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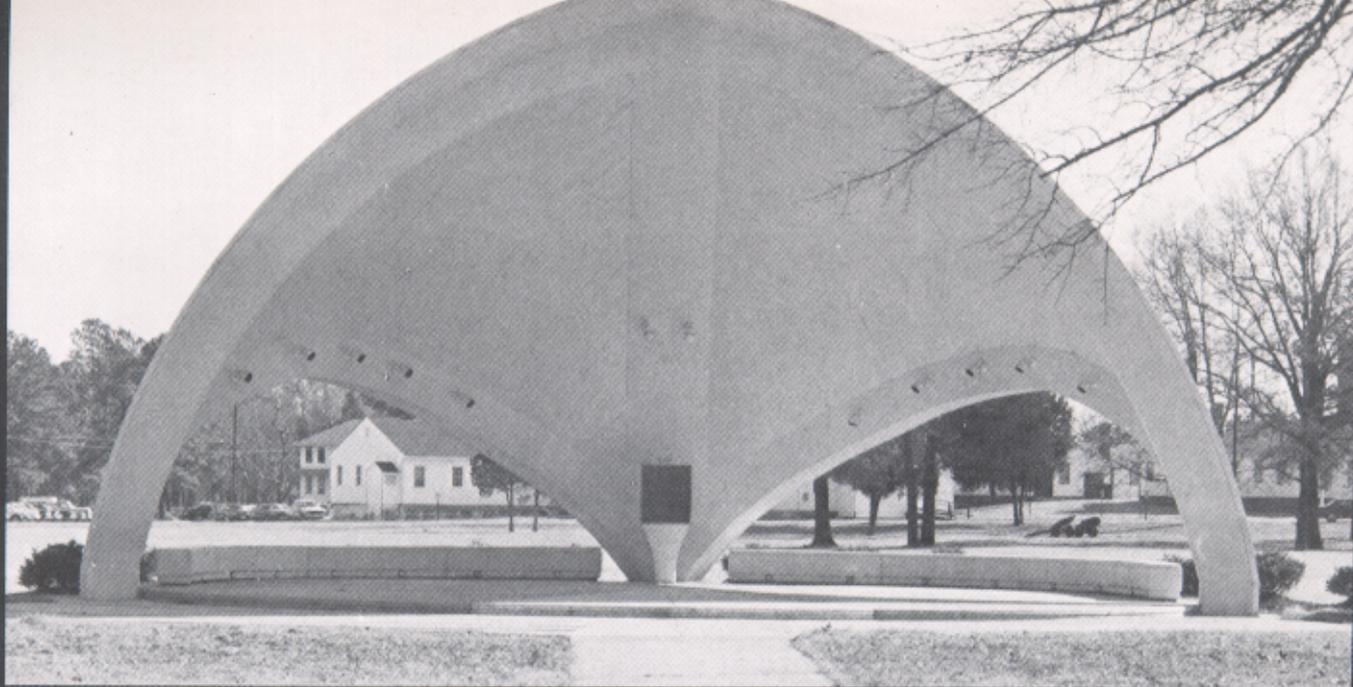
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Logistics Memorial

Seven years ago, on 24 May 1974, the 1st Logistical Command Association dedicated the memorial band shell (shown above) at Fort Lee, Virginia. The design of the band shell incorporates the general pattern of the 1st Logistical Command insignia. The memorial is dedicated to members of the command who died in Vietnam and stands as a constant reminder of American courage, heroism, and sacrifice.

Two of the command's honored dead were posthumously awarded this Nation's highest medal — the Medal of Honor. Sergeant William W. Seay, for whom Seay Field at Fort Lee is named, died defending an ammunition resupply convoy. Specialist Four Larry G. Dahl, for whom Dahl Memorial Hall at Fort Eustis, Virginia, is named, sacrificed his life by throwing his body on an enemy grenade to protect his fellow soldiers while attempting to rescue an ambushed convoy.

After the command had provided combat service support in the combat zone of Vietnam for over 5 years, its colors and lineage were returned to Fort Lee in late 1970. They were later transferred to the 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where, today, they await the call to further service.

From the 20 officers and 14 enlisted men who established the 1st Logistical Command in Saigon on 1 April 1965, the command grew to be the

largest single command in the country. At its peak, the command had more than 55,000 military personnel and 65,000 civilian and contractor personnel. The command provided combat service support of unprecedented magnitude and diversity to more than one-half million U.S. troops that were deployed throughout Vietnam.

The command was responsible for supply, direct and general support maintenance, transportation, medical services, graves registration, explosive ordnance disposal, field bakeries, and laundry, bath, and financial services. The command also provided engineer support, except for major construction, and purchasing and contracting services.

The mission of the command was executed through four support commands that, at one time, operated nine ports, three major field depots, and numerous forward support areas. The command also conducted mammoth retrograde and disposal operations and was responsible for countrywide special services.

The Nation remembers and gratefully acknowledges the service of thousands upon thousands of Americans who served the command and participated in its 11 Vietnam campaigns, earning three meritorious unit awards. These memorials to the 1st Logistical Command and to those who served in it during the Vietnam War stand today as testimonials to their service and sacrifice. **ALOG**



— Organizational maintenance



— Direct support maintenance