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NDTA (the National Defense Transportation Association) is a non-profit, non-political educational association committed to fostering partnerships between government, military and industry, and maintaining a strong and efficient global transportation, travel and distribution system in support of national security. There are over 9,000 members in the Association, composed of both individual and corporate members. There are over 60 chapters in the United States and overseas in Europe, Asia and the Pacific. The national headquarters office is located in Alexandria, Virginia.



NDTA Logistics, Transportation & Travel Expo
 during the SDDC Training Symposium
 April 4-6, 2011 | Dallas, TX

National Transportation Week
 May 5-21, 2011

65th Annual NDTA Forum & Expo
 September 10-14, 2011 | Phoenix, AZ

NDTA designates 2011 as “Year of the Military Logistician”

The voice of Global Defense Logistics

[Alexandria, VA; January 3, 2011] - - A critical component of every successful military mission includes a dedicated team of logistics professionals. Their operations may involve moving supplies to front lines or providing humanitarian assistance to earthquake victims, but in all cases the team ensures on time delivery around the world and in spite of difficult conditions. NDTA salutes these outstanding individuals by designating 2011 as the “Year of the Military Logistician.”

According to Ken Wykle, NDTA President, the most significant difference between military logisticians and their commercial counterparts is that they are required to deliver to a customer who is consistently moving and relocating in hostile environments or in disaster stricken areas. There is no fixed street address. Shipments are routed according to grid coordinates that go unmarked on the map. Recipients rely on the same consistent, dependable, and reliable service afforded to commercial customers even though the field of operations presents life and death scenarios adding a greater sense of urgency.

In keeping with the commemorative year, NDTA will honor our Nation’s military with a special charitable donation to [Camp Hope](#) that was established by Mike White of the [Surface Deployment and Distribution Command](#) (SDDC).

Camp Hope, situated on a 170-acre southeastern Missouri farm, provides a no-cost week of hunting, fishing, hiking, skeet shooting and other activities for disabled Veterans. “We are here for our guys – that’s what we do, period,” says Army Veteran William “Mike” White currently attached to SDDC Headquarters at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. “It helps them in their recovery process, to get out and enjoy things they didn’t think they’d be able to do again.” White, who was a member of NDTA’s Cape Fear Chapter while working as an equipment specialist for SDDC at Sunny Point in North Carolina, purchased the land in 2007 calling it the “Chris Neal Farm” in memory of his son Pfc Chris Neal White, who died while serving with the U.S. Marines in Iraq in 2006. A small farmhouse on the property, currently the interim hunting lodge, was named after Camp Hope in al-Anbar Province, Iraq.

Camp Hope will be the beneficiary of two separate fundraisers scheduled as part of the [NDTA Logistics, Transportation & Travel Expo](#) during the [SDDC Training Symposium](#) in Dallas, Texas, set for April 5-6, 2011. On Sunday, April 3, the NDTA Dallas Chapter will hold its annual Golf Classic to benefit their [Chapter Scholarship Fund](#); a portion of the tournament’s proceeds will also benefit Camp Hope. Likewise, proceeds from the following day’s event on April 4, the NDTA A-35 Veteran’s Benefit 5K, will go to Camp Hope. Contact Sara France sara.france@dhl.com of the Dallas Chapter for general golf information or A-35 Chair Lori Leffler lleffler@hertz.com for 5K information. For registration information for either event, contact Patty Casidy patty@ndtahq.com at NDTA. If you are unable to join us in Dallas, you can still donate to Camp Hope at www.chrisnealfam.com. For more details on NDTA Fundraising Events and Expo at the SDDC Symposium visit: ndtahq.com/events_sddc_symp.htm

In addition to these springtime Fundraisers, part of the “Year of the Military Logistician” commemoration, NDTA will also share articles of interest in Association publications including “Our Mission Continues,” that will appear in February, 2011 [Defense Transportation Journal](#). The issue will introduce a variety of organizations and worthwhile programs that NDTA chapters, and individual and corporate members support for the benefit of our Veterans, Wounded Warriors and Fallen Heroes.