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St. Louis Rams host military appreciation day

By Airman 1st Class Erica Crossen
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The St. Louis Rams football team partnered with U.S. Transportation Command to celebrate Military Appreciation Day when the Rams hosted the Broncos Nov. 16.

The event included a pregame "Salute to Service" ceremony and halftime show that featured honor guards representing every branch of the military.



The USTRANSCOM Color Guard presented the colors, Nov. 16, at the St. Louis Rams vs. Denver Broncos Military Appreciation Day Game at the Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Missouri. Vice Adm. William A. Brown, deputy commander, USTRANSCOM was the guest of honor, and participated in the pre-game coin toss. USAF photo by Airman 1st Class Erica Crossen

"Today is all about honoring veterans around the country," said Navy Vice Adm. Andy Brown, Deputy Commander, U.S. Transportation Command. "We really appreciate the Rams organization for making a lot of veterans feel very special. Veterans have sacrificed so much to keep this country free; it's not just for the veterans, but their families as well."

Brown was the military guest of honor for the event, which included being midfield for the pre-game coin toss to decide which team would receive the football first.

"We are still in need of servicemembers and our example of how we treat veterans is very important for the future

as we try to maintain an all-volunteer force," said Brown.

He spoke about the aunt of an airman he happened to meet on a flight. The woman's niece, 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte, died May 20, 2009 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. The Ladue, Missouri, native was 25 years old. Brown decided it would be fitting to wear a bracelet from Schulte's aunt in memory of her, and shared her story during the event.

Capt. Ben Garland, who also plays

guard for the Denver Broncos while serving in the 140th Colorado Air National Guard, said, "What a cool opportunity, you get to come out here and play a game, but on Military Appreciation Day, where you can really shine a light on our veterans out there and just thank them for their service."

Garland served at Scott Air Force Base for two years on active duty, before transitioning to the Guard and the Broncos.

NFL teams host Salute to Service games as an occasion to honor servicemembers, and as Rams head coach Jeff Fisher said, to raise awareness for everything associated with veterans, such as the Wounded Warrior Project.

"This has been going on for several years now in the National Football League. They really took advantage of an opportunity and we formed Salute to Service month," said Fisher.

He said this is an excellent opportunity for NFL teams to honor servicemembers in every area.

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Marine Corps birthday

Col. Andrew Regan cuts the Marine Corps' 239th Birthday cake during a ceremony at U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Nov. 7 (Actual birthday is Nov. 10), as the oldest Marine present, Lt. Col. (retired) Bob Humphrey and the youngest Marine present, Sgt. Noel Garcia, observe. *Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*

Peace on earth

Chaplain, Lt. Col. Trenton E. Lewis

We are approximately 2,013 plus years beyond the incarnation of the Christ child. Over the years, many people have suffered, bled, and died in their efforts to help usher in peace on Earth among and within the diverse human community. Yet, in this season of reflection and embracing of the birth of the Christ child, we remain far from realizing peace on Earth.

As I look around the world's stage, humanity's inhumanity to itself is evident. I am appalled at the local and international antagonists who incite many of the evil acts humans perpetrate against humans. It is mind-boggling how the citizens of the world fail to rally behind an effort to achieve peace on Earth and not challenge those who follow, lockstep, dogmas to the contrary. I believe that such hu-

man indifference results from the fear of others outside of ones' homogeneous community. While the drive to "be as gods" (Genesis 3:4b KJV) controlling and deciding the fate of humanity by one group over another thwarts the realization of peace on Earth in other communities.

In this season of reflection and celebration, I issue a challenge to humanity at large. Common in many communities is the notion that life is precious and valuable. I challenge humanity to reclaim this axiom. See humans as the precious and valuable creative handiwork of a GOD. Lest we sin, "therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17 KJV). During this season of "good will toward men" (Luke 2:14 KJV), let us embrace the value and preciousness of all human life. This, then, is truly the way we can progressively achieve peace on Earth. I pray that this Christmas Holiday season inspires you to help usher in peace on Earth.

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Air Force officer's hobby is in the wind

By Bob Fehringer, TCPA

What may appear, from a distance, to be a dragon belching the flame of a hundred blow torches is really an Air Force officer preparing for flight, but not in what you may expect.

Maj. Kenny Weiner is a transportation planner at U.S. Transportation Command and a C-17 instructor pilot in his day job, but on weekends and much of the time he's not at work, you can find him planning the next flight – in his hot-air balloon.

"I am a fourth-generation balloon pilot. Note I did not say 'hot air' balloon pilot,"

Weiner said. "My great-grandfather flew gas balloons for Goodyear, helping to train future Navy blimp pilots. My mother and grandfather started flying hot air balloons in Akron, Ohio in 1982 when I was four or five years old. So I grew up around balloons."

What started as a hobby quickly became a family business when Weiner's mother opened a balloon-ride operation in Medina, Ohio. Weiner said his father, a doctor, was never involved with ballooning.

"In 1993, my family purchased our first special shape balloon," Weiner said. "It was a snowman, designed after one of the four images on our balloon called Seasons. That balloon was purple with a snowman, daisy, pumpkin and sunshine on it. We went on to build one shape for each season, Mr. Winter, Ms. Autumn, Sunny Boy and Miss Daisy."

"We spent our summers traveling to various balloon events as the Seasons Hot Air Balloon Team," Weiner continued. "We were lucky to have taken the balloons to some amazing places including: the Loire Valley in France, Germany, New Zealand, flights over the Horseshoe Falls in Niagara. We also had a ballooning business in Tampa, Florida and we flew the Disney balloons."

Weiner joined the Air Force in 2001, but that didn't end his hobby. It was just transformed a bit.



Weiner prepares for takeoff with a basketful of friends during a 2012 balloon festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Right - Weiner's balloon floats over Albuquerque, New Mexico during a 2012 festival. Courtesy photos

"I stopped flying commercially and stopped flying special shapes," Weiner said. "Since then, I continue to fly balloons as a hobby and family sport. My balloon is called Independence (Indy for short) and is representative of the American flag. It is 90,000 cubic feet, which is average for balloons."

"My two kids are now part of the sport and I hope they decide to become pilots," Weiner added. "My five-year-old son, Evan, is already convinced he is my copilot."

Weiner's wife, Hanna, is also involved and often acts as his crew chief.

According to Weiner, a typical flight involves a bit more than inflating the balloon and taking off.

"When I decide to fly, I have to load the balloon into the bed of my pickup truck," Weiner said. "My truck has a lift gate on the back, so the 500-pound basket and 250-pound envelope (balloon) are easily loaded. I also have some miscellaneous equipment, a cooler with water and champagne."

"I also need a chase crew," Weiner continued. "This generally is friends or family that help set up and take down the balloon and chase while I fly."

Weiner added that take-off location is chosen based on wind direction and since you cannot steer a balloon, you need to be aware of the downwind direction and avoid certain things

like controlled airspace and restricted areas.

"In the Midwest, we only fly early morning and late afternoon, when the winds are the lightest," Weiner said. "I often take off from my neighborhood in O'Fallon (Illinois). After inflating the balloon, I have my passengers, two or three people, climb in the basket, give (them) a safety briefing, heat the balloon to equilibrium, do a last minute safety check and after a few more burns we lift off."

"We always move with the wind," Weiner continued, although using different winds at different altitudes we can affect what we call 'steering.' After 30 to 45 minutes I start looking for suitable landing sites. In light winds, a balloon can be landed just about anywhere. An ideal spot is a clean grassy field."

Once a suitable landing site is located, gravity takes over.

"Most balloon landings are very gentle and require no help from ground crew," Weiner said. "Occasionally in higher winds or in tight spots, the ground crew can help by catching a drop-line or catching the basket to add weight."

"Once down," Weiner continued, "we deflate the balloon and let the wind push the balloon over with help from a line attached to the top of the balloon called the crown line. Pack up takes 10 to 15 minutes."

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Veterans Day

Around the Metro-east

U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Andy Brown, US-TRANSCOM deputy commander, the military guest of honor for Military Appreciation Day at the Rams versus Broncos football game, is interviewed by Senior Airman Timothy Kirchner, 375th Air Mobility Wing Broadcast journalist, about the event. USAF photo by Airman 1st Class Erica Crossen



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. David G. Clarkson, chief of staff, US-TRANSCOM greets members of U.S. Army Spec. David A. Schaefer Jr. family during the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post 292 monument Nov. 11, Mascoutah, Illinois. Clarkson attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony which honored all veterans and paid special recognition to U.S. Army Spec. David A. Schaefer Jr., who died May 16, 2009 in an IED attack while deployed to Basra province, Iraq. Photo by Rob Weiland, USTRANSCOM/PA



Sailor returns to the sea

PEARL HARBOR (Oct. 30, 2014) Sailors assigned to the Honors and Ceremonial Guard of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participate in an ash-scattering ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial for Pearl Harbor survivor retired Cmdr. Dallas C. Harvey. Harvey was stationed aboard USS Argonne (AG 31) during the 1941 Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor.

"This [ceremony] was beyond anything that we could have imagined," said Harveys' youngest son Edward (USTRANSCOM coffee shop contractor). "My dad was proud of his thirty years of service and then serving alongside the military even beyond that for another 35 years, working as a chaplain in the ministry, bringing everything together for our Sailors everywhere. I am just grateful for all those who serve and keep us safe." U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tiarra Fulgham

Vice Adm. William A. Brown, deputy commander, USTRANSCOM, and his aide-de-camp, Army Maj. Mike Wroblewski, visit with The Honorable Gary Graham (center), Mayor, City of O'Fallon, Illinois, and Col. (USAF-retired) Phil Goodwin, O'Fallon City Clerk, prior to the city's Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11, at the O'Fallon Veterans Monument. Photo by Lisa M. Caldwell, USTRANSCOM/PA



Above - Maj. Gen. David G. Clarkson, chief of staff, USTRANSCOM greets scouts, Nov. 11, during Veterans Day activities at Carlyle High School. Below - Clarkson gets a tour of military memorabilia at the high school. Photos by Maj. Matt Gregory, USTRANSCOM/PA



USTRANSCOM Navy element members Petty Officer 2nd Class Brittani Zarzeck (pictured here) and Petty Officer 2nd Class Moises Olivera read military-specific books and answered questions posed by students at Whiteside Elementary School in Belleville, Illinois Nov. 10, during a Veterans Day assembly at the school. Courtesy photo



History of USTRANSCOM 1987-1989: The Cassidy Years

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

With the activation of U.S. Transportation Command on Oct. 1, 1987, the Department of Defense had a single point of contact to mobilize transportation assets in defense of the nation and its interests. In addition to its global transportation mission, the command was responsible for the transportation aspects of worldwide mobility planning; integrating transportation mobility and deployment command, control, communications, and computer systems into a single deployment system; and working with the unified commanders in chief to develop procedures for transition to war.

The new USTRANSCOM commander in chief (USCINCTRANS), Air Force Gen. Duane H. Cassidy, was also dual-hatted as the commander in chief of Military Airlift Command (now Air Mobility Command), USTRANSCOM's air component, a relationship that would continue until 2005.

The command spent the next two years setting up house. According to the implementation plan, USTRANSCOM would become operational in four phases between April 1987 and October 1990. The milestones included the Joint Chiefs of Staff assigning component command common-user forces to USTRANSCOM for planning purposes; disestablishing the Joint Deployment Agency (JDA) at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and transferring its functions and responsibilities to USTRANSCOM, and relocating JDA personnel to Scott; and assuming operational command of common-user lift forces assigned to its components--Military Airlift Command, Military Sealift Command, and Military Traffic Management Command--during peacetime exercises, contingencies, and war.

Cassidy later said that the implementation plan was "specific enough to get us going, specific enough to give us legitimacy. At the same time, it was general enough to let us go in most any direction we seemed to find correct...They gave us the ball, and we

ran with it."

Under Cassidy's leadership, the command drafted a National Sealift Policy that President George H. W. Bush signed in 1989. In addition, the command made major contributions to containerization policy, helped formulate transportation policy statements for DOD and Department of Transportation, and successfully fielded a Global Transportation Network prototype.

In September 1989, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff awarded the command a joint meritorious unit award for its "active leadership of the nation's strategic lift forces, support of national security objectives, innovative solutions, and skilled actions."

Work on the new command building (Building 1900) began in 1989. Just one month later, on Sept. 17, the command held a ground-breaking ceremony.

By the end of Cassidy's tour as USCINCTRANS in September 1989, the command had grown from 98 military and civilian employees in December 1987 to 360. It was becoming a force in shaping airlift and sealift policy. Cassidy believed that USTRANSCOM was a success from the very start because "we established good relationships with the other commands. We were proactive. We showed them we could help, that we were a positive force...Also, the simple fact was TRANSCOM was needed. Few have denied it. It was a command born out of need."



Left to right: General Duane H. Cassidy, Dennis Korte and Cornell Mayer of Korte-Plocher Construction, and Army Colonel David E. Peixotta, District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers break ground, Sept. 17, 1989, for USTRANSCOM's Building 1900. U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Fehringer

Ask the Historian

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

L.J. asks: How in the world did TRANSCOM end up at Scott?

Historian answer: Once President Ronald Reagan made the decision in 1986 to set up a unified transportation command, the most logical location for the new command was Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Air Force Gen. Duane H. Cassidy, commander in chief of Military Airlift Command (MAC, now Air Mobility Command)--located at Scott Air Force Base--was selected to be dual-hatted as the new command's commander in chief.

Locating the new command at Scott, took advantage of MAC's expertise in command and control, its highly developed global communications net, and extensive knowledge of and experience in automated data processing.

Additionally, co-locating the two commands at one base meant increased synergy when USTRANSCOM needed airlift in order to respond quickly to a humanitarian crisis or contingency.



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According to Weiner, out-of-pocket costs are between \$100-200 per flight, but that doesn't take into account the amortized costs--cost of the balloon, balloon insurance, a suitable chase vehicle and insurance.

"Typical cost of a new balloon, complete systems are \$30-40,000," Weiner said. "Most people buy a used system for \$10,000 or less for training. Baskets are often carried over to a new envelope (saving \$10,000-15,000) and old balloons can be rebuilt (new fabric in worn out areas) to extend life."

While Weiner has had many interesting experiences with passengers, including multiple marriage proposals, and while in Europe, he said people will often run outside naked to wave, he has never had a frightful flight.

"I have never been scared in a balloon," Weiner said. "And I would add people that are afraid of heights enjoy balloon flights more than anyone else. They are often repeat passengers.

"There is something distinctive and un-scary about a balloon flight," Weiner added. "It is as if you stand on a platform and watch the earth rotate beneath you."



USTRANSCOM flag football - Air Force 46-Navy 34

U.S. Air Force flag football team beat the U.S. Navy in the annual USTRANSCOM flag football battle of the services. The final score was Air Force 46, Navy 34 in a well-matched battle. The Air Force team will compete against the winner of the U.S. Army vs. U.S. Marines. Photos by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA



Facilities and Safety Corner

Winter is upon us with snow and ice similar to last winter. To keep everyone safe, here are a few words to remember:

- We can't clear all snow and ice without using flame throwers;
- Wear appropriate clothing to avoid slipping and falling. Assume all surfaces including internal carpet and tile are slick. Wear the proper shoes;
- If you haven't received a recall notification before you leave home, check the weather and closings notices on TV or call (618)256-7232 for any delay in reporting;
- If a delay in reporting is ordered, do what you're told so that parking lots, sidewalks and roads can be cleared;
- Don't leave your car parked on base parking lots or roads overnight, you may find it buried;
- Use your best judgment before you get out on the road. Slow down;
- When you get out of your car and walk to the building, watch for ice build ups, slick spots, wet tile, etc.

USTRANSCOM CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2014
TIME: 1100-1400
LOCATION: LINCOLN'S LANDING COMMUNITY CENTER
OPEN TO ALL USTRANSCOM FAMILIES!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: GAMES, CRAFTS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SANTA CLAUS, AND REFRESHMENTS

POCS: TS/SGT ERN JOHNSON & SGT DARRYL TANNER



Recognitions



Pictured here, left to right are: Vice Adm. William A. Brown, deputy commander, USTRANSCOM, Maj. Jeremiah O'Conner, TCJ3, Petty Officer 3rd Class Tracey Farris, TCSG, Gregory Hunt, TCAQ, Olivia Sakyi and Chief Master Sgt. William W. Turner, command senior enlisted leader. Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA

USTRANSCOM's 2014 3rd Quarter Award Winners:

Junior Service Member

Petty Officer 3rd Class Tracey Farris, TCSG

Service Member

Tech. Sgt. Michael Graham, TCSG

Senior Service Member

Master Sgt. Jesse Meagher, TCJ3

Company Grade Officer

Capt Anthony D'Amato, JECC

Field Grade Officer

Maj. Jeremiah O'Connor, TCJ3

Color Guard

Petty Officer 1st Class Jeremy Bruner, TCJ2

Category I

Olivia Sakyi, TCJ3

Category II – Samantha Davidson, TCJ2

Category III – Gregory Hunt, TCAQ

Volunteer

Petty Officer 1st Class Roman Clark, TCJ3

Departures

Army

Maj. Christopher Wiles,
Staff Sgt. Dustin Morrissey
Capt. Joseph Lebs
Sgt. Lamont Ivory
Maj. Shawn Sandborn
Capt. Desmond Foong
Capt. Tyson Mueller

Navy

Lt. Cmdr. Wanda Martin
Lt. Cmdr. Michael McKelvey
Lt. Jody Reynolds

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Army

Maj. Andrea Castillon

Navy

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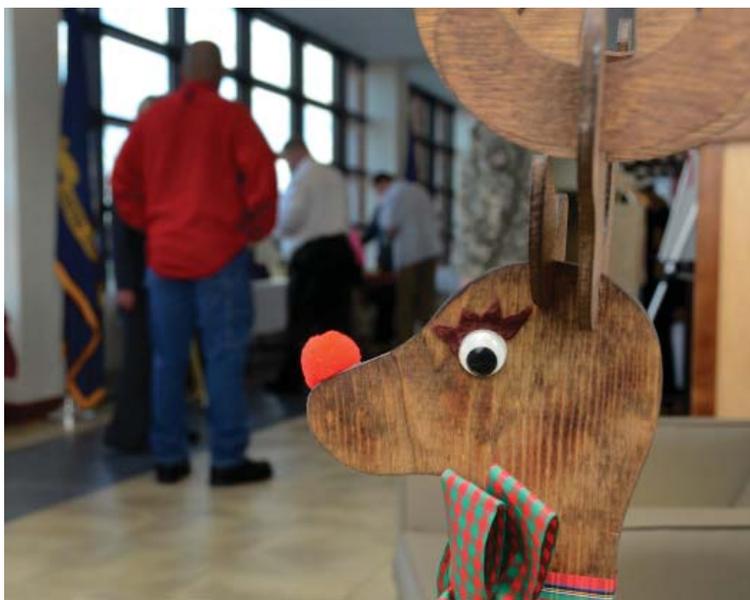
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Master Sgt. David Evans
Staff Sgt. Britney Oswald
Staff Sgt. James Matheny
Staff Sgt. James Matthew
Senior Airman Jennifer Bottom

Silent Auction

The Transporter
Booster Club held
a silent auction
and a bake sale
Nov. 19.

Pictured here,
a Christmas deer
decoration was
one of the items
offered in the
USTRANSCOM
Silent Auction.
Proceeds from
the auction, and a
bake sale held at

the same time, will be used to support the 2014 Commander's Holiday Call. Photo
by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA



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