



The National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) Continues Their Proud Tradition of Teamwork in Charleston, SC at the 61st Annual NDTA Forum & Expo

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The National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) has announced the theme for its upcoming 61st annual Transportation and Logistics Forum & Expo scheduled for September 15 ~ 19, 2007 in Charleston, SC. The event, entitled "Better TOGETHER - teaming up to tackle the mission," underscores the cooperation required across all modes, service branches and industry sectors to effectively support our military and objectives of the Defense Transportation System (DTS).

Teamwork is vital to move troops and supplies in and out of war zones, but it is equally necessary to coordinate life saving humanitarian efforts around the world. NDTA membership - at the corporate and individual levels - has been actively involved in both realms throughout the Association's 60-plus year history. Today, members continue to contribute expertise, experience and resources to enable swift and sure delivery at home and abroad wherever and whenever the need arises. And they continue to partner with the Department of Defense to leverage technology and share information to ensure the most cost effective and efficient means of achieving the mission.

According to General Wykle, NDTA President, teamwork is bottom line to planning and presenting a successful Forum and Trade Show, too. "We couldn't do this year after year without the involvement of our local chapters. The Charleston Chapter, established early on, includes transporters and logisticians involved in maritime, surface, rail and air operations. With their guidance and help, we anticipate several offsite options for a hands-on learning experience in addition to educational sessions and keynote speakers. Over 1,000 attendees joined the 2006 Forum in Memphis, TN however the joint presence of Army, Air Force and Navy contingencies in Charleston suggests that the number will grow. Special programs geared towards professional development for junior NDTA members will be added to the agenda.

The Forum location itself represents a partnership of sorts since activities are scheduled in North Charleston, Mt. Pleasant and "Old Town" - neighborhoods culturally and historically distinct from each other. Carl Wlotzko, Destination Management Contact for NDTA explains, "YRC Worldwide and FedEx Corporation have exciting plans for our group that include an NDTA Scholarship benefit aboard the USS Yorktown CV-10. Members will be able to enjoy daytime leisure options at lowland plantations and landmark locations around town, and hotel accommodations are reserved in North Charleston close to the newly opened Tanger Outlet Mall. Attendees will have the chance to savor all that Charleston has to offer."

Sponsorship and Trade Show inquiries can be directed to Denny Edwards, Exhibit Manager and Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator. Additional Forum details can be found at: www.ndtahq.com/forum.htm, as plans develop.

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