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## JPMO TO CONDUCT SQT ON TC AIMS II 3.01

The development contractor will turn over version 3.01 to the Joint Program Management Office (JPMO). Prior to accepting the delivery, the JPMO is conducting a rigorous Software Qualification Test (SQT) in its test laboratory. The test will begin May 1, 2001.



SQT involves experts from each of the test scenarios using Service data. In other words, it is an attempt to do in the lab what unit movement personnel will do in the field. It is an iterative process (test-fix-test), providing the development contractor ample opportunity to correct deficiencies noted during the test. The first test iteration will be May 1, 2001.

For more details on the TC AIMS II schedule see article "TC-AIMS II Meets to Discuss Strategy" on page 3. 📄



## TC ACCIS CUTS STAFF 50%

As a cost saving measure, the TC ACCIS contract staff was recently cut by 50%

These cuts were made in the context of a highly favorable outlook for the imminent fielding of a capable TC AIMS II.

Obviously, the cuts will mean a reduction in the response time for some TC ACCIS functions or an outright curtailment of others. The following is a list of TC ACCIS functions with an annotation as to the degree of impact the TC ACCIS cuts will have.

**Development Training**

Estimate of 1/3 greater time generally. Reduced available due to possible conflicting schedules of the trainer.

**DB services**

Unaffected.

**HW problem resolution.**

Possibility of far more time from report to resolution due to possible conflicting schedule of personnel.

**Newsletter**

1 per quarter.

**Customer Service**

Two-thirds staff reduction will result in slower than usual response time.

**ECDF**

Two updates per year.

**Contingency Support**

Cannot be met while meeting functions above.

TC ACCIS pledges to deliver the best service possible, even in these austere times. As always, we thank you for your continued understanding in this time of transition. 📄

## The Deployer Mission Statement

The mission of the Deployer is two-fold:

To provide the current TC ACCIS community of system endusers, sponsors, and interested parties with useful information on technology, procedures, and organizational matters.

To provide information on the promise of an improved Defense Transportation System brought by TC-AIMS II. 📄

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# North Carolina National Guard To Come On Line With TC ACCIS

The North Carolina National Guard, a long time proponent of TCACCIS has reached a decision that will make them the newest TCACCIS Field Location. The NCNG has been a satellite site off of Ft. Bragg, NC, since 1992. CW2 William R (eid) Freeman, the Defense Movement Coordinator and SFC Wanda Lewis, Unit Movements Coordinator for the NCNG, have worked closely with Ft. Bragg in ensuring that the Guard's Unit Equipment Lists reflect an accurate accountability for planning purposes. The NCNG has used TCACCIS in support of Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Restore Democracy, Restore Hope and Joint Endeavor. CW2 Freeman and SFC Lewis with the assistance of the Unit Movements Branch at Ft. Bragg have become totally proficient in performing all functions required of the Unit Movement Coordinator as well as all the responsibilities of the Installation Transportation Office.

The NCNG's decision to become an active site was based on the following:

1. Ft. Bragg's Unit Movement Branch is converting to a civilian contract, in April 2001. The working relationship with Ft. Bragg has been outstanding over the years with night and weekend support provided as necessary. A review of the new contract indicates that any off duty hour support would be provided as a modification to the contract with the support being funded by the requester. With the amount of training and live exercises performed by the NCNG, it was more cost efficient for them to purchase a TCACCIS system. The new system will be used until TC-AIMS II is fully fielded to the National Guard.
2. A multimillion-dollar deployment exercise in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2002 to Ft. Riley, KS consisting of the entire NCNG and deployable units in South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. This exercise is currently in the planning stages within TCACCIS and will be a prelude to a National Training Center Rotation in 2003.
3. A multimillion-dollar deployment exercise in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003 to Ft. Irwin, CA consisting of the entire NCNG and deployable units in South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. This exercise is currently in the planning stages within TCACCIS and will be a National Training Center Rotation in 2003.

The current schedule calls for the NCNG to start procurement early January 2001 with an anticipated fielding date in early summer 2001. The new system will be a Compaq Proliant Model ML570, Pentium III Xeon 700MHz Dual Processors with 512 MB Ram, 12MB Cache and 9.1 GB Disk Drives. The Proliant Model ML570 is capable of transferring and sharing information with the existing Compaq 4500/5000/5500 series currently used by TCACCIS.

We will provide contact information, once the installation has been completed. ☐

## MILSTAMP Subsumed Under Cargo Movement Regulation

DOD has rescinded DOD 4500.32.-R, the Military Transportation and Movement Procedures (MILSTAMP), and incorporated its procedures into DOD 4500.9-R, part II, Cargo Movement. MILSTAMP was the DOD regulation used to determine documentation requirement for shipments moving within the Defense Transportation System.

In an effort to consolidate regulations, streamline procedures and eliminate redundancy, two years ago DOD Transportation Policy transferred proponency for MILSTAMP from Defense Logistics Management Standard Office (DLMSO) to United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. TRANSCOM was already proponent for DOD 4500.9-R, Part II, which duplicated many MILSTAMP requirements. Consolidation into one regulation will create one publication for transportation policy and procedures.

A committee of members from Defense Logistics Agency, Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, and elements of USTRANSCOM worked for almost a year to update forms, codes and procedures. Listed below are some of the changes that you can expect:

- DOD 4500.32-R, MILSTAMP regulation is rescinded
- Transportation procedures under one regulation, DOD 4500.9-R, Part II, Cargo Movement
- Cargo Movement regulation is posted on the TRANSCOM web site at:  
<http://public.transcom.mil/j4/j4lt/dtr.html>.
- Expect updates for the on-line regulation to be made on a semi-annual basis ☐

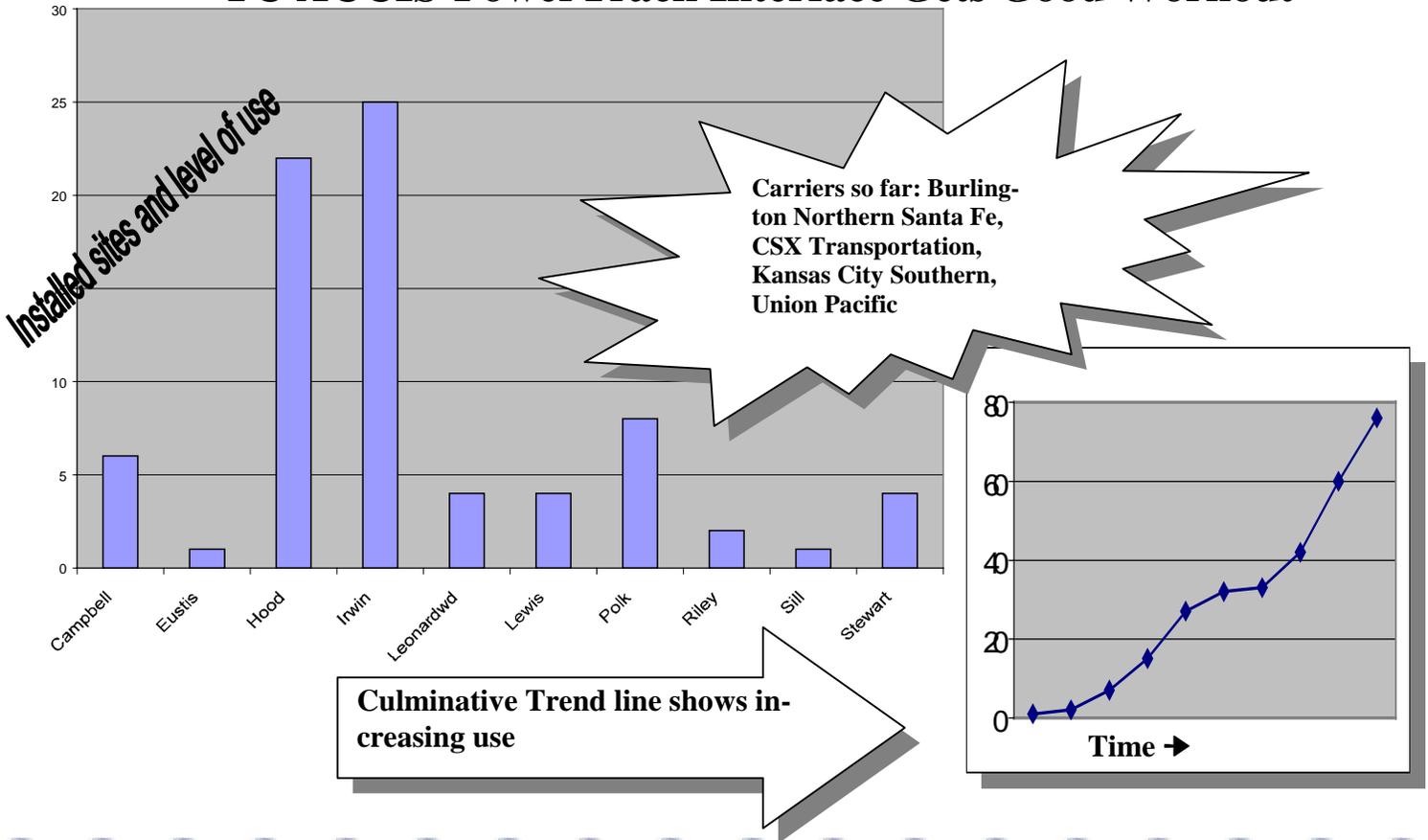
### A Belated:

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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# TC ACCIS-PowerTrack Interface Gets Good Workout



## TC-AIMS II Meets to Discuss Strategy

Representatives from Major Army Commands met at Fort Belvoir on 22 and 23 February to discuss TC-AIMS II Operational Testing Scenario and USAREUR Beta Site Expansion. A series of briefings and discussions were conducted to ensure that all involved were aware of the tasks required prior to testing and fielding of TC-AIMS II. Army Test and Evaluation Command briefed the importance of conducting a Software Qualification Test, taking the system through a robust series of tests, and ensuring that the system would be effective, suitable and survivable.

JPMO discussed testing scenarios and indicated step-by-step procedures would be used to test functional processes required by users in the field. Subject Matter Experts have been receiving training on the software and will be members of the test team. JPMO also provided a tentative Army schedule of events:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Training	SDF I	16 Apr – 4 May
Software Qualification Test	SDF I	June
Installation and Training	FORSCOM and USAREUR	18 Jun – 20 Jul
Functional Operations	FORSCOM and USAREUR	23 Jul – 7 Sep
Operational Test	FORSCOM and USAREUR	10 Sep – 29 Oct

USAREUR representatives briefed their plan to expand TC-AIMS II beta sites into V Corps beginning in May and finishing during December. An Operational Testing scenario/business process being worked in conjunction with CASCOM would require a Artillery Brigade and support units to deploy to Poland via air, rail and highway. This would fully test TC-AIMS II through a European deployment scenario. USAREUR is very excited about the new system and has been very instrumental in identifying problems and recommending solutions. ☒



# Technical Tips

## MRM #15 Powertrack Tip

### Common errors:

US Bank, which manages the PowerTrack system, has recently tightened up their edits on the date formats that are contained in the TC ACCIS feeds. An incorrect date format will now cause the whole transaction to be rejected by Powertrack. When this occurs, the TC ACCIS Customer Support, which monitors every Powertrack transaction, makes the necessary edit and resends the transaction to Powertrack, therefore ensuring it is posted.

You can avoid these problems by being vigilant that your date inputs are consistent with the recommended formats of date fields during the GBL/CBL Creation process. Specifically, when you are working the GBL/CBL PART-III in screen PIF037, be sure to use the DDMMYY (or DDMMYYYY) format for the Pick Up date as the Powertrack system will error out if the format is not respected or if the field is blank. As an example, for today's date, 30 Mar 2001, you must enter 300301 or 30032001 so that the proper date can be stored in your database and subsequently forwarded to PowerTrack.

The next TC ACCIS release will include a better edit from the TC ACCIS application so that this common error is better controlled. ☹



## TC ACCIS Tips For Using ATCMD

For the ATCMD procedures to work as documented, the ITO must carefully select the appropriate DMOD for the deployment TDC's Echelons or ULNs. For GATES, the ITO must use a DMOD of "A" for Air (For Export) or "F" for AMC Air. For WPS, you must use DMOD "S" for surface.

To prepare the ATCMD list, the UMO must add the equipment with the appropriate ECHELON/ULN and its corresponding DMOD. For GATES, the system will list all the equipment slated to go by Air for the UMOs to select. For WPS, all equipment going by Sea will be listed for the UMOs to select. Once the UMOs have identified what equipment will be shipped by either mode, the ITO will aggregate the lists and generate the ATCMD files.

Should you have any further questions contact our help desk at: (703) 923-1000 ext. 1059 or 1060. ☹



## St. Patrick Did You Know?

The enduring legends of St. Patrick are that he used a shamrock explain the Trinity and that he banished all snakes from Ireland. The true story of Patrick, however, survives not in his myths but in his work. Patrick was responsible for converting the people of Ireland to Christianity.

Patrick was born to a Romanized family in Britain probably in the first half of the 5<sup>th</sup> century. At the age of 16 he was taken to Ireland by pirates and sold into slavery. The young boy was sustained by his faith during his six years working as a herdsman. When Patrick escaped and returned to Britain, he had a vision of the Irish beseeching him to return to Ireland to spread his faith. Patrick recorded this call to his vocation in the 'Confessio', his spiritual autobiography and one of his two short writings that have survived. After studying in continental monasteries, Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary. Despite a constant threat to his life, Patrick traveled widely, baptizing, confirming, and preaching and building churches, schools, and monasteries.

Patrick succeeded in converting almost the entire population of the island. His 'Epistola' pleads the case of the Christian Irish at the hands of their British conquerors. Patrick's writings have come to be appreciated for their simplicity and humility. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. His feast day is celebrated on March 17. ☹



# Transitions

## Due to a cost saving initiative TC ACCIS Says Goodbye

### IV & V Moves Mitch and Tony

#### Mitch Moss

Mitch, a CSC employee, has been supporting TC ACCIS for over 3 years, since December 1997. He was part of the IV&V testing team, ensuring the each TC ACCIS release performed as intended by the development team. Mitch came to TC ACCIS after retiring from the U.S. Army. His last assignment was with PM, SIDPERS. Mitch continues to work for CSC and now supports the Integrated Booking System (IBS) at HQ, MTMC. He is testing the IBS MRM15 interfaces. Mitch left on February 2, 2001. TC ACCIS is quite sad to see him go. ☹️

#### Tony Hyter

Tony, a CSC employee, has been supporting TC ACCIS for over 3 years, since December 1997. He was part of the IV&V testing team, ensuring the each TC ACCIS release performed as intended by the development team. Tony is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and came to us after serving an active duty tour. Tony continues to work for CSC and now supports the Integrated Booking System (IBS) at HQ, MTMC. He is testing the IBS /TC AIMS II interfaces. Tony left TC ACCIS on February 2, 2001. Tony you will be missed. ☹️

#### Richard Coleman

Richard joined TC ACCIS on May 25, 1999 as the SQA Test Coordinator. Richard quickly learned the TC ACCIS application and became an intricate part of the RAM testing team. Over the past two years, he made countless timesaving changes to the testing process.

Richard Coleman left TC ACCIS on March 15<sup>th</sup> to accept a software testing position with Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC). On March 1<sup>st</sup> he received his Bachelors in Computer Science.

We will miss his technical skills, his sense of humor, and his pseudo-Marine mentality. ☹️

#### Cecilia Powers

Cecilia began her employment with TC ACCIS in September of 1998. She joined the Implementation group as a documentor. She wore many hats during the time she worked with us. She created charts and graphs, maintained the supplemental documents we send to you in the field, but her most important legacy is that of the Newsletter. Those who follow in her footsteps are just a little green and apprehensive! Cecilia left our team on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to start a job with BAE Systems as a junior engineer in training. Although we wish her luck, we are certainly going to miss her bright smile and her helpful manner. It is all too quiet around here without her. ☹️



#### Aaron Mack

What can we say about Aaron? He began with TC ACCIS project in June of 1992 as an Implementer. He trained our TC ACCIS users, offered customer support and participated in many Contingency missions. Aaron's helpful manner and wonderful (as well as mischievous) sense of humor will be greatly missed, but will always be remembered.



After so many years on the project, we feel the hole his absence has left. Aaron was a great inspiration to those who knew him.

Aaron left TC ACCIS on March 15<sup>th</sup> to work for the TOPPS project in the area of customer support. Many of you who maintain both TC ACCIS and TOPPS may still have contact with him. Aaron, you will be sorely missed! ☹️

# Transitions

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## Eric Worth

Eric has been with TC ACCIS since April 1993. He was hired as an Implementor. Two years later, he was promoted to Software Quality Assurance (SQA) Branch Chief. He was responsible for the functional requirement analysis for each proposed change and performed unit tests.

Eric also traveled to various locations/sites to provide assistance or training. Eric helped with the fielding of the upgraded COMPAQ file servers. Some of those locations were: Tazsar, Hungary; Slavonski-Brod, Croatia; Eagle Base, Tuzla; Bosnia-Herzegovina; Kuwait; Ft Jackson; Ft Irwin; Ft Lewis, Ft Devens, Ft Campbell.

Eric Worth left TC ACCIS on March 30<sup>th</sup> to accept a Quality Assurance (QA) position with EG&G at Quantico Marine Base. We wish him well at his new position and thank him for his dedication. ☹

## Georgette Greer

We say a fond farewell to Ms. Georgette Greer, Unit Movement Coordinator at Ft. Bragg, NC. Georgette has worked in the Unit Movements Branch since April of 1989. Ms. Greer was the driving force that provided the support for Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Restore Hope, Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard and Joint Guardian. As a strong supporter of TC ACCIS, she took part in many User Group meetings, participated in the evaluation/testing of new TC ACCIS hardware and the Operational Test for the Compaq Server at Ft. Campbell, KY.

Georgette's expertise in Unit Movements is well known throughout the Movements Arena and that expertise was called upon by many installations. Bill Bailey at FORSCOM refers to her as: "One of the 4 Queens of Transportation".

Georgette will assume her new position as a Budget Analyst with the XVIII Airborne Corps on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

We at TC ACCIS will miss you!  
Thank you for your support. ☹

## Shannon Davis

We extend a belated farewell to another member of the TCACCIS family. Shannon Davis, who became a part of the TCACCIS family at Ft. Stewart, GA. in 1989, has been reassigned to another position, effective July 2000. She had been a staunch supporter of TCACCIS and participated in every major exercise from Desert Shield through Joint Endeavor.

Shannon's knowledge of the system and movements in general assured Ft. Stewart of always fulfilling the mission. Her input on transportation matters during the initial stages of TCACCIS through seminars, user groups and just plain old "You're doing It Wrong" were greatly appreciated.

Rita Johansen, the Unit Movement Coordinator has designated Billie Wingate to be Shannon's replacement.

Shannon's loss from the TCACCIS family will be greatly felt. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. ☹

## Sandy Misklow

We say a fond farewell to Ms. Sandra C. Misklow, as Movements Specialist at Ft. Bragg, NC. Sandy has worked in the Unit Movements Branch since July of 1990. Ms. Misklow broke into Unit Movements during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Her favorite TC ACCIS job was working any movement at the Rail Head.

Sandy will assume her new position as a Administrative Assistant with the XVIII Airborne Corps Chaplain's Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

We at TC ACCIS wish her well in her new job and thank her for her support of TC ACCIS. ☹

## Dona J. Morgan

TC ACCIS offers another fond farewell to Ms. Dona J. Morgan, as Movements Specialist at Ft. Bragg, NC. Dona has worked in the Unit Movements Branch since October of 1997. Ms. Morgan came to the Unit Movements Branch just in time for Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard and Joint Guardian.

Dona worked well with the Movement Officers providing coordination and assistance with planning and implementation of movement orders.

Dona will retire from Civil Service, effective the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2001. We wish her well and thank her for her support of TC ACCIS. ☹

We WILL miss you ☹



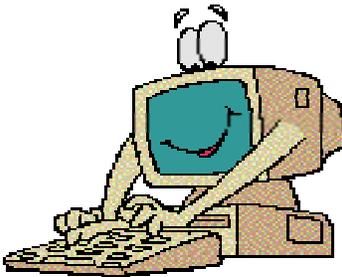
# Bragg Update

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1770 has announced that their appeal of the Privatization of the Directorate of Logistics has been rejected, therefore, ITT Industries will take over the operations of the DOL, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2001. ITT Industries of Colorado Springs, CO, won the contract.

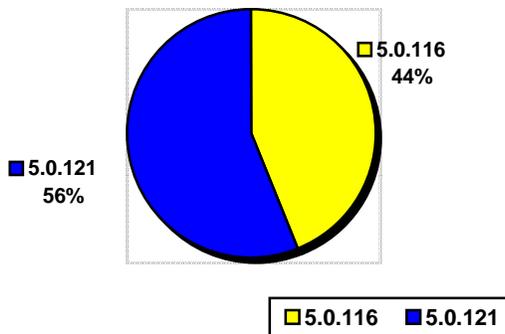
The logistics division provides supplies, transportation, maintenance and services for the Army post. Included in this division are Unit Movements, Passenger, Freight and Rail Operations Sections. These elements support the existing TC ACCIS and its replacement TCAIMS-II computerized movements systems.

How this will effect Deployment Operations is still not known at this time. Current employees will have several options available to them, including, Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP), Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and the Priority Placement Program. The current employees also have the first right of refusal for all positions turned over to the contractor. It is anticipated that the results of placement programs will be known by March 1, 2001.

A further update will be provided when the results of the appeal are known. 



## CURRENT TC ACCIS INSTALLS



## UPON LEAVING

On my last day, March 30, I am completing eight years with TC ACCIS. It is the longest run that I have ever had with any one contractor (RAM) or any one project.

I joined TC ACCIS on April 1, 1993 as an Implementer, handling trouble calls. I enjoyed talking to the TC ACCIS users at the various U.S. Army installations. When I was promoted to SQA Branch Chief in charge of functional requirement analysis and software testing, I missed talking to the friends that I had come to know over the previous two years.

Over the past eight years, I have marveled at the dedication of the TC ACCIS community. At TC ACCIS PMO, the average length of service among RAM and ITS employees was 6 1/2 years; an amazingly long tenure within the contractor community. For eight years, I have talked to the same people, all dedicated to the U.S. Army and its mission and to TC ACCIS. It seemed that retirement was the only reason for someone to leave the TC ACCIS community.

I feel honored to have worked with such a dedicated group of people. I also think that TC ACCIS, a repetitive, menu-driven application, has served the U.S. Army extremely well over the past decade.

I also want to thank TC ACCIS personnel at Ft. Campbell, Ft. Lewis, Ft. Jackson, Ft. Irwin, Devens, and the Mississippi National Guard for their hospitality during my training visits.

Sincerely,  
Eric Worth

## E-Mail of the Deployer Newsletter

The TC ACCIS PM is requesting that all recipients of the TC ACCIS/TC-AIMS II newsletter FAX or e-mail their e-mail address to the TC ACCIS POC.

Newsletters will continue to be mailed to those who do not have e-mail available.

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FAX: (703) 923-1099





# The Puzzle Page

Take time out of your busy day  
to complete this little crossword puzzle.

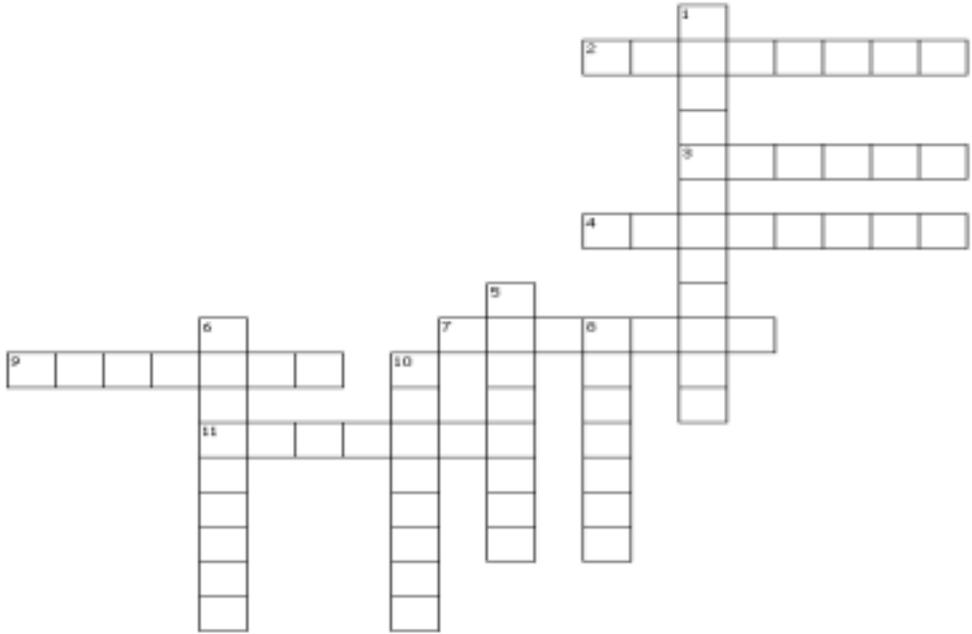
*Hint: All of the answers have to do with TC ACCIS.*



## Port Names

- Across**
- Port in South Carolina
  - Port in Australia
  - Port in Hawaii
  - Port in Washington
  - Port in New Jersey
  - Port in Cuba

- Down**
- Port in Florida
  - Port in Iceland
  - Port in Alaska
  - Port in Canada
  - Port in California



## Word Search

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