

**Base Visit Report
Scott Air Force Base, IL
15 June 2005**

Commission staff: James Durso (Joint Cross-Service Team)

List of Attendees: LTG Dail, Deputy Commander, TRANSCOM
MG Pair, TRANSCOM CoS
RDML Purcell, J-5
BG Selva, J-3
BG Capasso, J-6
Mr. Bentley, Comptroller
Lt Col Switts, Manpower and Personnel
Mr. Parker, J5-AI
Lt Col Vechery, Congressional Actions

Installation mission:

Scott Air Force Base is subordinate to the 375th Airlift Wing, which operates aeromedical, refueling, and operational support airlift. Tenant commands are Headquarters, U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM); Headquarters, Air Mobility Command (AMC); Commander, 18th Air Force; Headquarters, Air Force Communications Agency; Defense Information Systems Agency.

Scott Air Force Base is one hour east of St. Louis.

Secretary of Defense recommendations and justifications: Realign Scott Air Force Base by relocating the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) in Alexandria, VA and Ft. Eustis, VA, and the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command -Transportation Engineering Agency, Newport News, VA, to Scott Air Force Base, IL, and consolidate them with AMC and TRANSCOM headquarters.

Installation gains:

What: The Army SDDC to Scott Air Force Base, IL.

Why: This relocation consolidates SDDC with AMC and TRANSCOM at Scott Air Force Base. The recommended consolidation of TRANSCOM and Service components will collocate activities with common functions and may facilitate large-scale transformation, and end-strength savings to realize long-term savings.

Losing Activities: None

Main facilities reviewed: TRANSCOM Headquarters and the Air Mobility Command Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC).

Key issues identified:

- Movement of SDDC, especially the Ops Center, during wartime will require careful coordinating. TRANSCOM has formed a working group that will be chaired by the Commander that will direct the effort to ensure the executive level is appraised of the effort and can intervene in a timely manner if necessary.
- Collocation of the transportation agencies will result in a single ops center, instead of the separate centers operated by TRANSCOM, AMC, and SDDC. Will a single ops center be a more lucrative target to a WMD attack? TRANSCOM has emergency relocation centers in the immediate area at others at a safe distance from any conceivable WMD event. The centers are equipped for immediate use in the event of an emergency.
- Key savings and efficiencies are anticipated in these functional areas: combined ops/joint ops centers, financial management, acquisition/procurement/contracting, IT systems, staff support, and logistics/facilities support.

Community concerns raised: None identified.

Requests for staff as a result of the visit: Staff will conduct analysis and assessments as a result of the visit.

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