

Appendix H

Army Materiel Command Logistics Support Element

This Appendix discusses the mission and functions of the US Army Materiel Command.

GENERAL

H-1. The USAMC LSE is a multifaceted TDA organization whose mission is to enhance readiness through integrated application of CONUS-based technical capabilities to deployed units within any theater of operations. The LSE provides limited depot and GS level logistics. It also performs a key role in executing Army Prepositioned Stocks operations. The LSE supports reception operations by maintaining, preparing, issuing, and transferring accountability of prepositioned stocks (less class VIII) to the gaining unit. The LSE has a small peacetime cadre with the bulk of its positions being identified on a personnel deployment roster. The LSE is rapidly deployable, and its structure evolves during the course of the operation to accommodate changing requirements and capabilities of the deployed organizations. When deployed, the LSE functional areas maintain their technical lines of communications with USAMC. The LSE can shorten the Logistics pipeline by providing the ASCC with almost the same support in-theater that USAMC provides to the US Army in CONUS.

MISSION

H-2. The mission of the LSE is to enhance in-theater readiness by performing doctrinal USAMC missions in the forward area of operation. Table H-1, page H-2 shows specific functions of the LSE and how it could functionally deploy based on the type of operation required by the ASCC.

H-3. The LSE is the forward element of the national logistics base. Its deployment ensures a positive link between the deploying units and its CONUS sustaining base. The LSE can fill gaps in the logistics forces infrastructure or project elements of the wholesale/industrial base into the theater. It can provide a command and control structure, not only for USAMC functions, but also for contractors, reserve component, and host nation support logistics efforts. The LSE should not replace capabilities provided by other organizations within the force structure. Tasks that the LSE can accomplish include—

- Providing command and control of all USAMC elements.
- Integrating national level logistics support into theater.

- Filling in-theater logistics gaps with CONUS-based USAMC doctrinal technical capabilities.
- Advising the ASCC on USAMC technical capabilities.
- Tailoring support based on commander's desires and METT-TC.
- Preparing to take other missions as directed by the JFC.

Table H-1. LSE Functions

CONUS SUPPORT OPERATIONS	SUPPORT OPERATIONS OR STABILITY OPERATIONS	MAJOR THEATER WAR	RECONSTITUTION AND RETROGRADE
Customer Assistance	Customer Assistance	Customer Assistance	Customer Assistance
Expedite Supply Operations	Expedite Supply Operations	Expedite Supply Operations	Expedite Supply Operations
Tech Advice	Tech Advice	Tech Advice	Tech Advice
Contact Teams	Contact Teams	Contact Teams	Contact Teams
	LOGCAP	LOGCAP	LOGCAP
	Force Provider	Force Provider	Force Provider
	Oil Analysis	Oil Analysis	Oil Analysis
	Test, Measurement, Diagnostic Equipment	Test, Measurement, Diagnostic Equipment	Test, Measurement, Diagnostic Equipment
	Quality Assurance Spec/ Ammunition Surveillance	Quality Assurance Spec/ Ammunition Surveillance	Quality Assurance Spec/ Ammunition Surveillance
	Limited Repair	Limited Repair	Limited Repair
		Depot Maintenance	Depot Maintenance
		APS-3 maintenance checks and release	APS-3 maintenance checks and release
		Excess Redistribution	Excess Redistribution
		SPT Packages	
		Equipment Upgrades	
		Technology	

COMMAND AND CONTROL

H-4. The LSE headquarters performs the command and control functions for USAMC assets deployed in-theater. While deployed, the LSE is OPCON to the Army senior support command. OPCON allows the senior support command to assign missions and set priorities for the LSE, without imposing the burdens of managing LSE administrative records. The LSE maintains its technical links with USAMC, CASCOM, the Soldier Support Center, DLA, and the Health Care System Support Agency for technical direction, policy guidance, and review and evaluation of program performance.

ARMY PREPOSITIONED AFLOAT

H-5. The USAMC is responsible for the management and accountability of all unit equipment and supplies aboard APA ships except for Class VIII (medical material), which is a USAMMA responsibility. To facilitate off-loading APA ships, the LSE should be one of the first elements to arrive in-theater after the CTG, CSG, and the MTMC have opened the SPOD.

H-6. USAMC responsibilities:

- Manage all equipment and supplies (except Class VIII) loaded aboard APA vessels.
- Conduct periodic inspections and perform care of supplies in storage on APA materiel to prevent deterioration and assure equipment is maintained in a 10/20 standard.
- Develop and coordinate issue and accountability procedures for APA stocks.
- Resource and supervise the OPP. If deploying unit personnel augments the OPP, AMC maintains responsibility for supervising the OPP. The MSC provides life support for the OPP aboard APA ships.

H-7. LSE responsibilities:

- Coordinate with the CTG, CSG, or MTMC for discharge operations.
- Coordinate with the CTG or CSG for life support.
- Utilize issue and accountability procedures, developed by USAMC, to issue APA stocks from the APA vessels to the force commanders.
- Control APA stocks, not issued to APA units, until issue to other units is directed by the ASCC.

LIFE SUPPORT

H-8. To enhance its deployability, the LSE can deploy in echelon and USAMC has several life and base support packages available to support the LSE's initial deployment. A major mission of the LSE's advance party is to assess and coordinate the support needed for the operation of the LSE main. The LSE main requires the same logistics support as required by other logistics command and control headquarters. Army units, host nation support, Force Provider, or the LOGCAP can provide the logistics support and facilities needed to support the LSE. It is important that the LSE facilities be located within a secured area, since LSE has insufficient assets to provide for its own security.

H-9. Contractors will do some of LSE's in-theater work. These LSE contractors (laborers, truck drivers, stevedores, and so forth) will provide logistics support when specified in their contract. Normally, weapon system sustainment and forward deployed contracted personnel will require the same logistics support, billeting, and security as DOD civilians.