



# U.S. Army Materiel Command Establishes Logistic Support Unit

**A**LEXANDRIA, Va. (Army News Service, Nov. 5, 1998) — In a partnering effort by the Active Army and U.S. Army Reserve, a new Logistics Civil Augmentation Program Support Unit has been established at U.S. Army Materiel Command Headquarters here.

The unit provides a contingency capability to meet combat support and combat service support requirements in managing a LOGCAP deployment. LOGCAP is an initiative by the Army to preplan during peacetime for wartime and other contingencies using contract support. Using contractors provides the Army the ability to use fewer soldiers in support roles and more in combat positions.

The LOGCAP Support Unit, a U.S. Army Reserve unit, is an important addition to the existing LOGCAP program. Members of the LOGCAP Support Unit will deploy during exercises, operations, and contingencies to provide oversight and serve as a liaison between the contractor and the Army customer.

"This new reserve unit is a significant element in the LOGCAP structure," James F. Folk, Program Manager for LOGCAP said. "Its ability to provide 'green suit' interface as well as its capability for rapid deployment worldwide are elements of the unit which will strengthen this program."

The new unit, established Oct. 17, is under the operational control of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, but its higher headquarters is the 310th Theater Support Command at Fort Belvoir, Va.

There are 66 personnel assigned to the LOGCAP Support Unit. Seven of those positions are fulltime, and 59 are Army Reservists who drill one weekend a month and for two weeks a year. A colonel will command the LOGCAP Support Unit.

The unit is tailored into flexible deployment packages to support the three logistical support elements in Europe, the Pacific, and the Continental United

States (which supports Southwest Asia and the Southern Hemisphere).

The LSEs provide overall logistical support in the event of a contingency, and LOGCAP works with the LSE to provide required civil augmentation. The new unit enhances the ability of LOGCAP to support the LSE by providing a readily deployable cell, which can be tailored for each contingency. Having selected reservists in this unit who can deploy worldwide on a moment's notice greatly increases the LOGCAP capability in an event.

"Having the ability to give our customers, the Army Component commanders, tailor-made packages that meet their specifications, is the ultimate goal in our pursuit of customer satisfaction," Folk said.

The LOGCAP contract was established in 1992 under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At that time the Army contracted Brown and Root to provide services such as sanitation, billeting, refuse collection, meals, showers, laundry, transportation, construction, maintenance, and utilities.

The LOGCAP contract was active during U.S. operations in Somalia, Rwanda, Haiti, and Bosnia. Brown and Root, under the direction of the Corps of Engineers, continues to support the operation in Bosnia by providing combat support and combat service support requirements.

The LOGCAP mission transitioned from the Corps of Engineers to the AMC in 1996. Dyncorp was awarded the LOGCAP contract in 1997, and will be responsible for providing combat service and combat service support functions to the Army in future operations and contingencies.

Editor's Note: This information, published by the U.S. Army Materiel Command, is in the public domain at <http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/news> on the Internet.