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Scott Airmen train on Transport Isolation System

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Members of the 375th and 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons here began familiarization training on a Transport Isolation System Monday, which was unveiled to the world Jan. 23.

The TIS, which was unveiled after 60 days of planning, developing and testing, provides the Department of Defense with the capability to air transport multiple patients affected by highly contagious diseases, including Ebola.

The U.S. Transportation Command led the effort, citing the need to be able to move the nation's military members and their patients safely.

"Our approach was if we are going to put military members in harm's way, the capacity to move a single patient at a time was insufficient to the mission we were asking our team to do," said USTRANSCOM commander, Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva.

Previous to the recent Ebola outbreak in Africa, policy dictated that those who contracted infectious diseases would be treated in country. That is not the case anymore, which led USTRANSCOM to author a Joint Urgent Operational Needs statement that challenged the defense engineering community to come up with an operational solution for the requirement to move both the patient and the caretakers appropriately aboard military aircraft.

Currently the TIS is configurable to the C-17 and C-130 aircraft, with the first four isolation systems to be staged at Joint Base Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, where it is now ready for operational use. Each module is roughly 9 feet by 7.5 feet, is 8.5 feet tall and weighs less than 1,500 pounds, about the size of a minivan.



Capt. Michelle Pierson, Air Mobility Command flight nurse evaluator, discusses the components of the Transport Isolation System to members of the 375th and 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, Jan. 26, 2015. Pierson was one of many Team Scott members who has been and continues to advise Production Products Inc., the company who built the TIS, and one of the members responsible for writing all the new regulations and guidance for AMC. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fowler)

With \$7 million in funding, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency began leading the development of the capability in October while the Joint Project Manager for Protection led system acquisitions.

A St. Louis-based company called Production Products, Inc., was awarded the contract and the proximity of the company allowed aeromedical evacuation experts to consult and provide feedback during the development of the equipment.

Capt. Michelle Pierson, a Flight Nurse Evaluator for Air Mobility

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Top 5 ways to ruin your career with drugs

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From the first day of basic military training, Airmen are educated and warned about the dangers of substance abuse.

Capt. Rachel Van Maasdam, 501st Combat Support Wing judge advocate, shared some of the top reasons substance abuse can quickly land Airmen into serious legal trouble.

5. Deliberate Ignorance

The Uniform Code of Military Justice defines this situation as an Airman who deliberately avoids the knowledge of a presence of a controlled substance, or its contraband nature.

"Basically, a friend can't just hand you a pill and you pop it without ever asking what it is," Van Maasdam said. "The UCMJ doesn't allow you to stick your head in the sand and say, 'I didn't know I was using

drugs.'"

4. Marijuana Use

Pot, weed, grass, 420, ganga, dope, herb and joint are only some of the names used in reference to marijuana - which, although legal in some states and countries, is still outlawed under the UCMJ.

"This marijuana use is a no kidding, you could go to jail, crime in the military," Van Maasdam said, speaking toward the maximum punishment of two years confinement and a dishonorable discharge under Article 112A of the UCMJ.

3. Misusing old, narcotic prescription medication

Prescription medication is not a generic cure-all, Van Maasdam said. Misusing prescription medication, expired or otherwise, can potentially earn an Airman five years confinement and a dishonorable

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Photo Perspective



The chapel staff was recently recognized as the 2014 USAFE Outstanding Small Chapel Team. The Lajes Armed Forces Network was recently recognized for two award winners from the 2014 Air Force Media Contest. Staff Sgt Laura Beckley won the Air Force Communication Excellence NCO award and Airman 1st Class Kyle Saunders was awarded for the Best Audio News Report. (U.S. Air Force photo by Guido Melo.)



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody visits Lajes Field, Azores, Colonel Stephen Carson, commander, 65th Mission Support Group, and Elvira Borges, material management flight chief, participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new material management warehouse, February 2, 2014. (U.S. Air Force photo by Guido Melo.)

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discharge under Article 112A.

"Most people don't consider the issues that could arise from taking old prescription medication," Van Maasdam said. "When in doubt, check with your doctor, and take full advantage of prescription drug take back days offered by military health clinics."

2. Misuse of OTC medication to alter one's mood or function

Any misuse of over-the-counter medication to alter an Airman's mood or function is a violation of Article 92, and can be met with a maximum punishment of two years confinement and a dishonorable discharge. Whether "robo-tripping," "huffing" or even using hand-sanitizer to get high, Van Maasdam said Airmen need to understand these, and other types of medication abuse, are illegal within the military.

"If you are trying to use any medication beyond the manufacturer's purpose, you could be subject to serious disciplinary action and legal ramifications," she said.

1. Codeine use without a prescription

Van Maasdam said the number one way Airmen, especially those stationed in the United Kingdom, can ruin their career with drugs is by using products containing codeine, without a prescription. Although, codeine is legal over the counter in the UK, it is still considered a narcotic by the military, and must be used in conjunction with a doctor's orders.

"In the UK, codeine can be purchased without a prescription," Van Maasdam said. "However, doing so could result in an Airman receiving a maximum punishment of five years confinement and a dishonorable discharge."

Base Announcements

Eagle Eyes
GTC Payment Options
Expanded Influenza Vaccine Available
New housing website
All members PCS'ing from Lajes Field with Privately Owned Vehicle (POV)

TMO Information
Civilian Personnel Newsletter
Non-command sponsored dependents memorandum
BAH Revalidation Required for All Airmen
65th Medical Group Closed for Training 2nd Tuesday of Each Month
Holocaust Remembrance Day Project Officer Wanted

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Community Events

Wing Training Day February 10
Presidents Day February 16
Portuguese Holiday February 17
Lajes E/H School Events:
- February 10: MathCounts (Grades 6-9), 0800-1000.
- February 10: Art/Music Show in the School Gym. 1730-1930.
- February 16: President's Day, no school for students and teachers.
- February 20: Elementary Lock-in for Grades K-5, 1530-1900.

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Island Events

Local Volleyball Games
Angra Theater (Located at Angra Cultural Center)
- 5-9 Feb. 9 p.m. - Birdman, rated R
- 19-23 Feb. p.m. - The Imitation Game, rated PG-13
- 26 Feb- 2 March, 9 p.m. - Foxcatcher, rated R
Praia Theater
- 20-21 Feb., 9 p.m. -- American Sniper, rated R
- 27 Feb, 9 p.m. and 1 March, 6 p.m. -- The Theory of Everything, rated PG-13

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