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A video production crew from OL-H, Air Force Public Affairs, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, prepares to capture a scene for the new TRANSCOM mission video, currently in production. The video trio was at TRANSCOM April 20 and photographed various locations in and around Building 1900 East and 1900 West. See more photos of the team in action on page 4. Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA

Local community to honor military members

By Col. Kyle J. Kremer, commander,
375 AMW and Installation commander

In recognition of Military Appreciation Month, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, the local community is hosting two separate events to honor Scott Air Force Base and our military personnel.

The first event will be the initial St. Clair County Armed Forces Ball on Friday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton, Fairview Heights, Illinois.

Gen. Darren McDew, commander, Air Mobility Command, will be the guest speaker.

The community has offered 100 free tickets to Scott personnel and their guests. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted members who do not have mess dress. 375 AMW/PA will connect with your public affairs office to coordinate distribution of these tickets.

The second event is the 65th Annual Belle-Scott Enlisted Dinner on May 14 at 6 p.m. at Fischer's Restaurant, Belleville, Illinois. This event honors Scott's enlisted corps and is a long-held tradition, which began as a result of the communi-

tys' desire to better relations and ensure our personnel feel welcomed into the local neighborhoods. Attire for this event is service dress and 100 free tickets are available to Scott's enlisted men and women.

Chief Master Sgt. Wes Mathias, 375 AMW command chief, will connect with your unit's senior enlisted advisor to ensure equitable distribution of these tickets.

We are very grateful for the outstanding support of our local community and I appreciate your support in encouraging participation in these free events honoring our Team Scott personnel.

Memorial Day - May 25





Far left- Dr. Jay Smith, USTRANSCOM Research Center director, welcomes a group of Indonesian military officers as he conducts a tour of the Building 1900E Lobby displays April 14. Left - Ken Martin, Commander's Action Group, provides the TRANSCOM 101 Briefing for the Indonesian visitors. Photos by Bob Fehring, USTRANSCOM/PA

USTRANSCOM welcomes Indonesian military officers

The Indonesian Logistics Delegation visited USTRANSCOM April 14-15 for the second time to participate in USTRANSCOM's Outreach Program.

The field grade officers, representing Indonesia's Army, Air Force, and Navy, were introduced to USTRANSCOM's joint mobility operations, as well as given detailed briefings and tours to familiarize them with the missions of our components, Air Mobility Command,

Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, and Military Sealift Command.

According to Mike Brogan, Outreach Program chief, "The program is designed to build professional and enduring ties with the Indonesian logistics community, helpful for future bilateral Humanitarian Relief Operations in the Southeast Asia region."

VA opens claims office at Scott

By Christine Spargur
375th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs formally opened a new Compensation and Pension Clinic here April 10. Marking the first memorandum of agreement between the VA St. Louis Health Care System and Scott Air Force Base, the Compensation and Pension Clinic is located on the fifth floor of the Scott AFB Clinic and serves military members and eligible veterans.

"Compensation and Pension, C&P, is for disability claims for members who may have incurred some type of an injury while on active duty or for those who have injuries that worsened after they retired," said Jeanette Anguita, Compensation and Pension Program Manager. "So, they file a disability claim with the Veterans Benefits

Administration. VBA will then pull their medical records together, will order medical exams, and send those orders here to the C&P Clinic.

"We determine what specialists the member should see based upon the VBA's orders. For example, some people may only claim disability for hearing. Others may claim disability for hearing, their eyes and for shortness of breath--a combination of things.

"Our clinical program director will look at the disability claims and he will determine where to schedule the member, whether it's a general medical evaluation or a combination of an optometrist, an audiologist, and a general medical practitioner ... each one is a unique claim."

Anguita said the benefit of having a second C&P Clinic here is better accessibility for appointments and the ease of travel for veterans and servicemembers living in Illinois. The other C&P Clinic is located at the VA St. Louis Health Care System John Cochran Medical Center in St. Louis.

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Teammate Spotlight: TPMRC-A helps get patients on their way

By Lisa M. Caldwell, TCPA

The USTRANSCOM Patient Movement Requirement Center-Americas (TPMRC-A) is a branch of the Command Surgeon directorate. According to Army Lt. Col. Carter Meredith, the branch's Chief of Administrative Operations, TPMRC-A has 40 military and civilian personnel, and its military members rotate deployments to the U.S. Central Command theater.

Meredith said the formal TPMRC-A mission is to provide oversight and synchronization of patient movement during wartime, peacetime and contingency operations in the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command geographical regions. He noted USTRANSCOM has two other PMRCs: TPMRC-East at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, serves U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, and TPMRC-West at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, assists U.S. Pacific Command.

More simply, Meredith said the mission is to validate patient movement requests – a complex process requiring clinical oversight and expertise in aerospace medicine; regulatory oversight and expertise of DOD, service regulations and U.S. law; and visibility into policies of other combatant commands not in TPMRC-A's areas of responsibility but in its areas of interest.

"The core patient movement mission is to safely transport uniformed service members within a combat zone to the appropriate level of care," said Meredith. "Other eligible beneficiaries can be approved for support, and determining that eligibility is a major part of TPMRC-A's administrative side."

Once a request is validated, TPMRC-A coordinates the best transport



Members of the Command Surgeon's TRANSCOM Patient Movement Requirement Center-Americas branch validate patient movement requests for USNORTHCOM and USSOUTHCOM. Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA

option. "We are in constant contact with medical treatment facilities and unit representatives of all services, and with PMRCs and treatment facilities in other COCOMs," said Meredith. "To maintain continuity of care for the core mission, we rely on open communication with all players – synchronization is critical."

Air Force Col. David O'Brien, USTRANSCOM's Command Surgeon, emphasized the importance of training to uphold this collaboration.

"The TPMRC-A staff supports global exercises as experts in patient movement and in TRAC2ES (TRANSCOM Regulating and Command & Control Evacuation System), and participated in 16 training events last year," said O'Brien.

According to Meredith, an auxiliary

PMRC mission is to assist states with patient movement, if requested by the state and approved by the president. He said USTRANSCOM's Caduceus exercise, held in April, evaluated the branch's ability to execute natural disaster civil support operations to state governments and other federal government agencies in coordination with USNORTHCOM.

"Ultimate Caduceus helps strengthen partnerships between civilian and military authorities during civil support operations," said O'Brien. "Our entire directorate will focus on medical support, patient processing and aeromedical evacuation, and provide airlift and contingency response forces as needed."



POLAD Open House

Richard Nelson, USTRANSCOM Foreign Policy Advisor (POLAD), welcomes Gen. Paul J. Selva, commander, USTRANSCOM, to the POLAD's Open House April 13. More than 75 TRANSCOM workers and honored guests attended the two-hour event held in conjunction with the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, the first U.S. Secretary of State. Photo by Rob Wieland, USTRANSCOM/PA



TRANSCOM mission video shoot

A video production crew from OL-H, Air Force Public Affairs, Hill Air Force Base, Utah documented various aspects of USTRANSCOM, SDDC and AMC April 20 for the new USTRANSCOM mission video.

Photos, clockwise from below: Producer/director Jon Zanone adjusts a video camera's settings; Zanone and videographer Airman 1st Class Alan Wright set up a camera platform prior to shooting a scene on the Transportation Plaza; Wright and videographer Staff Sgt. Erin Mills prepare to shoot a segment on the plaza; the trio set up lights and camera in the Fusion Center; Wright focuses on the TRANSCOM emblem on the front lobby floor. Photos by Bob Fehring, USTRANSCOM/PA



Authenticity

By Chaplain Lt. Col. Trenton E. Lewis

Authenticity must undergird the essence of what it means to be human and in particular, true to one's sense of self: especially one's religious self.

Priceless benefits abound for those who are authentic to whom and whose they are, religiously and otherwise. In the past few weeks, articles highlighting restrictions on the expression of an individual's authentic religious self appeared in the news media. One might easily conclude that such restrictions are an apparent attempt to limit the authentic expression of a person's religious self by those set against "religious participation in the public sphere . . . (In favor of) a 'value free' realm . . . in which authoritarian, superstitious, or religiously legitimated ideas (are) excluded by their very nature."

Such attempts aim to quash the public expression of genuinely held religious beliefs and suppress the free speech right of many of our citizens under the guise that other citizens are offended when religious expressions are publicly declared.

It is as if some in our society would rather a disingenuous approach in the public realm of one's religious expressions than to allow an "embrace (of) the varied religious and secular contri-

butions each (member of our society) brings with her/him into the 'melting pot'" we call America.

Those with such a predilection may want to reflect on the April 2011 "ruling of the 7th U.S. Court of Appeals . . . overturning a lower court's ruling that found the National Day of Prayer unconstitutional." The court's decision affirmed, "There is no constitutional protection against being offended by a public event" that involves religious expressions: prayers in particular.



Chaplain Lewis

Indeed, our "First Amendment really does distinguish the U.S. from the rest of the western world." In America, "freedom to offend in speech" is

a byproduct of our First Amendment right to free speech. In contrast, "the problem with attempts to restrict or regulate speech is that they're not about facts. They're about feelings."

While religious speech may offend some, the offense some may feel has at its core their opposing opinion/belief to that opinion/belief of others despite the right of one to hold a given opinion/belief.

Stifling religious speech in the public square robs people of their ability to have their beliefs examined by others to offset how untenable religious expressions might impact society. A major trust deficit is far more detrimental to our society when persons

are not authentic with their varied expressions of publicly declared religious beliefs. Absent knowing another's authentic self, the governed may adversely suffer from the unscrupulous actions of those it selects to govern them.

In Matthew 10:26-33, one discovers that the disciples are cautioned not to ". . . be afraid to speak out boldly for their new faith . . . (and to not be) fearful of bearing public witness to it in the church's mission." The disciples are to understand further that "the criterion of judgment (on their faith stance) will be (their authentic and fearless religious profession) or lack" thereof.

In *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Die to the sinful nature of the post-fallen self and take on the authentic pre-fallen nature of the created self. We must be authentic with the pre-fallen nature of our created self. We must champion in the public square the return of the creature to its pre-fallen relationship with the CREATOR and GOD for all to learn about the opportunity to be citizens of a "new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1-2). A return to one's pre-fallen authentic self will yield enormous benefits: "GOD shall wipe away all tears from [your] eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away . . . Behold, (GOD) makes all things new" (Revelation 21:4-5).

VA, from page 2

U.S. Representative Mike Bost, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1979 to 1982, is a current member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. His Congressional 12th district includes Scott AFB. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, he said, "As a Marine myself, for our veterans and our disabled veterans no matter where or when they served, we want to provide them the best care . . . Having people who understand the [VA health care] system, who can lead our veterans through it, who can tell them it's OK and 'let's figure out what we can do for you,' . . . I think this C&P Clinic is a great opportunity."

In addition to the C&P Clinic at Scott, the VA also offers a Vet Center and Home Based Primary Care. These programs are also located on the fifth floor of the Scott Clinic in a separate wing.

The Vet Center provides a broad

range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat veterans and their families, guiding them through many of the major life adjustments that often occur after a veteran returns from combat. Services may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals.

Home Based Primary Care is for veterans who have complex health care needs that are best provided in their home environment.

Stacy Taylor, a program support assistant for Home Based Primary Care, said her team currently serves about 110 veterans. Most of her patients are World War II and Vietnam veterans. Most are seniors over 60 years old who have end stage diseases or chronic conditions. Home Based Primary Care provides medical care such as blood pressure checks, physical therapy, prescriptions, psychological counseling, and lab tests. An interdisciplinary

team of specialists will meet to identify the veteran's unique needs to determine whether Home Based Primary Care is appropriate.

"Veterans are referred to our program from their primary care doctors," said Taylor.

"They may go to a VA hospital, for example. There, the doctor may tell them they could benefit from home based care." The veteran is then screened to see if they are eligible and meet the requirements for home care. If eligible, the veteran must consent to home care and must be willing to accept a minimum of 10 home visits annually.

The Home Based Primary Care Program is also located at VA St. Louis Health Care System Jefferson Barracks in South St. Louis County. Taylor said having offices at Scott AFB brings them closer to the patient population her team serves.

History of TRANSCOM 1996-1998

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

Air Force Gen. Walter Kross, who took command on July 15, 1996, was uniquely qualified for the job of commander in chief of U.S. Transportation Command (USCINCTRANS) and commander of Air Mobility Command (AMC). He was only the second USCINCTRANS to have an extensive airlift background, and the first to have served previously in USTRANSCOM.

From June 1990 to July 1991, Gen. Kross was the USTRANSCOM director of operations and logistics, overseeing the command's efforts in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Additionally, he commanded AMC Provisional from January 1992 to June 1992, and held the position of AMC vice commander from June 1992 to June 1993. He told the USTRANSCOM staff that he felt like someone who had been working in the family business, then went away to serve in the armed forces. "I then came back to run the family business," Kross said, "but everything had changed."

And how! The lessons learned from Operations Desert Shield and Storm resulted in a peacetime charter that gave the command the authority to act in peace as it did in war. Operating tempo was high.

In the years following Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein made several forays towards Kuwait and the Kurds in northern Iraq and refused to allow the continuation of United Nations inspection of potential sites used for weapons of mass destruction.

USTRANSCOM supported the U.S. response to Hussein's intransigence--or as Gen. Kross called them "Operations Deny Thanksgiving and Deny Christmas," as they seemed to happen around the holidays--with air refueling, deploying and redeploying troops, and transporting sustainment cargo and equipment.

Additionally, USTRANSCOM supported peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Haiti and natural disaster relief at home and abroad. Gen. Kross took advantage of available force protection funds and initiated the building of a security wall encircling Buildings 1600 and 1900, the main buildings for AMC and USTRANSCOM.

Continuing the "Year Of" themes, Gen. Kross named 1997 as the Year of the En Route to highlight and fix problems at key air mobility bases in Europe and the Pacific; and 1998 as the

Year of the Enlisted Force to focus on the quality of life for enlisted personnel and their families.

The new 60,000 lb. loader, named for Air Force Lt. Gen. William Tunner, who orchestrated the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and 1949, made its debut in the summer of 1997, making loading and unloading airlift aircraft faster and more efficient.

On the sealift side, Gen. Kross initiated a review of Ready Reserve Force (RRF) ship activation authority policy



Gen. Walter Kross (left), commander, Air Mobility Command (AMC), passes the Unit Flag to Maj. Gen. John Handy, Incoming Commander, 21st Air Force, during the change-of-command ceremony conducted on the flight line at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, July 15, 1997.

that resulted in permanent delegation of authority from the Secretary of Defense to USCINCTRANS, thereby streamlining the process of RRF ship activation, training, and readiness.

The command celebrated its 10th anniversary on 26 September 1997. The main event, held on the flight line, showcased the command and its components with static displays representing air, land, and sea assets.

The USTRANSCOM Time Capsule, a camelback trunk from the late 1800s, was filled with items representing the command, its components, and its commercial partners and locked with an antique railroad lock. The Time Capsule is on display in the plaza entrance to Buildings 1900 East and West.

Under Gen. Kross, there was an increased emphasis on process improvement, customer focus, and business rules.

In June 1997, USTRANSCOM established the Business Center to be the command's center of excellence for implementing best industry practices, performing marketing and sales functions for business development, conducting financial analysis to support operational and business decisions, and being the focal point for command metrics. According to Gen. Kross, the command's focus on its customers "...averted customer revolt. It made them part of our process."

Gen. Kross had a unique classification system for challenges facing the command. "Things that are hopeless," he said, "are bad potatoes. Things that require everyone's attention because they will pay dividends for years to come are big potatoes. Things that can bite you in the butt unless you pay attention to them are serious potatoes."

In its 10-plus years, the command had yet to meet a "potato" that was too hot to handle.

Ask the Historian

By Peg Nigra, TCRC

Question: When was Gen. Kross the commander in chief and why is Gen. Selva "just" a commander? J. K. R.

Answer: Air Force Gen. Walter Kross was the commander in chief of USTRANSCOM and Air Mobility Command from July 15, 1996 to August 3, 1998. Check out our **Key Personnel List** on the **Research Center's Share-Point page** (under the command group, research center, and then historical information).

Why is Gen. Selva "just" a commander? Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld directed the title change from commander in chief to commander in 2002. Information on changes to titles and organizations are listed in the footnotes of the **Key Personnel List**.

Question: I want to design a coin for my directorate. Does the command pay for directorate coins? P.T.G.

Answer: Please see USTRANSCOM Instruction 84-4, "Lineage, Honors, and Heraldry," specifically paragraph 2.3.1.5 and USTRANSCOM Policy Directive 90-12, "Distinctive Coins." Short answer is you can design a coin for your directorate, but you must use personal funds to pay for them, and you must follow the guidance in the above official documents.

As a reminder, directorates and command support group offices are not units (under Air Force Instruction 38-101) and are therefore are not authorized a distinct emblem or logo. Contact the Research Center at 618-220-5807 if you have any questions regarding emblems or the use of the TRANSCOM emblem.



Svoboda teaches gardening class

By Airman 1st Class Erica Crossen
375th AMW/PA

Outdoor Recreation offered a gardening clinic April 11, where the president of the Lebanon Gardening Club, Jonathan Svoboda, taught gardening basics to Scott community members.

Svoboda, USTRANSCOM/TCERC-IS, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, covered the different methods of growing plants based on size and the best methods for maintaining a garden, whether it's in containers or traditional plots.

Svoboda said he's passionate about gardening because it's "excellent therapy."

"I might be working hard in the garden, getting sweaty and dirty, but when I see a plant growing because of all that effort, I just see the beauty in it," Svoboda said. "It brings me closer to nature, down to the dirt and seeds and sun, and it just simplifies life."

Gardening for Svoboda has been a hobby and a lifestyle. He has been gardening since his parents raised a vegetable garden when he was a little boy. He has distinct memories of his family enjoying the harvest all season long, and he seeks to help others make those memories by sharing his knowledge.

For beginners, he said to start out small, even cultivating small pots of herbs on a windowsill, as long as it's manageable.



Jonathan Svoboda, president of the Lebanon Gardening Club, assembles a square-foot gardening demonstration at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, April 11. He showed interested gardeners how they can integrate caring for plants into their lives, and one way to do that and keep it organized is through square-foot gardening, which is based on adequate spacing plants need to flourish. USAF photo by Airman 1st Class Erica Crossen

"You don't have to go all out, and even if it's one tomato plant, it's something to care for and enjoy the fruits of your labor."

He also works with students at McKendree University in the horticulture program. In addition, Svoboda uses gardening as therapy for recovering stroke patients at a rehabilitation center in Lebanon.

Svoboda said experimentation is key when starting out, and talking to other gardeners is invaluable, such

as in gardening clubs available in the local area.

Garry Green, the Outdoor Recreation Adventure Program Director, said, "The gardening clinic provides a venue for families on base who are interested in gardening for recreation, for lowering their food costs by producing their own vegetables and herbs, for sharing the garden's bounty, and also for the sheer joy of planting something and watching it grow."

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

By The President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition

Regular physical activity is good for everyone's health, and people of all ages and body types can be physically active. National Physical Fitness and Sports Month is a great time to spread the word about the benefits of getting active.



Here are just a few benefits of physical activity:

Children and adolescents – Physical activity can improve muscular fitness and bone and heart health.

Adults – Physical activity can lower risk for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer.

Older adults – Physical activity can lower the risk of falls and improve cognitive functioning (like learning

and judgment skills).

Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for everyone to get more physical activity.

Make a difference: Spread the word about fun ways to get moving!

How can National Physical Fitness and Sports Month make a difference?

We can use this month to raise awareness about the benefits of physical activities.

Encourage families to make small changes, like taking a walk after dinner or going for a bike ride.

Motivate teachers and administrators to make physical activity a part of every student's day.

Identify youth leaders in the community who can talk to their peers about the importance of being active.

Facilities and Safety Corner

The Facilities Maintenance Office is in the process of:

- *Rearranging the J1 front office to accommodate a new hire.
- *Painting in 1961, walls, doors and handrails.
- *Removing overgrown shrubs around 1961.
- *Installing and connecting new switch gear for 1900E.
- *Installing new PED lockers (once they arrive) to accommodate larger phones.
- *Seeking a volunteer to become the Unit Motorcycle Safety Mentor.
- *Ordering and installing additional water bottle filling dispensers.



Recognitions

First Quarter Award Winners

Junior Service Member

Senior Airman Austin Schmidt, TCJ2

Service Member

Staff Sgt. Savannah Morgan-Davis, TCSG

Senior Service Member

Master Sgt. Dustin Johnson, JECC

Company Grade Officer

1st Lt. Nathaniel Kullman, TCJ2

Field Grade Officer

Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Phillips, TCJ5/J4

Civilian Category I

Lynn Fitzgerald, TCAQ

Civilian Category II

David Comfort, TCJ3

Civilian Category III

Jillian Watson, TCAQ



Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Phillips, Staff Sgt. Savannah Morgan-Davis and 1st Lt. Nathaniel Kullman. *Photo by Rob Wieland, USTRANSCOM/PA*



David Comfort, Lynn Fitzgerald and Jillian Watson. *Photo by Rob Wieland, USTRANSCOM/PA*

Arrivals:

Joyce Hunter, TCJ1
James E. Buis, TCJ1
Petty Officer 2nd Class Marino S. Calcagno, TCCC
Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy B. Taylor, TCCS
Lt. Cmdr. Richard J. Morrissey, TCJ1
Petty Officer 1st Class Justin J. Bowen, TCJ2
Petty Officer 2nd Class Saquisha Woods, , TCJ2
Petty Officer 2nd Class Jace T. Ragon, TCJ3
Maj. Steven Olsen, TCJ6

Departures:

Lt. Col. Patrick McClelland, TCJ5/4
Col. Loren Klemp, TCSG
Spc. Jackeline Sanchez, TCSG
Lt. Cmdr. Robert G. Alexander, TCCS
Lt. Col. Charlie Velino, TCCC

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Editor's note

Ranks of all services are written in the Associated Press Style format, which is the journalism standard for uniformity of printed material in any form of the news media.

We realize that individual branches have their own style, but that is used for individual-service-oriented material.



May is Motorcycle Safety Month



USTRANSCOM First Sergeant Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Hutchison reenlists as his brother, Capt. Frederick Hutchison, administers the oath of enlistment. *Photo by Bob Fehringer, USTRANSCOM/PA*