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Gen. Paul J. Selva, commander, U.S. Transportation Command, introduces the Transport Isolation System, Jan. 23, during a rollout ceremony on Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.  
*Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*

## TIS brings DOD new capability to move patients

By USTRANSCOM Public Affairs

Gen. Paul J. Selva, commander of U.S. Transportation Command, Jan. 23 publicly introduced a new, innovative capability that will allow the Department of Defense to air transport multiple patients with highly infectious diseases. The Transport Isolation System has now reached initial operational capability and crews are trained and ready to deploy anywhere in the world in response to a biological event.

During Operation United Assistance, the need for such a system came to light. Although there was a commercial company that could transport patients, the capacity to do so was very limited.

A convergence of many agencies quickly moved on acquiring the system, including the Joint Chiefs of Staff, USTRANSCOM, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Joint Project Manager – Protection, Air Mobility Command, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center among others.

The JCS approved a USTRANSCOM request for urgent funding in September, and less than four months later, the TIS went from development through testing

and evaluation into production.

During the rollout of the TIS, Maj. Gen. John P. Horner, DTRA deputy director, Barry Corona, president of Production Products, Maj. Gen. Scott M. Hanson, AMC director of operations, and Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Kory Cornum, AMC command surgeon, joined Selva in the public debut of the system.

"We needed a system like the one you see today," Selva said. "In short order we partnered with our technical experts at DTRA and in about 120 days from the day we said go, to the day we had a flight tested, ready piece of equipment – they delivered."

But more than just a rapid acquisition-to-fielding success story, this showcases the initiative and innovation of one small minority-owned business, Production Products of St. Louis, which manufactured the commercial isolation units which have been used to air transport patients and now produces the TIS.

"It was a team effort, every day we had people from TRANSCOM in our shop, everyone that was on this team made it happen in an amazingly short period of time," said Corona.

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Workers from USTRANSCOM's Command, Control, Communications, and Cyber Systems Directorate and the Joint Cyber Center were responsible for the command receiving the Rowlett Award in November last year. Photo by Bob Fehring, USTRANSCOM/PA

## USTRANSCOM Cyber Team receives Rowlett Award

By Bob Fehring, TCPA

The U.S. Transportation Command Cyber Team again received the Rowlett Award from the National Security Agency for providing outstanding information systems security.

The Rowlett Award program recognizes individual and organizational one-time or long-term achievement in the improvement of national information systems security, information assurance readiness, or defensive information operations.

Workers from USTRANSCOM's Command, Control, Communications, and Cyber Systems Directorate and

the Joint Cyber Center were responsible for the command receiving the award in November last year. The competition included organizations from throughout the U.S. government.

"USTRANSCOM has received the Rowlett Award on four previous occasions," said James M. Jenkins, chief of USTRANSCOM Information Security. "The current award recognizes the achievements of the combined USTRANSCOM cyber team during 2013.

"It includes major accomplishments associated with the Joint Cyber Center, defensive capability enhancements made by the computer network defense service provider (TCJ6),"

Jenkins continued, "and other achievements of the staff which increased USTRANSCOM's defensive posture and set the standard for excellence within DOD and the U.S. Government."

The NSA established the Information Systems Security National Awards in 1989 to recognize outstanding organizational and individual excellence in the field of information systems security.

Today these annual awards, named in honor of crypto-logic pioneer Frank B. Rowlett, recognize significant contributions to the information assurance discipline.

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# The 'Spirit of Christmas' lingers on

By Bob Fehringer, TCPA

The holidays may be fading into the sunset, but the goodwill spread by a team of U.S. Transportation Command and Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command workers will linger for months to come, if not years.

Each year a team of USTRANSCOM and SDDC contractors, civilians and their family members participate in "The Spirit of Christmas" and adopt two families in the local area to help provide them much needed food, clothing, household items and gifts for Christmas.

According to Bill Howard, a contractor for USTRANSCOM and organizer of the event, "The Spirit of Christmas" has been helping families since 2004. Since then, more than 20 families, located throughout St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Parish in Belleville, have had a better holiday thanks to the generosity of people and a local business.

"Families are located through St. Teresa's," Howard said. "We visit each of the proposed families prior to

Christmas to discuss what they are in need of and how we can help. No money is involved. It is all donations. The team provides the gifts based on a 'wish list' the family provides to me and Weekends Only (a local furniture store) provides the furniture."

Howard's group gets in gear around Thanksgiving, assigning the families to volunteers and procuring donated items, and delivers the gifts right before Christmas.

"This was an exceptional year for the 'Spirit of Christmas,'" Howard continued. "We had a record 30 volunteers and everyone pitched in to help both families in many different ways other than just getting them gifts. It is so rewarding to see the genuine concern our volunteers have for these families.

"Once again, Weekends Only in



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Fairview Heights responded to our needs," Howard continued. "They provided an entire apartment with furniture and bedding for a family that had nothing at all. This was the ninth year the store has participated in the 'Spirit of Christmas.'"

"Each year this effort continues to grow. We are already looking forward to 2015."



## Thouvenot receives 2014 Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award

By Bob Fehringer, TCPA

Tammy Thouvenot, head of contracting activity at U.S. Transportation Command, received the 2014 Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award Jan. 6 at the Department of Defense Contracting Senior Leader Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The award recognizes leaders at all levels in the Department of Defense acquisition/contracting community who have developed, motivated and inspired others through formal and informal initiatives.

"This OSD-sponsored award recognizes contracting professionals who embody leadership and mentorship," said Gail Jorgenson director, USTRANSCOM Acquisition. "This is truly an accomplishment and reflects Tammy's passionate, professional, and personal commitment to our acquisition team and the military members we serve."

In her current position, Thouvenot is responsible for providing acquisi-



**Thouvenot**

tion and business advisory support for a complex and diverse portfolio of transportation contracts valued at over \$14 billion and leading more than 180 acquisition professionals.

"In addition to promoting vibrant contracting professionals across Scott Air Force Base, she is also fully cognizant of the importance of motivating her organization and creating a posi-

tive environment for them to thrive," Jorgenson said. "She finds opportunities to create an esprit de corps in every endeavor to include leading the Booster Club.

"She spends an incredible amount of off-duty hours to plan and prepare for events that promote appreciation and recognition for the Acquisition team," Jorgenson continued. "The team morale has stayed strong as a result of the 'fun' she brings to the organization. Her caring personality is contagious throughout the directorate and the command."

In her recommendation letter for Thouvenot's award, Jorgenson wrote, "She is consistently an inspiring leader exemplifying the qualities of mentorship and dedication to helping others, selfless service, creative thinking, collaboration, contracting expertise and leadership qualities. Ms. Thouvenot has positively influenced the entire USTRANSCOM contracting team and is most deserving of this recognition."



Members of the local media and the military medical community gather for the Transport Isolation System rollout ceremony Jan. 23.



Gen. Paul J. Selva, commander, U.S. Transportation Command introduces the Transport Isolation System, Jan. 23, during a rollout ceremony.



Barry N. Corona, President, Production Products Mfg. & Sales, talks about his company's production of the Transport Isolation System and the importance of saving lives, Jan. 23, during the system rollout event.



Maj. Gen. Rowayne A. Schatz Jr., director of Operations and Plans, USTRANSCOM chats with community leaders touring the Transport Isolation System.

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The beauty of the system is that it is built to fit on existing mobility aircraft, including the Air Force's C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III. It is also based on existing military patient support pallets. Each unit has a disposable liner supported by a metal structure and an air filtration system.

"The infectious disease module provides us a safe way to bring multiple patients back," said Cornum.

Compared to the current Production Products system used on commercial air ambulances, the TIS is modular, buildable and capable of transporting up to three litter patients or four ambulatory patients in each module. This allows for flexibility in configuration; the standard configuration is for two seats and one litter.

Two isolation modules and an anteroom module can fit on a C-17 or C-130J Super Hercules, and one isolation module and an anteroom module will fit on a C-130 Hercules. Each module is roughly 9 feet by 7.5 feet, is 8.5 feet tall and weighs less than 1,500 pounds, about the size of a minivan.

The Department of Defense has ordered 25 systems from Production Products, with expected delivery of all units by the end of March. Joint Base Charleston has received the first two systems for training and staging. Additional staging locations for the TIS will be developed following delivery and based upon ongoing world events.

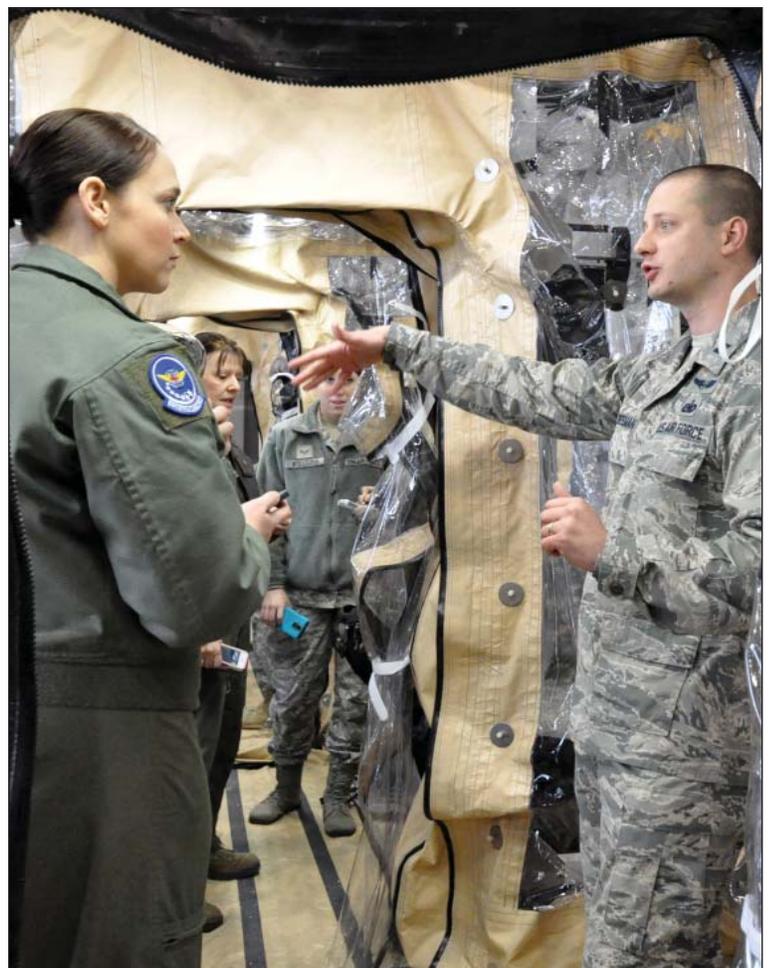
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USTRANSCOM/PA**



Members of the local area media and Scott Air Force Base medical personnel tour the Transport Isolation System Jan. 23, during a rollout ceremony for the system.



Maj. William Thoms, Air Mobility Command, Surgeon General Office, explains an aspect of the Transport Isolation System for O'Fallon, Illinois Mayor Gary Graham Jan. 23, during a rollout ceremony for the system.



Capt. Mathew Beeman, 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, discusses an aspect of the Transport Isolation System, Jan. 23, with Senior Airman Samantha Strow, 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scott AFB, Illinois, during a rollout ceremony for the system.

# History of TRANSCOM, 1989-1992

## Part 2: Ch, Ch, Changes

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Colin L. Powell, called Desert Shield/Desert Storm US-TRANSCOM's "graduation exercise" and that he, Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney, and President George Bush considered that USTRANSCOM had "graduated magna cum laude."

Desert Shield/Desert Storm, 1990-1991 represented the first time that the United States had a single command to coordinate strategic deployment during a major military operation.

Other firsts during that war included activation of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) Stages I and II, Ready Reserve Force (RRF) ships, and Fast Sealift Ships.

The problems encountered and overcome provided the necessary proof of what USTRANSCOM knew all along: it needed the same roles, responsibilities and authority in peace as it had in war.

In late 1989, Air Force Gen. Hansford T. Johnson, commander in chief, USTRANSCOM (USCINCTRANS), set into motion the USTRANSCOM Functional Review to guide the command into the 21st century.

In February 1990, Gen. Johnson said, "First and foremost, I want USTRANSCOM to be the undisputed leader in defense transportation. We must be resourceful, innovative, and efficient... The end result must be a more responsive strategic transportation system and transportation planning for the fighting CINCs, the services, and defense agencies."

The Functional Review recommended a three-phase reorganization plan that assigned the component commands to USTRANSCOM in peace and war; created a single charter for common-user lift; centralized common-user lift traffic management; established a defense transportation industrial fund structure at US-TRANSCOM and its components; and consolidated requirements management at TRANSCOM for critical unit moves and full traffic management execution for all passenger movements.

Gen. Johnson told the Joint Chiefs of Staff that, if approved as is, the charter "would reduce costs, improve service, and, most importantly, facilitate transition from peace to war." In January 1991, the command received JCS approval to proceed with its proposed reorganization plan.

USTRANSCOM's peacetime single manager charter, on the other hand, ran into opposition during the coordination phase at the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) level. Gen. Johnson, with the support of Gen. Powell, refused to accept an OSD-proposed charter that continued to limit USTRANSCOM's role to crises and war. Finally on Feb. 14th, 1992, Secretary of Defense Cheney approved the USTRANSCOM charter.

The "Valentine's Day Memo" expanded the mission responsibilities of the command "to provide air, land, and sea transportation for the Department of Defense (DOD), both in time of peace and time of war." Under it, the Service Secretaries assigned Military Airlift Command (MAC), Military Sealift Command, and Military Traffic Management Command to USCINCTRANS under his combatant command in peace and war.

The charter made USCINCTRANS the DOD single-manager for transportation, other than Service-unique and theater-assigned transportation assets. Secretary Cheney delegated to USCINCTRANS authority to procure commercial transportation services, including lease of transportation assets; activate--with Secretary of Defense approval--the CRAF, RRF, and the Sealift Readiness programs; and control transportation accounts in the Defense Business Operations Fund.

By August 1992, when Gen. Johnson turned over command of USTRANSCOM and Air Mobility Command, which replaced MAC, to Air Force Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, the command was responsible for



Marines headed to support the coalition forces participating in Operation Desert Shield board a commercial aircraft chartered by the Military Airlift Command in September 1991. DOD photo

global air, land, and sea transportation during peace as well as war. Its authorized manpower grew from 360 to 492.

Due to its phenomenal efforts during Desert Shield and Desert Storm and its new single manager peacetime charter, USTRANSCOM had established its reputation as the "go to" command in DOD and was ready to push the bar even higher.

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## Ask the Historian

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

**Q.** In the January issue of the Transporter, I asked if you knew that TRANSCOM had an official song.

**A.** Our first commander, Gen. Duane H. Cassidy, designated the song "Freight" from the musical Starlite Express as the command's official song.

With music by Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber and lyrics by Richard Stilgoe, Starlight Express first played in London's West End in 1984 and then on Broadway in 1987.

The musical is about a child's dream in which his toy train comes to life. "Rusty" the steam engine wants to win the contest as the fastest engine in the world. Overcoming many obstacles, "Rusty" wins the race and the heart of a beautiful observation car, "Pearl."

Full disclosure: yes, Gen. Cassidy selected this as the command's official song. No, it didn't catch on.

If you want to listen to the song, come on down to the Research Center, Room 134, Building 1900E.

# EQ 2.0 arrives at USTRANSCOM

By USTRANSCOM Change Management

While Emotional Intelligence training is not new to TRANSCOM, EQ 2.0 boasts many changes that promise to make the training even more beneficial, intimate, and educational than its predecessor.

"The new structure is based on a full one-day class in lieu of five separate 90-minute sessions, which will provide greater continuity and consistency with the training," according to Garth Sanginiti, USTRANSCOM Business Development chief, and EQ 2.0 instructor.

The course also includes a full suite of TalentSmart training material, including a copy of their EQ 2.0 book, student workbook, reference material, and individual EQ self-assessment exam/results that all students retain for future use.

"One of the significant changes is the management of class sizes," said Sanginiti. "Reducing class sizes improves group interaction, student participation, and facilitator interaction with students."

To attend the new class, personnel must reserve a slot through TAND-DEM, to allow students to take the self assessment, preview the information, and keep class sizes at manageable levels.



Garth Sanginiti, USTRANSCOM Business Development chief, and EQ 2.0 instructor, works with Emotional Intelligence students from throughout TRANSCOM during the Jan. 21 session at the Global Reach Planning Center. Photo by Robert Wieland, USTRANSCOM/PA

EQ 2.0 also features new instructors that include Sanginiti, Bob McCalmont, TCJ4, Ray Forcier, TCJ1, Cecil Durbin, TCJ3, David Hoag, TCAQ, and Lt. Col. Allison Sutter, TCJ5.

"I'm confident the new format, materials and cadre of instructors will provide for a very personal, rich and rewarding experience, with application both in and out of the office," said Sanginiti.

EQ 2.0 is open to all TRANSCOM members; there are no prerequisites or requirements to fulfill before signing up to attend the course; however, once confirmed for the class students must

complete an on-line self-assessment prior to attending. The first class was held Jan. 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Global Reach Planning Center and was limited to 20 people.



President's Day, Feb. 16

## Facilities and Safety Corner

Here is where we stand with some of our projects:

- Replacing the carpeting in TCAQ-PMO offices in Building 1990: Completed
- Building 1961 McCutcheon Auditorium repairs: In February we will install new crown molding, new base molding and paint to spruce up the McCutcheon.
- Painting in Buildings 1900, 1961, and 1990: Building 1961 interior will be painted in February. Building 1900 will be painted in March. We are awaiting contract award for painting Building 1990 East Wing. Not every wall will be painted. We are concentrating on the areas that are in the most need.
- Renovating the 2nd Floor Building 1990 to accommodate TCSG and AMC/SG: Design and contracting process in progress.
- Overhauling the elevators in Building 1900E: Bids have been received for the replacement of the elevator cabs and hydraulic systems. We are awaiting contract award.
- Repairs to Building 1900: We are putting a contract package together to consolidate in one contract a number of repairs to Building 1900. These include: 1900W handicapped door, Seay Auditorium improvements, replacing several security doors, tiling several break rooms and installing a booster fan in the return air ducts. These repairs will be accomplished in the spring.
- Building 1900 Parking Lot: Design is complete. Work is planned to start in March.

A more complete list of updates on the progress of all our facilities projects is on the TCCS-FM Sharepoint site.

# Recognitions



## New Navy captain

U.S. Navy Reservist Capt. David Rahmer, Expeditionary Strike Group Seven (ESG-7), receives his new rank during a ceremony, Jan. 5. Pinning his rank are mom and dad, Arthur and Rosemary Rahmer, as girlfriend Jessica Slawski pins his cover. Air Force Capt. Jorge Avila and Richard Rahmer, brother, observe. *Photo by Bob Fehring, USTRANSCOM/PA*

## Arrivals

Tech. Sgt. Tersilia Farley, TCJ3  
Tech. Sgt. Monica Wolf, TCJ2  
Staff Sgt. Joshua Frazer  
Senior Master Sgt. Brad Plambeck  
Maj. Jerry Regis, TCJ3  
Maj. Jesus Tavares, TCJ5/4  
Staff Sgt. Henry Williams, TCSG  
Seaman Anthony Avalos, TCJ2  
Petty Officer 3rd Class Barry Frederick, TCSG  
Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Gilmore, TCSG  
Lt. Cmdr. Steven Waggoner, TCJ3

## Departures

Staff Sgt. Brandon Jones, JCSE  
Chief Master Sgt. James Andrews, JCSE  
Tech Sgt. Delton Richardson, JCSE  
Master Sgt. Lisa McKethen, TCJ5/4  
Staff Sgt. James Appleton, TCJ3  
Lt. Cmdr. Justin Zimmer, ERC  
Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Edwards, TCSG  
Petty Officer 2nd Class Sarah Martindale, TCSG  
Lt. Xiao Sun, TCJ1  
Petty Officer 1st Class Charity Keller, TCJ2  
Lt. Cmdr. Ronald Holmes, TCJ3

## J3 hosts family open house

Members of the U.S. Transportation Command Operations and Planning Directorate (J3), held a Spouses and Children Open House, Jan. 13, in an effort to build awareness among family members of the global impact of the organization.

Snacks, beverages and informational briefings and tours of the Building 1900 East front lobby and J3 were provided for approximately 165 guests.

"I thought the J3 Spouses Open House was a fantastic event," said Maj. Gen. Rowayne A. Schatz Jr., Director of Operations and Plans, "and a great way to say thank you to our families who support us and allow us to serve. All 10 of our J3 divisions pitched in and put on a great event to show our spouses and children what we do here at US-TRANSCOM in support of our Nation. Everyone seemed to have a great time which was the main goal of the night."



Col. Thomas J. Clancy Jr., chief, Joint Cyber Center, welcomes family members to the open house, Jan. 13. *Photo by Maj. Matt Gregory, USTRANSCOM/PA*