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TRANSPORTATION CORPS (TC)  
REGIMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)  

I. GENERAL  

A. Scope. This SOP provides policy and guidance for the management of the Transportation Corps (TC) regimental activities in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. This document accounts for changes since the rescission of AR 600-82, The U.S. Army Regimental System.  

B. Applicability. This SOP applies to all military and civilian personnel in the Transportation Corps in the Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard.  

C. Background. The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, approved the Transportation Corps' integration into the United States Army Regimental System on 26 December 1985. The implementation plan was forwarded to Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) on 13 March 1986 outlining major features of the Transportation Corps (TC) regimental system to include milestones for accomplishments. The Transportation Corps Regiment's activation ceremony occurred on 26 July 1986 at Fort Eustis, Virginia with an effective date of 31 July 1986.  

II. DESIGNATION AND LOCATION  

A. The official designation of the Regiment is the Transportation Corps Regiment.  

B. The Regimental Headquarters is located at Fort Lee, Virginia.  

III. RESPONSIBILITIES  

A. Regimental Positions:  

1. Regimental Commandant. The Chief of Transportation is designated the Regimental Commandant. The Regimental Commandant’s duties include:  

a. Presiding at all Regimental functions.  

b. Selecting and appointing all individual awards and honorary positions.  

c. Ensuring all Soldiers are regimentally affiliated.  

d. Planning, budgeting, and programming necessary support of regimental activities.  

e. Ensuring the intent and spirit of the Regimental System is maintained to include a TC Corps marketing plan to educate Soldiers about the regimental system and to keep Soldiers informed of corps activities, events, and historical significance of the TC Corps.
2. Chaplain Support. Chaplain support required for Regimental activities or events at Fort Lee will be coordinated through the CASCOM Chaplain’s Office and for activities or events at Joint Base Langley Eustis (JBLE) will be coordinated through the Regimental Chapel at JBLE. The selected chaplain will serve as the Regimental Chaplain for that event or activity. The Regimental Chaplain’s duties include:

   a. Advising the Transportation Corps Commandant and staff on religion, morals, morale, and chaplain support activities.
   
   b. Ensuring that Regimental policies and leadership practices are in keeping with moral, ethical, and humanitarian standards.
   
   c. Ensuring that a variety of worship opportunities for the free exercise of religion is practiced throughout the Regiment.
   
   d. Participating in Regimental functions and activities.
   
   e. Performing liaison visits to units in the Regiment.

3. Regimental Adjutant. The Regimental Commandant may appoint an individual to serve as the Regimental Adjutant as an additional duty. The Regimental Adjutant’s duties include:

   a. Serving as an advisor to the Transportation Corps Commandant on all matters pertaining to the Regimental system.
   
   b. Monitoring the overall strength of the Regiment.
   
   c. Acting as liaison between the Regiment and the Department of the Army.
   
   d. Acting as liaison between units of the Regiment.
   
   e. Interfacing with private organizations in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
   
   f. Interfacing with the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and scheduling his/her visits.
   
   g. Monitoring the fill, responsibilities, and activities associated with the Honorary Regimental positions.
   
   h. Preparing and distributing Regimental correspondence.
   
   i. Supporting and assisting in executing the Transportation Corps’ publicity and campaign plans.
4. Regimental Warrant Officer (RWO). The United States Army Transportation Corps Regimental Warrant Officer will serve as the RWO. The Regimental Warrant Officer’s duties include:

   a. Serving as an advisor to the Transportation Corps Commandant on matters pertaining to the Transportation Corps Warrant Officer COHORT.

   b. Monitoring the Transportation Corps Warrant Officer strength to determine and maintain the health of the populations.

   c. Acting as liaison between units and the Regiment.

   d. Interfacing with the Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment on briefings and guest appearance schedules.

   e. Review nominations for the position of the Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment.

   f. Supporting and assisting in executing the Transportation Corps' publicity and campaign plans.

   g. Presiding, along with the Regimental Commandant at all Regimental activities and events.

5. The United States Army Transportation Corps Command Sergeant Major will serve as the Regimental Command Sergeant Major (RCSM). The RCSM’s duties include:

   a. Serving as an advisor to the Transportation Corps Commandant on matters pertaining to the enlisted force.

   b. Monitoring the enlisted strength of the Regiment to determine and maintain the health of the enlisted population.

   c. Acting as liaison between units and the Regiment.

   d. Interfacing with the Honorary Regimental Command Sergeant Major in scheduling visits and appearances at Regimental functions.

   e. Reviewing nominations for the position of Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major.

   f. Preparing and distributing Regimental correspondence pertaining to enlisted Soldiers.

   g. Supporting and assisting in executing the Transportation Corps' publicity and campaign plans.
h. Presiding along with the Transportation Corps Commandant at all Regimental activities and events.

6. The Office of the Chief of Transportation, Fort Lee, Virginia, will administer the regimental program and activities to include:

   a. Distributing a Letter of Instruction detailing the program to each major command every year. The award period will be the preceding calendar year.

   b. Convening a selection board to review nomination packets and select awardees.

   c. Preparing a letter of notification through the major and joint commands to all selectees, upon completion of the selection board.

B. Honorary Regimental positions (if appointed by the Regimental Commandant) would serve and perform the duties as the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (HCOR), Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment (HWOOR), Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment (HSGMOR), and Honorary Civilian of the Regiment (HCIVOR).

   1. Criteria.

      a. The HCOR must be a retired officer with the rank of colonel or above, who has served in the Transportation Corps.

      b. The HWOOR must be a retired warrant officer with the rank of CW4 or above and must have prior service in the Transportation Corps.

      c. The HSGMOR must be a retired Sergeant Major and must have had prior service in the Transportation Corps in a transportation career field occupational series.

      d. The HCIVOR must be a retired Department of the Army Civilian with former service in a transportation career field occupational series.

      e. Only one HCOR, HWOOR, HSGMOR, and HCIVOR will serve at any one time.

   2. Special Appointments.

      a. The Honorary Colonels, Honorary Warrant Officers, Honorary Sergeants Major, and Distinguished Members of the Regiment or Corps provide a link with the history for today’s Soldiers. The primary mission of these special appointees is to perpetuate the history and traditions of the regiment or corps, thereby enhancing unit morale and esprit de corps. The Honorary Member of the Regiment position is designated to recognize non-regimental or corps members for their service to the regiment or corps.
b. Nominations for the HCOR, HWOOR, HSGMOR, and HCIVOR will be solicited from throughout the Regiment bi-annually for appointment and service. Nomination packets will include career highlights, awards and decorations, a biographical sketch, and a recent head and shoulders photograph in military uniform for the HCOR, HWOOR and HSGMOR or appropriate civilian attire for the HCIVOR. Nominations will be staffed by the Regimental Committee and approved by the Regimental Commandant.

c. The period of service for the HCOR, HWOOR, HSGMOR and HCIVOR will be three years. A second three-year tour may be granted by the Regimental Commandant. Appointments may be revoked or terminated by the Regimental Commandant following thirty days of advance notice.

d. Investiture will be held at an appropriate ceremony in which the honorary member will receive a certificate that designates their appointment.

e. Duties and Functions. The duties of the HCOR, HWOOR, HSGMOR, and HCIVOR are purely ceremonial. Attendance at regimental or corps functions and participation in all Regimental activities is encouraged. Their presence at Regimental functions and ceremonies fosters esprit de corps, traditions and the perpetuation of the history of the regiment.

C. Honorary Transporter.

1. Criteria.

   a. The title of Honorary Transporter is intended for Friends of the Regiment (FOR). It may be bestowed on nonmembers of the Regiment who have associated themselves with the Transportation Corps through their work or actions. The individual may be any rank, civilian or military, a member of another armed service or Army Branch, or a citizen of another country. However, contractors are not eligible for this recognition.

   b. The Regimental Commandant determines and approves the number of Honorary Transporters selected and appointed each year.

2. Appointment.

   a. Any person may nominate an individual for appointment as an Honorary Transporter by forwarding a cover letter and nomination packet. The nomination packet should be completed as follows:

      (1) A cover letter (see example below) which provides the nominee's name and rank/grade. The nominator should also provide his/her full name, mailing address, and phone number to assist in obtaining further information, if needed. The nominator should state the proposed presentation date and specify which address the certificate should be forwarded if the nomination is approved and the recipient cannot attend the designated ceremony. The nomination packet must include the following
statement: "There are no known adverse personnel actions pending on the individual being nominated."

(2) PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON ANY DOCUMENT.

(3) A justification letter limited to no more than two pages, discussing the nominee's contributions to the Transportation Corps.

(4) The nomination and supporting documentation, should be forwarded to the Office of the Chief of Transportation (ATZF-OCT), 2221 Adams Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia, 23801-2102 or via electronic mail at the following address: usarmy.lee.tradoc.mbx.transportation-proponency-office@mail.mil NLT 30 days prior to the anticipated presentation date.

b. The Regimental Commandant approves the selection of all Honorary Transporters upon recommendations from the regimental committee (consisting of the OCOT, Regimental Warrant Officer, Command Sergeant Major, and a senior representative from Office Chief, Reserve Affairs (OCRA), and the Deputy).

c. Upon confirmation of the appointment, a certificate will be prepared and returned to the nominator to be presented at an appropriate ceremony.

d. Tenure for an Honorary Transporter is indefinite; however, the Regimental Commandant may revoke the status of Honorary Transporter for just cause.

D. Affiliation.

1. Affiliation is the relationship that a Soldier or Civilian has with the Transportation Corps Regiment. The Soldier is affiliated with the Regiment regardless of his/her assignment. A Civilian is affiliated with the Regiment as long as he/she serves or has served in an Army Transportation position.

2. Transportation Corps Soldiers will automatically be affiliated with the Transportation Corps Regiment upon completion of the Transportation Basic Officer Leader’s Course (TBOLC), the Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) or Advanced Individual Training (AIT).

3. Transportation Corps Soldiers may not change their affiliation unless they change their branch or MOS to one that is not in the Transportation Corps Regiment. Soldiers who branch transfer must have their records changed to reflect affiliation. Procedures for changing records begin at the unit level.

4. In accordance with published uniform regulations, all Transportation Corps Soldiers will wear the Transportation Corps Regimental Crest as the symbol of affiliation.
IV. ACCOUTREMENTS

A. Regimental Crest.

1. Background. The Regimental Commandant approved the Regimental crest design on 18 February 1986, based on a concept submitted by the Assistant Commandant, US Army Transportation School. The Institute of Heraldry prepared final artwork and prototype crests.

2. Design. The crest is composed of two pieces, permanently secured. It consists of the TC branch insignia over a brick red spearhead with the unit motto "Spearhead of Logistics," inscribed below in blue letters. Brick red and golden yellow are the colors associated with the Transportation Corps. The traditional insignia of the branch superimposed on the spearhead denotes the spirit of the motto. The branch insignia consists of the car wheel symbolizing rail transportation, the wings symbolizing air transportation, a mariner’s helm for water transportation, and a US highway marker shield for land transportation.

3. Official Description (The Institute of Heraldry). A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/4 inches in height overall consisting of a ship’s steering wheel bearing a shield charged with a winged car wheel on a rail, all gold, centered upon a brick red spearhead pointed up, all standing upon a curving gold scroll spanning the lower tips of the spearhead and inscribed "SPEARHEAD OF LOGISTICS" in blue letters.

4. Wear. All Soldiers with a Transportation Corps primary specialty/MOS will wear the Regimental crest as a sign of affiliation in accordance with AR 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia). The following TC personnel will wear the Regimental Crest in lieu of distinctive unit insignia on the appropriate uniform: Regimental Commandant; Regimental Sergeant Major; Regimental Adjutant; Regimental Chaplain, Regimental Warrant Officer and military personnel assigned to the Office of the Chief of Transportation.

B. Regimental Flag.

1. Background. The Regimental Commandant approved the Regimental Flag design on 10 March 1986.

2. Design. The background of the flag is brick red and the principal device is the Regimental Crest, beneath which are the words, "Transportation Corps." The flag is trimmed with gold fringe. The colors, brick red and golden yellow, correspond to the official colors of the Transportation Corps.

3. Display.

a. There is only one official flag for the Regiment. It will be on permanent display in the office of the Regimental Commandant and will be displayed at all functions, parades, reviews, and so forth, in which the Regimental Commandant
participates. The flag will also be displayed during Rites of Passage ceremonies as described in Section VIII. It may be displayed at other Regimental functions with the Regimental Commandant's approval. Replica flags may be maintained in those areas frequented by the Regimental Commandant, such as the US Army Transportation School (USATSCH) and the USATSCH Theater.

b. When a valid justification exists for a replica flag, an organization may request permission from the Regimental Adjutant to have replica flags produced. The requesting unit will fund replica flags.

c. The replica flag must be produced using the official manufacturer's drawings furnished by The Institute of Heraldry (TIOH). However, the requesting organization must arrange for procurement of flags through a commercial source and provide the funding for the flag. The completed flag must be forwarded to TIOH for inspection to ensure that the design is accurate, and that it meets acceptable quality standards. The flag must contain a tab on the hoist insert containing the word "replica." Appropriated or nonappropriated funds may be used for procurement, depending upon the intended use of the flag. For example, appropriated funds could be used for a flag to be displayed in a chapel, but not for a flag displayed in an officers' or noncommissioned officers' club.

V. REGIMENTAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

A. REGIMENTAL HONORS: The Regimental Honors, Awards and Affiliation Program is intended to recognize those who have contributed to the welfare of the Transportation Corps Regiment, active or reserve component, as Department of the Army civilians or retiree. The award programs further serve as a link between members of the regiments currently serving and those who have separated from service, but continue to advance the interests of the transportation corps as well as perpetuate the history and traditions of the Transportation Corps. These recognized individuals serve as role models, advocates and public examples to all members of the regiment through their sterling example, they enhance unit morale, cohesion and esprit, and promote the war-fighting ethos, unwavering sense of pride and selfless service of today's Soldiers.

B. APPROVING AUTHORITY: The Regimental Commandant is the final approving authority for all awardees recognized each year.

C. CITIZENSHIP: Non-citizens may be considered for recognition as an Honorary Member or Honorary Transporter of the Regiment if they have provided a contribution or service to the Transportation Corps Regiment.

D. REGIMENTAL BOARD: The Regimental Commandant will convene a board, generally in April of each year, to assess all nominations and to select the awardees. The selection board will make selections from a review of four nominative categories: Officer, Warrant Officer, Noncommissioned Officer, DA Civilian and enlisted Soldier. To ensure all deserving individuals are recognized, the program is further divided into
three separate categories, Hall of Fame (HOF), Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR), and Of the Years (OTY).

1. Board Membership Selection: The regimental committee will compile a list of all eligible board members, using the criteria below, for the Regimental Commandant’s selection and final approval to serve as board members. The board members primary duty is to receive and vote on nominations for induction into the HOF, to select members for the DMOR and OTY candidates on an annual basis. A description of the minimum criteria for board membership and the process for nomination is described below:

   a. Officers: Select officers in the grade/rank of O5/LTC or higher from the Active Component and Reserve Component. Each Officer must have served at Battalion or higher to be a board member.

   b. Warrant Officers: Select warrant officers at the grade/rank of CW4 or CW5 from the Active and Reserve Component. Each Officer must have served at the Battalion or higher to be a board member.

   c. Enlisted: Select Senior Enlisted Soldiers at the grade/rank of E-9/SGM from the Active and Reserve Component. Each sergeant major must have served at the Battalion or higher to be a board member.

   d. DA Civilian: Select DA Civilians at the grade of GS-12 and higher. Each DA Civilian must currently serve in a position that supports the Transportation Corps.

   e. HOF and DMOR: Select officer and enlisted HOF and DMOR members who volunteer for board membership (if available).

2. After eligible board members ORBs/ERBs/Resumes are reviewed by the regimental committee they will make recommendations for selection of board members to the Regimental Commandant. The Regimental Commandant will make the final selection on all board members annually. The regimental committee will ensure they recommend an appropriate mix of active duty, reserve component, and retired members for the board.

3. Once all board members are selected, the OCOT will respond to any questions generated by the board members and provide all necessary guidance and voting procedures.

E. The Transportation Corps (TC) Hall of Fame (HOF). The HOF is reserved solely as a retirement recognition. The HOF program is designed to recognize truly outstanding Soldiers and civilians with a long and distinguished transportation career who have significantly contributed to the proud heritage of the Army and the Transportation Corps Regiment.
1. Criteria.

   a. A HOF nominee (either military or civilian) must have been a member of the Transportation Corps and made significant contributions that distinguish them above their peers. A significant contribution to the US Army Transportation Corps Regiment is any action or sustained series of actions beyond the realm of normal duty performance that substantially enhanced the accomplishment of the US Army Transportation Corps Regiment’s mission. Attainment of a high rank and/or position is not necessarily indicative of a significant contribution.

   b. The nominee must be retired from the Transportation Corps at least one calendar year before being nominated for the HOF.

   c. An individual may be nominated for the TC HOF posthumously. There is no waiting period for posthumous Hall of Fame nominees.

   d. Transportation Corps Medal of Honor recipients are automatically inducted into the TC HOF.

2. Appointment.

   a. Any current or former member of the Transportation Corps Regiment with knowledge of the nominee’s service and performance may prepare and submit a nomination packet as described in Enclosure 1 - HOF Nomination Packet:

   b. To be considered by the HOF Selection Board, completed nomination packets must be received by the Office of the Chief of Transportation NLT 15 April of each year. Complete nomination packets not received by the due date will not be considered for induction by the selection board for that year (for specific requirements, refer to the HOF Letter of Instruction (LOI) published annually):

      (1) A biographical sketch of the individual’s career highlights, including a listing of awards and decorations. The biography will consist of no more than 3,500 characters in a 12-point font outlining the career and significant accomplishments that enhanced the Corps while the nominee was on Active Duty or in Federal Service (see LOI for an example).

      (2) A clear 5x7 photo of the nominee, from the shoulders up in color. Military photo will be the command or DA photo. Civilian photograph will be taken in business attire.

      (3) Nomination and endorsement letters, no more than a one page narrative (no less than 400 words) detailing the nominee’s distinguished service, performance, and significant contributions to the U.S. Army Transportation Corps.

   c. Nominators can submit one nomination packet per given year for the HOF. The Office of the Chief of Transportation will promptly notify the nominator if
his/her nomination packet lacks sufficient detail and documentation to be considered for selection.

(1) Nomination packets should be e-mailed to:

usarmy.lee.tradoc.mbx.transportation-proponency-office@mail.mil
Subject: 2016 HOF Nomination Packet for: Nominee Name
Format: Submit both a Microsoft word and PDF format.

(2) Nomination packets may be mailed to:

Director, Office of the Chief of Transportation
2221 Adams Avenue, 3rd Floor
Fort Lee, VA 23801-2102

d. Tenure. Tenure in the HOF is indefinite; however, it may be revoked by the Regimental Commandant as appropriate.

e. Upon confirmation of the appointment, the Regimental Adjutant will prepare a letter of notification, to be signed by the Regimental Commandant for dispatch to the HOF inductee or their immediate family, if the individual is deceased. Notifications will occur NLT 45 days prior to the induction ceremony to allow time for travel arrangements.

f. Induction will be held at an appropriate ceremony during the TC Regimental Activities each year.

3. Duties and functions.

a. HOF members' duties are purely ceremonial and honorary.

b. HOF members may attend / participate in Regimental activities at their own expense.

4. Scheduling. Arrangements for HOF members to attend unit functions will be coordinated directly with the HOF member concerned.

F. Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR). DMORs are individuals who have served with the regiment on Active Duty or in the Army Reserve and who have distinguished themselves through their military service, civilian service, or other significant service rendered for the betterment of their community, state, or nation. The designation is bestowed on these individuals by the Secretary of the Army after a thorough vetting process by the Regimental Board and the Regimental Commandant.

1. Criteria.

a. To be eligible for induction as a DMOR, an individual must have served in the Transportation Regiment.
b. Automatic Inductees. Transportation Soldiers killed in action during combat operations are automatically inducted. These are the only automatic inductees.

c. The recognition of DMOR may be awarded posthumously, to military or civilians who served in the Transportation Corps.

d. DMORs members may attend / participate in Regimental activities at their own expense.

2. Appointment.

a. Any person in the Regiment may nominate up to three individuals each year for appointment as a DMOR by forwarding a one-page written justification to the Regimental Adjutant, along with a biographical sketch from the nominee that includes military or civilian career highlights, significant contributions to the Transportation Corps, and a listing of awards and decorations.

b. The Regimental Commandant will convene a board, generally in April of each year, to judge all nominations and select DMOR inductees. The Regimental Commandant is the final approval authority for all DMOR inductees and will determine the number of DMORs inducted each year.

c. Tenure as a DMOR is indefinite; however, it may be revoked by the Regimental Commandant as appropriate.

d. Upon confirmation of the appointment, the Regimental Adjutant will prepare a letter of notification for dispatch to the DMOR or immediate family, if the individual is deceased. Notifications will occur NLT 45 days prior to the induction ceremony to allow time for travel arrangements.

e. Induction will be held at an appropriate ceremony during TC Regimental Activities each year.

f. Duties and Functions. The duties of a DMOR are purely ceremonial.

G. Of The Year (OTY) recognitions: Transportation Corps Regimental Officer, Warrant Officer, Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Civilian of the Year Program is open to all Transportation Corps military and civilian personnel who distinguish themselves by outstanding service and performance for or on behalf of the Transportation Corps during the previous calendar year.

1. Background. Effective calendar year 1989, the Transportation Corps Regiment formally recognized the Transportation Corps Regimental Officer, Noncommissioned Officer and Civilian of the Year. The award was designed to recognize one deserving individual from each category for the calendar year. Effective calendar year 1998, the program was expanded to select a Reserve Component Transportation Corps Regimental Officer and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.
Effective calendar year 1999, the program was expanded to select an Active and Reserve Component Warrant Officer of the Year. Effective calendar year 2014, the Soldier of the year was added.

2. Applicability.
   a. Officers. All Transportation Corps Officers through Captain (non-promotable) are eligible for this award.
   b. Warrant Officers. All Transportation Corps Warrant Officers through Warrant Officer Three (non-promotable) are eligible for this award.
   c. Noncommissioned Officers. All Transportation Corps Noncommissioned Officers Sergeant through Sergeant First Class (non-promotable) are eligible for this award.
   d. Enlisted Soldier. All Transportation Corps Soldiers are eligible for this award.
   e. Officers, Warrant Officers, and Noncommissioned Officers not with the Army (e.g., foreign exchange programs, other branches of service, or those in other branches of the Army) are ineligible for recognition for this award.
   f. Department of the Army (DA) Civilians.
      (1) General Schedule (GS) civilian employees in all Career Field (CF) and job series. GS employees GS-9 through GS-12 are eligible for this award.
      (2) Federal Wage System (FWS) civilian employees in all Career Fields (CF) and job series. FWS Wage Grade (WG), Wage Leader (WL), and Wage Supervisor (WS) employees in the grades up to and including 10 are eligible for this award.

3. Appointment.
   a. Nominations will be solicited annually for each award. Current commanders or line supervisors may prepare and submit a nomination packet, as described in Enclosure 1, explaining why the individual should be selected as the Active Duty or Reserve Component Transportation Corps Regimental Officer, Warrant Officer, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Soldier or DA Transportation Civilian of the Year.
   b. Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard units should submit at least one nomination packet for consideration for each of the following categories: Officer, Warrant Officer, Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, and at least one nomination packet for Civilian of the Year by the deadline stated in the LOI published annually.
c. An individual can submit only one nomination packet per category per given year for the OTY. A complete OTY nomination packet example can be found at Enclosure 1.

4. Nominations packets will include:

   a. One photo from the shoulders up ("head and shoulders"), military in Class A uniform; civilians should wear equivalent business attire. A DA photo is acceptable for deployed Soldiers who are nominated for this award. Photos should be clear and free of visual defect.

   b. Accomplishments/contributions for the calendar year.

   c. Accomplishments/contributions to the community/civic duty.

   d. Statement from the unit commander or first-line supervisor explaining why the individual should be selected for the award.

   d. Assignment history.

   e. Education and training.

4. List of awards/decorations.

5. Chain of command endorsement.

5. Nomination packets should be e-mailed or mailed to:

   usarmy.lee.tradoc.mbx.transporation-proponency-office@mail.mil
   Subject: 2016 OTY Nomination Packet for: Nominee Name
   Format: Submit both a Microsoft word and PDF format.

Nomination packets may be mailed to:

   Director, Office of the Chief of Transportation
   2221 Adams Avenue, 3rd Floor
   Fort Lee, VA 23801-2102

6. Award Presentation. The winner from each category will be presented with an individual award during an appropriate Regimental function at a date determined by the Regimental Commandant.
VI. MEMORABILIA

A. Definition. Items specifically created for the Regiment or activities of the Regiment and gifts presented to members of the Regiment for the Regiment are defined as memorabilia.

B. Disposition/Display. The Director of the Transportation Museum is designated as the caretaker of Regimental memorabilia. Persons receiving memorabilia will forward these items to the director for safekeeping. The director will document the item, annotate the persons presenting and receiving the item and the occasion. The item will be secured and placed under proper control. Items may be loaned out for display in the Regimental Headquarters or for Regimental activities at the discretion of the director. Those items remaining in the Museum will be displayed in a special section/room for Regimental memorabilia only.

VII. REGIMENTAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

A. Ceremony. Entrance into the Regiment marks a milestone in the career and professional development of the individual. As such, it must be celebrated with a special ceremony to commemorate this occasion. All persons entering the Regiment after 31 July 1986 will undergo the Rite of Passage. The Regimental Induction Ceremony is normally conducted prior to the course graduation. Additionally, Transportation Regiment Lieutenants travel to Fort Eustis, VA to participate in a tour of the US Army Transportation Museum as part of the regimental induction ceremony. The ceremony agenda is such that each Lieutenant must be able to answer a series of questions asked by an active and/or retired group of officers, warrant officers, and non-commissioned officers. After each Lieutenant has correctly answered all questions posed they will receive their regimental crest from the President of the Board. Concluding the ceremonial event is a Grog Ceremony, followed by a reception. All ingredients for the Grog Ceremony and menu for the reception will be provided by the Transportation headquarters. This ceremony may also be incorporated into graduation ceremonies for the Transportation Basic Officer Leader Course (TBOLC), Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC), and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). This ceremony can also be used by organizations with Department of the Army (DA) Transportation civilians in Career Program (CP) 24. The following will be included in the ceremony:

1. History of the Corps and significance of the Regiment

2. Presentation of diplomas/certificates of investiture and Regimental Crests (for military personnel) or lapel pins (for civilian personnel)

B. History. The following history of the Corps and significance of the Regimental Crest will be read by the designated Transportation Corps representative:

The United States Army Transportation Corps is one of the Army's youngest service branches, having been established in 1942. However, the origin of its vital role extends back as far as the Revolutionary War when animal-drawn transportation was
used to move American and French forces. With the Civil War, came the extensive use of the Military Railway Service in moving the troops to battle. The importance of transportation for the military increased rapidly as the US Army Transport Service appeared during the Spanish-American War; subsequently, the Transportation Service was created in World War II, the key role of transportation again became clear. In March 1942, military transportation functions were taken from the Quartermaster Corps and given to the Transportation service of the newly created Services of Supply. On 31 July 1942, President Roosevelt, faced with the largest mobilization in history, established the Transportation Corps. This new Corps took over railway operations and maintenance from the Corps of Engineers in November 1942. From 1941 to 1945, the Transportation Corps moved 30 million Soldiers within the United States and carried seven million Soldiers and 126 million tons of supplies overseas, a decisive part in the Allied victory. From 1948 to 1949, the Transportation Corps again played a major role in the Berlin Airlift. On 28 June 1950, Congress officially recognized the importance of the Transportation Corps by making it a permanent branch of the Army. Transportation Corps support continued into the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict, Grenada, Panama, Southwest Asia, Somali, Haiti, Bosnia, and most recently in Afghanistan and Iraq. The incorporation of the Transportation Corps into the US Army’s Regimental System on 31 July 1986 marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the Corps. Regimental affiliation fosters a spirit of pride, unity, cohesion and cooperation among Transportation Corps Soldiers and civilians and provides an organization that promotes and encourages professional development and growth. The past accomplishments and the future vision of the Transportation Corps are testimony to the professionalism, dedication and pride that has made the Transportation Corps the Spearhead of Logistics.

The Regimental Crest, which is presented to you today, is your sign of affiliation under the US Army Regimental System with the Transportation Corps. Wear this crest above your nameplate on the Army dress uniform, regardless of your unit of assignment; or for Department of the Army Civilians, wear the crest in an appropriate place. Wear it with pride since it is symbolic of your mission. Brick red and golden yellow are the official colors of the Transportation Corps. The traditional insignia of the branch, superimposed on the spearhead, denotes the spirit of the motto. The branch insignia consists of the car wheel symbolizing rail transportation, the wings symbolizing air transportation, a mariner’s helm for water transportation, and an US highway marker shield for land transportation.

Upon completion of the reading, the new members of the Regiment will be called forward to receive diplomas or certificates of investiture from the host officer. They will then receive their Regimental Crest or lapel pin from the Honorary Colonel, Honorary Warrant Officer, Honorary Sergeant Major or Honorary Civilian of the Regiment or his designed Transportation Corps representatives and will then be officially welcomed into the Corps. (Regimental crests will not be awarded to members of other services or allied students.)
VIII. REGIMENTAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A. **Annual Regimental Review.** The annual Regimental Review will be held the end of July at Fort Lee, Virginia, the home of the Regiment. Units from Fort Lee, Fort Eustis, and Fort Story may represent the Regiment in the Review. Traditionally, the Chief of Transportation or senior Transportation Corps officer on active duty is the reviewing officer for the Review.

B. **Transportation Corps Regimental Ball.** The annual Transportation Corps Ball hosted by Fort Lee will be known as the Transportation Corps Regimental Ball.

1. The Transportation Corps Regimental Ball will be held in conjunction with the traditional birthday of the Transportation Corps.

2. The Transportation Corps Regimental Ball will be held at an appropriate establishment in a location as designated by the Chief of Transportation.

3. The Regimental Commandant will serve as the host for the Transportation Corps Regimental Ball.

4. The Transportation Corps Regimental Ball will be completely self-supporting and paid for by the personnel attending the ball.

5. Transportation Corps Regimental traditions and esprit de corps will be carried on throughout the ball.

C. **Transportation Corps Regimental Memorial Chapel.** The Chapel, located on the corner of Lee Boulevard and Madison Avenue, Fort Eustis, Virginia, was rededicated as the Transportation Corps Regimental Memorial Chapel on 1 August 1987. Features of the Transportation Corps Regimental Chapel include:

1. Stained Glass Replica of the Regimental Crest and the Transportation Center Insignia donated by the Army Transportation Museum Foundation.

2. The Memorial Wall lists the names of the United States Army Transportation Corps personnel killed in conflicts from WWII through present.

3. Eighteen stained glass windows, three panels each, depicting past and present Transportation Corps unit insignias.

4. Fifty-six flags representing the fifty states and six US territories.

D. **Regimental Room.** The Regimental Room has since been moved to the Transportation Corps Museum on Fort Eustis. A room in the Fort Eustis Club was previously dedicated on 30 July 1988 as the Transportation Corps Regimental Room. Significant Regimental memorabilia, Transportation Corps commemorative prints, and gifts were displayed in the Regimental Room.
IX. REGIMENTAL HONORS EXAMPLES

Transportation Corps Hall of Fame

In recognition of the need for a single branch to manage military transportation during World War II, the US Army created the Transportation Corps on 31 July 1942. In acknowledgement of its lasting value to the US Army, President Harry Truman signed into law making the Transportation Corps one of the permanent branches of the Army on 28 June 1950. To provide the greater sense of belonging, the Army Chief of Staff authorized a system for sustainment branches on 31 December 1985; and on 31 July 1986, the Transportation Corps Regiment was activated with its motto, Spearhead of Logistics. The Transportation Corps Regiment provides a solid base upon which Transporters worldwide can unite with pride and encourages professional growth and development.

In 1996, the Transportation Corps Regiment established the Hall of Fame (HOF) award as its highest form of recognition for those Transporters who have made significant contributions to the overall history and traditions of the Transportation Corps. This much coveted award honors individuals who are judged by a Selection Board appointed by the Regimental Commander for their lifelong contributions to the Transportation Corps, the US Army and the United States. The distinction of Hall of Fame is a lifelong honor integral to the perpetuation of the Regiment. Only a few of the Transportation Corps’ outstanding Soldiers, Officers and Civilians are recognized as Hall of Fame members. Your selection for this honor reflects highly on your service to the US Army and the Transportation Corps. All Medal of Honor recipients are automatically inducted in the Hall of Fame. Those distinguished members of the Regiment inducted into the Hall of Fame are recognized with the Transportation Corps Regimental crest superimposed over a five pointed star symbolizing the nation and representing the highest form of achievement in the Transportation Corps Regiment.

FIRST NAME, MI, LAST NAME
Command Sergeant Major, USA
Regimental Command Sergeant Major

FIRST NAME, MI, LAST NAME
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief of Transportation
United States Army Transportation Corps

To all who shall see these, greetings.

Know ye that The Chief of Transportation acknowledges

Brigadier General John R. Doe, Retired

as an esteemed member of the Transportation Corps Hall of Fame, in recognition of a lifetime of distinguished service to the United States Army Transportation Corps and unparalleled contributions to the development of military transportation in the United States Army. His tireless efforts have set the example for all Transporters, current and future, and thus established the enduring legacy that is the Spearhead of Logistics.

Given Under My Authority
On this 30th day of July 2016

FIRST NAME, MI, LAST NAME
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief of Transportation

Example of the HOF Certificate (Left Side)

Example of the HOF Certificate (Right Side)
Enclosure 1: HOF Nomination Packet

**Nominee Contact Information:**

RANK/GRADE and NAME (First, Middle, Last):

NOMINEE NOK (If Deceased):

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:   Home:  
                      Work:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

PRESENT DUTY POSITION/OCCUPATION OR EMPLOYMENT (if applicable):

YEARS OF MILITARY/CIVILIAN SERVICE/RETIREMENT DATE:

**Nominator Contact Information:**

NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:   Home:  
                      Work:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

**Nomination Letter:** NO MORE THAN ONE PAGE of a detailed narrative (no less than 400 words) outlining the nominee’s distinguished service, performance, and significant contributions to the U.S. Army Transportation Corps (see AR 25-50, page 23, figure 2-11).

**Endorsement Letters:** NO MORE THAN ONE PAGE endorsement letters (no less than 400 words) supporting the nomination of the nominee, providing a detailed descriptive narrative of the nominee’s distinguished service, performance, and significant contributions to the US Army Transportation Corps. Multiple endorsement letters (at least two, but no more than five) must be sent on behalf of the nominee.

**Biography:** The biography will consist of no more than 3,500 characters in a 12-point font of the individuals career highlights and/or significant accomplishments or contributions that enhanced the Corps while the nominee was on Active Duty or in Federal Service including a list of awards and decorations.

**Chronological Resume of Military/Civilian Service**

- Include job title, organization, and years of assignment/service in chronological order
- US Decorations and Badges
- Education (Military/Civilian and degrees earned)

**Photograph:** One 5x7 photo of the nominee, from the shoulders up in color. Military photo will be the command or DA photo. Civilian photo will be in business attire.
Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR)

In recognition of the need for a single branch to manage military transportation during World War II, the US Army created the Transportation Corps on 31 July 1942. In acknowledgement of its lasting value to the US Army, President Harry Truman signed into law making the Transportation Corps one of the permanent branches of the Army on 28 June 1950. To provide the greater sense of belonging, the Army Chief of Staff authorized a system for sustainment branches on 31 December 1985; and on 31 July 1986, the Transportation Corps Regiment was activated with its motto, Spearhead of Logistics. The Transportation Corps Regiment provides a solid base upon which Transporters worldwide can unite with pride and encourages professional growth and development.

In 1998, the Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR) award was introduced to honor selected individuals who have made distinguished contributions to the Transportation Corps, and who, by virtue of prestige, status and experience, will assist in fostering Regimental pride and esprit de corps, heritage and tradition. The distinction of Distinguished Member of the Regiment is a lifelong honor integral to the perpetuation of the Regiment. Only a few of the Transportation Corps’ outstanding Soldiers, Officers and Civilians are distinguished as DMORs. DMORs are recognized with the wearing of the Transportation Corps Regimental crest with DMOR inscribed in the scroll. Your consideration for this honor reflects highly on your service to the US Army and the Transportation Corps.

Example of the DMOR Certificate (Left Side)
IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIMENTAL CONTINUITY, TRADITION AND ESPRIT DE CORPS

By Order of the Secretary of the Army

is granted and assigned the distinction of

Distinguished Member

of the

REGIMENT

Example of the DMOR Certificate (Right Side)
Enclosure 1: DMOR Nomination Packet

**NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION:**

RANK/GRADE and NAME (First, Middle, Last):

NOMINEE NOK (If Deceased):

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:   Home:
                        Work:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

PRESENT DUTY POSITION/OCCUPATION OR EMPLOYMENT (if applicable):

YEARS OF MILITARY/CIVILIAN SERVICE/RETIREMENT DATE:

**NOMINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:   Home:
                        Work:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

**NOMINATION LETTER:** NO MORE THAN ONE PAGE of a detailed narrative (no less than 400 words) outlining the nominee’s distinguished service, performance, and significant contributions to the U.S. Army Transportation Corps (see AR 25-50, page 23, figure 2-11).

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**CHRONOLOGICAL RESUME OF MILITARY/CIVILIAN SERVICE**

- Include job title, organization, and years of assignment/service in chronological order
- US Decorations and Badges
- Education (Military/Civilian and degrees earned)

**PHOTOGRAPH:** One 5 x 7 photo of the nominee, from the shoulders up in color. Military photo will be the command or DA photo. Civilian photograph will be in business attire.
Enclosure 1: OTY Nomination Packet

**NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION:**

RANK/GRADE and NAME (First, Middle, Last):

NOMINEE NOK (If Deceased):

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  Home:  Work:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

PRESENT DUTY POSITION/OCCUPATION OR EMPLOYMENT (if applicable):

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commandant, U.S. Army Transportation Corps and School, ATTN: OCOT, Fort Lee, VA 23801

SUBJECT: Nomination of Mr. John T. Doe for Friend of the TC Regiment

1. I am honored to nominate Mr. John T. Doe as a candidate for Friend of the Transportation Corps Regiment.

2. There are no known adverse personnel actions pending on Mr. Doe.

3. Attached is a summary of Mr. Doe’s significant contributions.

4. The proposed presentation date is _________.

5. If this nomination is approved, request it be sent to (complete address of the nominee). POC for this award is ________________ @ telephone number XXX-XXX-XXXX and email address ________________.
The Transportation Corps Regimental Prayer

Lord of life, God of our Fathers, we give you thanks for our rich American heritage; a heritage which encompasses years of American endeavor, and one which includes the true and noble spirit of the Army Transportation Corps. We give you thanks for the soldiers of the Transportation Corps Regiment, who have historically served our country in peace and war. We especially thank you for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our freedom.

We ask your blessings on the members of the Transportation Corps Regiment and their families as they serve our nation worldwide. Keep them ever mindful of duty, honor, country.

We ask that you keep the Transportation Corps Regiment physically fit and strong in the determination to do the just and the right. Encourage its leaders to continually build a Regiment that strengthens the Army and the nation.

AMEN
Song of The Army Transportation Corps

Words and Music by HERMAN HUPFELD

The stuff has gotta get to 'bucks' to the 'boots'; that we know. Give 'em feed 'em, how we need 'em, Bill and Bob. Give 'em plenty of beef and bullets, They'll be mopping up the foe.

Refrain

We load the ships We load the trains
So that the other lads can load the guns and planes.

When you hear a mighty roar, It's the Transportation Corps We've gotta deliver the goods and not a single man complains. Along the road Along the track The briny deep We get 'em there, We bring 'em back.

Day and night We're on duty on the sea and shore; Always ready to join the fight to save the nation The Army Transportation Corps! We load the Corps!
THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS CREED

I am Transportation … the Spearhead of Logistics… I am movement by air, land, sea and rail.

My humble beginnings hail from the Quartermaster Corps. I was there for our fighting forces from the hills to the shores. Long before the Navy, my vessels sailed upon rivers and oceans; I supported a fledgling Continental Army as it moved across the Delaware. I moved forward, steadfast and true because I AM TRANSPORTATION!

In 1812 when our nation stood alone, I supported the fight for freedom when our nation got its song. From the port of Corpus Christi to the shores of Vera Cruz, ships anchored at bay, working night and day, I was the first one in, and last one out--because I, AM TRANSPORTATION!

In the Civil War I moved against my brother, ever wondering who would live and who would die. I moved the first soldiers by rail at Bull Run…sailed the gauntlet up the Mississippi to Vicksburg and beyond. I carried men, munitions and equipment to Gettysburg, Petersburg, Shiloh, and Chickamauga… these names I remember, for the weight of battle I always bear, I AM TRANSPORTATION, and I was there.

I moved an army of America’s best, across the rails from the east to the mid-west, and when it was all over, I laid a President to rest. Trailing the cavalry with mules and trains, our caissons headed westward across the Great Plains. Moving soldiers and supplies over two oceans afar – to Cuba and the Philippines in the Spanish-American War.

It was I who helped cross the Santa Fe and Rio Grande; with mules and wagons chased Poncho Villa from our land. My sea legs moved our forces to France for World War One, from the ports of Marseille, Nevers and Langres; I continued on, by rail, horse and truck, to Saint Mihiel and to the Meuse-Argonne. I did it all because I AM TRANSPORTATION!

From the Quartermaster Corps from whence I was born, with wheels, and wings, and ships, and rails. You gave me a mission-- I did not fail! In 1942, I stood on my own, and now I am known as the TRANSPORTATION CORPS!

In World War II, I was the Red Ball Express, kept supplies moving against the enemies’ best; amidst the rubble of Europe, through which the oppressed sifted, I once again came through as the Berlin Airlift. I transported troops and equipment from the ships to the shores, from the beaches of Anzio, Omaha and Utah, to the fight at Normandy. My amphibious craft and lighters with cranes discharged and carried provisions to Antwerp, Cherbourg and Le Havre. In the Pacific, island hopping all the way from the ALCAN, Kiska and Attu to the land of the Rising Sun… I kept supplies moving “till the job was done!” From the ports of Australia, China and India, and along the Burma Road, I rolled and sailed; I flew and railed, because I AM TRANSPORTATION moving soldiers and supplies… and I have never failed.

Across the waters to Korea, from Pusan and Inchon, to the Yalu and the Chosin… up and down the mountains… I will never forget…. For 10,000 days I moved troops in Vietnam – Laos, Cambodia, Cam Ranh Bay.

And yet another place, another cause, for freedom of expression; from the island of Grenada to the jungles of Panama, Southwest Asia, Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia and Kosovo, helping to rid the world of tyranny and oppression.

At the dawn of the 21st Century, I was summoned once more; across the oceans, to the mountains of the Hindu Kush in Afghanistan, to the desert sands, the rivers Tigris and Euphrates, in that ancient land. A narrow front this time, unlike I’d ever seen; some 400 miles well into Iraq. I AM TRANSPORTATION; I am and will always be the Force that moves our Army.

Rolling and sailing, flying and ralling, following the bell when duty calls, this is my mission; first and foremost, I AM TRANSPORTATION, the SPEARHEAD OF LOGISTICS… and NOTHING HAPPENS, UNTIL SOMETHING MOVES!
The Original Transportation Corps Creed

I AM A PROFESSIONAL TRANSPORTER SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

I BELIEVE IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE MY COUNTRY IN PURSUIT OF FREEDOM AND PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

I WILL PERFORM MY TRANSPORTATION DUTIES BY AGGRESSIVELY PROVIDING SUPPORT AND SERVICE TO THE LINE, ON THE LINE AND JUST IN TIME.

I WILL ACCOMPLISH MY TRANSPORTATION MISSIONS BY CONTINUAL STUDY AND APPLICATION OF CONSTRUCTIVE INNOVATION AND CREATIVENESS TO PRODUCE MODERN TRANSPORTATION FOR A MODERN ARMY.

I WILL AVOID BECOMING STATIC IN THOUGHT, WORD AND ACTIONS. POWER PROJECTION MUST BE PROGRESSIVE! COMPLACENCY WILL NOT BE CONDONED.

I WILL USE MY COMMAND/MANAGEMENT/STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES TO ASSURE ECONOMY OF LOGISTICS FOR FORCES AND LOGISTICS INTELLIGENCE TO DETERMINE TRUE REQUIREMENTS.

I DEDICATE MY ENERGIES AND INFLUENCE TO THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT AND PERPETUATION OF A CAREER PROGRAM FOR DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL CIVILIAN, ENLISTED AND OFFICER TRANSPORTERS.

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE ONLY REASON FOR LOGISTICS AND THE NEED FOR MY PROFESSIONALISM IS TO SUPPORT THE COMBAT SOLDIER SO THAT TOGETHER THE DEFENSE OF OUR FREEDOM LOVING COUNTRY AND ITS NATIONAL OBJECTIVES CAN BE GUARANTEED.

I WILL SET AND MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN A PERSONAL CONDUCT, LEADERSHIP AND ALL TRANSPORTATION MISSIONS ASSIGNED.

MY GOAL IN PEACE OR WAR IS TO SUCCEED IN ANY MISSION, THEREFORE I WILL NOT RESORT TO GUESSING AS I KNOW THAT CHANCE IS A FOOL’S GOD AND THAT I AS A SPEARHEAD LOGISTICIAN CANNOT DEPEND ON IT. I WILL BE SURE NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL SOMETHING MOVES.
Prayer of a Trucker’s Chaplain

DEAR LORD,

You were with me just now while I conducted a worship service in the TTP for your sons who are truck drivers, and you know what my heart feels as I wave them on up the road. Watch over them, Sir, as they fight the chuckholes of the road and the tight turns in the passes. Push a little when their heavy loaded rigs groan up the steep grades. Keep them from an encounter with the natives in Lambrettas, or on foot, or herding their cattle too close to the road. These drivers are busy men on an important mission, Lord. The GI’s up-country are counting on their getting through, so we can’t afford any accidents.

Some of their trucks are overdue for the junk heap, as you know, and it’ll take a small miracle to keep ’em rolling without break-downs and burned out brakes. As a special favor, would you give us just such a miracle and keep them running? Strengthen the drivers’ hands, Lord, for that extra insurance turn on the lug nuts, for a firmer grip on the steering wheel, and for the rapid selection of the proper gear. They’re weary from the day-to-day haul and could use a little extra blessing from you today.

You have ridden with them many times before, dear God, and you know they’ll be driving through dangerous Victor Charlie country. They don’t act scared, Lord, because they’re tough men, but they need your protection even if they won’t admit it. If there is an ambush and a firefight, help them quickly and safely through the kill zone. Make Charlie’s aim real bad and every round miss.

If any of them don’t make it through, Lord, and you have to take anyone home to be with you, you’ll have a real man up there with you. When he arrives at the TTP on that last line haul when there will be no turn around and he’ll RON not just overnight but forever, give him grace, dear God, as he hits the “Johnny Bar” of death and rolls out from under the old worn out trailer we call a human body.

It may take awhile to clean him up, what with all the mud and grease on him; and it’ll probably take even longer to police up his language so he won’t shock your holy angels; but it’ll be worth it. You’re real patient, so I guess you won’t mind to take the time. And, Lord he won’t know how to slow down because he’s been pushing pretty hard for a long time down here; so after a brief stand down, I humbly ask you to find something exciting for him to do for the rest of eternity.

The man behind that wheel is something special, Lord. I know you love him, as his chaplain and CO love him. If it’s needed up-country and anybody can get it through, he’ll move it, Father. He’s rough and ready and highly motivated, but he still needs your help. Who knows? We may even get him to church someday. Till then, I know you’ll be riding in his cab everyday and won’t ever let him down.

Amen.

Ch (LTC) R. R. Arms composed this prayer while serving as chaplain at the 8th Transportation Group, Support Command, Qui Nhon.