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Command Profile



Soldiers of the Army Evaluation Task Force at Fort Bliss test the Multifunctional Utility/Logistics and Equipment (MULE) vehicle. The MULE is a three-ton unmanned ground system designed to support dismounted, mounted and air assault operations. (Army photo)

The TACOM LCMC manages more than 60% of the Army's most critical systems, almost 70% of the equipment in a brigade combat team, and approximately 3,000 major and 37,000 secondary items. We provide technology for over 90% of the Army's lethality. We also manage technical and logistical data for more than 500,000 parts. We provide support to warfighters at over 100 locations worldwide. Our annual command payroll is approximately \$1.8B. We have equipped over 1 million soldiers and continue to do so. We executed \$30B in contracts during FY 08. The TACOM LCMC plays a vital role in the Army's efforts to sustain, prepare, reset, and transform its operations.

CURRENT TACOM LCMC INITIATIVES

Providing ongoing support to overseas contingency operations remains the top TACOM LCMC priority. At the same time, we're working to rebalance Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve units. Our ongoing responsible drawdown and reset efforts require thoughtful planning, extensive coordination, and timely execution. TACOM LCMC teammates know that communication, collaboration, and coordination with all of the key players involved in the process must be at

the center of our drawdown and reset operations. This unity of effort is driving improvements in how we execute Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) - the process through which we build and generate combat power.

The first step is to adapt the reset model we use for institutional support of the ARFORGEN process. This institutional adaptation - called continuous reset - has been identified by the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff as vitally important to our ability to effectively sustain our Army. It differs from intermittent actions or reset applied as a transitory solution. Continuous reset prepares forces for future deployments. It rebuilds readiness through the coordination of all the tasks required to re-integrate soldiers and families as well as all the actions needed to organize, man, equip, and train a unit. We must not only return units to pre-deployment levels of equipment readiness, we must also equip them to the standards required by the modular Army or posture them to return to combat. Continuous reset applies a fleet strategy approach to planning and execution. Adoption of this enterprise approach, in lieu of individual reset actions performed by local brigade combat team commanders, will reduce costs and enable the Army to meet unit schedules more efficiently.

CENTCOM SUPPORT

In addition, the TACOM LCMC's role is changing with regard to support of operational shifts within CENTCOM. The need for fact-based decision making in the coordination and execution of our responsible drawdown and reset operations has never been greater. The amount of equipment involved, its projected disposition, the number of Soldier units affected, and the redistribution of materiel within theater and outside of the area of operations requires a very high level of communication and collaboration in order to achieve the Army's goals for this effort.

We need significant real-time data and extensive synchronization among all of the organizations involved. It's a collective endeavor, and the TACOM LCMC is an active participant and partner.

CONTRACTING ENTERPRISE EFFORTS

The Army Contracting Command (ACC) was established in the fall of 2008 to increase the effectiveness of the Army's contracting efforts. The cumulative effect of fighting two overseas contingency operations simultaneously has pulled the Army out of balance and significantly increased its reliance on contract support from private sector partners. The TACOM Contracting Center (TCC), part of the ACC, is our TACOM LCMC partner that helps us address our increased contracting requirements. The scale of this support is large and requires careful planning, administration, and oversight.

Located at multiple geographic sites throughout the United States, the TCC is responsible for acquisition support and contracting to insure warfighting readiness by purchasing ground combat, tactical vehicles, small arms, chemical/biological systems, targetry, support services, associated consumable parts, and