



## ***RISING to the Challenge***

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**Kurt Lengert** began his career with the U.S. Air Force as a Households Goods Shipment Clerk for the 50th Transportation Squadron in August of 1977. As he progressed through his career, he was promoted and assigned to positions of increased responsibility culminating in his present position as Transportation Program Manager, U.S. Air Force in Europe.

Joining the Rheinland-Pfalz Chapter of NDTA, Mr. Lengert arranged visits to venues like the Mercedes truck factory and Bundesbahn operations in Frankfurt and Saarbruecken to share knowledge between industry and government. His service to the chapter as Vice President earned him an NDTA Distinguished Service Award in 1990, and he became Chapter President in 1997.

He was elected to the post of NDTA International Vice President, Central Europe in the year 2000. In 2005 he became President of the European Region and immediately faced the challenges that high operations tempo, repeated unit deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, and leadership turnover have had for the viability of chapters and membership in his region.

He has continued to pursue the need to share knowledge and information between industry and the governments of the European Community and within NATO. This year he led efforts to revive the European Regional Conference as a workshop on Distribution Challenges in the Region. The focus was on international customs requirements, intratheater shipments, and the impact of the Lisbon Treaty on goods movements within Europe.