

The 21st Theater Sustainment Command

Six Decades of First in Support

COMZEUR The "Untold" History 1951-1964

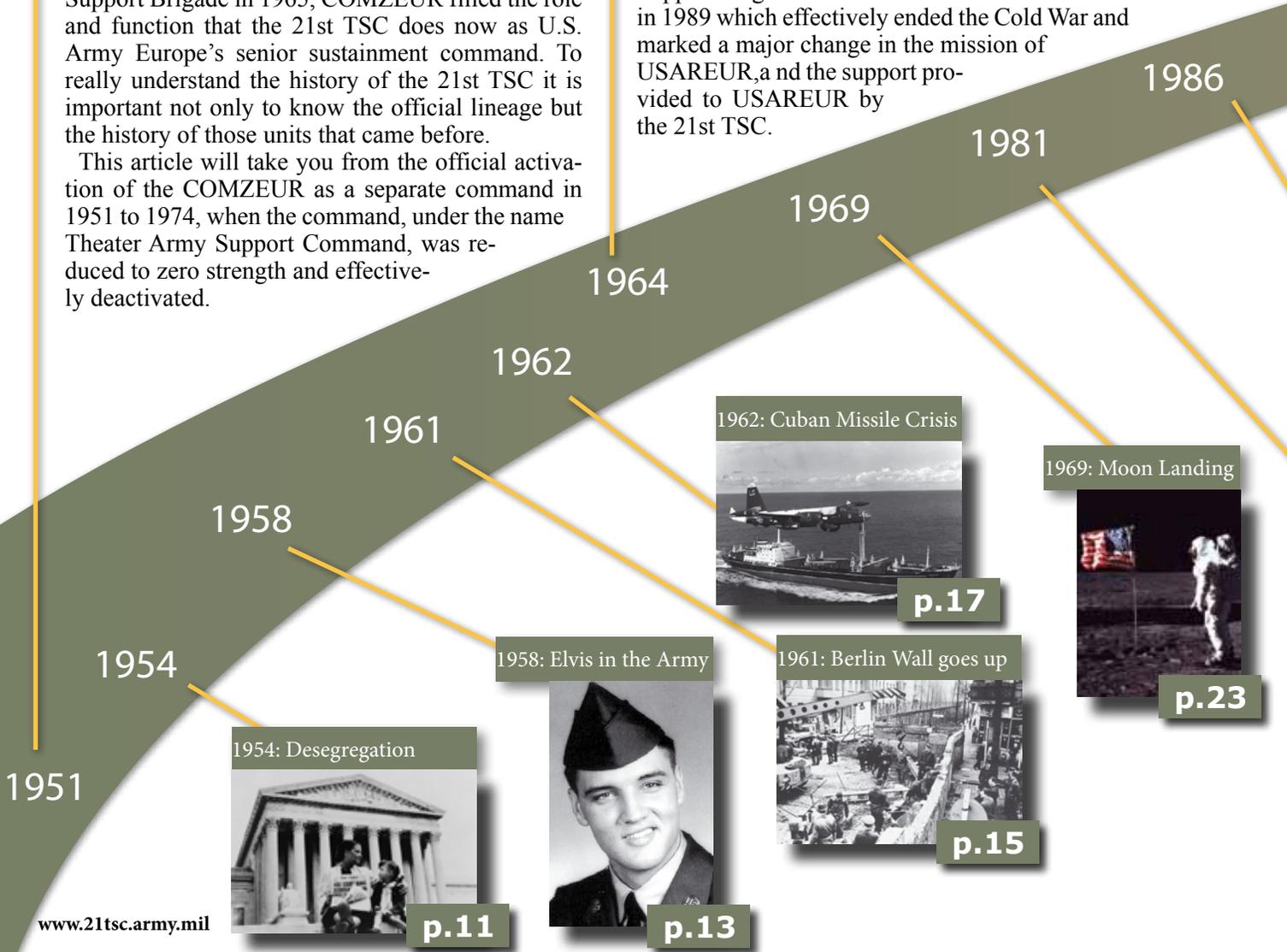
This article will introduce for the first time for many in the command a unit known as the Communications Zone Europe. Abbreviated to COMZEUR or COMZ, this unit was an 'ancestor' unit to the 21st TSC. While the official lineage of the 21st TSC starts with the activation of the 1st Support Brigade in 1965, COMZEUR filled the role and function that the 21st TSC does now as U.S. Army Europe's senior sustainment command. To really understand the history of the 21st TSC it is important not only to know the official lineage but the history of those units that came before.

This article will take you from the official activation of the COMZEUR as a separate command in 1951 to 1974, when the command, under the name Theater Army Support Command, was reduced to zero strength and effectively deactivated.

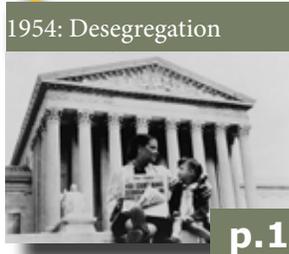
COLD WAR Sustaining a Cold War Army 1964-1989

During the decades-long standoff known as the Cold War the 1st Support Brigade, from which the 21st TSC gets its official lineage and heraldry, was activated. Very early on the brigade was changed to a support command, and for the next three decades its main role was to support the massive network of forces intended to defend against the Warsaw Pact.

This article picks up with the activation of the 1st Support Brigade and ends with the fall of Berlin Wall in 1989 which effectively ended the Cold War and marked a major change in the mission of USAREUR, and the support provided to USAREUR by the 21st TSC.



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1958: Elvis in the Army



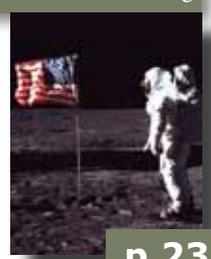
1961: Berlin Wall goes up



1962: Cuban Missile Crisis



1969: Moon Landing



1986

1981

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1964

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MODERN WARFARE

Supporting Iraq and Afganistan
1991-Current

With the fall of the wall in 1989, the entire mission of the 21st TSC changed drastically. The command was still US-AREUR's senior logistician, but the operations it would come to support in the era of modern warfare would bring all sorts of new challenges and changes.

This article will bring you to the current 21st TSC.

21ST FUTURE

European Logistics Outlook

More than just a list of activations, deactivations and realignments, this section tries to offer several subject matter experts' best guesses at what lays in store over the next few years for Army logisticaians in general, and specifically the 21st TSC.

