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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 9000 members in the association, comprised of both individual and corporate members. There are 60 plus chapters in the United States and overseas in Europe and the Pacific. The national headquarters office is located in Alexandria, VA.



National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) members provide positive feedback following the 61st Annual Forum & Expo in Charleston

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Attendance at the recent National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) Forum and Expo in Charleston, South Carolina from September 15 – 19 climbed to over 1,000 attendees; many were new to the organization. Exhibitor numbers also reflected an increase from past years with over 207 exhibit booths filling 51,000 square feet of show space.

From member feedback and online survey results, the Charleston Forum was a success on other levels as well. Nearly 92% of survey respondents commented on the ease and efficiency of both online and on-site registration procedures; they also rated the NDTA Forum web site and professional line up as “exceptional” or “exceeded expectations.” Seventy percent welcomed the idea of breakfast in the comfort of their own Hotel; 97% agreed that the event overall was well-managed and organized. The YRC-sponsored Scholarship Dinner aboard the USS Yorktown was very popular, as well as the FedEx-hosted reception which took place at the North Charleston Convention Center. Everyone enjoyed a genuine taste of southern cuisine, too, courtesy of Maersk Line, Limited and National Air Cargo at both exhibit periods sponsored by these companies respectively.

Information gathered from survey results indicate that attendees prefer a 3-day event, with add-on activities or special sessions to take place before rather than after the Forum. These ideas will be addressed by next year’s Forum Planning Committee.

An impressive 76% said they plan on attending or exhibiting at the Reno / Tahoe Forum.

One of the issues expressed concerning multiple hotels has already been corrected for 2008 and 2009; lodging and trade show exhibits will be at one hotel and under one roof.

NDTA welcomes member input throughout the year on Forum Events, National Transportation Week activities and industry programming. If you have ideas or questions, please contact the NDTA Office at 703-751-5011 or [Greg Reid](#), VP Education & Chair of Forum, Education & Professional Development Committee.

NDTA Forum & Expo Upcoming Schedule	2008
	Reno / Tahoe, NV
	2009
	Nashville, TN
	2010
	Anchorage, AK
	2011
	Phoenix, AZ