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Third Army in Afghanistan

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KABUL, Afghanistan – Members of the U.S. Army Central Coordination and Support Element-Afghanistan arrived in Kabul in early Nov. With boots on the ground, the liaison team is focused on getting critical resources to U.S. Army Forces in Afghanistan to support their current and future operations.

Having the ACSE-A positioned in Kabul allows Third Army to quickly and effectively provide support to U.S. Forces -Afghanistan. The team, the eyes and ears of Third Army in Afghanistan, is primarily made up of logisticians but includes personnel with other specialties such as engineers, budget analysts, communications, and operations.

The ACSE-A mission is to synchronize, coordinate and direct the distribution of new resources, including those retrograded from Iraq, in order to fill requirements in Afghanistan. This is accomplished by working with transportation, communications, and engineer and sustainment communities, plus other staff sections and organizations located across Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq and the U.S.

Third Army's primary mission is to set the theater for all of the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility. ASCE-A intends to set the theater by expanding the sustainment base, increasing industrial capacity, and integrating and synchronizing manning requirements for expanded operations in Afghanistan. This includes working with various partner agencies to develop a comprehensive plan to expand the theater distribution routes.

To date the team has already accelerated much needed engineer equipment and mine resistant vehicles to Afghanistan. They have expedited approval for several essential items, which include: aluminum airfield matting for aviation runways and parking ramps; Harvest Falcons, a modular life support system to accommodate personnel and work spaces. They have identified shortages and directed that needed equipment be transported directly from Iraq to Afghanistan. For example, route clearance robots, engineer construction equipment, and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles have all been identified in Iraq, some of which were shipped and are already on the ground in Afghanistan.

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“Third Army’s top priority is to support the increase of forces in Afghanistan. We are focused on getting the right resources, to the right location, as soon as possible,” said Maj. Gen. Peter M. Vangjel, Third Army deputy commanding general.

“The logistics support is critical to the success of the build-up of forces. It’s imperative that coordination and synchronization is seamless across many organizations and Third Army is guiding that process through the ACSE-A. The ACSE-A is making significant contributions to the Afghanistan build-up while simultaneously setting the theater for future operations, he added.”

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