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From the President, TCRA and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

Dear Fellow Transporters:

This summer will see significant changes in the leadership of the Transportation Corps Regiment. MG James E. Chambers will depart Fort Eustis to assume new duties as the Commanding General, United States Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Fort Lee Virginia. On behalf of the TCRA, I would like to express our appreciation for his support of the TCRA and its organizational goals during his tenure as the Chief of US Army Transportation.

BG Brian R. Layer has been selected to replace MG Chambers as the Commander/ Commandant, United States Army Transportation Center and School, Fort Eustis. BG Layer will also assume the duties as the Transportation Corps Regimental Commander and the Chief of US Army Transportation. We look forward to working with BG Layer to find ways of making the TCRA more relevant to its members in these times of significant change in the US Army logistics community.

I would like to welcome two new members to the TCRA Executive Council. They are Treasurer Colonel (R) Scott M. Bergeron and Chapters Chair Colonel David J. Kolleda.

I encourage every member of the Association to renew your membership when your current membership is due to expire, as well as to recruit at least one new member for the Association in the next 12 months.

I encourage all of our members to provide your email address so that this newsletter can be provided to you electronically thus saving the Association the cost of mailing the newsletter.

I wish to thank the Presidents and Officers of our local TCRA Chapters for their positive contributions of time and talent toward ensuring the growth and professional relevancy of our Association.

I encourage our corporate members to submit articles for the *Transportation Corps Professional Bulletin* as well as sponsor professional briefings and tours for our local Chapters.

I am looking forward to seeing you on 1 August, 2008. 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

2008 TCRA Commemorative Print Unveiling at "Ice Breaker" during TC Regimental Week

The TCRA's 2008 Commemorative Print, "Contact Left" will be unveiled on July 30, at 1900 hours at the Army Transportation Corps Museum. The Print depicts a convoy ambush in Iraq in April 2004, during the early development of escort doctrine and gun truck technology. This is a scene faced by many Transporters in a war in which truck drivers have become frontline combat Soldiers. The artist, Mr. Michael Wooten, will attend the unveiling to sign each of the numbered prints. There are 2 options on our website for advance purchase of the print: (1) attend the unveiling and pick up your print for \$60.00, or (2) have your print shipped and insured for \$60.00 plus shipping and handling. Prints requested after TC week can be purchased at the Army Transportation Museum Gift Shop. Please see the TCRA website for detailed ordering information.

Mark Your Calendar.....1 August

Our President, MG (R) Fred E. Elam will give an Update on the Association, recognize our Corporate Members, award Scholarships, and present gifts. The COT will also give a briefing summarizing the major issues that came out of the TC conference. It will be held at the Fort Eustis Club on August 1, 2008 at 2:00 pm. A social will follow.

2008 TCRA Scholarships

The Association is pleased to announce the four 2008 recipients of a Transportation Corps Regimental Association \$1,000 scholarship. The selection Board met April 8, 2008 in the Regimental Room at the Fort Eustis Club to review applications from nine talented young adults who have family members in good standing in the Association.

For the review process, all applications had the names of the applicant and their Association family member blacked out and assigned a random identification letter. The Board was made up of five members of the Executive Council who had no direct relationship with any applicant. Separate evaluation sheets with specific evaluation areas and point values were completed for each applicant by each Board member in private. These were then rank-ordered for each Board member and then consolidated for all Board members using only that relative ranking to identify our scholarship recipients.

Award checks made out to the college or university which these students are or will be attending will be presented at the Association general membership meeting on August 1, 2008 at 1400 hrs at the Fort Eustis Club. All Members are encouraged to attend the award ceremony, as well as to review the Association web site for information about the Scholarship Program and application procedures for next year.

The 2008 Recipients and their Association family member are:

Ms. Amber Bekaert

Daughter of CSM Michael Bekaert

Ms. Danielle Ellis

Daughter of COL Ronnie Ellis, Retired

Mr. James Herson, III

Son of COL James Herson, Jr.

Ms. Natalie Lampert

Daughter of COL Mary Allison Jameson

TCRA Chapters

We have a new Chapters Chair, COL David Kolleda. Request that all chapter presidents please check in and introduce yourselves to him as he gets his feet on the ground. COL Kolleda can be reached at david.kolleda@us.army.mil

Regimental News from the Office of the Chief of Transportation

TC WEEK 2008: TC Central will operate in the Modisett Training Facility July 30th and 31st, 0700-1700 and August 1st, 0700-1200. All attendees should check in to receive registration packets. The website will be linked to the Fort Eustis Home page: www.eustis.army.mil.

Wednesday, 30 July 08

1800 – 2100 Museum Ice Breaker & 2008 TCRA Commemorative Print Unveiling

Thursday, 31 July 08

0800 – 0900 State of the Corps
0900 – 1600 Senior Leaders Seminar
0900 – 1030 Opening Ceremony and VIP Future Capabilities Tour
0900 – 1430 Spouses' Tour & Luncheon
1030 – 1600 Future Capabilities Tour (Open to Public)
1245 – 1645 CSM/SGM Workshop
1800 – 2100 Regimental Picnic

Friday, 1 August 08

0800 – 1200 Future Capabilities Tour (Open to Public)
0800 – 0930 Regimental Review, DMOR Induction, & Regimental Award Ceremony
1130 – 1330 Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony
1400 – 1630 Transportation Corps Regimental Association Update & Social
1800 – 2400 66th Anniversary Transportation Ball

Saturday, 2 August 08

0700 – 0900 Golf Classic Registration and Breakfast
0900 – 1400 Regimental Golf Classic Scramble

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. Feature articles should be approximately 2,500 words. Photographs and visual aids may accompany your article. We also are 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 23604 or email your article and photos to tcra@cox.net. We need your submission by October 10, 2008 to meet the deadline for the next *Bulletin*.

Corporate Members

We recently compiled a Corporate Member Opportunities brochure for current and prospective corporate members. We will have a copy of that for you at the 1 August Update, or contact us for a copy now.

To ALL Corporate Members attending the TCRA Update. Please RSVP to: COL (R) Gene A Losa at (703) 312-0997 or Kellie McKinley at (757) 875-0723 or e-mail: tcra@cox.net

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

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AM General LLC

BAE Systems

Charleston Marine Containers Inc.

Computer Sciences Corporation

Comtech Mobile Datacom Corporation

Daimler Trucks North America LLC

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Florida Technology Institute

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Heavy Engineering Industries & Shipbuilding Company

Landstar System, Inc.

LMI Government Consulting

Logistics Management Resources, Inc

Mack Trucks, Inc.

Maersk Line, Limited

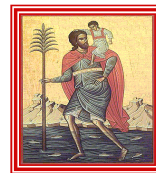
Northrop Grumman Sperry Marine

Oshkosh Truck Corporation

Savi Technology

VT Halter Marine, Inc.

Award Programs for Soldiers, Civilians & Spouses



MILITARY ORDER OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

Since the inception of the program, over **3,094** individuals have been awarded the Military Order of Saint Christopher award! At this time of the year we receive more nominations than any other season due to Transportation Ball and Soldiers retiring and moving to new duty stations. To ensure that your award is received in a timely manner, please allow 60 days to process your nomination. Nominations must include a completed order form, justification letter and payment.



PATRONUS ROTAE

Transportation Corps Soldiers and civilians (Career Field 24 or 74), who are members in good standing, may nominate individuals for the Patronus Rotae, "Patron of the Wheel," award. The award is designed for **spouses** who have made a significant and positive impact on the Transportation Corps, a unit or the community, and have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character.

Newsletter Distribution

We are facing increasing costs in publishing, printing, and mailing our publications. One of the ways we can help defray rising costs - as much as \$2,000 each year - is by distributing future editions of the Newsletter via email. 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 tcra@cox.net or visit our website to update your records through the web site.

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