

TALKING PAPER  
ON  
THE DEPLOYMENT TRANSITION CENTER

- Since July 1, 2010 the Air Force Deployment Transition Center (DTC) has provided world class reintegration and decompression to over 8,000 redeployers.
  - 845 Navy and USMC have also used the DTC as third location decompression
- The mission of the DTC is to provide critical reintegration skills and decompression opportunities for redeployers.
  - Accomplished through four focused priorities: Enhance People; Build Community; Flex and Adapt to Mission Needs; and Conserve Resources.
- DTC curriculum executes the AF's Tier 4 decompression as part of the broader Comprehensive Airman Fitness.
  - Specifically targeting redeployers' resiliency impacts due to: family separations and life challenges associated with deployments, as well as the demands associated with combat operations.
  - 4 calendar days: ~72 hrs in Germany; ~8 hrs of program and ~64 hrs of liberty
    - Group discussion, not lectures, led by a Career Field Facilitator from the same/similar mission set along with a Mental Health personnel (no PowerPoints).
    - Strength based focus to bridge positive combat and home-front skillsets. No retribution or formal record of discussions that can be associated with members' direct comments. The attendance is not recorded in the member's medical record.
    - Members can receive additional referrals to helping agencies as indicated/desired.
    - One-on-one time is available (but not mandated) with the DTC mental health personnel, chaplain, and career field facilitators.
    - Experiential outing to a German city for a meal, shopping, recreation, conversation, etc.
  - Civilian attire is the UOD throughout the course
- The DTC originally accepted members by line remark designation in official orders based on deployed duty or AFSC. Since inception, AFCENT has been the primary theater of focus. Expansion of services has adjusted to include wider affected careers/personnel and geographical locations (i.e.; AFAFRICA).
  - Deployed commanders may nominate additional attendees based on exposure to incidents, difficulty with stressors or concerns for home-front transition: [Det1.86MSG.DTC@us.af.mil](mailto:Det1.86MSG.DTC@us.af.mil)