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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 will hold its 65th Annual Logistics and Transportation Forum and Expo in Phoenix

The voice of Global Defense Logistics

[Alexandria, VA; January 10, 2011] - - - NDTA proudly announces that their Annual Logistics and Transportation Forum & Expo will be held September 10 - 14, 2011 in Phoenix, Arizona. The official Forum Hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, a premier downtown full service facility close to the Phoenix Convention Center and other attractions. This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Forum, the Association's signature event that attracts logisticians and transporters from around the globe and from both private and public sectors.

NDTA's Forums provide professional sessions and trade show displays where attendees are able to discover latest trends and initiatives, however, the greatest draw is the opportunity to network with senior leadership, executives and peers. "People come from the United States, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East," explains General Kenneth Wykle, USA (Ret.) and President of the organization, "so they have the advantage of staying in step with what's happening around the world." The exchange between government and industry knowledge specialists is another vital factor. "Our world is constantly changing, and the challenges that crop up in the field of logistics and transportation, like providing relief to victims of Haiti's recent devastating earthquake, require support from all sides," adds Wykle. While the Forum is billed as an Association event, everyone with interest in the business of the Defense Transportation System is welcome to join, members and non-members alike.

Wykle continues, "The most significant difference between military logisticians and their commercial counterparts is that they are required to deliver to a customer—the warfighter or the mission relief commander—who is constantly moving and relocating in hostile environments or in disaster stricken areas. There is no fixed street address." What's more, 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.

NDTA has designated 2011 as the "Year of the Military Logistician" in recognition of all that they do to keep operations running smoothly. And, if Forum attendance numbers match those set in 2010, over 1,500 military, government and commercial professionals are expected to be in town.

Jim Burkhardt, local NDTA Chapter President who works with Jones Motor Company, says, "Our Valley of the Sun Chapter members are proud to share the city with Forum guests! We know they will enjoy their stay!" Members have already set to work identifying area attractions, spots for off site tours, and venues for NDTA scholarship fundraising socials. According to the Chapter roster, members represent military commands located in the vicinity, like the 56th Fighter Wing stationed at Luke Air Force Base; and companies like: APL, DB Schenker, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, FedEx Custom Critical, JB Hunt, Knight Transportation, Landstar, Matson Navigation Group, McEil Sevices, Inc., Swift Transportation Group, US Airways, YRC Worldwide and many, many more.

For information, please visit the NDTA Forum Website at: www.ndtahq.com/forum.htm. Remember to check back often as details begin to fall into place. If you would like to participate as an exhibitor or sponsor, please contact Denny Edwards, Expo Manager, at 703-751-5011.