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## Army Sustainment Command at 15

- 1909 26 The birth of Army aviation begins as LT Frederick Humphreys pilots the Wright Flyer.
- 1925 25 The court-martial of COL William Mitchell begins.
- 1944 23 The Battle of Leyte, the largest naval engagement of World War II, begins.
- 1947 14 Chuck Yeager becomes the first human to break the sound barrier.
- 1950 20 The first airborne operation of the Korean War takes place north of Pyongyang.
- 1955 1 The U.S. Navy commissions its first supercarrier, the U.S.S. *Forrestal*.
- 1962 27 MAJ Rudolph Anderson becomes the only casualty of the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- 1973 9 The Yom Kippur war begins.
- 1990 3 East and West Germany's are reunited as the Republic of Germany.
- 1994 10 *VIGILANT WARRIOR* masses troops in the Persian Gulf in response to Iraqi threats.

## TRIVIA

- 1 Which candy was handed out to Soldiers during the Korean War?
- 2 What major air campaign ended on Halloween in 1968 that used almost 1 million tons of ordinance?
- 3 How many United States presidents have served in one of the military branches in uniform?

### ANSWERS FOR AUGUST 2021 QUESTIONS

- 1 Which assault was depicted as the final climax in the 1989 movie *Glory*?  
➤ **Second Battle of Fort Wagner**
- 2 What was the name of the intelligence operation that took place after World War II which focused on German weapons research?  
➤ **PAPERCLIP**
- 3 What was the name of the atomic device that was used during the Trinity Test in Alamogordo, New Mexico  
➤ **The Gadget**



Mondays are hard, but they could always be harder. Consider this upside down Mark VIII Tank. As historians we love recreating historic photographs, but we have it on good authority from our friends at RIA-JMTC and CMH to not recreate this specific photo.

Tanks are for fightin' not flippin'.



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<https://aschq.army.mil/About-Us/History>

The activation of Army Sustainment Command (ASC) on 1 October 2006 was another step in the evolution that started in 2000 with the reorganization from the Industrial Operations Command (IOC) to the Operations Support Command (OSC). The major change in January 2000 began the move from an ammunition and manufacturing focused command to a field focused command. In January 2000 OSC became responsible for the Logistics Assistance Program (LAP), Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP), and the Army Materiel Command (AMC) Forwards. The command was designated the "Single Face to the Field" and ASC proudly maintains that legacy today. In addition to maintaining management of ammunition and the arsenals, OSC created a focus on force projection and sustainment operations. This focus expanded upon the old War Reserve mission previously managed by IOC. The war reserve stocks had already given IOC a global reach; OSC built on that presence and expanded its forward presence through the AMC Forwards.

With the attacks of 11 September 2001 the OSC rapidly became involved in sustaining forward deployed forces. The focus was first ammunition, but very rapidly changed to Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) (the new term for War Reserves) and LOGCAP took precedence as we put forces on the ground in Afghanistan and prepared to issue APS to units tapped for the assault into Iraq. In 2003 the OSC name was changed to Army Field Support Command (AFSC) with the ammunition function contained in the subordinate Joint Munitions Command. As is normal in war, challenges, solutions, process, and missions changed at a rapid pace to keep up with the needs on the battlefield. AFSC took on new missions in South West Asia (SWA) to meet emerging requirements while creating systems at home station to support customers throughout the Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) cycle.

Finally, in response to Army transformation changes in logistics support above the brigade level, concepts were approved at Department of the Army (DA) level for a Continental United States (CONUS) Theater Support Command (TSC) to perform materiel management and co-ordinate logistics support. The concept split off the ammunition function to reduce competing demands for attention with the command. The idea of being a CONUS TSC was in some ways limiting as the future ASC was already managing property in SWA as well as the APS and LOGCAP functions. At the same time DA approved the creation of Army Field Support Brigades (AFSB) to coordinate all AMC functions in each theater. By the time ASC formally activated on 1 October 2006 it was already in support to the deployed and home station Army

around the globe.

ASC executed the global mission that directly and materially supported the war efforts in SWA. At the same time it was looking forward to the reset of Army materiel in SWA and around the world for the next contingency by fully developing the European Activity Sets and Africa Activity Set. ASC provided medical and logistical support for Operation United Assistance during the Ebola outbreak in Africa, Retrograde from Afghanistan, maintenance and support for Spartan Shield, and provided logistical support on a global scale on many other pivotal missions.

In 2018-2019 the ASC restructured again to better meet emerging requirements for large scale ground combat operations. The DMC was dismantled and the Support Operations Directorate was reinforced. In the field, 11 Army Field Support Battalions (AFSBns) in support of Army divisions merged with the installation Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) to improve division readiness. Division and Corps Logistics Support Elements were formed in AFSBns and AFSBs to better connect combat formations with the materiel enterprise.

Today, the ASC consists of seven AFSBs, twenty-two AFSBns, and the Army's LRCs. In addition, six Contracting Support Brigades (CSBs) are under the tactical control of ASC. In addition, the LOGCAP Support Brigade (LSB) and the Army Sustainment Command Army Reserve Element (ASC-ARE) of the Army Reserve Sustainment Command are controlled and work-loaded by ASC. ASC will continue the natural evolution and adjust to Regionally Aligned Readiness and Modernization Model (ReARM) and provide unparalleled logistics support. ASC is "On The Line" to synchronize and integrate key elements of the Sustainment Enterprise to deliver ready forces, enable strategic power projection, and sustain operational reach in order to win during large scale combat and multi-domain operations.

Cover photo: GEN Benjamin Griffin, MG Jerome Johnson, and COL Rocky Easter trooping the line during ASC's activation ceremony.



LOGISTICS: "A general science forming the most essential parts of the art of war." - Sun Tzu, "The Art of War"

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