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Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin Young
Charleston Coast Guard Patrol Boat conducts waterside security at TC Dock.

Command Philosophy

By Lt. Col. Haufe

- The supported unit (soldier, sailor, marine, airman) comes first – always.
- Make the transportation system “user friendly”.
 - Provide “value added” support.
 - Don’t be a “middle man”.
- Conserve resources in everything we do – the warfighter needs them more than we do (think time, money and equipment).
- Offer solutions – use the MDP.
- Adhere to the Army values (loyalty, duty, respect, selfless-service, honor, integrity, personal courage).
- Cross-train – need to be more than one deep in all areas.
- Counsel your subordinates – let them know the good as well as the bad.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin Young
RFITV Class sets up EEDSK.

RF-ITV Class and Setup

In December 2007, the PM J-AIT, Product Manager Joint Automatic Identification Technology, RFID specialists provided a class to members of the 841st and reservists on AT training.

The idea of the class was to create some continuity on personnel that could operate and set-up our mobile RF interrogator, called an EEDSK – Early Entry Deployment Support Kit.

The EEDSK can be used in places like the cargo pier or even at transportation control points like train stops. In addition, the 841st could deploy the EEDSK to commercial terminals such as Wando or Union Pier to track cargo.

“The class was good and hopefully we’ll get to use what we learned during future missions,” stated Sgt. Washington, cargo documentation specialist for 841st TMD section.



Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin Young
Aerial View of DOD cargo on the ALGOL.

Wilmington Devil Dog

By Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Jones

The 841st recently loaded US Marine Corps, 24 MEU, cargo onto the FSS Algol in Wilmington, NC.

The Algol is one of MSC’s 8 Fast Sealift Ships; however, in October 2008, the Algol will go into Ready Reserve Status and lose its USNS label.

The Wilmington mission was challenging as it is not a port that the 841st often uses. Wilmington is one of the strategic seaports that the 841st operates out of on the East Coast.

“Some of the cargo lingo and terminology was different between the Marines and the Army,” said Staff Sgt. Hough, 841st Security.

What the Army knows as a humvee, the Marines call a UT-40. This caused some issues with labels and WPS – however, the mission was an overall success.

Contributions to the 841st MMJ are welcome. Story ideas as well as written articles and photos should be submitted for consideration to Capt. Chris LeCron or Master Sgt. Kevin Young, 841st Public Affairs at: Christopher.LeCron@sddc.army.mil, Kevin.young4@sddc.army.mil (843) 743-0546 ext 18 / 37

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Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin Young
ARC Liberty Discharges cargo at TC Dock

Liner Service Continues

ARC shipping company continues its government service liner contract with Charleston. ARC calls Charleston's TC Dock approximately 6 times a month.

ARC vessels carry routine cargo, sustainment cargo, UAH's, and occasionally unit cargo between Charleston and Europe and Charleston and the Middle East.

"The vessels work TC Dock, Wharf A, and when both are occupied, we work ARC at North Charleston Terminal", said Kristine Sports, Contracting Officer Representative.

"On occasion, the vessel will work downtown at Union Pier at the carrier's discretion when quantity of cargo does not warrant a call to TC Dock," said Sports.

According to the ARC website www.arccnet.com, ARC vessels can be configured to transport hundreds of automobiles, trucks, and military equipment, as well as helicopters and break-bulk cargo.



Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin Young
MRAPs driven onto the USNS Pililau

841st Continues MRAP Shipments

By Master Sgt. Kevin Young

The 841st continues to send life-saving MRAP vehicles into the CENTCOM theater of operations.

The first major sealift shipment of MRAP vehicles to CENTCOM were shipped from TC Dock in December 2007.

As of FEB 08, the 841st is closing in on reaching the shipment number of 2,000 MRAP vehicles. By March 08, the 841st will have sent in 6 months, the same amount of MRAPs that it took the Air Force a year to complete.

The Secretary of Defense visited the MRAP production and shipping facilities in Charleston in January 2008. A member of the Secretary of Defense Public Affairs wrote an article on the 841st that was published on the DOD webpage. Several articles highlight the 841st accomplishments in shipping MRAPs at www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2007/mrap

"No organization so directly concerned with the public interest can hope to escape the effects of popular opinion, nor can personnel do their best work without adequate knowledge of where they fit in." -----
General Omar Bradley