

13th Financial Management Center Lineage

Constituted 1 November 1942, the unit was activated at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on 7 December 1942 as the 13th Finance Section. With over 70 years of history, the 13th has gone through several redesignations, inactivations and reorganizations keeping pace with the needs of the US Army. The unit proudly supported finance operations serving in World War II and Vietnam. On 17 June 1993 the 13th Finance Group was reorganized and redesignated at Fort Hood, Texas, "The Great Place", and proudly took the name, "The Phantom Paymasters".

At Fort Hood the unit performed broad ranges of support missions including participating in Operation Sea Eagle in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Operation Vigilant Warrior in Saudi Arabia; Operation Joint Endeavor, Joint Forge; and Joint Guard in Bosnia and Germany. On 16 May 2008 the 13th Finance Group was reorganized and redesignated as the 13th Financial Management Center. The 13th has served proudly during the Global War on Terrorism. From 2009-2010, the 13th FMC served in Afghanistan in a capacity that was not traditional for Theater FMC's. The 13th augmented the USFOR-A J8 staff manning the HQs in Kabul and Kandahar, and providing much-needed financial management personnel to sustain eight Area Support RM Offices. They provided all Title X financial management support for the Combined Joint Area of Operations Afghanistan (CJOA-A). The unit's last tour was during the period 17 September 2012 to 16 June 2013 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The 13th Financial Management Support Center served as the technical coordinator of all Theater finance operations while serving as the principal advisor to the United States Army Central Command (USARCENT) G-8 and the 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) Commander on all aspects of Theater Financial operations. The 13th FMSC executed greatly in support of all financial operations in the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility. During this tour the 13th was the first FMSC to utilize the General Funds Enterprise Business System (GFEBS) in a deployed environment. This was a significant undertaking that laid the foundation for the Army becoming audit ready by 2017 meeting the intent of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller and the Secretary of Defense.

The 13th Financial Management Support Center's awards include: Campaign participation credit for World War II, Vietnam, and the Global War on Terrorism. The unit was awarded 3 Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) for service during Vietnam, and 1 MUC was awarded for the GWOT.