thomas K. Bender (USAF), (804) 734-1389, (DSN 687) or Thomas.k.bender@us.army.mil

Managing DFAC Operations During Deployments

The Army’s recent experience with deployments and Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) dining facility operations in the Army Central Command (ARCENT) area of responsibility (AOR) has generated utilization concerns for Army military food service personnel (92Gs). The noted impact of cyclic deployment schedules of 92Gs in sustaining feeding requirements in garrison before, during, and immediately after deployments have affected 92G utilization and training in garrison dining facilities. Critical issues such as maintaining 92G skill sets at garrison dining facilities (DFACs) coupled with LOGCAP feeding operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and other locations make it very difficult for 92G Soldiers to maintain their military occupational specialty (MOS) skills. Additionally, training challenges have also made it difficult for commanders to prepare these Soldiers for new duties and responsibilities as contract officer representatives when they deploy.

There are several options to support operating garrison DFACs when units deploy. One option, which US Army Europe (USAREUR) and Installation Management Command (IMCOM) at Fort Bragg, Fort Stewart and other installations have adopted is to assume DFAC responsibilities from commands and give the responsibility to direct-hire, contracted civilians or using existing food service contract operations. The options for maintaining DFAC operations with civilian or contracted staff have been met with resistance at some installations as it increases operation costs. The Department of the Army Prototype for Food service contracts available at http://www.quartermaster.army.mil/jccoe/publications/contract/pws.pdf provides guidance and Performance Work Statement examples for contracts. Commanders and Senior Food Advisors need to know how to properly incorporate civilian personnel into garrison feeding operations. The option of mixing Soldiers, contractors, and direct hire civilians provides a variety of solutions that support the following:

1. Supplementing 92G shortfalls with civilian hired personnel before, during and after deployments.
2. Allows commanders to conduct analysis, which ensures staffing requirements for DFACs are based on 92G strengths, facility design, and feeding capabilities.
3. Commanders have options to retain operational control of DFACs while in garrison and deployed to support feeding mission.

Included, next, are two training aides in the form of templates for deployment and redeployment planning.

SSG McKinney trains Army, Marine, Navy and Australian students on FMD-Q reporting procedures
A helpful tool that can assist food advisors in outlining procedures, planning timelines and ensure garrison DFAC operations requirements are accomplished is by creating a Deployment Template and/or Redeployment Template. The illustration below depicts a sample timeline template that food advisors can use to plan deployment and redeployment for garrison feeding operations:

**Deployment Template:** Deployment schedules will vary. The template below illustrates a method to manage operational requirements for deploying units and sustaining garrison feeding without loss of quality of service for supported Soldiers. The commander must adjust schedules accordingly in order to facilitate requirements and cost to support augmenting 92Gs in garrison. Generally, it may take 60-75 days to support training requirements and deployment preparation. This factor may vary as some of these events may occur simultaneously.

**Redeployment Template:** Redeployment planning for 92Gs should be discussed prior to deploying in order to plan for contract closeout/change procedures, reopening of closed facilities and reintegration training for deployed 92Gs. Redeployment schedules should be reviewed at least 30 days prior to the redeployment window. The commander must adjust schedules accordingly in order to facilitate requirements and cost to support augmenting 92Gs in garrison. Generally, it can take up to 60-75 days to perform reintegration requirements, leave and responsibility handovers. This factor may vary based on activity. Food Service personnel (92Gs) should be returned to DFAC duties and responsibilities sooner if reintegration activities are completed.
Type of Rear-D DFAC Operations:

**Full Food Service Contract:** Historically, most Full Food Service Contractor operated dining facilities are located at TRADOC Installations for Initial Military Training (Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training). Due to continuous deployment operations in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), there has been an increase in contracted facilities at installations that would normally use military personnel to operate facilities.

- Full food service allows commands to remove their 92Gs 60-75 days prior to deployment to train with their units for the deployment mission.
- Upon redeployment, contracted facilities are returned to military staff 60-75 days after reintegration and block leave periods are accomplished or sooner if these reintegration actions have been completed.
- LOGCAP DFACS are Full Food Service Contracted.

**Direct Hire:** Direct hire operated dining facilities are used to supplement existing military staff or to provide performance assessment of contractor personnel. Due to continuous deployment operations in OEF/OIF there has been an increase in these operations that would normally be military operated only.

- Direct hire allows 92Gs to work side by side with hired staff, thus keeping those 92Gs performing their skill set if they are not part of the deploying unit.
- Direct hire staff can assume DFAC operations 60-75 days prior to deployment and allows commands the flexibility to remove their deploying 92Gs to train with their units in deployment Mission.
- Upon redeployment, direct hire personnel are normally placed in limited staffed facilities where 92G shortfalls require additional support. Military assume management responsibilities 60-75 days after reintegration and block leave periods are accomplished or sooner if these reintegration actions have been completed.

**92G/Direct Hire/Contractor Mix (USAREUR Template):** This proposal is a viable option because of the current deployment tempo of 92G and base realignments.

- IMCOM manages direct hire and contractor personnel.
- IMCOM takes over feeding operations from units to be managed by direct hire personnel who can over see contractor and military performing cook duties.
- The 92Gs assume all duties and responsibilities of the DFAC operations and the direct hire support will assume Assistant Management Position. When deployed the Direct Hire Assistant Manager takes over all duties and responsibilities until the unit returns.

**92G/Contractor Mix:** The newest update to the Department of the Army Prototype outlines military/contractor mixed operations and provides a performance work statement for dining facilities to be supplemented with contractor staff. The most important factor that military food service personnel must remember when working with contract workers is that they do not supervise the contract workers. The Government has a contract with the contractor as written by the contracting officer (KO). Prior to contracting the service, IMCOMs will conduct a commercial activity study whenever DA civilians perform the food service tasks and duties. Contractor personnel perform a specific task to support the overall feeding operation in commands and work side by side with 92Gs. Due to continuous deployment operations in OEF/OIF there has been an increase in need for these types of operations.

In closing, due to current deployments cycles as the result of global operations, it is critical for food advisors and commanders to address 92G training requirements. To maintain proficiency of MOS skill sets when not deployed – get them back into the dining facility as soon as possible. This provides a continuous base for honing their 92Gs skill set and reduces cost of operations. Even though current LOGCAP operations have greatly reduced the need for 92Gs to perform their cooking duties in theater, it is still necessary to ensure these Soldiers have a valuable training location in garrison to use their skill in future operations and to ensure proficiency in food management skills when working as CORs and COTRs. It is definitely to the advantage of all commanders and senior food service personnel to identify and close gaps in food service requirements. Using the above-mentioned techniques will enhance the Army’s strategic feeding program in future operational environments.

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Training Support to the 849th Quartermaster Company

The Basic Petroleum Logistics Division, Petroleum and Water Department, provided training to Soldiers of the 849th Quartermaster Company from 11-15 January 2010. Two Petroleum Supply Specialist (92F) Instructors from the Department, conducted approximately 40 hours of hands-on training to 26 Soldiers from the 849th Quartermaster Company. The training consisted of instruction on Tank Vehicles, Advanced Aviation Forward Area Refueling System (AAFARS), and the Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT). The unit requested the training in order to prepare the Soldiers for future deployment. The training schedule was condensed to accommodate training required to complete the unit’s war-time mission. The training took place in the Military-in-the-Field (MIF) and was primarily hands on versus classroom. The unit’s Soldiers received demonstrations from PWD instructors and then proceeded to execute the refresher training. By training in PWD’s footprint, the unit was able to train on the latest petroleum systems in the inventory and benefited from having subject matter experts readily available to assist with demonstrations and questions.

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49th Group Receives Forensic Training

The Joint Mortuary Affairs Center (JMAC) at Fort Lee, Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science conducted an Unidentified Human Remains Seminar for approximately 30 Soldiers from the 49th Quartermaster Group’s 111th and 54th Quartermaster Companies located at Fort Lee, and the 246th Company (U.S. Army Reserve in Puerto Rico). This first-of-its-kind training centered on the Medicolegal approach to locating and excavating buried human remains. The intent of the seminar was to provide the Mortuary Affairs Specialists with classroom and hands-on training in the identification, collection, and preservation of forensic evidence to support the mission of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner. Specifically, the seminar gave the participants the opportunity to learn how to locate, identify, map, and excavate clandestine graves while preserving critical forensic evidence associated with those graves.

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The JMAC provided Mortuary Affairs Specialists with first-rate instruction by a number of nationally known experts. While classroom instruction primarily focused on various aspects of clandestine graves, it also included lessons on forensic entomology, medial and odontological evidence, creating the biological profile from anthropological evidence, and the utilization of highly trained canine support (also known as Cadaver Dogs) to aid in the search and recovery process. Instructors for the course included Dr. Lisa Leppo from the JMAC staff (a board certified forensic anthropologist), Dr. Jason Byrd from the University of Florida (a board certified forensic entomologist), Dr. Kevin Whaley from the Office of the Virginia Chief Medical Examiner (a board certified forensic pathologist), and Leslie Roos from the Virginia Search and Recovery Council (a certified search and rescue dog handler).

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In photo below: Mr. Willie Hemphill from the Petroleum and Water Department, Fort Lee, VA directs AIT students on Advanced Aviation Forward Area Refueling System (AAFARS). Pronounced (Double A-Fares).
World-Wide Mortuary Affairs Conference

The Joint Mortuary Affairs Center (JMAC), Quartermaster Center & School hosted the 5th Annual World Wide Mortuary Affairs Conference 27-29 April 2010 at Larkin Hall, Fort Lee, VA. More than 100 personnel attended the conference from within the DOD, state and federal government, and the civil sector. During the conference, the Mortuary Affairs (MA) Community received updates from the Army, as the DOD MA Executive Agent (EA), in EA responsibilities and operations, doctrine, materiel development efforts, training initiatives, force structure, and on-going efforts by the Task Force on Contaminated Remains. In addition, other agencies provided information briefings on their programs impacting the MA community and ten technology exhibits were set up and open for public viewing. Several breakout sessions were also held to focus on specific issues, such as the Mortuary Affairs Reporting and Tracking System.

One of the key events of the conference was a facilitated discussion on the joint, intergovernmental, and interagency MA mission in Haiti, which included DOD providing support to the Department of State (DOS). Representatives from the DOS, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and DOD MA personnel from the JCS J4, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, NORTHCOM, JMAC, and 49th Group all provided feedback on their various missions and challenges during the recovery mission in support of Operation Unified Response (OUR). Other highlights of the conference included a Combatant Command workshop, an update by Northern Command, and a briefing by the NY City Medical Examiner’s Office on their Regional MA planning and response efforts.

In full spectrum operations, interagency support is critical to mission success. The operation in Haiti highlighted DOD’s strengths and weaknesses in executing the Mortuary Affairs mission in support of the DOS and DHSS, and the ability of DOD to support and operate in a joint, interagency, international, and to some extent multinational environment. The World Wide Mortuary Affairs Conference is the only MA specific forum in the U.S. and provides a valuable opportunity for sharing information, networking, identifying problems, and working towards addressing problems. While many of the action items coming out of the conference are DOD centric, the solution will benefit the military, national, and civil MA community.

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Petroleum and Water Support to Earth Day

92W, 92L and 92F Military Occupational Specialty Instructors from the Petroleum and Water Department set up the Light Weight Water Purifier (LWP), the HEMMT Hot Tactical Aviation Refueling System (HTARS) and the Petroleum Quality Analysis System Enhanced (PQAS-E) in support of earth day activities at Fort Lee in April. The intent of the petroleum and water system displays were to share operational information and capabilities with school aged children in attendance at the event. POC is Mr. Tim Ruckman at (804) 734-2760, (DSN 687), or timothy.ruckman@us.army.mil.

SCoE Warrior Training Exercise - Next Generation: An Integrated Approach to Training Soldiers and Leaders

In FY 11 the Sustainment Center of Excellence and the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade will begin to conduct our Logistic Warrior capstone Field Training Exercise at a new Tactical Training Base (TTB) site, Camp Pender, Fort AP Hill. This new TTB will closely replicate conditions of the current operating environment and provide an enhanced venue to improve upon the overall field training experience for our Soldiers as we reinforce Warrior Tasks, Battle Drills and select Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)/Technical Tasks. We have further enhanced our live fire exercise training by employing Up-Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) as the primary live fire vehicle platform. We will employ an Outcome-based training philosophy in the execution of the exercise that will focus on our desired end state: task proficiency in selected WT/BD and MOS/Tech Tasks.

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