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From the President, TCRA and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

Fellow Transporters:

Please annotate your calendars to attend the Association's annual membership meeting and membership drive on Wednesday, 17 February 2010, beginning at 1530 at the Fort Eustis Club. BG Brian R. Layer, the Chief of Transportation has been invited to present a Regimental update at the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

You will be receiving our renamed and expanded magazine "SPEARHEAD, *Voice of the Transportation Corps*" in your mail boxes later this year. We hope this redesigned and refocused professional publication will better meet your professional development needs, as well as broaden your knowledge and understanding of transportation functional systems.

Due to increased costs, we will stop mailing the semiannual Transportation Corps Regimental Association newsletter to our Association members in November 2009. If you have not provided your current e-mail address to our Association, please send it to tcra@cox.net. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Ms. Kellie McKinley at (757) 875-0723.

I challenge every member of the Association to renew your membership when your current membership expires. I also challenge you to recruit at least one new member for the Association in the next 12 months.

Our Corporate members are very important to the overall success of our Association. They are listed on our website. If your duties or social activities bring you into contact with companies that 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, e-mail tcra@cox.net. He can explain the benefits of Corporate membership in TCRA. For our current Corporate members, we encourage you to submit articles for publication in the "SPEARHEAD, *Voice of the Transportation Corps*," as well as sponsor professional briefings and tours for our local Chapters.

Over the past several months, we have made several additions and modifications to our Association website, www.tc-regt-association.org. I encourage you to visit our

website and send us your recommendations for other additions or modifications that would make the website more useful to you.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, 17 February 2010, at Fort Eustis. In the meantime, please contact me with your thoughts and recommendations on the TCRA at tcra@cox.net

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

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

Regimental Vision

A Regiment of Joint Logistics Warriors, who Joint Force Commanders ask for by name to deliver victory.

- Our leaders operate with the competence to spearhead logistics operations and the character to see them through. They are the first choice to serve as a Joint Logistics Commander or J-4.
- Our Warrant Officers are the experts commanders trust to move formations and combat power in support of Joint campaigns and tactical operations.
- Our Soldiers are tough warriors, who possess the expertise to safely deliver requirements and information anywhere on the battlefield across the spectrum of conflict.
- Our Civilians are highly-trained experts capable of filling expanding roles to operate and lead in a Joint environment.

BG Brian R. Layer
Chief of Transportation

Mark Your Calendar.....February 17, 2010

TCRA Update and Social, 1530, at the Fort Eustis Club

2010 Scholarship Program

Now is a good time for members, with children in their senior year of high school or already attending college or a university or a spouse already attending or planning to attend college or a university, to begin planning to apply for a 2010 \$1,000 TCRA scholarship. Five scholarships were awarded in 2009, and the TCRA is planning to award five scholarships in 2010. Members are encouraged to visit the TCRA website and click on "Scholarship" to learn more about the program and to review the application form. Final instructions and scholarship application forms for 2010 will be posted to the TCRA website by the end of this calendar year. Also, note that the deadline for submission of scholarship applications is March 31, 2010.

TCRA Chapters

Congratulations to the 143rd ESC (143rd TRANSCOM) and the Iron Mike Chapter for being the latest Chapter to come back on line with local Chapter meetings and reestablishing an officer board. It's been a long effort to account for our Chapters as a result of losing continuity due to Modular Force transformation. We still have more to go.

Please contact the Executive Council Local Chapter Chairperson, COL (R) Dave Kolleda at dkolleda@drs-ssi.com or (804) 929-1424, for any assistance or new charter actions. We specifically need help from the members in the following Chapters in order to update our records.

- National Capital Region
- Cornhusker
- North Central
- Phantom (Ft Hood)
- Red Stick
- William J. Seay

Thank you, and we encourage you to maintain a strong and active Chapter supporting our Regimental Soldiers. Let us know how we can help you.

Our Corporate Members

Our Corporate membership includes those entities in commercial business, academia, and government organizations, who participate in the development or provisioning of components of transportation systems or who contribute to the betterment of the Transportation Corps by providing concepts, studies, products, and services.

Our 20 plus Corporate members contribute immensely to numerous TCRA programs through their membership dues; providing time, talent and resources to support TCRA Chapters and sharing their professional insight in both organizational and functional matters. As Major General Elam mentions in his opening remarks, we encourage our Corporate members to contribute to broadening the knowledge of the readers of our professional magazine, "SPEARHEAD, *Voice of the Transportation Corps*," by

submitting articles for publication. In order to continue to better serve our members, we solicit your suggestions. Please forward your suggestions to COL (R) Gene Losa, the Corporate Membership Chair, at tcra@cox.net or directly to him at galosal@comcast.net.

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

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Savi Technology

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Florida Technology Institute

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TC Symposium 2010: 20 – 22 June 2010

In 2010, “TC Week” will become the “TC Symposium” and will take place in June (vice July) to coincide with the Sustainment and AUSA Conferences at Fort Lee and Richmond, Virginia. We will have more details as the events of that week take shape. Following are the dates of the major events:

Sunday, 20 June 2010, Fort Eustis

Regimental Golf Classic Scramble

Monday, 21 June 2010, Fort Eustis

Senior Leaders Symposium

Regimental Picnic

Tuesday, 22 June 2010, Fort Eustis

Warrior Recognition Ceremony

TCRA Update and Social

Hall of Fame Luncheon/Induction Ceremony

Wednesday - Saturday, 23-26 June 2010, Fort

Lee/Richmond

Sustainment Conference: Fort Lee

AUSA: Richmond

2010 Transportation Corps Awards

It's time to be thinking of those outstanding Transporters who have earned recognition for their service to the Army and the Corps. Once again, during the 2010 TC Symposium's Warrior Recognition Ceremony, the Chief of Transportation will announce the following:

- Transportation Hall of Fame Inductees
- Distinguished Members of the Regiment (DMOR)
- Officer/Warrant Officer/Noncommissioned Officer/Civilian of the Year for the Active and Reserve Components

Nominating procedures can be found on the Office of the Chief of Transportation's (OCOT) website: www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/. Click on “Regimental Plans and Operations” under “OCOT Divisions.” Please note that all nominations will be due to OCOT NLT 28 February 2010. This suspense date is earlier since the TC Symposium will be held in June 2010 (vice July).

We Need Your Voice in “SPEARHEAD”

TCRA needs feature articles for our edition of “SPEARHEAD,” the Association's semiannual 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 *SPEARHEAD*, Transportation Corps Regimental Association, P.O. Box 4260, Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604, or e-mail your article and photos to tcra@cox.net. We would like to have your submission by January 31, 2010, to meet the deadline for the TC Symposium's edition of *SPEARHEAD*.

TCRA Commemorative Prints

There are still many of past years' TCRA Commemorative Prints on sale at the Army Transportation Museum Gift Shop, including the 2008 print, *Contact Left! The Transportation Corps in Operation Iraqi Freedom – 2004*. Buying a Commemorative Print not only preserves a piece of history of the Corps, but also supports your Regimental Association and Museum Foundation. Please stop by the Museum or see the TCRA website for detailed ordering information.

Newsletter Distribution Completes Transition to E-mail

With this edition of the *Transportation Express* the Association completes the transition to 100 percent electronic distribution of our Newsletter. This transition will not only save the Association nearly \$2,000 each year that can be put to other use, such as increasing the scholarship fund, but also allows us to put more information in each edition. Major General Elam has been encouraging this transition since he assumed his duties as our President. Updating our databases to support the transition has been a priority for our Administrator over the past year. Please ensure the Association has your accurate e-mail address, so we can make sure you don't miss an issue of the *Transportation Express*. Send your e-mail address to tcra@cox.net or visit our website to update your records.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved, we need your current mailing and e-mail address to keep our records updated and to ensure that you receive our mailings. Please visit the TCRA website and use the feedback button.

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