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Command Logistics Review at Savannah District

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Maurice Alford, chief of Logistics Management Division, and Sherry Coffey, a logistics management specialist, discuss found on installation (FOI) property—items discovered on a military installation that are not listed in existing property records. Alford and his team participated in a logistics operations assessment April 14-18, 2025 as part of the Command Logistics Review Program.

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By Rashida Banks, Corporate Communications Office, Savannah District

Members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Logistics Activity Assessment Branch conducted a comprehensive analysis of the Savannah District's logistics operations April 14–18, 2025 as part of the Command Logistics Review Program (CLRP).

The CLRP is not an inspection, but a support-focused

program designed to assess logistics readiness and provide actionable guidance. Its primary objective is to help identify and resolve logistics challenges that may impact unit readiness across the command.

Maurice Alford, chief of Logistics Management for the Savannah District, emphasized the value of the program, which is conducted every three years.

"We're excited about it and expect to perform well," said Alford. "I'm a strong advocate for

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the program because it highlights our shortfalls and shows us exactly where we need to improve to become more efficient.”

The USACE Logistics Activity provides logistics services to USACE organizations supporting the operational logistics missions by providing consolidated supply, transportation, maintenance and facility services through delivery points, tailored to the needs of each command.

Alford explained that the CLRP aims to:

- Identify and address logistics issues that negatively impact the command’s readiness.
- Evaluate logistics operations and pinpoint areas for improvement.
- Provide guidance and support to help commands address these challenges. Ensure compliance with regulations and policies while offering corrective actions to ensure any deficiencies have been rectified.

“These programs tend to be

enduring, so the CLRP team often revisits the District to ensure that any deficiencies have been rectified,” said Alford.

The week-long analysis covered a wide range of logistics functions, including supply and services, property accountability and disposal, transportation operations, vehicle audits and facility management.

“They use a comprehensive checklist,” said Alford. “For example, they’ll review property records to confirm that assets are properly accounted for on the district’s property book. They also inspect equipment to confirm the data is matching the District’s property book and to ensure our office is providing the necessary support and assistance throughout our District.”

The same approach applies to transportation. The team audits Corps-owned and General Services Administration leased vehicles to ensure they’re being used appropriately and that records match actual usage.

Alford, who has been in his current role for just over 90 days, shared his enthusiasm for the work ahead.

“I’m excited to be here. This role is exactly what I needed—it keeps me motivated,” said Alford. “Every day brings a new challenge.”

Although Alford is new to the Savannah District, he brings more than 25 years of logistics experience, having served in various roles during his military career.

In addition to acting on the feedback received from the CLRP, Alford plans to launch several new initiatives aimed at improving efficiency within the District’s logistics program. These include digitizing logistics files to make them more accessible across the entire district and establishing consolidated equipment disposal sites to improve efficiency in managing excess equipment throughout the district field locations.

Alford plans to implement these changes by the end of the fiscal year.



Shiron Bailey, a supply technician with the Savannah District, facilitates an equipment turn-in appointment with Ava McCorkle, a budget analyst at the district. Bailey manages inventory operations, including receiving, storing and issuing supplies.



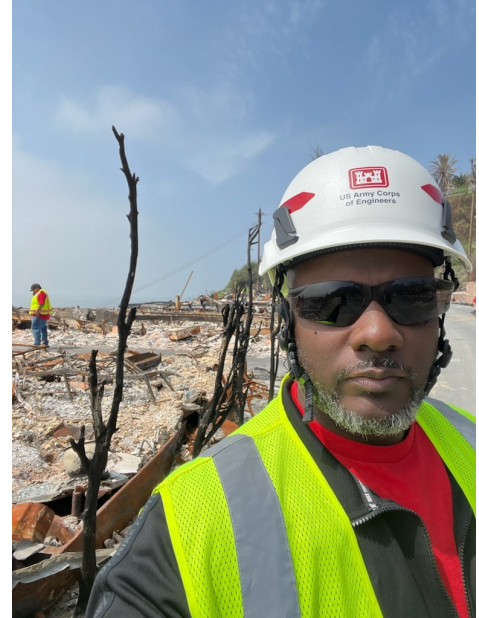
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Logistics and The California Wildfire Mission



Jason Burton, Facilities Management Specialist with the USACE Galveston District, has been deployed as a Transportation Specialist in support of the California Wildfire Mission since 23 February 2025. Mr. Burton states, “I’m supporting the fire debris removal mission as a transportation specialist. I’m tasked with transporting supplies, military VIP’s, Government Officials and others to the wildfire impact sites, events and other locations. I also process transportation requests.”

During the Southern California Wildfire event, our LPRT team went above and beyond in delivering critical logistics support. They expertly conducted RSO&I operations, maintained supply and property accountability, managed facility and transportation needs, and provided invaluable assistance to USACE responders by resolving lodging and rental car challenges, ensuring mission success in a demanding environment. (L-R: Jason Burton, SWG, Donald Vernon, NAP, Winston Green, HNC, Jonathan Bollinger, NWK, Russ Quimby, HNC, Anthony Cardona, SPA, Ayaan Arrington TL, MVK, with COL Swenson.)



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Regional Logistics Office MRE Recertification

From Brian K. Pirtle, Mississippi Valley Division, Regional Logistics Planner

One of the most significant acts within the Mississippi Valley Division footprint this past month is the Regional Logistics Office (RLO) assisting the St. Louis District Emergency Management (EM) Office in determining how to extend the shelf life of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs).

Upon receiving the request for assistance, the RLO Staff quickly sprang into action by researching the life cycle recertification process with DLA. In doing, learned that recertification of MREs is the responsibility of Veterinary & Public Health Offices on Military Installations.

After contacting the three nearby military bases (Scott & Whiteman Air Force Bases and Ft. Leonard Wood), the office learned that the shelf life of MREs is typically 5 years and can be extended in 6 months increments by a certified Public Health/ Food Service Inspector. The information below is required to initiate the service & support request process.

**How Many Pallets of MREs
How Many Boxes (cases) of MREs**

**Total # of Individual MREs
Expiration Date(s) Per Case/
Package**

Lot # on Case

**Description of Location where
MREs are Stored (e.g. climate
controlled or non-climate-
controlled facility)?**

Upon providing this information to the Inspection Office, the inspector will reference

DLA Handbook 4155.2 (Appendix A) which provides inspection guidance that will aid in determining the sample size of MREs that would require an inspection. After determining how many and which MREs to be inspected, the Public Health/Food Service Office may request supporting organizations to either drop the MREs off at a designated location or they may have the capability of picking them up. While inspecting, inspectors look for how well the package is sealed, evidence of mold, spoil odors, and the overall condition of all contents.

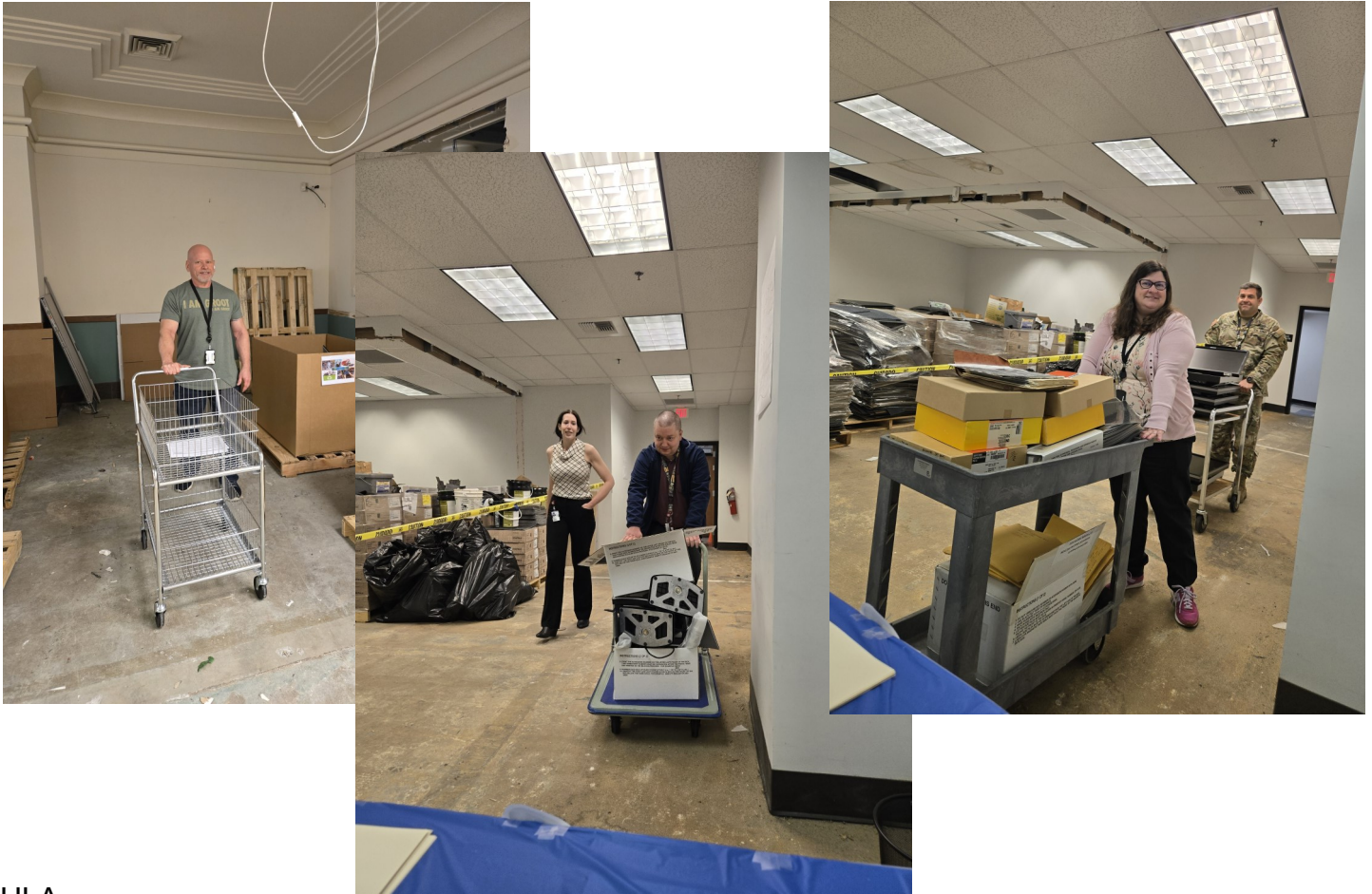
Upon completion, the inspector will annotate the results of the inspection on a DSCP Form 5117 and provide a copy to the customer so that the appropriate action may be taken to either maintain (if extended) or discard if deemed non-consumable. The St. Louis District Emergency Management Office had three cases of MREs inspected resulting in three individual MREs undergoing inspection. The results of the inspection enabled a 6-month extension on the three cases. Lastly, to spread the word on the MRE recertification process, this information was shared with other Regional Logistics Planners to reference if or when needed.



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Sacramento District Logistics Operation Clean Sweep



ULA,

I am writing to provide a report on the outstanding performance of the SPK ULA team during “Operation Clean Sweep”, which took place from May 7-9. This operation marked a significant milestone as it was the first of its kind for SPK.

Over the course of three days, the team coordinated a full-scale disposal operation, collaborating effectively with various departments to ensure the success of the initiative. They worked closely with Security to guarantee proper Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) destruction, IT for the removal of hard drives from PCs, and waste management services for the disposal of bulk waste.

The results of their efforts were impressive. The team successfully disposed of 100,000 lbs of waste, valued at approximately \$1.3 million. Additionally, their e-waste recycling collaboration with UNICOR Federal Prison Industries is projected to return \$100,000 back to the US Treasury.

The dedication and professionalism displayed by the SPK ULA team throughout this operation was exemplary and was greatly appreciated. As a team, they have consistently stepped up to the plate to ensure that SPK is able to complete the mission at hand. Their ability to effectively handle the District’s mission priorities and meet suspenses is a testament to their commitment and resilience.

Best Regards,

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USACE Resells Surplus Scanners, Turning Obsolete Tech Into Operational Value

In a win for both sustainability and fiscal responsibility, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Logistics Activity (ULA) successfully resold 391 obsolete Motorola Handheld Scanners through the General Services Administration's Personal Property Management System (GSA PPMS), generating \$1,500 in revenue for reinvestment into operations.

The scanners, previously used for inventory management, became incompatible with USACE systems following a transition to a modern, cellular-based platform. With no further operational use, the agency opted for resale over recycling, consolidating equipment from districts across the enterprise.

"The Motorola Handheld Scanners were rendered obsolete when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers upgraded to a modern, cellular-based inventory system," said Cel Amaral, Accountable Property Officer at USACE Logistics Activity. "The older scanners were no longer compatible with the USACE network and could

not support the new technology requirements."

Rather than allow the surplus equipment to sit idle or be discarded, USACE listed the items for competitive resale via GSA PPMS. The process, spearheaded by Tabitha Callahan in December 2024, resulted in the successful sale of the scanners after the general screening phase. USACE Finance Center provided forklift support to assist with the shipment, which was paid for entirely by the buyer.

"The preparation and shipping process involved consolidating over 390 scanners from multiple USACE districts," Amaral said. "A three-person inventory team was tasked with accounting for the scanners, and all peripherals including docking stations, chargers, and cords, which were sorted and packaged by item type for ease of identification."

GSA PPMS plays a key role in supporting USACE's financial and environmental stewardship objectives. Amaral emphasized that the program reduces electronic waste and

extends the useful life of technology, while also ensuring compliance with federal property disposal regulations.

According to Amaral, resale through GSA PPMS is preferable to recycling for several reasons: it allows for revenue recovery, promotes reuse, ensures competitive market pricing through transparent bidding, and shifts shipping costs to the buyer.

"Unlike recycling or disposal, resale through PPMS helps recover funds that go directly back to our organization as opposed to going back to the general fund," she said.

Building on this success, the USACE Sustainment Division is planning for more efficient surplus property management. Future efforts will focus on early identification of unneeded assets, centralized consolidation, improved inventory tracking, and maximizing exposure for listings—ensuring the agency continues to lead in sustainable, cost-conscious logistics.



Packed up hand-held scanners which had become obsolete for the Corps of Engineers logistics need being loaded for transport. (Courtesy photo.)



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Figgins Optimizes Vehicle Fleet Readiness



Marlon Figgins, the Philadelphia District transportation technician, assisted the district with its underutilized fleet while simultaneously creating cost savings. Marlon reallocated underutilized vehicles throughout the district to sections that needed vehicles, saving the district thousands and increasing the usage of four underutilized vehicles. Marlon's initiative will save the district \$80,000 over the next year. (Courtesy photo.)



Congratulations to our Employee of the Quarter award for 2nd QTR FY2025! Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence have truly made a positive impact on our organization. Chong-Ae Schmidt Cat I (Transportation Division), Reginald Tuggle Cat II (Transportation Division), and Lora (Kristi) Ogle Cat III (Resource Integration Division) .



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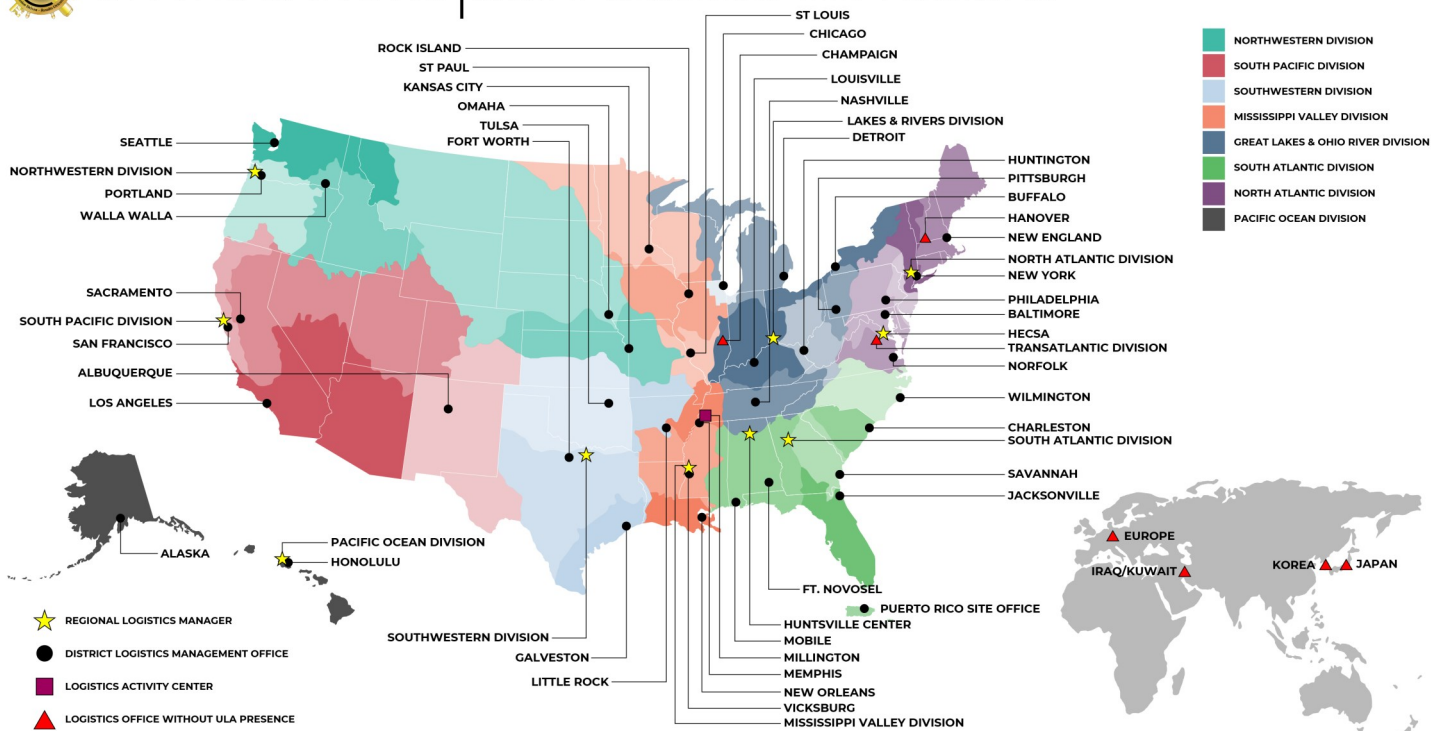


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