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From the President, TCRA and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

Dear Fellow Transporters:

Please note that the Association's annual summer membership meeting and membership drive will be held on Thursday, 8 July 2010 beginning at 1530 at the Fort Eustis Club. BG Brian R. Layer, the Chief of Transportation, will be there to present a Regimental update.. TCRA scholarships will also be presented. After the meeting, a free social will follow at the Club. I look forward to seeing you there.

The TCRA membership meeting is part of the TC Conference that will be held at Fort Eustis, from 8-10 July. This will be the last TC Conference held at Fort Eustis, and I hope that many of you will take the time to attend this important conference, along with the opportunity to renew old friendships.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our refocused professional magazine, *SPEARHEAD*. We would like to hear from you with your ideas on how we can continue to improve the magazine to meet your professional needs.

Because of increased costs, we stopped mailing the semi-annual newsletter to Association members in November 2009. If you have not provided us with your current e-mail address, 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 encourage every member of the Association to renew their membership. Army Transporters, who aspire to be true "professionals," benefit from membership in TCRA; a professional organization that keeps you informed about important Transportation matters, regardless of where you are stationed or the unit to which you are assigned. Membership conveys to others that you want to be viewed as a "professional." These are important career considerations. 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 the Association. These firms are highlighted on our website and listed in this Newsletter. If your normal duties or social activities bring you into contact with

companies that support the TC mission, please consider introducing your corporate point of contact to our TCRA Corporate Membership Chairman, COL (R) Gene Losa, (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 the *SPEARHEAD* magazine and to sponsor professional briefings and tours for our local Chapters. They will be very beneficial to our members.

In recent months, we have made several additions/modifications to the Association's website, www.tc-regt-association.org. I encourage you to visit our website and send us your recommendations for other additions/modifications that would make the website more useful to the membership.

Finally, I am honored that Brigadier General Layer extended my term as the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the TC Conference in July. 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

2010 Transportation Corps Conference

The Army's Chief of Transportation, Brigadier General Brian R. Layer, will host the annual Transportation Corps (TC) Conference at Fort Eustis, Virginia, 8-10 July.

Details of the events are attached at the end of this Newsletter. To register for the TC Conference, please go to the Fort Eustis website at: www.eustis.army.mil/. Follow the TC Conference 2010 button. Download the registration form, fill it out, and mail the registration form along with your check (made payable to the TC Regimental Committee)

to: TC Central, PO Box 4542, Fort Eustis, VA 23604. Please share the brochure with all fellow Transporters – let's make our last TC Conference at Fort Eustis one to remember.

2010 TCRA Scholarships Awardees

Congratulations to the 2010 recipients of the \$1,000 TCRA Scholarships! Scholarships will be awarded to four children of TCRA members as outlined on the TCRA website. Unfortunately, no applications were received for the scholarship that was available for spouses of members. Names of awardees and their parents follow:

Mr. Cody Ashcroft	MAJ Robert Ashcroft
Ms. Brianda Beverley	LTC Keith Beverley
Ms. Caitlin Kelley	COL Sharon Baker
Ms. Alexandra Kolleda	COL(R) David Kolleda

A total of eleven applications were received. Selections were made by a volunteer committee of four individuals, whose names were drawn from the ranks of the TCRA Executive Committee. All identification of scholarship applicants and their parents were blocked out during the selection process. Each individual committee member prepared an independent rank-order list of the eleven applicants. Subsequently, these individual lists were placed in a matrix, where only the relative ranking of the applicants, by each committee member, was used to create a consolidated Order of Merit List (OML). The TCRA President reviewed the committee's work and approved the OML.

Scholarship recipients are invited to attend the Scholarship Award Ceremony, which will take place during the 8 July 2010 TCRA membership meeting at the Fort Eustis Club. Scholarship recipients must start college-level schooling within six months of the scholarship award or the award will be rescinded and re-awarded. Scholarships are financed through a combination of membership dues and corporate member support.

Mark Your Calendar....8 July 2010

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

TCRA Chapters

Congratulations to both the Morning Calm Chapter of the TCRA in Korea (19th ESC, Camp Henry) and to the Minuteman Chapter, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, VA. These two new TCRA Chapters are ready to receive members.

This will be the final year we will carry dormant Chapters on our books. Despite the coordination attempts to date, the

Cornhusker (Nebraska), North Central (Fort Snelling, MN), Red Stick (Baton Rouge, LA), and William J. Seay (Mobile, AL) Chapters remain without identified leadership or current annual reports to the TCRA Executive Council. This situation is easily corrected by contacting COL(R) Dave Kolleda, your Local Chapters Chairperson, at david.kolleda@us.army.mil. He will troop-lead you through the steps necessary to return your Chapter to good standing. Just drop him a line, and you'll be on your way. Charters of Chapters, that do not respond, will be suspended, followed by dissolution from the Association.

Thanks to the Chapters who provided their annual reports in January, informing us as to what you have been doing. You keep our Regiment and Association strong, and actively support TC Soldiers and the community.

Transportation Corps Regimental Service Book

Many former service members and retirees of the Transportation Corps are unaware of the existence of the Transportation Corps Regiment (activated in 1986) and that they are members as a result of their honorable service.

The Transportation Corps Regimental Association (www.tc-regt-association.org) attracts active duty and Reserve Component, commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel through its professional publications (e.g., the SPEARHEAD magazine and the semiannual newsletter) and the many excellent activities they sponsor.

Retirees and former service members, who served in the Transportation Corps, are justifiably proud of their service, as reflected in the reunions of career course classes, Military Railway service units, and the gathering of veterans, who served in gun trucks. Former service members visit Fort Eustis and the Army Transportation Museum and look for things that reflect their service.

To encourage recognition of Regimental membership, of all present and former service members, and to advance the esprit de corps of the Transportation Corps, a book is located in the Transportation Museum to encourage service members and veterans to list their names and service history as part of the Transportation Corps Regiment.

The Regimental Service Book is organized chronologically by conflict (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc.) and provides space for individuals to list their names, dates of service, and the unit(s) they served in.

Registration, for those unable to visit the Museum, can be accomplished by regular mail, e-mail, fax, or telephone to the Museum Foundation:

Army Transportation Museum Foundation
P. O. Box Drawer D
Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604
Phone: (757) 878-1180/3904
Fax: (757) 878-2830
E-mail: atmfoundation@netzero.net
Website: www.atmfoundation.org

Our Corporate Members

The Transportation Corps Regimental Association (TCRA) began accepting Corporate memberships in 1998. In the subsequent 11 years, the dues structure for our valued Corporate members has remained unchanged. During that time, the TCRA has significantly expanded its programs to improve the professional benefits for its growing Corporate membership. 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 at galosal@comcast.net.

Own A Piece of History! Purchase a TCRA Print!

The TCRA's 2008 Commemorative Print is still available through the Army Transportation Museum Gift Shop. The most recent print, by military artist Michael Wooten, entitled *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. 2004 was a critical period of transition that provided the foundation for the development of the 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 details on how to order the print.

Have You Moved?

We need your updated mailing address and e-mail address to keep our records updated and to ensure that you receive our mailings. Visit the TCRA website and use the feedback button.

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“2010 TRANSPORTATION CORPS CONFERENCE”



**The Chief of Transportation Cordially Invites You to
Attend the 25th Annual
Transportation Corps Conference
Fort Eustis, Virginia
July 8-10, 2010**

This year's TC Conference events will be memorable because it is the final TC conference at Fort Eustis, the historic home of the Transportation Corps and School since 1946 and the home of the TC Regiment, since its activation in 1986. Future TC Regimental events will more than likely be held in the fall, at Fort Lee, Virginia, offset from the annual Sustainment Commanders' Conference hosted by the CASCOM Commander.



The goal of this year's celebration is to provide a high-quality and interesting forum, showcasing all Transporters--Active Duty, Reserve Components, and Civilians. We will also case the Regimental Colors, which will symbolize the departure from Fort Eustis and the relocation to the new Sustainment Center of Excellence at Fort Lee.

We are also conducting our Industry Day a little differently this year. **Everyone is invited to attend the Industry Displays**, which will be held on July 10th at the Pines Golf Course. Please see the last entry in this brochure for more details.

To Register for TC Conference Events: Please go to the 2010 TC Conference link at www.eustis.army.mil. (You must have AKO to access this site.) You may also contact the TC Central Registration Office at (757) 878-6056/6103. **Please complete the registration form and include your check made payable to “TC Regimental Committee” and mail it to: TC Central, PO Box 4542, Fort Eustis, VA 23604.** Registration forms with payment must reach the TC Central registration office **not later than June 30, 2010.** (You will be considered registered for TC Conference events once TC Central receives your completed registration form with payment. **(Sorry, but only payment, not phone calls or e-mails of intent to participate, will constitute registration.)**)

Transportation Corps (TC) Central Registration Office: All 2010 TC Conference participants are required to check-in at the TC Central Registration Office, which will be open July 6-7, 0800 to 1700 hours, in Wylie Hall (Bldg 705), Room 219. TC Central will also be open from July 8-9, 0800 to 1700 hours, at the Spearhead Lounge in the Fort Eustis Club. At check-in, your registration will be confirmed, and you will receive your tickets and a current schedule of all TC Conference events.

Lodging: The hotels selected for the 2010 TC Conference under the Army Lodging Success Program (LSP) are the Point Plaza Suites, Newport News, Virginia, (757) 599-4460; the Holiday Inn, Newport News, Virginia, (757) 596-6417; the Courtyard by Marriott, Newport News, Virginia, (757) 842-6212; and the Residence Inn, Newport News, Virginia, (757) 842-6214; at the government rate of \$80.00 (excluding state and local tax). In order to secure this rate, you must make your reservations NLT June 21st and ask for the 2010 Transportation Corps Conference Group rate at the time of registration. Those individuals on travel orders should include the SNA #151308, date of issuance: April 9, 2010, and issuing authority: USA Central Reservation Center, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. You may also make reservations at the Williamsburg Marriott Hotel, Williamsburg, Virginia, (757) 220-2500, at the normal rate of \$94.00 (excluding state and local tax).

Thursday, 8 July

The TC Regimental Association (TCRA) Update will be held from 1530 to 1700, at the Fort Eustis Club. The Chief of Transportation, Brigadier General Brian R. Layer, will present an update on the TC Regiment and the TCRA President/Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Fred E. Elam, Retired, will give an update on the Association and present the 2010 TCRA scholarship awards. Everyone is invited. *No cost. Duty uniform for military and business attire for civilians.*

The TC Regimental Association Social will follow the TCRA update in the Fort Eustis Club Ballroom from 1700 to 1900. Everyone is invited. *No cost. Duty uniform for military and business attire for civilians.*

Friday, 9 July

The Warrior Recognition Ceremony will be held from 0830 to 1030, at Seay Plaza. During the ceremony, we will induct the Distinguished Members of the Regiment for 2010 and honor the TC fallen heroes. The Transportation Corps Regimental Officer, Warrant Officer, Noncommissioned Officer, and Civilian of the Year for 2009 will also be recognized with a presentation from the Chief of Transportation and the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Also during the Warrior Recognition Ceremony will be a farewell to the outgoing Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment, Command Sergeant Major Frank L. Reeves, Retired, and a farewell to the outgoing Honorary Civilian of the Regiment, Ms. Mary Ann Danser. We will then induct the new Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment, Command Sergeant Major Michael C. Raney, Retired, and induct the new Honorary Civilian of the Regiment, Mr. William R. Lucas. The final event of the Warrior Recognition Ceremony will be the casing of the Regimental Colors. Everyone is invited. *No cost. Duty uniform for military and business attire for civilians.*

The Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony will be held 1130 to 1330 at the Fort Eustis Club, Bldg 2123.

Meal A: Colonial Chicken Breast; Meal B: Braised Sirloin Tips with Mushrooms. Everyone is invited. *Cost is \$14.00. Duty uniform for military and business attire for civilians.*

The Regimental Picnic will be held 1800 to 2100 and will be hosted by the Chief of Transportation at the Fort Eustis Club. Cash bars open at 1800; the serving line will open at 1900. The menu includes fried chicken, BBQ baby back

ribs, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob, country-style green beans, watermelon, assorted desserts, iced tea, coffee and fruit punch. Music and dancing will be from 2000-2100. Everyone is invited. *Cost is \$20.00. Casual attire is appropriate.*

Saturday, 10 July

The Regimental Golf Classic Scramble/Industry Day begins with breakfast for everyone at 0700 at the Pavilion, Pines Golf Course. (**There will be an invitation only breakfast at Reggie's at 0700 for General Officers, Senior Executive Service Civilians, and Industry Representatives.) Range balls will be available through breakfast. The Industry Tent Walk-through will be open from 0900-1045 to give everyone an opportunity to mingle with Industry Representatives and to see the latest in technology. The Golf Classic Scramble shotgun start is 1100. A boxed lunch of ham or turkey subs will be placed on the back patio for players to pick up as they make the turn. Dinner will be served at approximately 1600, which includes chicken wings, sub sandwiches, meatballs, salad, chips, cookies, and soda/tea/water. Captains' choice format. Registration forms are available online at www.eustis.army.mil (2010 TC Conference link). Please pay for golf using the TC Conference registration form, but to select your team, or to sign up as an individual, please contact the Pines Golf Course at (757) 878-2252 or andy.weissinger@us.army.mil. *Fee for a Pines Golf Course member (or any other DA Golf Course member) is \$24.00. Fee for an Active Duty Soldier E-4 and below is \$18.00; fee for an Active Duty Soldier E-5 and above is \$20.00; fee for civilians and retirees is \$40.00; and fee for Guests is \$44.00.* If you are a member of a DA Club, please include your home club name and membership number on the registration form. This includes entry fee, greens fee, cart, breakfast, beverages, lunch, dinner, and prizes. Participation is limited to the first 132 applicants (spouses are welcome). *Metal spikes are not allowed on the course. Participants must wear a collared shirt.*

(**Invitation only)



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