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### 21st TSC transporters prepare Georgia-bound humanitarian aid cargo

#### Capt. Bryan Woods, 21st TSC PAO

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - The 21st Theater Sustainment Command and U.S. Air Forces - Europe helped prepare one of the first shipments of emergency humanitarian aid supplies bound for the Republic of Georgia Aug. 12.



Soldiers from the 66th Transportation Company and the 39th Transportation Battalion, and airmen from the 723rd Air Mobility Squadron, worked nonstop for 36 hours to palletize more than 75,000 pounds of emergency shelter items and medical supplies.

Air Force Master Sgt. Scott Wagers

While en route to Tbilisi, Georgia, from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, a small group of U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force officers discuss details of the joint humanitarian assistance delivery, Aug. 13. The cargo consisted of \$1 million U.S.-donated medical supplies, blankets, sleeping bags and bed sheets for the people of the Republic of Georgia.

The \$1 million in aid includes tents, blankets, bedding, hygiene items, clothing, beds, cots

and medical supplies.

"Due to the real-world situation on the ground in Georgia, European Command, United States Army Europe, United States Air Force Europe and 21st TSC expeditiously planned and executed the initial humanitarian supply flight within

24 hours of the cease-fire agreement," said Lt. Col. Robert Curran, 39th Transportation Battalion commander.

The humanitarian aid supplies came from the U.S. State Department stocks stored at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center - Europe's Humanitarian Assistance Program Warehouse in Pirmasens, Germany.

An air load planning officer was in charge of the load as it was received and placed onto aviation pallets. After the cargo was inventoried, certified, weighed and strapped down, it was delivered to USAFE for loading onto the aircraft and transport to the destination.

The 21st TSC was the primary Army logistics unit responsible for packaging, staging and transporting the supplies to Ramstein A.B., Curran said.

"We are augmenting the State Department disaster assistance package with DOD emergency and medical supplies and equipment from Germany to assist Georgian's humanitarian needs on the ground," said Curran. "Further assessments of humanitarian needs are ongoing for follow-on support."

"It's a good feeling to be able to do something good for someone during a situation like this," said Sgt. Henry Pinckney, 5th Quartermaster Company, 21st TSC. "I think it is important because you never know when you are going to be the one requiring help one day."

"We are working against the clock. With a 24-hour turnaround, everyone is working hard," said Capt. Gabriel Legendry, 39th Transportation Battalion, officer in charge of the loading site at the Deployment Processing Center. "But, it brings a lot of joy to do something good for someone."



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