

NDTA FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACTIONS

The Military Airlift, Military Sealift, Surface Transportation, Military Distribution, Passenger Travel Services committee, and Security Best Practices Committees are modally and functionally focused groups that work to maximize the benefits derived from America's team of military transporters, commercial air, sea, and land carriers and supporting industries. They are charged with examining and recommending solutions to critical air, sea, and surface movement issues. Additionally, each committee develops ideas, approaches, and understanding of explicit areas of interest to the government, serves as a forum to discuss defense versus civil sector issues, and increases the general understanding of the U.S. Transportation Command, Air Mobility Command, Military Sealift Command, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and the Defense Logistics Agency and their respective missions. Each of these committees address the issues that impact their functional area. When they cannot resolve the issues, they may be raised to the most senior levels within industry and the DOD/government.

Military Airlift Committee: The United States national airlift capability is provided from military and commercial air carrier resources. Each segment is important and interdependent in the fulfillment of national objectives. The NDTA recognizes the implicit criticality of the civil/military partnership to national security and offers the expertise of the Association members to enhance the airlift capability of the Nation. Selected accomplishments and on-going actions include:

- Developed parameters for the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) Program
- Developed National Airlift Policy in coordination with DOD; signed by the President, 1987
- Recommended ways to economically modify commercial aircraft to move military cargo
- Completed a study on the supply and demand for pilots, 9189-2000
- Completed a study on CRAF activation after Desert Shield/Desert Storm
- Assisted Air Mobility command in solving issues resulting from CRAF activation
- Started work to solve AERO Medical Evacuation shortfall
- Working to achieve an assured business plan for the CRAF carriers
- Recommending the appropriate mix of military and CRAF aircraft to meet DOD requirements
- Participated in a study on the future of the CRAF program
- Developed recommendations to incentivize carriers to participate in the CRAF program
- Provided ideas on ways to ensure the viability of the GSA City Pairs Program

Military Sealift Committee: The United States national sealift capability is provided from military and commercial maritime resources. Each segment is important and interdependent in the fulfillment of national objectives. The NDTA recognizes the implicit criticality of the civil/military partnership to national security and offers the expertise of the Association members to enhance the sealift capability of the Nation. Selected accomplishments and on-going actions include:

- Established coalition between ship operators, ship builders and labor unions to discuss ways to rebuild the US Merchant Marine
- Supported and provided input to the National Security Sealift Policy: signed by the President, 1989
- Completed quick reaction study on activation of Ready Reserve Force (RRF) ships during Desert Shield/Storm; provided recommendations to USTRANSCOM
- Completed RRF Sizing Study for Commander, USTRANSCOM
- Developed the voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VIS) in conjunction with DOD, USTRANSCOM, and MARAD

- Developed a set of guiding principles for lay-up of RRF ships
- Published White Papers on the Maritime Security Program; Security and Tonnage Tax; Commercial and Military fleet mix.

Surface Transportation Committee: The commercial motor carrier and rail industry and the DOD are interdependent with regard to providing surface transportation to meet the nation's defense transportation requirements. The NDTA provides the opportunity for the motor carrier and rail industry and the DOD to establish a partnership that is mutually beneficial in economic terms while meeting the nation's critical defense transportation requirements. Selected accomplishments and on-going actions include:

- Improved the payment processes for truck and rail carriers
- Identified improvements for Intermodal Unit Moves
- Implemented processes to standardize quality across the modes
- Conducted port readiness reviews
- Conducted pilot program to improve transportation security—DBIDS (Defense Biometric Identification system)
- Safety—Led efforts to eliminate the 100 mile rule for AA&E shipments
- Provided industry input/concerns to SDDC for revised fuel surcharge policy
- Provided forum for industry to express views on the DTCL
- Identified "Safe Havens" for AA&E shipments in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster

Military Distribution Committee: The responsibility for the DOD end-to-end supply chain is split between multiple major commands. When there is a problem with distribution the Secretary of Defense must go to multiple commanders to resolve the issue or to get answers to questions concerning the supply chain. To solve this issue USTRANSCOM has been designated as the single distribution process "owner" for DOD. The NDTA recognizes the implicit criticality of the military/industry partnership in defense distribution and national security. NDTA offers the expertise of the Association members to enhance the end-to-end supply chain for DOD. The Distribution Committee is the catalyst for providing ideas and information on commercial practices for improving the supply chain. The Association membership provides the expertise necessary to assist in this endeavor and provides representatives to committees and subcommittees to enhance the Nation's capability. Selected accomplishments and on-going actions include:

- Facilitated knowledge sharing between industry and USTRANSCOM on IT Portfolio management, metrics, and supply chain visibility
- Advanced knowledge and science of end-to-end supply chain management through seminars and discussions groups
- Fostered strategic communications between industry sectors to enhance defense distribution system—shared industry practices
- Provided objective feedback to USTRANSCOM on changes to the Defense Supply chain and alignment with industry practices; end-to-end contracts; single billing procedures
- Published white papers for On-Demand Distribution Facilities; and RFID
- Providing feedback on USTRANSCOM AIT CONOPS

Passenger Travel Services: The United States defense passenger and travel capability is provided from military/government and commercial resources. Each segment is important and interdependent to the

fulfillment of national objectives. The NDTA recognizes the critical need for a civilian/military government partnership to assure national needs are met and offers the expertise of the association members to enhance the passenger travel services capability of the nation. The committee provides a forum for open exchange between government and travel industry decision makers to improve programs, trends, policies and other matters affecting the government traveler and the travel industry. Selected accomplishments and on-going actions include:

- Led efforts to develop and implement the DoD Rental Car program
- Chaired the GSA per diem working group
- Developed and proposed a GSA fleet management schedule for rental cars
- Provided industry feedback on the Defense Travel System
- Provided Airline industry views and concerns on the GSA City Pairs Program—an ongoing effort to educate the government on key aspects for the program negatively impacting the industry
- Conducted seminars and sessions to educate government travelers on the many hotel and extended stay programs
- Facilitated work shops across the public and private sectors to share knowledge on travel related technology; industry e-business practices and to enhance communications
- Developed a white paper on fleet leasing programs for the government

Security Best Practices: The Security Best Practice Committee provides a forum for inquiry and a sounding board for public and private sector leaders concerned with Security Best Practices in national and international transportation systems of the U.S. and its global partners. The committee is the association's liaison to other governmental departments and the voice for the defense transportation industry in the development of policy and regulations potentially impacting the industry. Selected accomplishments and on-going actions include:

- Initiated sessions to educate the Transportation Industry on subjects of importance to DOD/DHS
- Facilitated the sharing of knowledge between industry, government, and the military on security best practices
- Advanced the knowledge and science of security and technology through table top exercises
- Facilitated the interdepartmental exchange of personnel/training/schooling
- Serves as TSA "window" to the transportation industry to obtain objective feedback on proposed policies, rules, and regulations
- Championed need for DBIDS/TWIC interoperability; and the DOD model for "jointness" within DHS
- Published a white paper on Transportation Security and the War against Terrorism
- Participated with government agencies in the development of Intellipedia
- Facilitated/participated with government in identifying and providing a framework for developing plans for the security of the nations 13 critical infrastructures and our national monuments/icons