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New England Motor Pool Conversion Optimizes Space

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William (Bill) Phelan applies new flooring for the assistant office during the conversion ensuring the floors are cut perfectly to fit the space. (Courtesy photo.)

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The logistics team at the New England District (NAE) successfully delivered a major infrastructure improvement with the conversion of the former Fort Devens Motor Pool into a state-of-the-art Boat Survey Control Point.

This facility now serves as a centralized, operationally effective hub for survey missions across the District. The effort was executed exclusively on weekends over a three-month period ensuring greater mission

readiness while avoiding disruption to normal weekday operations.

William Sanders, New England District Logistics Manager, said that as the needs of the district change, this conversion adapted an existing space to ensure better space utilization and mission accomplishment.

"The motor pool facility at Fort Devens was no longer in active use by the base," said Sanders." At the time, the Survey

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Boat crew was operating out of HQ Concord Park, Massachusetts, a less efficient location for accessing the ponds, lakes, and ocean sites across our region. Recognizing the strategic advantage of Fort Devens' central location, and since our team already occupied one side of the motor pool, I recommended that the Survey Section utilize the remaining space. This move significantly

improved operational access and efficiency for the crew."

The process did encounter some delays and setbacks but continued to pursue the project through problem solving and commitment.

"During the project, we encountered unexpected delays due to unverified asbestos and lead testing," said Sanders. "We were initially informed these

inspections had been completed; however, that proved inaccurate and resulted in a two-month setback. Fortunately, we leveraged internal district resources—specifically, certified personnel, to conduct the necessary environmental testing. Additionally, we faced challenges due to a temporary GPC stoppage. To maintain momentum and meet timelines, my overtime crew stepped up by sourcing critical supplies through personal contributions and local purchases until the GPC authority was fully restored."

Sanders is proud of the work his team did to accomplish this project and improve the working conditions for those in the district.

"This location significantly improves operational efficiency by providing a centralized base near lakes, ponds, and the ocean across the district," he said. "It also offers a dedicated motor pool for boat maintenance and ample yard space for safe maneuvering and staging of vessels."

Multiple people across the district were critical to the success of the project including Sanders, Supply Technician Gerald Martin, Transportation Technician Derek Matte, Facilities Manager Sidney Robinson-Collier, and General Supply Technician Maria Zinampan from the logistics team. Outside of the logistics team Sarita Martinez from administration, Larry Sanders from Budgeting, Electrician Dave Havron, Visual Technician Brian Murphy and William



David Havron cuts and run wiring being used to run power to the new conference room. (Courtesy photo.)



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Phelan a master Carpenter and QA inspector helped move the project to completion.

Sanders said the team learned about the process along the way to improve future similar projects.

“One key lesson learned was the importance of independently obtaining a facility inspection rather than relying solely on the Department of Public Works for clearance confirmation,” Sanders said. “Additionally, it would have been more efficient to order all necessary supplies through the GPC at the outset of the project

to avoid delays.”

The project has been a success for the district driving greater productivity and use of space. Ensuring the district can deliver engineering solutions to the area’s toughest challenges.

“The Survey Section now has a dedicated space that fully meets their office and equipment needs,” said Sanders. “This project was completed in-house using our own personnel, resulting in significant cost savings for the district. The supervisor and their team are highly satisfied with the new

space, noting improved working conditions and efficiency. The expanded area allows them to operate without crowding, store boats securely during the winter months, and significantly reduce springtime repair costs by preventing weather-related damage.”



View into the new multipurpose conference room that can be used for boat crews or other groups in the area that need a place to meet.

New work spaces allow personnel to pop in to accomplish computer work between other tasks in the area. (Courtesy photos.)



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Enabling Excellence

Name: Mr. Anthony Jackson

District: Mobile District

Position: Materials Handler (Contractor)

Time on board: 1 Year

With one year under his belt at the Mobile District Logistics Office, Anthony Jackson has been a great asset to the team.

“Mr. Jackson has been on board with USACE since August of 2024,” said Carlos Williams, District Logistics Manager. “He is a native of Mobile, AL and brings to the table excellent communication skills and vast knowledge of warehouse operations to our organization.”

While he is fairly new to the district, he is no stranger to logistics. He has 23 years of experience in logistics and leadership and understands the importance of being responsible and accountable.

Supporting his nation as a government contractor is important to Jackson. He has the opportunity to contribute in meaningful ways to the mission.

“I enjoy being a part of the team as a Government Contractor working in conjunction with Government employees,” said Jackson. “I like working with the team members at USACE in Mobile because they provide me with a family atmosphere to work in, which feels like an extension of my own family.”

While he has found the transition to working with USACE and learning the USACE ways challenging at times, his background as a

materiel handler spans decades, allowing him to fulfill his new role and bring value to the organization.

It was challenging learning how the military operates and learning the Army regulations and processes,” said Jackson. “I earned an associate’s degree from Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, AL. I worked as materials handler and a Supervisory press operator at Mobile Press Registry for 23 years before the plant shut down. I also serve as youth and high school football coach in my community. I believe my knowledge and previous experiences from my past helped prepare me for this position.”



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MVD Support St. Louis Tornado Response

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

The Mississippi Valley Division-Regional Logistics Office highlights support to the St. Louis Tornado Recovery Mission. The support mission stems from a recent EF 3 tornado that touched down resulting in five deaths and extensive damage to a 10 square mile area within the heart of the city.

Damages entailed widespread power outages to well over 100,000 customers for nearly two weeks, commercial and personal property damages in excess of \$1B (including over 5,000 homes, businesses, and places of worship). In response to the effort, the St Louis logistics team consisting of Samantha Myler and Regina Powell and Brian Pirtle of the Regional Logistics Office executed in fine fashion by participating in daily District Crisis Management Meetings, conducted lodging market research and provided an initial lodging waiver recommendation. The logistics team also initiated a GSA Short Term Rental request, assisted the District Emergency Management Office with inventorying USACE Clothing items to determine on-hand stock quantities and ordering requirements, and developed several deployment Certificates of Appreciation, and challenge coin templates for leadership consideration.

Despite the mission not requiring a great deal of logistics support, the team views the event as being beneficial in terms of having an opportunity to conduct a walk thru and rehearsal of support tasks. The recovery effort in St. Louis continues and is anticipated to take many years to complete, but thanks to the Red

Cross and FEMA, the city is well underway to rebuilding. Once again, the MVD Logistics Team proved how valuable it is to our customers.



St. Louis District Logistics Office Samantha Myler, Regina Powell and MVD Planner Brian Pirtle. (Courtesy Photo.)



Photo of tornado via KSDK New Channel.



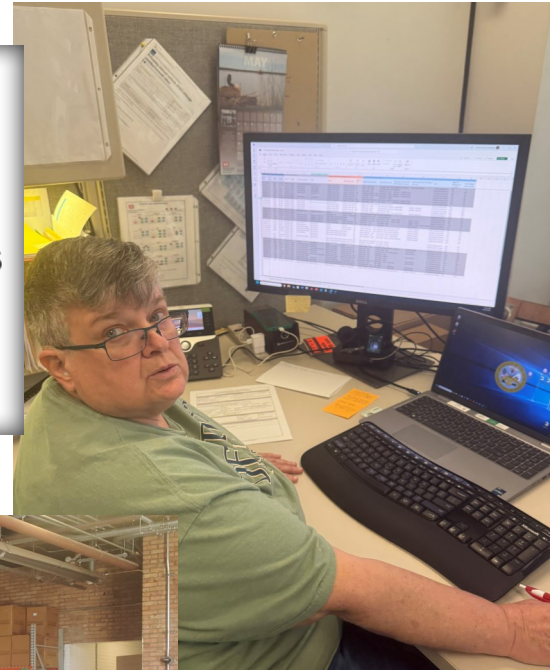
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Detroit District Logistics Updates



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**Joseph Tucker, Supply
Specialist**

**Patricia Jeske,
Transportation Specialist**



Timothy McBride, Supply Specialist

In June 2025, the Detroit District (LRE) continues to uphold exemplary standards in property accountability and logistical readiness through several ongoing efforts. Hand receipt holders have been actively engaged in ensuring that all assigned items are properly accounted for and bar-tagged in accordance with current regulatory guidance. This initiative reinforces internal controls, supports inventory accuracy, and maintains audit readiness across all sections. Simultaneously, the GSA vehicle master data list is being updated on SharePoint to reflect real-time information on vehicle assignments, usage status, and fleet availability. This ensures transparency and enhances operational planning and oversight. Additionally, preparations are underway for the next Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) shipment, including the accurate completion of DD Form 1348s. These documents ensure proper turn-in procedures, traceability, and alignment with disposal and reutilization protocols. These combined actions reflect the Detroit District's commitment to compliance, accountability, and mission readiness.



Sustainment Division Provides Ad Hoc Training to Support the Mission



On 15 June 2025, Ms. Sarah Nielson, Government Fuel Card (GFC) Program Manager, and Ms. Jacqueline Murphy (not pictured) conducted ad hoc training for FEST Certifying Officer (CO) Zack Plowick. This engagement enhanced readiness by ensuring the CO is equipped with the necessary knowledge to support fuel operations effectively. In parallel, the Logistics Activity Sustainment Division is advancing efforts to streamline fuel procurement and improve operational efficiency across USACE. Several fuel card programs have been identified to address mission-specific requirements. A clear understanding of these programs and their implementation procedures is essential to maintaining continuity of operations and achieving fuel cost savings across supported units. (Courtesy photo.)

Southern California Wildfire Support Continues

During the Southern California Wildfire response, the Logistics Planning and Response Team (LPRT) demonstrated outstanding dedication and operational excellence in support of mission objectives. The team expertly executed all aspects of Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration (RSO&I), ensuring efficient processing of incoming personnel and with resources. They managed and coordinated transportation logistics to sustain field operations. Crucially, the LPRT implemented rigorous property accountability procedures—tracking, issuing, and reconciling mission-essential equipment to ensure proper stewardship and visibility of assets. Their actions ensured that property was accurately documented. Additionally, the team provided critical support to USACE responders by swiftly resolving lodging and rental vehicle issues, allowing field teams to remain mission focused. The LPRT's proactive approach and unwavering commitment were instrumental to the success of the emergency response

Right: Jules Yankep, NAN, Cherish Walker, NWP, Bridgett Lewis, NAO EOC, and Daniel Harris MVK

(Courtesy Photo.)



Jon Hauls Everything!

From Will Ristom, Kansas City District Logistics Manager

Let me start by stating that Kansas City District's (NWK) Materials Handler Jon Bollinger hauled a lot already; with Defense Logistics Activity (DLA) passing the costs of transportation to the customer, Bollinger took it upon himself to increase what he hauls to ensure proper return on investment and to provide real savings to the Kansas City District in excess management.

The NWK Corporate Board decided we would vacate the very costly Troost warehouse we have occupied for over 30 years. While its location was less than a mile from the District headquarters, it isn't in the best part of town. A new warehouse is to be built on our Blue Springs/Longview Lake property that will house Logistics, as well as the Drill Crew, Survey, River Biology, etc.

In the meantime, leaving the warehouse and dispersing to temporary sites at our local lake projects has decreased our rent monthly by \$25K monthly. With all these decisions, the task of packing, safely transporting, and storing literally tons of property to the temporary locations laid in front of u

Enter Jonathan Bollinger. Bollinger immediately provides the district logistics manager and the project in charge of the project with a two-month plan to conduct turn-ins of excess, pack and move the remaining property, and to acquire

containers to store everything at the various temporary sites. Working with the section personnel as well as looking at 30 years of accumulated stuff, Bollinger naturally became the leader and wrangled everyone and everything to make the entire effort fit into three weeks, far exceeding the agreed upon two-month window.

As stated, in three weeks Bollinger identified and turned-in over 1300 property items, with 63 large items, valued at over \$289K, which went to Ft Riley and DLA; 1,242 items valued at over \$1.7 million were excessed to UNICOR in Leavenworth, KS. With every round-trip to Ft Riley, Bollinger secured and transported 20 decommissioned

shipping containers and delivered them to our various lake projects to be used for storage until the new warehouse facility is complete.

During those three weeks, Jon safely loaded and transported everything, covering over 6K miles and handled over \$2million dollars in excess and countless dollars' worth of property used by our various sections in support of the NWK mission. Just sharing what a motivated employee with the proper equipment can accomplish in support of their District.



Jon Bollinger takes property disposal seriously and works hard to ensure that the process is efficient and takes care of the needs of the district. He has increased what he carries on each haul to ensure cost savings for the Corps of Engineers. (Courtesy photo.)



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Directorate of Logistics: COL Hill Farewell

From the Directorate of Logistics, Greg Bevil

July 1st, 2025, we said farewell to COL Arvid Hill, an extraordinary leader, mentor, and public servant, as he retires after more than three decades of dedicated service to our nation. Since joining USACE in May 2023 as the Director of Logistics and the Commanding General's Senior Logistics Advisor, COL Hill has reshaped the way we think about and execute logistics across the enterprise.

One of his hallmark achievements was the reorganization and reintegration of the USACE Logistics Activity, bringing more than 400 employees back under the guidance of G4. Through this complex and deliberate effort, he improved oversight,

optimized workforce structure, and drove strategic alignment across the organization. By chairing the Vehicle Utilization Review Board and leading the ULA Deep Dive, COL Hill spearheaded initiatives that saved the Army \$6.7 million, eliminated 156 underutilized vehicles, and right-sized 35 positions. These weren't just cost-saving measures, they were thoughtful, lasting improvements that reflected his deep understanding of logistics at scale. COL Hill also led one of the largest USACE military contingency deployments in the past two decades. Under his direction, the 249th Engineer Battalion deployed a power generation platoon and 160 short tons of equipment to critical sites across Syria and Jordan.

That kind of impact isn't common, it's the mark of a leader who never lost sight of the mission, the people, or the purpose. Throughout his career, and especially during his time with USACE, COL Hill showed what it means to lead with vision, humility, and action. He has been a teacher, a builder, and a steady hand during times of transition. His retirement is well-earned, but his presence will be missed.

COL Hill, thank you for your service. Thank you for your leadership. And most of all, thank you for making this organization stronger than you found it. Wherever your next chapter takes you, you leave here with the deep respect and gratitude of your USACE family. Enjoy your retirement — you've more than earned it



(Photos taken by Ms. Diane Rivera, USACE Visual Information Services.)



Directorate of Logistics:

Welcome CW5 Sibley S. Haamid

From the Directorate of Logistics, Greg Bevil

We are proud to welcome CW5 Sibley S. Haamid as the new Senior Maintenance Officer for USACE. A native of Washington, D.C., CW5 Haamid brings more than three decades of maintenance, logistics, and leadership experience to the role, having served at every level from the motor pool to FORSCOM.

CW5 Haamid enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1990 as a Heavy Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic (63S/91B). After advancing to the rank of Sergeant First Class, he was selected for the Warrant Officer Candidate School and appointed to the Warrant Officer Corps in July 2003. Since then, he has built a distinguished career leading maintenance and logistics operations across a wide range of units and mission sets.

His assignments include

service as the Unit Maintenance Technician for the Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, LA; Squadron and Battalion Maintenance Technician roles at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; and Senior Ordnance Logistician for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) at Fort Drum, NY. He later served as an Observer/Controller-Trainer at Fort Bliss, TX; G-4 Senior Maintenance Technician for the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii; and most recently, as the Senior Ground Maintenance Advisor to the DCS -G4 at FORSCOM.

CW5 Haamid is a combat -tested leader, with deployments that include Bosnia, Kuwait, two tours in Iraq, and three in Afghanistan. Throughout his career, he has been a trusted advisor and expert in ground maintenance, readiness, and sustainment operations.

He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Real



Estate Development from Marylhurst University in Oregon and is a Demonstrated Master Logistician. In addition, he is an ASE-certified Master Truck and Automotive Technician.

CW5 Haamid's depth of experience, technical acumen, and commitment to mission readiness make him an outstanding addition to the USACE team. We are excited to have him onboard and look forward to his leadership in strengthening our logistics and materiel management capabilities.

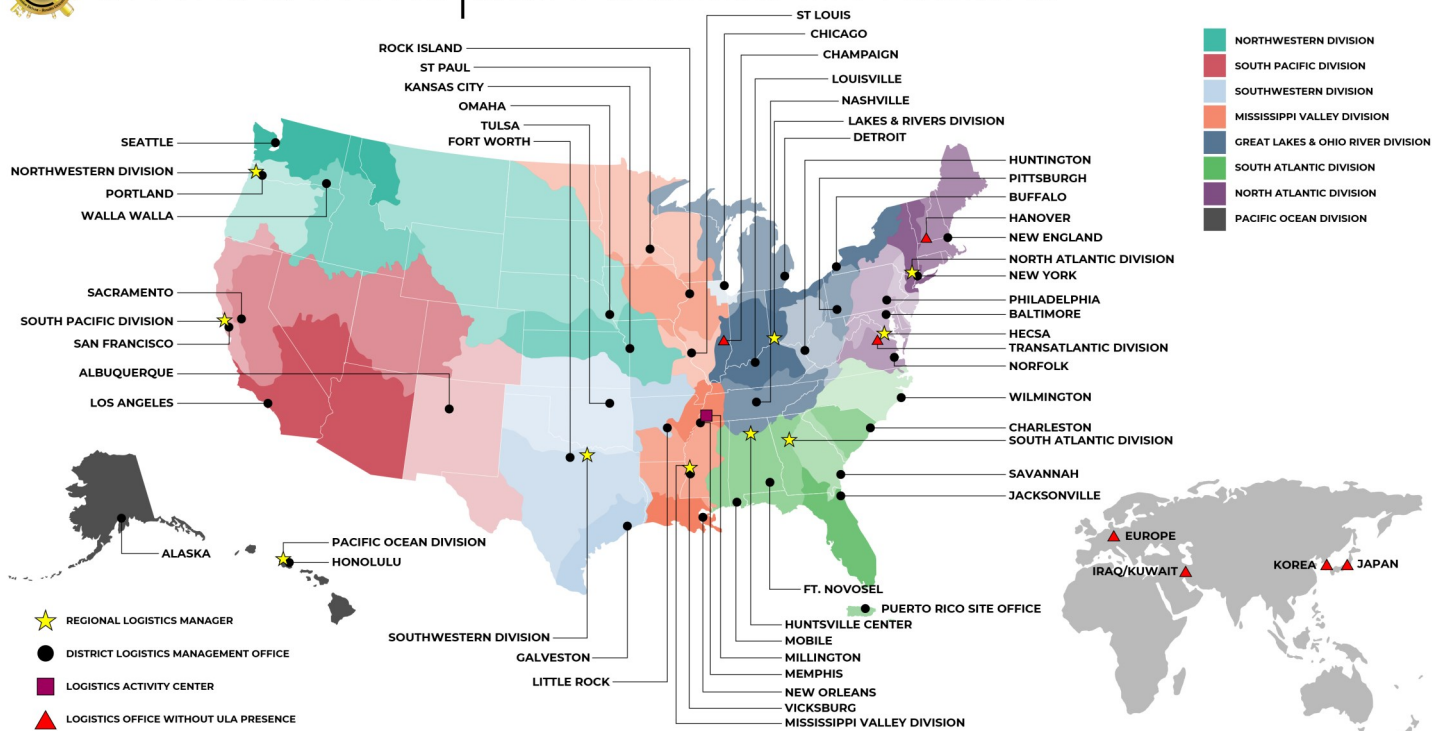


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