



# 599TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP EXECUTIVE NEWS

*"End to End Deployment and Distribution Throughout the Pacific"*

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## Deployment, Lessons Learned, and Exercise Preparations...

After spending the better part of March assisting the 25th Infantry Division in preparing their cargo for movement to National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., the 599th Transportation Group kicked off the 3rd Quarter by deploying more than 1,500 pieces of equipment from Oahu to Oakland and Long Beach.

The 599th not only managed the movement of cargo from Schofield Barracks to the ports and assisted in documenting it as it was loaded across five Matson vessels and one Military Sealift Command charter, but also had Deployment and Distribution Teams (DDSTs) in place at both ports to provide a single face to the war fighter as they received their cargo and moved it to the training site.

In addition to loading out the 25th, the 599th conducted simultaneous operations to assist in the re-stationing of the 6/17 Cavalry Regiment from Schofield Barracks to Alaska. Group personnel instructed unit movement officers on proper cargo configuration, ensured all shipping documentation was to standard, and monitored the cargo as it was moved from the unit motor pools to the pier for upload on the Matson Great Land.

At the conclusion of 25th ID's training cycle in May, the 599th provided another DDST to support the 834th Transportation Battalion with their mission of redeploying the cargo to Oahu. The team traveled to San Diego, and assisted in maintaining cargo accountability from the time the cargo departed Ft. Irwin until it was loaded onto the USNS Gordon. Maj. Myron Bell, the 599th's Detachment Commander and a member of the DDST dispatched to San Diego, returned to Oahu just in time to host coordination meetings with the Fleet



PHOTO BY MR. DAVID BERTAO

### 25th Infantry Division helos and equipment are uploaded to the USNS Gordon.

Industrial Supply Center and the 25th ID regarding the reception and onward movement of cargo in Hawaii.

The NTC rotation was not only useful to the Soldiers of the 25th as they prepared for their deployment to SWA, but also to the 599th. In addition to getting hands-on experience loading and unloading vessels and using our automated systems, these types of missions are a great opportunity for the Group to further develop their relationship with the Division and showcase what SDDC brings to the fight.

At press time, the 599th was in the midst of re-loading the USNS Gordon with 25th equipment headed for Kuwait. The entire Current Operations Division, along with 11 Soldiers from the 1190th

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

This was a busy quarter for the 599th. As we continue to work re-stationing moves within the U.S. Pacific Command Area of Responsibility, our primary focus was on deploying the 25th Infantry Division from Hawaii to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., for their training exercises before heading off to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Working hard with our industry partners, we were able to move the Division on a tight timeline, and still meet the requested delivery date (RDD). This proved to be especially challenging this time due to the loss of one of the major vessels. To be sure, it was an unavoidable part of our everyday lives. These things happen. The bright side was seeing how well we worked together to meet the RDD.

This quarter we also participated in the Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand. The exercise provided our units with the opportunity to exercise the capabilities we need to support our nation during contingency operations. Cobra Gold was a success because of the invaluable participation with our industry partners and the Military Sealift Command. This was yet another opportunity to work with industry on meeting contingency planning to ensure our ability to meet the challenges our nation faces.

I wish to thank all of our partners who make it possible for us to complete our missions effectively, efficiently, timely, and safely. We couldn't do our job without you!

*Col. Kathi L. Kreklou*  
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## Recognizing Excellence

# Pasha Hawaii Transport Lines, Tony Ryan provide support for National Training Center deployment

Pasha's Mr. Anthony Ryan played a significant role in creating a positive team atmosphere during the successful deployment of the 25th Infantry Division to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. During this high visibility move, our newest commercial partner, Pasha Hawaii Transport Lines was selected to support the deployment of the warfighter to NTC in preparation for onward movement to Iraq which will take place later this summer.

Mr. Ryan, military contracting representative and logistics expert for Pasha, coordinated and assisted SDDC in numerous areas in organizing the cargo for shipment from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii aboard the MV Jean Anne.



Upon receipt of cargo into Pasha Terminal, San Diego, Mr. Ryan coordinated with linehaul services to move all 638 pieces of cargo to the NTC.

Mr. Ryan executed sound early planning, proper documentation preparation, coupled with a flexible "Can Do" attitude resulting in a successful mission.

Mr. Ryan has been working in the maritime industry for over 40 years and in several different capacities to include the U.S. Navy. He has been a valued

member to the Pasha Team since 2001.

Pasha's proven success during 25th ID's deployment to NTC proves the value our commercial partners who provide exceptional service to meet our warfighter's mission!



**Mr. Anthony Ryan**

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Deployment Support Brigade based in Baton Rouge, La., have put in long hours ensuring the Division's cargo is ready to move.

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In addition to moving forces on real world missions, the 599th was also heavily involved in supporting JCS exercises. In April and May, the 599th sent marine cargo and documentation specialists to Chuck Samet and Throng Prong to assist in both the deployment and redeployment phases of Cobra Gold 06. The Group is also well into the planning process for the upcoming Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) exercise. During UFL, the 599th will have personnel supporting the Combined Seaport Coordination Center (SCCC) in Busan, the Director for Mobility-Surface in Daegu, and the Pacific-Deployed Distribution Operations Center (PDDOC) at Camp Smith in Oahu, Hawaii.

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### How are we doing?

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