USTRANSCOM MISSION & PRIORITIES

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USTRANSCOM Mission:
USTRANSCOM conducts globally integrated mobility operations, leads the broader Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise, and provides enabling capabilities in order to project and sustain the Joint Force in support of national objectives.

USTRANSCOM Priorities:

Warfighting Readiness...Warfighting readiness is our #1 priority, and there is no other #1 priority. USTRANSCOM’s enduring mission is to project and sustain combat credible forces needed to deter war, protect the security of our Nation, and win decisively should deterrence fail. We will maintain a global deployment posture, ready mobility capacity, and global command and control at echelon necessary to generate an immediate force and seamlessly transition to a fully mobilized JDE and project a decisive force when required. The surest way to prevent war is to be prepared to win one. All activities and efforts must contribute to this priority.

Cyber Domain Mission Assurance...Cyberspace is a warfighting domain, without sanctuary, in which capable adversaries continuously attempt to degrade our Nation’s ability to project the Joint Force globally. As in all warfighting domains, assuring mission capabilities requires resilience and simultaneous efforts across multiple functions and stakeholders, including defense, interagency and industry partners. There is no single ‘silver bullet’ solution. Our actions are underscored by the need to understand adversary intentions, capabilities, and actions targeting the JDE. We will actively manage mission risk and advance our cyber domain capabilities by understanding our large and complex attack surface, constantly managing and improving our mission relevant cyber terrain, securing our cyber area of operations, and actively defending our ability to globally command and control operations.

Evolve for Tomorrow...Warfighting readiness today does not guarantee warfighting readiness in the future, a future that is unknown, unpredictable, and changing at an unprecedented pace. We must adapt to the changing character of war. We face a competitive environment characterized by great power competition, an erosion of technical advantage, all-domain warfare, and increasing logistical demands. USTRANSCOM will evolve and overcome emerging threats by being agile in our processes, willing to test and rapidly adopt or reject new concepts and technologies, and make wise investments in innovative, transformational capabilities in order to continue to outpace our adversaries. In doing so, we will position our enterprise to create multiple options for national leadership and multiple dilemmas for potential adversaries. Innovation and critical thinking are essential at every echelon to ensure we can outpace our adversaries. We are all co-equal in the value of our ideas focused on improving the JDE to support national security requirements.

Advance Decision Making...In war, data can be as useful as a weapon system. Information technology (IT) and computational processing continues to advance rapidly as we approach game changing capabilities like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Advanced Analytics, all of which have enormous potential to improve USTRANSCOM mission outcomes. The foundation for our success starts with data. Establishing Enterprise Data Management, migrating our data and systems into cloud computing environments, and embracing the full range of analytic tools/methods are essential to take advantage of today’s technology. Doing so will speed decision making, free up human capital, accelerate learning, reduce costs, and improve productivity. Our methodology will be to accelerate a series of ‘use cases’ in mission areas where we need to sharpen our warfighting focus, and build on those successes that in the aggregate will have strategic impact and continue to inform our IT modernization/optimization initiatives. These efforts are essential to enable USTRANSCOM to retain our strategic comparative advantage to project and sustain the Joint Force globally.

Take Care of the Troops...Our collective strength depends on our people. Every day we must keep foremost in our minds our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and civilians operating across the globe as well as their families. We will always treat everyone with dignity and respect. We will always lead with integrity. We are blessed with incredible human talent at every level. Our personal investments in developing agile, adaptive, and innovative leaders is our enduring legacy. Our people provide the ultimate competitive edge and we must love them, develop them, and always keep the faith with them.