



# Transportation Express

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### **From the President, TCRA and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment**

Fellow Transporters:

The July, 2008 membership meeting was held in the Fort Eustis Club in conjunction with the Transportation Corps Week activities. Many of the TCRA members also attended the Regimental print unveiling at the Transportation Museum.

MG Thomas D. Robinson has volunteered to fill the position as the Senior Vice President- USAR replacing MG Harry "Skip" Phillips, Jr. who has completed his "tour" on the Transportation Corps Regimental Association's Executive Council.

The 2008 Commemorative Regimental print "Contact Left", painted by Michael W. Wooten, is on sale at the Army Transportation Museum Gift Shop. The print can be viewed on the TCRA website [www.tc-regt-association.org](http://www.tc-regt-association.org). Telephone orders may use: DSN: 826-1115; COMM (757) 878-1115; FAX: DSN 826-5656; COMM (757) 878-5656; email: [musgs@conus.army.mil](mailto:musgs@conus.army.mil).

I would like to commend the over 1230 TCRA members who have responded to our request that we send their semi-annual newsletters via email. This is a considerable financial savings to your Association. I urge those of you who have not provided your current email address to send it to [tcra@cox.net](mailto:tcra@cox.net).

Our Corporate members are very important to the overall success of our Association. Our web site lists current Corporate Members. If your normal duties or social activities bring you into contact with companies which in any way support the Transportation Corps mission-please consider introducing your Corporate point of contact to our TCRA Corporate Membership Chairman, COL (R) Gene Losa, email [tcra@cox.net](mailto:tcra@cox.net) who can explain the benefits of Corporate Membership in TCRA. Thank you in advance!

It is time to begin the actions required to apply for a TCRA Academic Scholarship. Scholarship applications are due not later than Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Detailed application information can be obtained by visiting the Association web site at [www.tc-regt-association.org](http://www.tc-regt-association.org)

The Army's conversion to multi-functional Logistics personnel management is affecting our ability to get the data we need for the Redbook. The TCRA Executive Council will decide in the near future what form and in what format future Redbooks will be published. If you have an opinion on this pending decision, please send an email to [tcra@cox.net](mailto:tcra@cox.net).

I ask for your ideas on how to make the Association more relevant and interesting to its members. I would like to hear from the Chapter Presidents on the local activities they are undertaking to increase the professional benefits of Association membership. Please send your thoughts and ideas to me at [tcra@cox.net](mailto:tcra@cox.net).

The next Annual Membership meeting will be held at the Fort Eustis Club beginning at 1530 hours on Wednesday 18 February 2009. I look forward to seeing you there.

It is **GREAT** to be an **88!**

Fred E. Elam  
Major General, USA Retired  
President, Transportation Corps  
Regimental Association

### **2008 TCRA Commemorative Print Own your Piece of History!**

The TCRA's 2008 Commemorative Print is now on sale at the Army Transportation Corps Museum Gift Shop. This year's Print, by military artist Michael Wooten and titled *Contact Left! The Transportation Corps in Operation Iraqi Freedom – 2004*, depicts a scene very familiar to many Army Transporters. Developed from an actual picture taken by a convoy truck driver in 2004, the print represents a convoy ambush in Iraq during the early development of current-day escort doctrine and gun truck technology. The scene is a convoy ambush in Iraq – very likely the single most pervasive occurrence that defines the Transportation Corps experience in the early 21st Century. The 2008 Print is set in 2004, a critical period of transition that has provided the foundation for development of modern gun truck and convoy force protection technologies and doctrine. Seen from the typical perspective of most drivers - that is, the rear of the line of trucks – you see a convoy that has stopped

along a route in downtown Baghdad in response to an attack ahead and to the left of column. Please stop by the Museum or see the TCRA website for detailed ordering information.

### **Mark Your Calendar.....February 18, 2009**

Our President, MG (R) Fred E. Elam will give an Update on the Association and recognize our Corporate Members. The COT will also give a briefing on the Regimental Update of the Transportation Corps. It will be held at the Fort Eustis Club on February 18, 2009 at 3:30 pm. A social will follow. All individual and corporate members are encouraged to attend what we expect to be a very informative meeting.

### **2009 TCRA Scholarship Program**

There is a BIG change to the Scholarship Program for 2009! For the first time, one scholarship for up to \$1,000 is now available for the spouse of a TCRA member. This is in addition to the four scholarships valued up to \$1,000 that are available for children of TCRA members.

In 2008, four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to children of TCRA members. Those children have already received their scholarships. Their names were announced earlier at the TCRA web site and in the TCRA Newsletter.

This is a terrific opportunity for the spouse or children of TCRA members! Those wanting to take advantage of this membership benefit need to be TCRA members for at least four months before March 31, 2009, and to submit the completed Scholarship Application form with any attachments postmarked no later than the firm suspense date of March 31, 2009.

If you have children already in college or university, or a spouse or children in the child's final year of high school who have been accepted at a college or university, this Program is for you! Full details and the Scholarship Application form are available now at the Transportation Corps Regimental Association web site (click on "Scholarship").

Request that leaders at all levels help ensure their transportation soldiers are aware that those who are TCRA members (or who join by November 30, 2008) are eligible and encouraged to take advantage of the Scholarship Program. Details about how to join the Association are also posted at the TCRA web site (click on "Membership").

### **TCRA Chapters**

Local Chapters have a charter requirement to provide an annual report to the Executive Council. As you can imagine, the war effort makes it difficult for us to keep up with all of the units and Local Chapters. The Executive Council requests that all Chapters contact our Local Chapters Chairperson with your officer roster/contact list so that we may reconstruct our Chapter listing and help any other Chapters update their records. We're working through contacting each of you, and have a partial listing, but need

your help to complete the task as soon as possible. Annual reports consist of a brief report of activities through the calendar year, sitting officer contact roster, individual membership accounting, and fiscal accounting. All reports should be in NLT January. Please contact COL (R) Dave Kolleda at or by phone at 804-929-1424. Thank you and we encourage you to maintain a strong and active Chapter. Let us know if there is any way we can assist.

### **2009 Redbook on Hold Due to Multi-Functional Database Issue**

TCRA has learned that, with the conversion to the Logistics Corps, the U.S. Army Human Resources Command can no longer identify and extract information on Transportation Corps Officers. This means the information we need to publish the Redbook is now no longer accessible to the Association. As a result, publication of the 2009 edition is on hold until we can either resolve the database issue or consider another course of action. MG Elam has been discussing this issue with many of the Senior Members of the Corps and the Executive Council is considering what other publication may be appropriate to replace the Redbook if we cannot long access the data we need. The intent is to continue to provide the Members with an appropriate benefit similar to the Redbook – perhaps a member directory – however, we will need to determine the best approach given the data we have available. We expect this to be a topic of discussion at our meeting in February and if you have any thoughts or recommendations, please let us know.

### **Newsletter Distribution Transitions to Email in November 2009**

With the steadily increasing costs of publishing, printing, and mailing our publications, the Association is compelled to find new ways to do business. One of those ways is to email the *Transportation Express*, which will result in nearly \$2,000 savings each year. This will allow the Association to continue to provide this valuable benefit without resorting to less desirable actions, such as raising membership dues. MG Elam has been encouraging this transition since he assumed his duties as our President and updating our databases to support the transition has been a priority for our Administrator over the past year. We have made great progress in this effort and, as a result, will complete the full transition to email with the November 2009 Newsletter. As requested by MG Elam in his letter to the membership, please provide your email address to the Association so we can provide the *Transportation Express* to you electronically. Please email your address to [tcracox@cox.net](mailto:tcracox@cox.net) or visit our website to update your records through the web site.

## Corporate Members

We recently compiled a Corporate Member Opportunities brochure for current and prospective corporate members. Contact us for a copy now.

### ***AS ALWAYS, WE THANK OUR CORPORATE AND ASSOCIATE CORPORATE MEMBERS!***

#### **CORPORATE MEMBERS:**

**Alion Science & Technology**

**AM General LLC**

**BAE Systems**

**Charleston Marine Containers Inc.**

**Computer Sciences Corporation**

**Comtech Mobile Datacom Corporation**

**Daimler Trucks North America LLC**

**DRS Technologies, Inc.**

**Heavy Engineering Industries & Shipbuilding Company**

**Landstar System, Inc.**

**LMI Government Consulting**

**Logistics Management Resources, Inc**

**Mack Trucks, Inc.**

**Maersk Line, Limited**

**Oshkosh Corporation**

**Savi Technology**

**VT Halter Marine, Inc.**

#### **ASSOCIATE CORPORATE MEMBERS:**

**Florida Technology Institute**

**Ginny's Ink**

**Laser Shot, Inc.**

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## TC Professional Bulletin

TCRA needs feature articles for the *Transportation Corps Professional Bulletin*, the Association's biannual doctrinal, training, and professional development publication. Appropriate transportation topics include new technologies; tactics, techniques, and procedures; "how to" instructions; practical exercises; training methods; and historical perspectives. A good length for feature articles is approximately 2,000 words, and we encourage the addition of photographs and visual aids along with your article. We are also seeking photographs for the cover of the bulletin. Please send your submissions to the *Transportation Corps Professional Bulletin*, Transportation Corps Regimental Association, P.O. Box 4260, Fort Eustis, Virginia 23606, or Email your article and photos to [tcra@cox.net](mailto:tcra@cox.net). We would like to have your submission by March 15, 2009 to meet the deadline for the next *Bulletin*.

## Have you Moved?

We need your updated mailing address and email address to keep our records updated and to insure that you receive our mailings. Visit the website and use the feedback button.

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