



NDTA Washington DC Chapter

LTG Edward Honor Mentoring Program

To promote professional and leadership development within the Defense transportation and logistics community, the Washington DC Chapter of NDTA created a dynamic program that brings together senior leaders wishing to give back to the community with early- and mid-career individuals seeking to further their professional growth.

The Program was established in 2003 and was named after LTG Edward Honor as a tribute to his endless dedication to growing and nurturing the future leadership of the Defense transportation and logistics community.

Program Overview

The Program consists of six sessions that include a guest speaker and one-on-one meetings between the mentees and their assigned mentors. Mentees are matched with a different mentor at each session. Past guest speakers have included LTG Robert Dail, Director of the Defense Logistics Agency; Mr. Earl Boyanton, Deputy Assistant Undersecretary of Defense for Transportation Policy; and Mr. Bill Kenwell, Chief Commercial Officer for the Maersk Line.

Who are the Mentees?

A mentee can be any transportation or logistics professional, civilian or military (officer or enlisted), who is interested in learning new skills or receiving career advice from a seasoned professional. Being a mentee is not limited to A-35 Members (under-35 professionals); the Program is open to any NDTA member. A maximum of 15 mentees are accepted into the Program each season. To be accepted, mentees must be willing to make a serious commitment to participate in the entire Program.

Who are the Mentors?

Mentors are present or former senior executives from the military, government and the private sector who find it rewarding to share their experiences and help the next generation of Defense transportation and logistics leaders. Mentors continue to work with the Program from one season to another.

Program Structure

Participants meet once a month for a two-hour session over a six-month period. The sessions are hosted at the offices of an NDTA member in the DC area (usually Northern Virginia). The meetings begin at 5:30pm with 30 minutes of informal conversation. NDTA will provide a casual dinner consisting of sandwiches, snacks and beverages. A guest speaker or roundtable discussion follows dinner. Topics center on leadership, career development or professional subjects.

Upon conclusion of the discussion/speaker presentation, the group breaks up into private, one-on-one sessions between mentors and mentees, which last about one hour. There is no set format for these sessions. The Program is free to participants; NDTA covers the cost of the food.

The Experience

Previous participants have found the Program to be a rewarding and worthwhile experience. Through the Program, they had an opportunity to interact with industry leaders, receive valuable career advice from top-caliber senior executives and expand their professional network – all in an intimate and collegial environment.

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