

A history in the making:

The Transatlantic Division

The Transatlantic Division was activated on Feb. 25, 1991.

One of the major focuses for the division was assisting Kuwait's government with recovery operations after Iraq was expelled from the country during Operation Desert Storm.

A total of \$330 million in civil repair projects were done to the electricity, water and sanitary systems; to public and state buildings, including the Parliament; and to road and the transportation systems. Kuwait's two air bases were also repaired, with that work valued at \$131 million.

The division assisted with Operation Provide Comfort, which was an effort to provide relief to Kurdish refugees in Turkey and northern Iraq.

Work in the former Soviet Union under this organization ranged from embassy renovation to assistance with projects that reduced the threat of chemical and nuclear weapons proliferation.

Facilities were built by the Transatlantic Division in Egypt to house and maintain military equipment purchased from the United States. The equipment included F-16 aircraft and Apache helicopters, which led to the division constructing and upgrading Egyptian air bases to house this equipment. Also constructed was a ship lift and dry-dock facility in Alexandria.

The division provided engineering support to U.S. Central Command as its operations expanded in the Middle East. This expanded role allowed for the construction of bases and facilities for U.S. forces to use in Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman.

In 1992, the Army's first worldwide Logistics Civil Augmentation Program contract was developed, awarded and administered by the Transatlantic



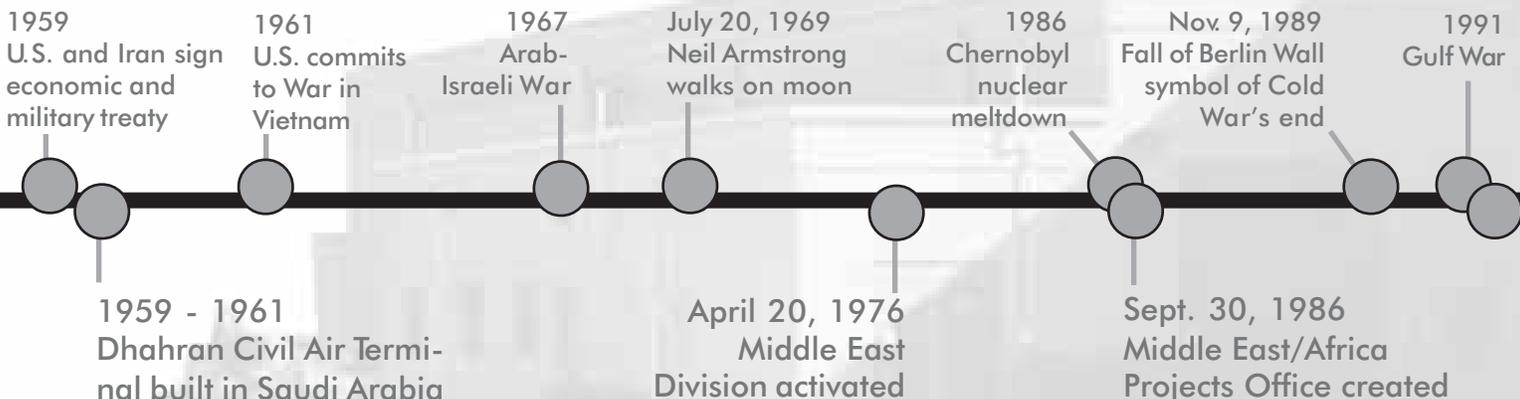
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Top: The devastation of the international airport in Kuwait after U.S. Forces expelled Iraqi troops in 1991.

Above: The international airport was one of the projects the Corps helped rebuild after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.



Division. The purpose of the contract was to provide logistics and engineering services to deployed U.S. forces. The contract was activated for Operation Restore Hope in Somalia in December 1992 and also used for Operation Support Hope in Zaire, August 1994; Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, through April 1996; Operation Vigilant Warrior in Southwest Asia, fall 1994; and NATO's Operation Deny Flight over Bosnia-Herzegovina, beginning September 1995.

One of the division's subordinate commands, the Ordnance Program Division, assisted the Saudi Arabian Army Ordnance Corps in its maintenance and supply mission.

While the Transatlantic Division had many offices, it had only one district under its purview, the Europe District. This district provided planning, design, construction, environmental services and project management to meet infrastructure requirements of U.S. military customers in Europe and within the U.S. European Command area of responsibility.

Outside its direct overseas mission responsibilities, the first federal alternative work center, the Shenandoah Valley Telecommuting Center, was established and managed by the division in Winchester.

And, in April 1994, the division moved its headquarters from a converted warehouse on Bataille Drive to a new office building constructed for its use on Prince Frederick Drive in Winchester.

Headquarters Location

Winchester, Va.

Organizational Structure

Europe District, Germany

Ordnance Program Division, Saudi Arabia

Field offices: Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Turkey, Botswana, Morocco and Russia.

Commanders

Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Witherspoon, January 1991 to November 1992

Col. Leon R. Yourtee III, November 1992 to September 1993

Col. Charles S. Cox, September 1993 to April 1994

Col. Anthony V. Nida, April 1994 to January 1997



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The Transatlantic Division built new facilities and upgraded air bases in Egypt to house and maintain military equipment.

April 19, 1995
Oklahoma City
Bombing

1996
Khobar Towers
bombed in
Saudi Arabia

Aug. 7, 1998
American embassies in
Kenya and Tanzania car
bombed simultaneously

Oct. 12, 2000
U.S.S. Cole
bombed at port
in Yemen

Sept. 11, 2001
Terrorists attack
New York and
Washington

2001 - present
Global War
on Terrorism

Feb. 25, 1991
Transatlantic
Division activated

Nov. 3, 1995
Renamed Transatlantic
Programs Center

Corps sends engineers to
support reconstruction in
Afghanistan and later Iraq