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## TRANSCOM develops system to transport Ebola patients

By Jim Garamone  
DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 2014--U.S. Transportation Command has developed a module-system capability to evacuate patients with infectious diseases such as Ebola or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, TRANSCOM's commander, Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva, said here today.

Selva told the Defense Writers' Group the command did not have the capacity to evacuate a person infected with Ebola when the current epidemic started in West Africa.

"We have the capacity to isolate a single person and that capacity was designed exclusively to handle a SARS patient," the general said.

Over the last 60 days, the command put a requirement on the street for a transportation/isolation module system. That system would load aboard a C-17 or a C-130. The module would isolate the patient, filter the air that moves through the compartment, and would allow access to treat the patient who has a communicable disease that is airborne, or, in the case of Ebola, fluid-borne.

"It accommodates the Ebola issue, but it also accommodates airborne contagions," he said.

The command went from an idea for the module on the first week in October to a design the first week in November and started testing the module in aircraft yesterday (Dec. 3), Selva said. The system will move two patients per module, he said, and four modules fit in a C-17. One module will fit in a C-130 aircraft.

"It's the only capability of its kind other than the small-scale single evacuation capability that's available on commercial carriers," Selva said. "This provides us the military capacity to handle casualties that might be infected ... with communicable diseases."



**Gen. Paul J. Selva**

The module will be available in the next few weeks, the general said.

The command has funded for 12 modules, he said. TRANSCOM officials, he added, worked with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop the system.

"Our approach was if we are going to put military members in harm's way, the capacity to move a single patient at a time was insufficient to the mission we were asking our team to do," Selva said. "We put an urgent operational needs statement together and challenged industry and the defense engineering community to come up with an operational solution for it. And in 60 days, they've delivered a solution that looks like it will work."

**Have your checked out the CY15 Commander's Guidance? If not you can find it on the USTRANSCOM ww2 website in the Third Deck Blog**

**Happy New Year!**



## JTRU Navy Element COC

Navy Capt. Curtis Renard (left) shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Michael Kim, commander, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit (right), immediately after he relieved Navy Capt. Mark Retzloff (center) as commander of the JTRU Navy Element, Dec. 6. Retzloff retired after 27 years of service, and the formal change of command ceremony was held at Scott Air Force Base.

## JTRU Navy element gets new skipper

Sailors from the Navy element of the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit piped aboard a new skipper on Dec. 6, signifying the formal relief of Navy Capt. Mark Retzloff, who retired after 27 years of service.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael D. Kim, JTRU Commander, officiated the ceremony during which Navy Capt. Curtis Renard assumed command of the Navy Element of JTRU.

As commander of JTRU's Navy element, Capt. Renard will lead a staff of 40 Navy Reservists and will serve as a chief watch officer for U.S. Transportation Command's Deployment Distribution Operations Center. The JTRU is comprised of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard reservists who augment USTRANSCOM to provide transportation, sustainment and distribution to our nation's

warfighters across the globe every single day.

Addressing all hands in his new command for the first time, Renard affirmed the pride he takes in the US-TRANSCOM mission and support provided by reservists.

"I am truly honored to have been selected as the Commanding Officer of the Navy Element in the JTRU. The Navy Element possesses outstanding experienced professionals, and we will continue to provide superior support to USTRANSCOM," he said.

During the change of command ceremony, Kim expressed his confidence in Renard's ability to support JTRU's global mission, while also offering high praise for Retzloff.



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## TRANSCOM Show premier

Brig. Gen. Mitchel H Butikofer, center, director, Command, Control Communications and Cyber Systems, USTRANSCOM, answers a question from the audience Dec. 12, during the debut of the TRANSCOM Show, as Maj. Gen. David Clarkson, USTRANSCOM Chief of Staff, left, and Chief Master Sgt. William W. Turner, command senior enlisted leader, listen. The show is designed to allow senior leader engagements within the TRANSCOM workforce in a more relaxed “talk show” atmosphere with directorate and TRANSCOM special initiative information, questions and answers, and meet with the workforce on a more personal level. *Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*



## JTRU showcases its best

Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Kim, USTRANSCOM Reserve Affairs director and Commander, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, looks on as Reserve Affairs deputy director Army Col. Mark Colvis and Reserve Affairs Executive Officer Air Force Lt. Col. Nate Crimmins add photos to the newly installed Joint Transportation Reserve Unit Award Board located in the first floor breezeway. *Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*

## USTRANSCOM activates the USNS Kocak for Pacific Pathways 15

U.S. Transportation Command, through its Navy component Military Sealift Command, has activated the USNS Sgt. Matej Kocak (T-AK 3005) surge sealift cargo ship to support Pacific Pathways 2015. Kocak, with 31 civilian mariner crew members and a team of technicians, got under way Dec. 15 from her layberth in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

USTRANSCOM and U.S. Army Pacific decided ship activation was the best choice for USARPAC’s need for readiness, flexibility and responsiveness to meet all the operational requirements for sealift support for U.S. Pacific Command and Theater Joint Forces Land Component commanders. The Kocak will provide the necessary billeting and cargo capacity in a single vessel, keeping unit integrity intact.

In addition to meeting activation thresholds, the use of a Navy vessel meets many first-time requirements for training, including command and control, billeting, messing, port services and en route maintenance without significant impact to commercial industry.

MSC is coordinating ship op-

erations with the 599th Transportation Brigade, the Pacific arm of USTRANSCOM’s Army component, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command. The 599th will serve as the customer liaison, document cargo and perform single port manager functions during vessel upload and offload.

Pacific Pathways 2015 continues

the Army’s innovative concept of grouping multiple military exercises together with the goal of keeping resources in a Pacific Command area of operations longer, without fixed bases. Through Pacific Pathways, multinational partners conduct a series of military exercises to increase readiness and strengthen international partnerships.



The USNS Sgt. Matej Kocak (T-AK 3005) surge sealift cargo ship sets sail Dec. 15 from Norfolk, Virginia, to support the U.S. Army Pacific Pathways series of exercises. *U.S. Navy photo by Lora Caldwell*

# Holiday time at USTRANSCOM

USTRANSCOM workers took time to celebrate the season with the Commander's Holiday Call and Social Dec. 5 and the Children's Holiday Party Dec. 6.

The images on these two pages are representative of the events. *Photos by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*





# History of TRANSCOM 1989-1992

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

On Sept 21, 1989, Gen. Duane H. Cassidy handed over command of the U.S. Transportation Command and Military Airlift Command to Air Force Gen. Hansford T. Johnson.

Cassidy and the USTRANSCOM staff had spent the previous two years building relationships with its components, the services, congressional leaders, and industry, and creating doctrine to manage the Defense Transportation System. During Johnson's tenure as commander-in-chief, USTRANSCOM (USCINCTRANS), these relationships and processes were tested by war, natural disasters, and humanitarian crises.

As a result, the command underwent major changes in its mission, organization, and standing in the joint community. By August 1992 when Johnson retired, USTRANSCOM barely resembled the command he had taken charge of three years earlier. This three-year-period in USTRANSCOM history was so busy and the command changed so much that the story will be told in two parts.

## Part 1: War, Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Oh My!

USTRANSCOM participated in several major contingency and humanitarian operations between 1989 and 1992 that tested the command's procedures and highlighted the need for a single manager of Department of Defense transportation in peace as well as war.

The day before Johnson took command, Hurricane Hugo struck Charleston, South Carolina, as a Category Four hurricane causing more than \$7 billion in damages. In October 1989, an earthquake registering 6.9 on the Richter scale struck northern California causing \$5.9 billion in damage.

The Berlin Wall fell in November signaling the end of the Cold War. Less than a month later, Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega declared that a state of war existed between his nation and the United States. During Operation Just Cause, USTRANSCOM's first real-world, large-scale operation, the



Gen. Hansford T. Johnson

command and its components transported nearly 40,000 troops and over 20,000 tons of cargo. Johnson said that Just Cause emphasized the need for USTRANSCOM that enabled "an overwhelming force to arrive like a raging thunderstorm."

USTRANSCOM found that having a mission to provide air, land, and sea transportation for DOD in time of war was not the same as actually providing that lift. During Operation Desert Shield, the build up of forces for the defense of Saudi Arabia began on Aug. 7, 1990, and Operation Desert Storm, the liberation of Kuwait began on Jan. 17 Jan. 1991, U.S. Central Command repeatedly changed the priority and scheduling of units. For example, USCENCOM changed its airlift priorities seven times in one day. In some cases, airplanes were scheduled to pick up units that weren't ready to deploy. Even senior leaders in MAC circumvented the system.

According to Johnson, when telling MAC which missions to fly first, USTRANSCOM staff encountered "extreme resistance even when the order came from CINCTRANS who was also CINCMAC." In spite of the gaps between planning and execution, from August 1990 to March 1991, USTRANSCOM, its components, and its commercial customers transported 543,548 short tons of cargo, 503,478 passengers, and 6,103,006 short tons of petroleum, oil, and lubricants. This still ranks as the largest movement of cargo and passengers for an eight-

month period in U.S. military history.

In September 1989, USTRANSCOM was a fledgling command working to secure its place in the unified command structure. By the end of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the command and DOD saw the inescapable need to change from only a wartime command to one responsible for global air, land, and sea transportation during peace as well as war.

Tune in next month for rest of the story.

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## Ask the Historian:

**Q.** Several people have asked about the winged seahorse in our emblem. What is its name? Is it a horse, a winged Pegasus, what kind of creature is it?

**A.** The primary element of the USTRANSCOM emblem is the winged seahorse, really a Sea-Pegasus. In heraldry, this element represents endurance, force, freedom, speed, strength, readiness, victory, and the sea. As for its name, well, you're familiar with the fancy names purebred dogs and thoroughbred horses have like a beagle, Sir Lawrence of Tildenhall, that answers to Stinky, or a race horse, Fancy Dancer, that is known affectionately as Spuds because he likes potatoes. The Sea-Pegasus' "real" name has been lost to history. All we know is his nickname, "Spunky." And no, I don't have any idea who gave him that nickname.

Now I'll ask you a question. Did you know that USTRANSCOM has an official song? Check out the next Transporter for details.

*Got a question about USTRANSCOM history? Ask the Historian.*

*Send questions to [transcom.scott.tcrc.mbx.director@mail.mil](mailto:transcom.scott.tcrc.mbx.director@mail.mil)*





## USTRANSCOM's Army 26, Navy 7

USTRANSCOM athletes competed in the yearly Army v. Navy flag football game, Dec. 12. Army won, 26-7 in the "friendly gridiron battle."

*Photos by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*



### Facilities and Safety Corner

We are moving forward with several projects . The projects we have been actively working and their status are:

- Replacing potable water pumps in Building 1900E: Completed. We now have pumps providing consistent water pressure.
- Building a new parking lot next to Building 1900W: Design is in-progress. Paving starts in Spring 2015.
- Repair leaks in Building 1961 roof: At the end of November we repaired several leaks. One leak on the outside wall of the Scott Drive awning has been elusive and we need to keep looking for the source.
- Installing a new air conditioning plant servicing the south side of Building 1961: Design is in-progress. Replacement of the system planned for Spring 2015.
- Replacing the carpeting in TCAQ-PMO offices in Building 1990: Contract has been awarded and we just selected the carpet colors. Installation in January 2015.
- Painting in Buildings 1900, 1961, and 1990: We are awaiting contractor bids.
- Renovating the 2nd floor Building 1990 to accommodate TCSG and AMC /SG: Design and contracting process in progress.
- Overhauling the elevators in Building 1900E: The elevator company is planning to replace the cab and hydraulic system. The original manufacturer of these elevators went out of business and no parts are available to overhaul.
- Repairing the handicapped entrances to Building 1900E and W: Repaired three of the doors. We need some additional parts for one door due to recent wind damage.

# Recognitions



## Navy League Awards

Winners of Navy League of the United States, St. Louis Council, 2014 Awards of Excellence, left to right, Staff Sgt. Matthew Frey, Petty Officer 2nd Class Robbi Berry, Petty Officer 1st Class Ameyer Adams and Petty Officer 2nd Class Sarah Martindale. Presenting the awards were representatives of the St. Louis Council, Dole Wilhite, far left, Marti Laorusso and Richard Kallemeier, far right. *Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*

## A new year Add the platinum rule

By Chaplain Lt. Col. Trenton E. Lewis

The year 2014 is over.

For me this was a platinum year: the year in which my birth year and age matched. Last year was also the year that I discovered the "platinum rule": "do unto others as they would have done unto themselves."

This rule implies that one must uncover how another wants to be treated and to treat that person in accord with what you discover.

The execution of the platinum rule requires one to see things through others eyes and then rid yourself of the tendency to behave in a way that reflects how you would want others to treat you in favor of how others want to be treated. And while I get the gist of what this rule is saying, it does not supplant the "golden rule": one should do unto others what they would want done unto them, Matthew 7:12 and other related scriptural passages.

As well, one should not do to others what they do not want others to do to them. The golden rule establishes the point of departure from which our interaction with each other is best done.

The platinum rule ups the ante in how humans should interact with one another. It necessitates discovering from another how the other prefers to be treated. The scriptural passage that equates to this process, in my mind, is

Matthew 22:39, "... love thy neighbor as thyself." Implicit in the concept of loving our neighbor is the requirement that we get to know our neighbor.

When adequately done, we discover our neighbors' preferences and their respective temperaments. Taking the time to get to know our neighbor can yield some positive rewards. We often discover that others have viewpoints different from our own. And while they differ from our own, most are not to the exclusion of ours, but rather informed by the varied backgrounds and different cultural, economic, political, religious, and social experiences others have.

Through this understanding, we are then better able to treat others in direct response to their preferences: how they want to be treated.

In the year 2015, I encourage you to work at learning from others how they desire you to treat them and then respond to them based on what you

learn from them through your one-on-one encounters. I pray God's richest blessings upon you in this new and exciting year.

## Arrivals

Thomas Fee  
Kimberly Carder  
Marvin Erickson  
Angela Sanders  
Matthew Mohon  
Michael Zuber  
Timothy Landvogt  
Stephanie McPherson  
Kurt Melloch  
Joshua Siegle

## Departures

Larry Stephens  
Tara Ryterski  
Paula Whyte  
Paul Garvin  
Michele Hayes-Martinez

**2015 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Event**  
**Wednesday, 14 January & Friday, 16 January**  
 Seay Auditorium  
 Open to ALL Bldg 1900 personnel!

Join the **New J2 Diversity Team's** **2 DAY KickOFF Event!**  
**Featuring**  
 Videos - Music  
 Information On Community  
 Activities - Unity Events

**\*Session TIMES:**  
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 1100 - 1145  
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