

# ASA(ALT)

## Answering the Call to Duty!

As Army Acquisition Executive Claude M. Bolton has told us, "We serve the Soldier. Our Army acquisition, logistics and technology organization is responsible for providing the weapon systems and equipment that enable our Soldiers to accomplish their missions successfully and return home safely. This responsibility has taken on even greater importance as we work to rapidly field equipment to protect our forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. In all our efforts — current and future — we have our vision, mission and goals to guide us. They are our foundation in these challenging times."

And "challenging times" are upon us! Most uniformed ASA(ALT) community members should have received a Warning Order to be prepared to deploy. Taskers for the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), the Rapid Equipping Force (REF) and Provisional Reconstruction Teams - Afghanistan are some of the missions our military and DoD civilians will be called on to support. All military personnel must be prepared to deploy at a moment's notice. If the current OPTEMPO continues, most of us will get the opportunity to support mission requirements overseas in the next year or so. If you have not already considered this possibility, it's time to think about it and, more importantly, prepare for that eventuality.

We all need to be "deployment ready," so be proactive and take care of the "things" you can do now by updating medical and dental records, shots, wills/powers of attorney, emergency notification points of contact, insurance policies, family care plans and general finances — just to name a few. The bottom line: plan to take care of yourself and your family's needs now!

In addition to the personal care items suggested above, please visit <http://asc.army.mil/deployment> for a complete checklist of items and information you will need to address once you are scheduled to deploy. Additionally, you will need to update or obtain a passport, VISA and country clearance for the area of operations you will be assigned to. Further, make physical fitness a part of your daily regimen to bolster physical, psychological and mental readiness. Other official documents will be authenticated upon receiving deployment instructions. Local chains of command are encouraged to emphasize and support this initiative and ensure all assigned military have completed a personnel asset inventory in the last six months.

The means that the MILDEP uses to track personnel deployed from the ASA(ALT) Staff, PEOs and ACA in support of all CENTCOM-related missions is the Special Projects Office (SPO) SPO-Tracker hosted by PEO C3T. SPO-Tracker is an efficient tool created to process and access deployed personnel data and status on military, DA Civilians and contractors around the clock and around the battlefield. If you or someone in your organization has deployed within the last two years, please contact your organization's SPO/deployment point of contact to make sure you have been correctly entered into the database. If you need to, you may contact the SPO directly at: **(732) 532-7768 (SPOT)/DSN 992-7768** or [spo-tracker@c3smail.monmouth.army.mil](mailto:spo-tracker@c3smail.monmouth.army.mil). Everyone's support is required to ensure that ASA(ALT) maintains an up-to-date, centralized knowledge database and consolidated snapshot of its personnel support to Army initiatives.

People are central to everything we do in the Army. That is why every one of us has an important role in keeping the Army the most powerful, most capable and most respected land force in the world. Now more than ever, help us support the fight, improve the force and build the future for our Soldiers and our Army!