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Transit Center's Operation Warm and Dry II starts



From left to right: Lt. Gen. Mike Hostage, U.S. Air Forces Central commander, hands out a coat and blanket to a resident of Leninski Home for Elderly People of Leninski District; Members of the Transit Center winterize a kindergarten in Vasilievskoe Village; Members of the Transit Center deliver coal to a school in Grozd Village. The delivery provided enough coal to keep the school open during the winter.



Operation Warm and Dry II reaches Batken Oblast

11/8/2010 - **BATKEN OBLASH, Kyrgyzstan** – Members from the Transit Center at Manas, U.S. Department of Defense and local government officials delivered 1,100 coats and blankets plus 5,500 pounds of clothing to Batken Oblast residents Nov. 3 as part of Operation Warm

and Dry II.

Operation Warm and Dry II is a Transit Center humanitarian assistance program which provides blankets and coats to the "at-risk" populations of Kyrgyzstan this winter season, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Rick Dickinson, wing chaplain for the Transit Center at Manas.

Senior Airman Ilya Volovik, who helped deliver the coats and blankets, said the weather proved the need. "The day we were giving them out was quite cold, with some rain in the mix. You could clearly see that people needed the coats."

Although the weather was cold and wet, winter has not come to Batken—yet. "The most important thing about giving the clothes was that it is right before winter," added Gulsim Ryskolova, deputy mayor of Batken City. "This type of delivery was right on time."

About 950 people had been registered by the local government, however, more than 950 people arrived throughout the day to receive coats and blankets, said Ms. Ryskolova.



Transit Center Airmen delivered 1,100 coats and blankets to the people of Batken Oblast.

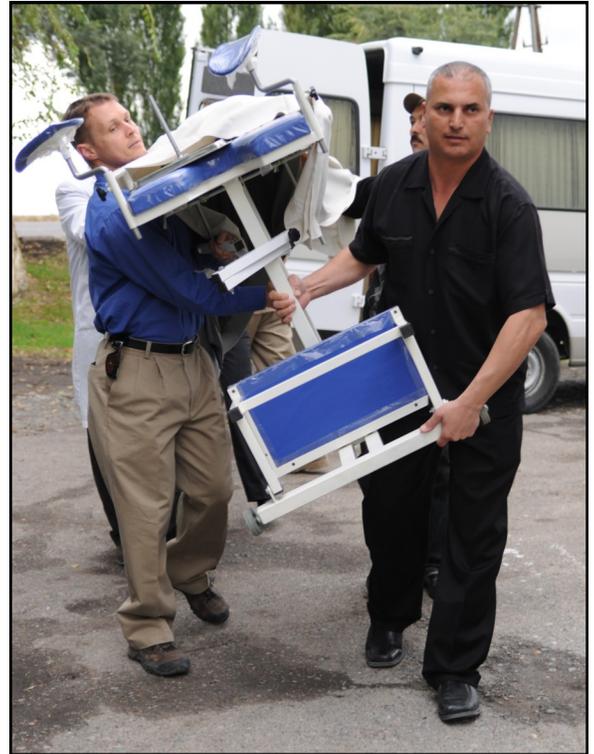


Residents of Batken Oblast show their appreciation to members of the Transit Center at Manas.

TCM renovates Manas medical clinic



The Manas Medical Clinic officially reopened Oct. 20 with, from left, Col. Alan Reid, 376th Expeditionary Medical Group commander; Col. Dwight Sones, Transit Center at Manas director; and Lt. Gen. Mike Hothage, U.S. Air Forces Central commander, donating medical supplies. The Transit Center donated \$15,000 to replace the heating and electrical systems; replaced the doors, windows and second-story flooring, installed a new roof and three new overhangs and painted the outside of the building. The clinic services 6,000 community members who live in Manas, Ak Jol, Lesnoe and Uchkun Villages



Industry Day workshop solicits Kyrgyz businesses

11/8/2010 - BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan -- The Transit Center at Manas' annual Industry Day event touched 250 Kyrgyz entrepreneurs - providing them many avenues to do business with the Transit Center at Manas - including outside their country's borders.

"The Transit Center at Manas needs its partnership with Kyrgyzstan to provide capabilities products and services they cannot on their own, said Col. Dwight Sones, Transit Center director. "Over the past three years the economic development has been quite remarkable. In 2008 the Transit Center's economic impact was nearly \$75 million; in 2009, \$105 million; and this year the local impact was \$125 million. It's important we continue to partner together so the Transit Center can accomplish its mission."



Kyrgyz entrepreneurs talk to Transit Center at Manas members about opportunities at Industry Day.



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Transit Center contracting officers make a wide variety of purchases from cleaning products to generators and from electronics to office supplies.

Experts in construction, information technology, the weekly bazaars, food safety certification and business ethics provided an insight as to the Transit Center's requirements and the first steps of how to do business with them.

The next Industry Day will take place in the spring of 2011, said Col. David Zorzi, 376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander, who is responsible for the Transit Center's contracting, procurement, logistics, construction, food and lodging services. "We know the value of support the local economy provides and we are looking to increase that capability with quality vendors and quality products at a reasonable cost. My hope is that you feel comfortable with the process and now have the tools that will allow you to do business with the Transit Center."

Enlisted Airmen visit Krygyz NCO Academy

10/26/2010 - KOI TASH NCO ACADEMY, Kyrgyzstan -- More than 20 U.S. and Kyrgyz military members met Oct. 20 to begin building relationships between the two countries' noncommissioned officer corps.

"The crux of building partnerships all starts with building relationships and our goal for today is to begin forming those bonds," said Chief Master Sgt. James Lucas, command chief for the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing at the Transit Center at Manas.

According to Kyrgyz Master Sgt., Nurlan Kerimkulov, academy instructor, this was an important meeting. "On a personal level, I wanted to make sure [they got] to know each other," said Sergeant Kerimkulov.

He said this was a unique experience because he has only met with Army units. "I've been to Montana (Montana National Guard) and I've spoken to some American colleagues there and around Bishkek where I've met with some sergeants there."

According to Chief Lucas, the meeting began with a two hour introduction and question and answer session. After the introductions, members of the Transit Center were provided a tour of the Koi Tash facilities and Soviet tanks and equipment. "It was good to finally see these up close instead of just pictures on playing cards," said Sergeant Major Michael Brown 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron liaison officer. The event was one of 12 NCO corps events planned for FY11.



More than 20 U.S. and Kyrgyz military members met Oct. 20 to begin building relationships between the two countries' noncommissioned officer (NCO) corps. The visit included introductions and question and answer session followed by a tour of the Koi Tash NCO Academy and Soviet era equipment.

TCM congratulates border patrol unit on 5th anniversary



AK-JHOL CUSTOMS, Kyrgyzstan - Kyrgyz border patrol participates in a celebration of the five year anniversary of the Unit's formation on the Kyrgyzstan Kazakhstan border checkpoint of Ak-Jhol Oct. 5. The unit is a Border Control Directorate that Encompasses and oversees border entry control points including the International Airport. Airmen from the Transit Center at Manas also participated in the celebration.

Kyrgyz & U.S. military hand out coats

11/15/2010 - KOI-TASH, Kyrgyzstan -- Koi Tash Noncommissioned Officer Academy soldiers with U.S. military service members serving in Kyrgyzstan handed out \$3,400 in winter coats and blankets to Chuiskaya Region Boarding School-Gymnasium students Nov. 11.

The Transit Center at Manas' Operation Warm and Dry II program reached out to the growing relationship between the two militaries. Called military to military exchanges, or mil-to-mil, this was the second event this fall with the Koi Tash NCO Academy.

"Kyrgyz Army 1st Lt. Ruslan Kochonov said these mil-to-mil exchanges are mutually beneficial. "It's good for us to do things with you - it's different. We learn something from you; you will learn from us. It's a good experience for all our people."



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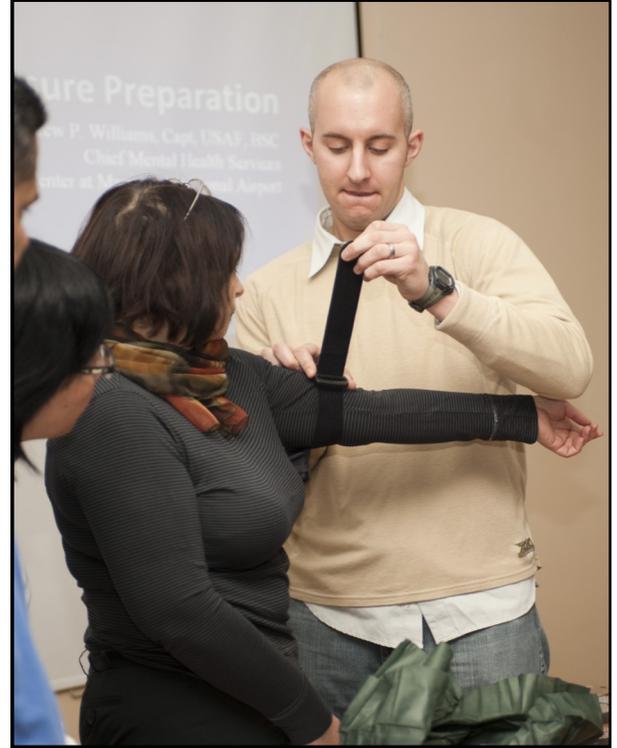
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When the Kyrgyz and U.S. military service members arrived at this gifted and talented school, they were treated to a cultural concert.

After the performance some of the service members got up to tell a little bit about their jobs. Airman Kunznyetsov, whose native language is Russian, said the kids were curious about his uniform. "They were asking what every name tape, patch and insignia meant."

One Kyrgyz soldier talked about his job, but before the next person introduced himself one of his lieutenants jumped in and told the crowd about how the soldier saved a 7-year-old girl who had climbed a very tall tower and began to lose her balance.

U.S. trains Kyrgyz Presidential medical team



Several members of the U.S. Embassy and Transit Center at Manas medical community assigned in Kyrgyzstan provided four days of training to the Kyrgyz Presidential Medical Team in November. The training consisted of trauma and triage as well as first responder training.

Americans called it an honor to provide trauma training to the country's presidential health care professionals assigned to the Kyrgyzstan National Security Team.

Kyrgyz senior military officials visit Transit Center



Left to Right: Capt. Michael Barker (middle right), 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, greets Kyrgyzstan military ministry officials during a tour of the flightline. Col. Todd Dierlam (middle right), 376th Expeditionary Operations Group commander, greets Kyrgyzstan military ministry officials during a tour of a KC-135 Stratotanker Sept. 30. The visit was part of the theater security cooperation military to military engagement program designed to develop lasting partnerships and relationships between the U.S. and Kyrgyz military.

800 attend TCM Friends and Family Day



More than 800 local partner and contract employees and their families got a chance to tour a KC-135, operate a Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot, watch a K-9 demonstration, played games at Pete's Place and pretend to drive the many vehicles used at the Transit Center during the annual Friends and Family day Oct. 16. The Transit Center looks to the local community to provide 700 host nationals to its workforce - the annual event shows appreciation to the Kyrgyz partners. The next Friends and Family Day will be held in the spring.

Kyrgyz students interact with TCM members



Students from Belovedosky Orphanage to Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University and American University of Central Asia. visited the Transit Center during the past two months. Four tours were held to familiarize the students with the operations and people of the Transit Center. Bottom right: Maj Chris Morgan talks with students at the Kyrgyz Law Academy about the freedom of speech.

Transit Center at Manas economic impact as of Nov. 30, 2010

Direct Expenditures	FY08 Actual	FY09 Actual	FY10 Actual	FY11 YTD
Payment to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note	\$17,400,000	\$26,620,000	\$60,000,000	\$15,000,000
Payment to Manas International Airport (MIA) (Airport Fees, land leases, contracts)	\$22,426,354	\$22,999,039	\$21,932,478	\$5,491,140
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$131,000	\$30,600,000	\$0	\$0
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN)	\$480,500		0	\$0
Contract Payments	\$35,351,310	\$24,601,908	\$38,589,978	\$6,337,666
Govt leases (non-MIA)	\$83,726	\$81,562	\$66,596	\$81,491
Programmatic Humanitarian Assistance (HA)		\$1,700,000	\$2,273,488	\$81,078
SubTotal Direct Expenditures	\$75,872,890	\$106,602,509	\$122,862,540	\$26,991,375

Indirect Expenditures

Estimated US Military local spending	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,161,743	\$224,981
Subtotal Indirect Expenditures	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,161,743	\$224,981

Total Economic Impact	\$76,818,890	\$107,640,039	\$124,024,283	\$27,216,356
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TCM teams play KNU and KR national basketball teams



Men and women from the Transit Center at Manas played the Kyrgyz National and the Kyrgyz National University basketball game Nov. 27. The TCM women's team defeated KNU 63-49. the Kyrgyz National Team defeated the TCM men's team 60-42.

Transit Center donates ambulance



The Surgeon General of the Air Force Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles B. Green addresses members of the local community and the Transit Center at Manas as he officially turns over an ambulance to the Manas International Airport in a ceremony Nov 19.

Upcoming TCM Events

- Public Affairs Mil to Mil exchange
- Parliament Visit
- Community Leaders Luncheon
- Delivery of medical supplies to Niz and Severnoe medical clinics
- Ribbon Cutting for Marble village kindergarten
- Warm and Dry Deliveries for Naryn and Jalalabad

For more information on Transit Center at Manas events or programs, e-mail us at transitcenteratmanas@gmail.com