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# **TRANS TRIBUNE**

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Warrior Logistics  
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598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC), Rotterdam, The Netherlands



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# From the Commander

Colonel Matthew D. Redding  
Commander  
598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC)

*Greetings to everyone  
in the 598th Team!*



As the "new guy" I am so eager to see everyone and meet with them about our mission and begin to get knowing about your families. Kristen and my family are very humbled to be here and I want to assure you that the reputation of the Brigade is outstanding here in Europe and in Afghanistan!

So much is happening across the Brigade! I am impressed every day with the energy that I see as it relates to our mission and the professional manner in which we operate to support our customers. I look forward to learning more about our mission and ensure that we are always taking care of our mission objectives, personnel, and families.

It is important to know that this Brigade has a long history of support and every member of this team is a leader in my eyes. We need to take full responsibility for our jobs and ensure that we are delivering the services and oversight required to ensure that every dollar spent on transportation is getting the needed impact and outputs.

We must be creative and seek out opportunities. The change in the current global strategic situation will affect not only US military operations...but that of our coalition partners. We must see that change...understand how it affects our mission...and adapt to the new conditions. If we fail to do so it will greatly impact our support to units and customers like DLA and DECA who support soldiers and families across a wide geographic area.

Much of our mission is facing a strategic period of transition. Costs through the last decade of war have greatly affected our overall rates and the volume of cargo is predicted to decrease as Iraq and now Afghanistan has drawn down to a sustainable level. Our nation (and those of our coalition partners) will have to make extremely hard choices about what support flows to Afghanistan...and the nature of lasting troop and support arrangements. This will directly impact how we operate.

It is important to know that we are a Transportation Brigade. This sounds like an obvious statement, but I want to ensure that everyone knows that being part of a military unit requires the highest levels of discipline (both for the individuals and for our unit processes). The discipline and professionalism that I have seen so far is impressive, and I know that the Command Sergeant Major and I will continue to press each section and unit to raise the bar on our performance standards and the appearance of our work areas. Who we are on the inside – is a visible reflection to those who view us from the outside.

Finally - I am committed to our long standing relationships in each country that hosts our command team. Whether in the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, or the Azores...we have to make sure that our links to the local community and host nation officials are healthy. We will take a broad internal look at how we are aligned with the Regional Combatant Commands and how our cargo traffic flows. Our mission here in Europe and Africa will endure and we must make sure we are properly aligned with the most relevant business practices to ensure we remain the "force of choice" for transportation missions in Department of Defense.

I want to add a personal note of thanks to Mr. Marshall who carried the load of leadership for the Brigade prior to my assumption of command. We are all very fortunate to have a leader of his caliber serving with us here in this Brigade. I look forward to working with him (and all of you) in the future and appreciate your hard work to make logistics and transportation happen here in Europe and Africa.

Many thanks for what you do.

*Best regards, Colonel Matthew Redding*

# Command Sergeant Major Cynthia B. Howard Corner

"I want to welcome my new  
Battle Buddy,  
Col. Matthew D. Redding  
and his family to the  
"War Log" family".

■ CSM Cynthia B. Howard  
598th Trans BDE (SDDC)  
Command Sergeant Major



## CSM Howard Visits The 839th

By Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Curley, Cargo NCO, 839th Trans Bn

Leghorn Army Depot (Livorno), Italy -- CSM Cynthia Howard, the new 598th Transportation Brigade Command Sergeant Major, visited the 839th Transportation Battalion from 4 - 5 June 2012. She was given a tour by Sergeant Major Daisy Jackson of the Camp Darby/Leghorn Army Depot facilities and the services offered to the Soldiers, Civilians, and families of Camp Darby. During the visit, she was able to meet face-to-face with all of the 839th NCOs and Officers to share with them some of her expectations for the Brigade. She talked about how the NCO Corps has to get back to the basics of leadership. Even though the CSM was busy with meeting everyone, she had time to conduct an NCOPD/Body Fat (tape test) validation with 839th's NCOs. ■



■ Command Sergeant Major Cynthia B. Howard taping Staff Sgt. Alisa Cogman with Sgt. 1st Class Philip Goodwin and Staff Sgt. Delano Hamler observing.

■ Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Curley, 838th Trans Bn

## 839th Personnel Participates in Training Exercise at Port Canaveral, Florida

By Sgt. 1st Class Rica Hamilton

The Joint Task Force – Port Opening (JTF-PO) training exercise at Port Canaveral, Florida in mid July 2012 was successful as Soldiers, Sailors, and members of Department of Defense came together for this joint effort.

The goal of the exercise was to establish a plan to be completely self-sustaining at any given port in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) assigned to the 839th Transportation Battalion. Normally, the Local Nationals (LN) in that given AOR, which work for the government, would perform all functions at the port of embarkation or debarkation. This exercise gave the team various scenarios to work through in the event that LNs are not available for port operations.



■ The documentation team lead by Sgt. 1st Class Rica Hamilton is discussing their plan of attack.

The team was able to work through small setbacks and diversity to accomplish the task of being a Joint element, establish set battle rhythms, and having also a better understanding of the other service branches. ■

■ Photo by Sgt. Maj. Daisy Jackson, 838th Trans Bn

# SDDC's 598th Transportation Brigade and 838th Transportation Battalion Casing Their Colors

By 598th Trans BDE, Public Affairs



■ HQ 598th Transportation Brigade in Capelle aan den IJssel, the Netherlands.



Capelle aan den IJssel, NL -- During a ceremony on July 31, the 598th Transportation Brigade personnel cased the brigade and 838th Transportation Battalion organizational colors.

The 598th Trans. Bde. Headquarters and 838th Trans. Bn. Headquarters, both elements of SDDC, will relocate from Rotterdam to the Kaiserslautern Military Community in Germany this year to improve strategic deployment and distribution support to U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command.



■ Lt. Col. John M. Gallagher and Sgt. Maj. Chukwuemeka Uchegbu casing the colors of the 838th Trans Bn.

■ Photos by Bram de Jong, 598th Trans BDE CAO



■ Stephen L. Marshall, Deputy to the Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia B. Howard, both 598th Transportation Brigade, case the 598th colors.

Stephen L. Marshall, 598th Deputy to the Commander explained that although a simple and fast ceremony it is steeped in tradition dating back to our earliest soldiers. He added that the tradition is a solemn one and casing of the colors occurs anytime a unit changes location and in some cases when a unit is disbanded from active service. Even though the colors are retired when a unit deactivates the colors remain cased in case that at some future point they are uncased and the unit becomes active again. Marshall invited everyone to attend the uncasing followed by the Transfer of Command on the 23rd of August in Sembach Germany where the 598th will be based for the near future.

The second speaker was Lt.Col. John M. Gallagher, Commander of the 838th Trans BN. He stated: The U.S. Army has had a Battalion level presence in Rotterdam since 1957 and the relocation of the 838th and 598th Trans Brigade truly signifies the end of an era. I would like to recognize three members of my BENELUX Detachment who will be receiving service pins in the month of August. Wiek Vastenbure, Hans Roggeveen and Rogier Ambtmann will celebrate 40 years, 35 years and 10 years respectively working for the US Army in the month of August! Wiek and Hans, tremendous accomplishment and thank you all for your dedication and commitment to the U.S.Forces. Rogier, you and I have a long way to go to catch up to them!

After praising his personnel he reviewed the history of the Battalion, mentioned the unit locations and the achievements of the 838th Battalion over the years.

"I have full confidence that the 838th will continue to set the benchmark for support as surface transportation experts. For its next chapter, the 838th Battalion will continue to partner with USAREUR/EUCOM and AFRICOM elements from its new location in Central Germany to create synergies for surface deployment and distribution. The BENELUX Detachment will continue to have the operations in the Belgian and Dutch ports as the TRUE Gateway to Europe!" ■

# Heuberg Kasern, Sembach, Germany New Home for the 598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC)



▲ In the distance (above), you can see the faint outline of a military base. As you get closer and through the gate you'll find building 216 (photo left) the new home of the 598th Transportation Brigade. ►

While construction continues all eyes remain on building completion by no later than 15 October.

▼ Last of all, (below) the new headquarters of the 838 Brigade is complete and the final throws of the move-in are drawing near. They are on Kleber Kasern to the left of the clock tower.



# Kleber Kasern Kaiserslautern

# New Home for the 838th Transportation Battalion



■ Photos by Bram de Jong, 598th Trans BDE CAO

# **Matthew D. Redding** **New Commander** **598th** **Transportation** **Brigade (SDDC)**



■ Colonel  
Matthew D.  
Redding

*News Release 598th Public Affairs Office*

Colonel Matthew D. Redding assumed command of the 598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC) at the Heuberg Kaserne in Sembach, Germany, during a ceremony on Thursday 23 August 2012. Mr. Stephen L. Marshall, Deputy to the Commander relinquished responsibilities.

Prior to Colonel Redding's assumption of command, Mr. Stephen L. Marshall, Deputy to the Commander and Command Sergeant Major Cynthia E. Howard, both from the 598th Trans BDE, started the official actions with uncasing the 598th colors in Sembach, Germany, the new location of Headquarters 598th Trans BDE (SDDC).

As soon as the 598th colors flanked the U.S. and German colors, held by a color guard of U.S. Soldiers of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, the ceremony continued with the Assumption of Command of the new 598th Trans BDE Commander. *(The 838th Transportation Battalion uncased their colors at Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern on 15 August 2012).*

The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries from the Kaiserslautern area but also from Belgium and The Netherlands. Among them were Mrs. Gudrun Hess-Smidt, Deputy County Commissioner; Mr. Hans Schläfer; Mayor of the Wartenberg-Rohrbach (Sembach); Mr. Adriaan



■ Mr. Stephen L. Marshall, Deputy to the Commander, 598th Trans BDE (SDDC), and Command Sergeant Major Cynthia B. Howard, 598th Trans BDE (SDDC) CSM, uncasing the 598th Trans BDE (SDDC) colors on 23 August 2012, prior to the change of assumption of Col. Matthew D. Redding at Heuberg Kaserne, Sembach, Germany.

■ Photos by Elisabeth Paqué, TSC - K'town - photo studio

Adendorf, Deputy Commander of DLA Europe and Africa; the Brigadier Generals Blaine Holt, ECJ4 USEUCOM, and James Johnson, ACJ4 USAFRICOM; and, many senior ranking military and civilians.

More than a 100 guests were in attendance for the ceremony. They saw the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's Commanding General Major General Thomas J. Richardson release Mr. Stephen L. Marshall from command responsibilities and transfer command of the Brigade to Col. Redding. This happened symbolically by Maj.Gen. Richardson handing over the unit colors to Col. Redding.



In his welcome speech, the new commander of the 598th Transportation Brigade, Colonel Matthew D. Redding, praised the reputation of the 598th and stated that although the 598th Headquarters has moved to Sembach, Germany the center of gravity still lays in Rotterdam. He is no stranger to SDDC. He worked for the 598th as a Detachment Commander in Kuwait as well as other positions in its chain of command. In other positions he visited SDDC frequently. >

*Photos: ■ Group of distinguished visitors during the Assumption of Command ceremony.*

*■■ The ceremony was followed by a reception, where many military and civilian were able to meet Col. Redding and his family.*

*■■■ A huge cake welcoming Col. Redding and his family was ceremonially cut with a sword by 598th Command Sergeant Major Cynthia Howard and 598th Commander Col. Redding.*



■ Photos by Martin Weteling, 598th Trans BDE PAO

He thanked the 21st TSC Color Guard and all others for the fantastic ceremony and stated that he is looking forward to working with the many commands in and around Kaiserslautern and all military and civilian experts with whom the 598th work on a daily basis.

SDDC Commanding General Maj.Gen. Thomas J. Richardson praised the 598th Transportation Brigade reputation and mentioned several important episodes of hard work, i.e. the operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The 598th reputation is well known and immense. He mentioned that the 598th has its roots in Bremerhaven, Germany. In 1970 the headquarters moved from Bremerhaven to Rotterdam and now, 42 years later the 598th re-



■ Col. Matthew Redding (right), commander 598th TransBDE and his S3 Lt.Col. Russell Long talking to contractors from Antwerp, Belgium.



■ Representative of the Belgian Forces Host Nation Section in Brussels and representatives from the Antwerp Military Province Command.



■ Right after the Assumption Ceremony, the 21st Soldiers, responsible for a color guard show, received an award from Col. Matthew Redding, commander 598th Trans BDE (SDDC).

turns to Germany. He thanked the Dutch Government and its Workforce for the great cooperation all these years.

In his speech Mr. Stephen L. Marshall thanked the 598th workforce for their dedication and hard work and the support that he received during the three months he functioned as interim commander. Mr. Stephen E. Marshall will remain the 598th Deputy to the Commander.

Following the ceremony there was a reception where Col. Redding and his family had the chance to meet dignitaries attending the ceremony and all others who attended the Assumption of Command ceremony. ■



Col. Redding talks with Contractors from Maersk Rotterdam, NL Amsterdam.

■ Photos by Bram de Jong, 598th PAO





## **COLONEL MATTHEW D. REDDING COMMANDER 598th TRANSPORTATION BRIGADE (SDDC)**

### ***Biography***

Colonel Matthew D. Redding assumed command of the 598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC) on 23 August 2012. Colonel Redding was commissioned in the Regular Army from Saint Lawrence University, Canton New York. He began his Army career as an Air Defense Artillery Officer in the 82D Airborne Division, Fort Bragg North Carolina. Participating in the Army Branch Detail Program, he was then transferred to the Transportation Corps and remained in the 82D Airborne Division as a Truck Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Logistics Officer for 782D Main Support Battalion.

After completing the Combined Logistics Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia he commanded the 104th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then selected for and attended the Army Advanced Civil School program at the Smith School of Business, University of Maryland.

Colonel Redding then commanded the Kuwait Detachment, 831st Transportation Battalion, Camp Doha, Kuwait, and then attended the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon graduation, Col. Redding served as the Division Transportation Officer for the 101st ABN Division at Fort

Campbell, Kentucky during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as Support Operations Officer for 626th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd BCT, 101st ABN Division.

Col. Redding served a joint duty tour at United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois and then returned to Fort Campbell where he commanded the 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd BCT, 101st ABN Division where his battalion supported combat and stability operations in southern Baghdad for Operation Iraqi Freedom VII.

A graduate of the Marine Corps War College, Quantico Virginia, Col. Redding was selected to command the NATO Regional Support Command – Southwest at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. During his command tour he provided support to the 1st and 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force (forward) and was responsible for Afghan Security Force development with regard to institutional training and logistics in Helmand and Nimroz Province, Afghanistan.

Col. Redding's awards and decorations include: U.S. Army Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge, Bronze Star Medal-3rd Award, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal – 6th award, Army Commendation Medal – 3rd Award, and Army Achievement Medal -4th Award. ■

## ***Congratulations!***

*Maj. Timothy Kirby  
838th Trans Bn*



*Maj. William Kost  
839th Trans Bn*



*Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command is pleased to nominate the following individuals for 2012 Lean Six Sigma Excellence Awards Program Awards.*

*Non-Enterprise Green Belt (GB) Category: Improve 598th Transportation Brigade Contract Support Office Interface with 409th Contracting Support Brigade; LD 18343, MAJ Timothy Kirby, Executive Officer, 838th Transportation Battalion*

*Non-Gated Category: Reduce Outside of Contiguous United States (OCONUS) Temporary Duty (TDY) Air Travel Costs; LD19532, MAJ William Kost, Executive Officer, 839th Transportation Battalion.*

*The projects will now compete for the Department of the Army Award in each category.*

# New 598th Commander COL REDDING Visits Rotterdam & Antwerp

By 598th Trans BDE CAO, Bram de Jong

Rotterdam, The Netherlands -- Colonel Matthew D. Redding, new 598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC) commander, visited Capelle aan den IJssel the residence of the Dutch part of the HQ 598th Trans Bde on 4 September 2012. Mr. Stephen L. Marshall, 598th Deputy to the Commander, introduced Col. Redding to 598th Trans BDE and 838th Trans BN personnel during a town hall meeting.

Col. Redding told his audience that he just had returned from Afghanistan. He asked his personnel be vigilant and to look for opportunities to move materiel and equipment from Afghanistan using the most efficient methods of transportation. Many countries are seeking for ways to reduce transportation cost to bring their equipment home and we can be part of that. He also underlined the importance of the two major ports Rotterdam and Antwerp for SDDC.

"I am working hard to find a new office location for the personnel of the 838th Trans Bn Detachment. This has to be completed as soon as possible," he promised his workforce and underlined the importance of their transportation expertise. In Sembach we are residing temporarily in the Chapel. We expect to move to the dedicated offices by 15 October," he continued.

The days following, Col. Redding executed a busy schedule meeting and visiting key military and civilian leaders in Rotterdam and Antwerp important for the planning and execution of SDDC's mission. ■

■ Lt.Col. RNLMC Bert Aben, commander Van Ghentkazerne Rotterdam (left) introduced Col. Matthew Redding, commander 598th Trans BDE (SDDC), to Brig.Gen. Richard Oppelaar, commander RNLMC, during the Rotterdam World Port Day Reception on HMS De Ruyter.



■ Photo by Martin Weteling, 598th PAO

■ Col. Matthew Redding, Commander 598th Trans BDE meet 598th Trans BDE and 838 Trans BN personnel during a town hall meeting at former HQ 598th in Capelle aan den IJssel, NL on 4 September 2012.



■ Mr. Frans van Keulen, Chief Public Affairs (left) hosted Col. Matthew Redding, Commander 598th Trans BDE (SDDC) (right) at the Rotterdam World Port Center (WPC), home of the Rotterdam Port Authorities.



■ Photos by Bram de Jong, 598th CAO



■ During the Rotterdam World Port Days reception, Col. Redding was also introduced to Vice Adm. Matthieu Bosboom, Commander Netherlands Naval Forces (above), one the hosts of this reception and Commander NL Forces, General Tom Middendorp (right).



■ Col. Dirk Verhaegen, commander Antwerp Military Province Command (left) briefed Col Redding (right) about his mission and responsibilities at his Headquarters in Antwerp. In the center: Lt.Col. (Ret.) Eddy Geudens, (former Deputy Commander Antw Mil Prov Cmd and also former president NDTA BENELUX).



■ At the Antwerp Port Operations Center, Col. Redding was hosted by Mr. Rik Verhaegen, Head of the Directorate Navigation Management, Antwerp Port Authorities (left) and Commander Geert Callebout (right) who explained about the in's & out's of the daily port and lock operations.



Photos by Bram de Jong, 598th CAO



■ The coaster *MV Maxime* being unloaded at Newport docks directly to trucks for onward movement to RAF Lakenheath USAFE base UK. Larry Yeley (SDDC UK Det Director/port manager at the time) and Marc Allen, Marine Cargo Specialist SDDC UK Detachment.



The SDDC, UK Detachment planned and executed ammunition operations in Newport South Wales, United Kingdom over two separate dates of 5th and 13th May 2012. This covered an export and import operation respectively in conjunction with AS57 operation taking place in Nordenham Germany. The UK utilized a feeder vessel called the *MV Maxime*, which was procured and chartered by MSC to export 15 containers from the UK to rendezvous with the mother vessel in Nordenham. Some containers were to load directly to the mother vessel headed for CONUS. Others headed for final destinations in Germany and Italy. The *MV Maxime* then took load of twelve import containers from the mother vessel and headed back to Newport, UK for discharge operations.

The operation had challenges from the start. The UK Detachment were informed of the feeder vessel delay into Newport by up to twenty four hours for export operations. Trucking schedules and man power/security issues at the port were quickly adjusted and the date was set to receive the *MV Maxime*. The vessel was inspected by HN Mobile Explosives Team and was passed fit for work. The export trucks arrived carrying their fifteen containers of ammunition and hazardous cargoes and all had RFID tags affixed and were

successfully scanned both on the port and vessel with the information uploaded using the PDK. The containers were loaded to the vessel as per the pre-stow plan generated well before the operation together with the vessel papers.

There were some segregation issues due to the ammo commodities being shipped and the size of the feeder vessel but in the end, all containers were loaded correctly and as per IMDG regulations for the voyage to Germany. James Cotton, Transportation Specialist commented; *"I can see why this takes meticulous planning before hand, you want to make sure you have the spacing to load just fifteen containers in a relatively small stowage area as to not violate the regulations due to enforced segregation."*

He is of course right, even smaller sized operations require perfect planning. If something is overlooked beforehand like for example the stowage area of the vessel taking into account the hazards being carried, there might not be enough space to stow all containers which may be catastrophic to the mission.

*MV Maxime* completed export operations in two hours and departed through the available lock window at Newport in the early hours of 6th May and proceeded to Germany.

The UK Detachment had full coverage of the *MV Maxime's* voyage to and from Germany utilizing the vessel agent, MSC, and 950th Transportation Company, while the vessel resided there for its operations. It departed on time with the twelve import containers destined for RAF Lakenheath, UK on time and was received on Sunday, 13th May. All containers were discharged to trucks without incident enroute to RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, England. The UK Detachment wrapped up the port operation and headed back to RAF Mildenhall. ■

# KALMAR Discharge/173rd ABCT Deployment



■ Staff Sergeant Alisa Cogman and Staff Sgt. Delano Hamler scan the receipt of a KALMAR.

Article and photo Sgt 1st Class Rica Hamilton, Senior Documentation NCO, 839th Transportation Battalion



Livorno, Italy – The 839th Transportation Battalion discharged 100 pieces and loaded 32 pieces onto the *M/V ARC Honor* on 26 May 2012 at the port of Molo Italia in Livorno, Italy. In support of the Italy Detachment, the Deployment and Distribution Support Team (DDST) documented all cargo to provide in-transit visibility (ITV) throughout the mission.

Using HHT-CK61 scanners to tally the cargo, the DDST was able to successfully download cargo information onto DGATES and RGATES. This capability resulted from the outstanding GATES

training the 839th NCOs received from the SDDC G9 GATES PMO just a week prior to the mission.

This import mission consisted of 100 pieces to discharge, which included 15 KALMARs, 80 M1083s, and 5 trailers. For the export operation, the team uploaded 32 pieces from the 173rd ABCT from Vicenza destined for OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, and 43 pieces from AFSBn-Italy destined for Kuwait.

Overall these missions assisting the Italy Detachment have been great hands-on tools for the 839th DDST, proving their proficiency in GATES, the transportation system that will be used in their much-anticipated FTX in Cape Canaveral, Florida in July 2012. ■

# Manda Bay D2D Oversight



■ Photo by Mr. Huseyin Tartar, Turkey Detachment

By Darrell Caldwell, Turkey Detachment Director

■ (From left to right) Osman Gonen, Senior Documentation Specialist; Darrell Caldwell, Detachment Director; and their U.S. Embassy driver from Mombasa, Kenya on ground for the Manda Bay Construction Equipment Discharge Oversight.

Mombasa, Kenya – The Turkey Detachment, 839th Transportation Battalion deployed to the Kilindini Port in Mombasa, Kenya from 1-8 June 2012 to provide “Door-to-Door (D2D)” oversight in support of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-3 (NMCB-3).

The lift-on/lift-off (LO/LO) discharge of the 39 pieces of oversized construction equipment from the *M/V E.R. Elsfelth* was successful. For carrier convenience, vehicles were lashed to flat racks and were considered break-bulk. The team ensured 100% accountability of all equipment, and prepared all documentation to facilitate Transportation Discrepancy Reports (TDR).

The equipment was destined for Manda Bay, Kenya -- a 6-hour onward movement north that was daunting as the subtropical rainy season made many of the roads very difficult to maneuver. NMCB-3 will use the equipment for a construction project to expand the Manda Bay runway. ■



■ Photo by Osman Gonen, Turkey Detachment

■ NMCB-3 cargo staged pier-side after being discharged from the *M/V E.R. Elsfelth*.

# Turkey Detachment Discharges Fire to the Fight



By Darrell Caldwell, Turkey Detachment Director

NS Rota, Spain -- The Turkey Detachment, 839th Transportation Battalion, along with assistance from the 839th Battalion headquarters and Italy Detachment, safely and expeditiously discharged 265 pieces of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade's (101st CAB) cargo at Naval Station (NS) Rota, Spain from 7-8 August 2012. The 101st CAB, based out of Fort Campbell, KY, is deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The Brigade loaded their equipment in Jacksonville, FL (JAXPORT) and set sail for the 9-day journey across the Atlantic to NS Rota aboard the M/V Green Point.

The M/V Green Point carried an assortment of aircraft: the AH-64 (Apache), CH-47 (Chinook), and two types of Blackhawks (UH-60L and the new UH-60M). This new advanced Blackhawk functions reliably in the most intense environments found on earth. With the combination of the U.S. Army's Future Combat Systems and automated aircraft health monitoring, the UH-60M supplies superior vertical lift and is the intelligent choice for the battlefield of tomorrow. The 839th Turkey Detachment is honored to be a part of distributing the latest technology to the Warfighter.

The discharge operation from the M/V Green Point, a Roll-On/Roll-Off (RO/RO) vessel, was very successful and involved planning and execution involving many outside agencies to include the Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center-Rota (NAVSUP FLC), Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Central Gulf Lines Inc., and DynCorp's Theater Aviation Support Management in Europe (TASM-E). All 265 pieces were discharged and prepared for onward movement to the NS Rota Airfield. Upon arrival to the airfield, the equipment was then staged and prepared for onward movement via strategic airlift to Afghanistan. ■

■ *Osman Gonen, Turkey Detachment Senior Documentation Specialist, scans an AH-64 Apache for accountability.*



■ *Members of the 839th Turkey Detachment and the 839th Battalion Commander in front of the M/V Green Point prior to discharge of the 101st CAB's equipment in Rota, Spain. (From left to Right) Osman Gonen (Turkey Det Senior Documentation Specialist); Mert Atacan (Turkey Det Supply/Freight Traffic Specialist); Tarkan Koncuk (Turkey Det Freight Traffic Specialist); Darrell Caldwell (Turkey Det Director), Lt.Col. Marcilyn Patterson (Commander, 839th Trans Bn), and Cengiz Koc (Turkey Det Marine Cargo Specialist).*



■ *An AH-64 Apache moves down the ramp of the M/V Green Point during the 101st CAB deployment at NS Rota, Spain.*



■ *Photo by Mert Atacan, Turkey Detachment*

# GATES Training

By Sergeant 1st Class Rica Hamilton  
Senior Documentation NCO  
839th Transportation Battalion

Camp Darby (Livorno), Italy -- The Soldiers and a Civilian from the 598th Transportation Brigade, 838th and 839th Transportation Battalions attended Global Air Transportation Execution System (GATES) training provided by the SDDC G9 section from 14-25 May 2012.

During the training, personnel learned the relationship between the Central GATES (CGATES), Regional GATES (RGATES) and Deployable GATES (DGATES) server.

The objective of the training was to provide a base knowledge of GATES and its capabilities. GATES is a web-based system designed to provide cargo management, documentation, and accountability to water port users while providing in transit visibility to higher echelons. One unique feature that was taught during the training was how to employ a DGATES as a stand-alone server in the event that internet connectivity is limited or isn't available, and the steps to transfer the data to the RGATES once the mission is completed.

To validate the training and utilize the skills they were taught during the GATES training, the 839th Transportation Battalion's Deployment and Distribution Support Team (DDST) supported the Italy Detachment's mission to discharge of 15 KALMAR Rough-Terrain Container Handlers (RTCH) and 191 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles (MRAP), as well as the upload of 134 various wheeled and tracked vehicles in support Army Field Support Battalion-Italy (AFSBN-Italy) on 26 May 2012. The mission was successful and completed ahead of schedule. ■



■ (From left to right) Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Curley, Staff Sgt. Delano Hamler, and Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Hamilton review equipment data in GATES prior to downloading files to the handheld terminals (scanners).

■ Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Rica Hamilton, 839th Trans Bn



■ Sgt. 1st Class Philip Goodwin and Staff Sgt. Alisa Cogman verify a serial number of an MRAP.



■ M113s staged and ready to load onto the M/V Liberty Promise.





# 950th Transportation Company says Good-Bye to Pamela Heidtmann after 34 years of service

By  
Michael  
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Between 1 August 1977 and 31 May 2012, Ms. Pamela Heidtmann has performed outstanding as a member of the 'Powermovers' at the Bremerhaven Terminal.

Until 1998, she performed her services in the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) as a Supervisory Transportation Assistant. Ms. Heidtmann has continually demonstrated her professional and technical expertise while managing the daily tasks in the largest VPC in Europe for decades, maintaining her impeccable reputation as a subject matter expert. She was one of the 950th Transportation Company's experts regarding the shipment of POV's. She was key to the successful documentation and shipment of hundreds of thousands of POV's in and out of theater. Due to her excellent leadership skills and experience, all movements were executed without incident, accident or damage to POV's.

For the past 14 years, Ms. Heidtmann supported missions in the Cargo Control Section and was appointed as the Contracting Officer's Representative for the Global POV Contract at Bremerhaven. She provided invaluable services during OIF and OEF deployments as senior documenter using the WPS system.

She became the subject matter expert in the documentation of ammunition shipments and supported several large ammunition missions over a decade at Nordenham. Ms. Heidtmann also



■ Pamela Heidtmann and her husband, Ernst, during the Retirement Ceremony on 6 July 2012.

deployed as WPS documenter to Iceland to facilitate the seamless closure of the Navy installation and the return of their cargo to Europe and CONUS.

Ms. Heidtmann was an outstanding performer and supervisor. She always places her personal needs secondary to the accomplishment of her duties. Her leadership skills were key to the overall success of the 950th Transportation Company's missions. Her extreme professionalism and dedication reflect great credit upon herself and the 950th Transportation Company. ■

*Ms. Pam Heidtmann, we thank you for your continuous support and wish you as retiree many happy and healthy years!*

*598th Commander & Staff*

■ Photo by Staff Sergeant Douglas H. Kirk, 950th Trans Co

## 950th Transportation Company (SDDC)

# Attends Landeskommando Bremen Events

By Major John Dang,  
Commander, 950th Transportation Company

In continuing relations with local commands, the 950th Transportation Company recently attended two events hosted by the Landeskommando Bremen.

On 15 June 2012, Major John Dang was invited to the activation of the Bremen Reservisten sollen Bundeswehr Stärker Unterstützen at the Scharnhorst Kaserne in Bremen, Germany. With over 170 Reservists representing Bremen, Bremerhaven and Osterholz, the Reserve Company's primary mission is to provide regional security and support and also to augment Active Duty units and deploy when directed. The unit activation was attended by Germany's Minister of Defense, Dr. Thomas de Maiziere, where he stressed the increased importance of the Reserves and a volunteer Army since Germany had suspended compulsory military service in June 2011.

On 21 June 2012, the 950th participated in the Landeskommando Bremen shooting competition. Held annually since 1966, the competition was attended by twenty local commands (including other German Army units and local Police) and gives an opportunity for the area commands to showcase their skills on the range as well as to get to know one another. This year's competition was co-hosted by the Bremen Polizie, utilizing their indoor range. Competitors fired the Polizie's P99 pistol and the MP5 submachine gun. The friendly competition also included games like horseshoes, darts and dice. This was the first time members of the 950th and the Landeskommando Bremen had fired these weapons, with the 950th placing in the middle of the standings. Although the Bremen Polizei had the homefield advantage, winning the majority of the awards, Mr. Josh Baltazor continued the 950th's streak of winning the horse shoes event (won last year by SSG Douglas Kirk). After the competition, the 950th attended a private BBQ at the Scharnhorst Kaserne hosted by the Commander of the Landeskommando Bremen, Oberst D. R. Werstler. ■



■ Captain Gellar, Major Dang, Major Leupold.



■ Major Dang and Sgt. 1st Class Taylor firing the P99 pistol.



■ 1st Lieutenant Robinson and Mr. Baltazor firing the MP5 submachine gun.  
(Photo by Mrs. Gayle Baltazor)

## 950th Transportation Company Celebrates Queen Elizabeth II's Anniversary

By Major John Dang,  
Commander,  
950th  
Transportation  
Company (SDDC)



On 12 Jun 2012, the 950th Transportation Company joined the British Royal Army 7th Armoured Brigade to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilation at Schloss Bredebeck. Hosted by Brigadier Paul Nanson MBE, the event marked the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's rule. The ceremony included remarks from Col. Paul Eaton, Bergen-Hohne Garrison Commander, detailing the continuing cooperation with the German forces, accomplishments from the 7th Armoured BDE's recent tour in Afghanistan and ended with the BDE Rifles Band performing various melodies as well as the German and British national anthems.

As noted by COL Eaton, this was the first time an American unit has participated in the celebration with the 7th Armoured BDE in over ten years. Despite this long gap, the 950th were treated throughout the night with much camaraderie as if they were part of the BDE and both senior leaders vowed to expand relations with the 7th Armoured BDE as part of the 950th TC's commitment to esprit de corps with local commands.



■ Major John Dang, Commander of the 950th Transportation Company (SDDC) and Sgt. 1st Jermaine Taylor, NCOIC, pose with Colonel Paul Eaton, Garrison Commander of Bergen-Hohne and his Command Sergeant Major.

The 7th Armoured BDE was raised as part of the newly formed 7th Armoured DIV from garrison troops stationed in North Africa in 1939. Nicknamed the "Desert Rats," the BDE relocated to its present location at Bergen-Hohne Garrison, Germany in 1947 where it continues to train and operate with NATO forces. The unit served in campaigns during World War II, Operation DESERT STORM, the Balkans conflict, OEF and OIF. Its troops recently returned from Afghanistan where the BDE supported the 3rd Commando Royal Marines. ■

## 598th Trans BDE (SDDC) Summer Hires 2012



■ The 2012 Summer Hires: (LtoR) Jaret Clarke, Yamela David, Malik David, (Volunteer), Christian Harding, Joseph Harding, Danielle Trejo, Omar Trejo, Desiree Wallace.

The Army in Europe 2012 Summer Hire Program began 18 June and ended 28 July.

The 598th Transportation Brigade and the 838th Transportation Battalion participated in this year's program and had seven Family Members and one volunteer that performed various types of duty. Some of these duties were performed working in the S-1, the Library, Resource Management Office, Legal Office, the Rotterdam Shopette, and in the 838th Terminal Management Division. This program helped them to gain some knowledge and work experience working in a U.S. Army environment that will be beneficial to them as they continue in their future endeavors. During the six weeks program, they also were able to earn a salary. ■

# Accident Reporting



ReportIt will be the single Army accident reporting and risk management system for collecting injury, illness, and loss data and effectively managing its safety and occupational health program.

By Rudy Magereij, Safety Manager 598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC)

## What is an Army Accident?

An Army accident is defined as an unplanned event, or series of events, which results in one of more of the following:

- Occupational illness to Army military or Army civilian personnel.
- Injury to on-duty Army civilian personnel.
- Injury to Army military on-duty or off-duty.
- Damage to Army property.
- Damage to public or private property, and/or injury or illness to non-Army personnel caused by Army operations.

**Accident Reporting:** All accidents are reportable to the HQ 598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC) Commander and Safety Office through your chain of Command. The recordable accidents will be reported by using ReportIt using this website: <https://reportit.safety.army.mil/>.

**What is ReportIt?** ReportIt is the centralized mechanism for collecting injury, illness and loss reports to help the Army meet its applicable regulatory requirements and effectively manage its safety and occupational health program. The Army Safety Management Information System - Revised (ASMIS-R), is necessary to reduce accidental loss. This automated incident reporting system will meet the functional needs of both command organizations and users. It will also improve regulatory compliance by offering a single, standard, and efficient process for reporting incidents.

**What will ReportIt do for me?** The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/ Safety Center (USACRC) supports the Army by collecting, storing, analyzing, and disseminating actionable information to assist leaders, soldiers, families and civilians in preserving and protecting our Army's resources. The ReportIt system will fully accommodate the data elements required by DoD and meet command-specific functionality, as well as reflect a streamlined, efficient reporting process, that will facilitate reporting and boost reporting rates.

**Leadership** - Leadership results will be a set of processes and procedures that leaders can get behind and enforce. They can do this knowing that the needs of the Army and of the individual units will be met.

**Personnel** - The primary benefit in the Personnel area will be an environment where the process of reporting an incident will not be as complex and therefore the completion of currently absent reporting areas will be resolved. ■

