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TO THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN, MARINES, AND CIVILIANS OF THE "LOG NATION" 31 January 2011

From Afghanistan to Iraq and in many other places around the world, the U.S. Armed Forces embody and represent our Nation's courage, commitment, and resolve. While visiting bases at home and abroad, seeing our Service members' successes first hand reminds me that our strength is inexorably linked to the unwavering and determined work of our talented logisticians.

As with past conflicts, you are among the unsung heroes of this generation -- the selfless servants who are converting national resources into combat power, delivering every day, and sustaining our military at war. Your seamless execution of the responsible drawdown of U.S. forces from Iraq and the simultaneous increase in combat forces in Afghanistan are a testament to your skill. While concurrently supporting full-spectrum combat operations, this unprecedented transition was an absolute success and by any measure due to the efforts of our entire logistics enterprise.

While the mission in the Middle East and around the world is far from finished, I thank you for your continued support and dedication to duty. You are the muscle that moves, sustains, builds, and heals our Nation's most precious resource -- the men and women of our Armed Forces.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join all Americans in paying tribute to you. May God bless our country and all of you who serve.

Sincerely,

M.G. Mullen
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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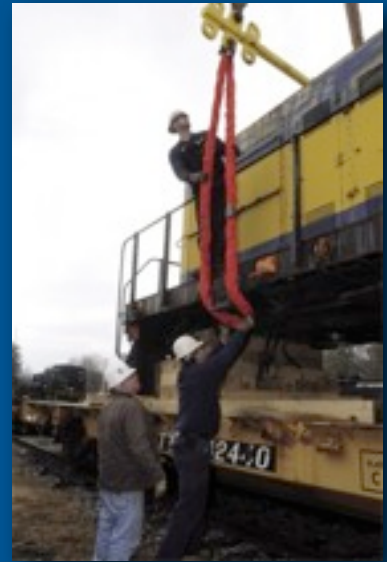
WWII locomotive makes final stop US Army Transportation Museum

Lyna Tucker

After a long life of service spanning duty in World War II, on the Alaskan Railway and testing at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Army RSD-1 locomotive #8011 pulled into its final station Jan. 21 at the U.S. Army Transportation Museum, Fort Eustis.

Built in March 1941, the locomotive was a four-axle diesel-electric locomotive built by the American Locomotive Company for the Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay Railway, #902.

After the outbreak of war in 1942, #902 was requisitioned by the Army for service overseas. Originally designated a model RS-1, the engine was remanufactured into a C-C design six-axle locomotive (three powered axles per truck, or wheel assembly), re-designated Army RSD-1 #8011, and shipped to the Persian Gulf for use on the Trans Iranian Railroad. [Read ON](#)



USCG Air, Sea and PEOPLE POWER Debut



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Vice Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, vice commandant of the Coast Guard, presides at the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of a new **COAST GUARD EXHIBIT, Pentagon Visitor's Center** Jan. 19. The exhibit design is based upon the principal that people are the service's most critical asset. PHOTO: Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Kelley, USCG

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F-15 Eagle 9/11 “First Responder” arrives in Santa Rosa on 12/14/2010

In an unprecedented move, the [Pacific Coast Air Museum](#) has been awarded the honor of displaying a historic national treasure – the very first aircraft to respond on the scene to the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11th. The F-15 “First Responder” will be fully restored as the centerpiece of an interactive, educational exhibit in honor of those who perished and those who responded, and will tell the story of the heroism in the air and in by the FAA. Click the video button to watch the heavy lift delivery to the Museum.



Wheels Through Time



The [Wheels Through Time Museum](#) is home to the world's premier collection of rare American Vintage Motorcycles including the 1909 Reading Standard, and the one-of-a-kind 1929 Harley-Davidson DAR.

Social Media and the DOD Student

Twitter, Facebook and YouTube have revolutionized the concept of military study groups, because classmates can log on to a shared page or wiki and work together without having to leave their post.

Active duty student Kim Byers, stationed in Alexandria, VA, is studying for her master’s in Homeland Security at [American Military University](#). She said social media facilitates discussions. On Facebook, Byers can post a question, and can interact quickly because students are often logged in.

There are other advantages. Facebook is personable and user friendly. “It doesn’t matter where you are. I can get on from my phone, or anywhere. That helps a lot,” said Byers.

She also uses blogging with success. “I was working on a paper and didn’t quite understand how the thesis had to be written,” Byers recalled. “We were talking about it back and forth [online]. Classmates kept telling me, ‘You’re going too deep. Just stay on the surface. This is what the teacher looking for.’ I ended up getting an A in the class, so this was very helpful.”

[National Defense University](#) (NDU) works with [Blackboard](#) to create a blended learning model that can replace or supplement the classroom with a Web-based system.

NDU student John Madril, who uses Blackboard’s wikis, blogs and other “built ins”, said students work together by adding file updates in real-time and posting separate comments about what they learned, their challenges and how things could be done more effectively next time.

Asked which technology is most helpful, he said the best aspect is that it allows collaboration of people all over the world—in different time zones, on ships, deployment or travel. Students receive class project lists. Some are individual; others are collaborative.

Working virtually together on class projects is good preparation for in-person teamwork, he said. “You can put up a plan and somebody around the world can take your input and change it, make additions or subtractions from your plan and make it better.”

[SoftChalk](#) is another learning platform that offers video clips, learning games and webinars. Some are even customized to help students with career development. Webinars, conducted on [Adobe Connect Pro](#) can be recorded and archived so students can access them at any time. Titles include: "Is Your Job Search Missing a Link? How to Use LinkedIn." Tools like [Smarthinking](#), which provides course-related tutorial assistance 24 hours a day, and tutorials on how to use various software programs through [Atomic Learning](#) have proven valuable to military students.

These innovations in online learning have also boosted student morale in a different way. Many students forge meaningful "virtual" friendships and support systems with distant classmates. Students Kate Butler of New York and Ana Maria Tapia de Mitchell of Texas were strangers when they were introduced by chance using an online connection, the Electronic Peer Network, or EPN. [NOTE: universities, college and learning centers typically set up a dedicated EPN for their own students' use] Mitchell sold Butler a book and, assuming she was a young woman just starting college, included a note wishing her luck with her academics. It turns out both women were adults, in their 50s, returning to college. They communicated by e-mail, forged a friendship, and gave a joint address to their graduating class.

It's the same thing with online classmates using the system at NDU. After weeks and weeks sharing work and cheering on each other's successes online, students feel connected and relish the day they get to actually meet face-to-face. [adapted from [Military Advanced Education](#)]



THE CHALLENGE

Quickly deploy a learning solution to create a consistent experience for students, regardless of where they take class.

Read how [Air University](#), the Intellectual and Leadership Center for the Air Force, met the challenge! [Air University Soars to New Heights](#)

DOD Social Networks link soldiers as they travel...

30 days through AFGHANISTAN

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command



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Day 16: Mazzir-e Sharif, Afghanistan. Children



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South Korean Shipbuilder Rolls Out Anti-piracy System

Jan 22, 2011 SEOUL — South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries has rolled out a system to help ships detect and fend off pirates, after the recent hijacking of a South Korean freighter near Somalia.

The nation's third-largest shipbuilder said that the new anti-piracy system detects smaller boats in the vicinity often undetected under existing marine radar systems and issues an automatic alert when approached.

"The alert is issued when an approaching vessel does not respond to usual ship-to-ship radio communications or shows unusual navigating patterns and speed," according to a company spokesman.

The system allows sailors in a navigation room to remotely control water cannons on the ship's deck that can reach up to 70 meters (230 feet) when pirates attempt to climb aboard. "That way, crew will be safe from potential shooting attacks from pirates when firing the water cannons," said the spokesman, adding the system is applicable to most existing ships.

Piracy has surged off lawless Somalia in recent years, and international warships patrol the area in a bid to clamp down on the problem. Pirates are currently holding 29 vessels and about 700 hostages. [Read ON](#)



PALM Forum

April 26 - 28, 2011

Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel
*Supporting the Joint Force - -
 Teamwork across the Pacific*

PALM will focus on the latest changes, challenges and trends in ocean and ground transportation at the strategic and operational levels. Meet with key leaders, logisticians and transporters in the Pacific Community.

Participation is LIMITED

on the AGENDA

- SDDC Overview: Billing/Booking
- Inter-Agency Multi-functional Logistics Requirements & Capabilities
- Expansion & Renovation - Guam Ports
- Army Watercraft - Capabilities and Future Possible Positioning
- Pacific Exercises. Lessons Learned
- Joint Task Force Port Opening Panel
- Global Combat Service Support

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The video gives an indication of what goes on behind the scenes at Amazon.com headquartered in Phoenix. NDTA Corporate Members and other companies of interest to logisticians and transporters that have presence in the Phoenix area include: [Alaska Airlines](#); [Alliant Techsystems Inc.](#); [APL \(HQ\)](#); [Boeing](#); [Honeywell Aerospace \(HQ\)](#); [JDA Software Group \(HQ\)](#); [Knight Transportation \(HQ\)](#); [Marriott International](#); [Mesa Airlines \(HQ\)](#); [Southwest Airlines](#); [Swift Transportation \(HQ\)](#); [US Airways Group \(Fortune 500\)](#); [U-Haul \(HQ\)](#).

FROM PHOENIX: Inside the Bustling Amazon.com Warehouse

Amazon.com's existence in the virtual realm makes bargain hunters' lives easier. Thanks to a local TV news broadcast Nov. 29, 2011, now you can take a tour of Amazon's massive Phoenix warehouse, where thousands of workers hustle to get your purchases from your 'shopping cart' to your doorstep.

"Today's going to be a heavy day today as we're going to probably ship about 250,000 packages out of this facility," says Craig Berman, Amazon.com VP.

All of those packages are monitored and moved from one place to another safely and efficiently. Efficiency is key when Amazon workers have to deal with millions of items under one roof.

Berman shows how people buy everything online, from Picasso prints to peanut butter. The Phoenix location is just one of Amazon's 650,000 square foot facilities.

"This isn't the busiest day. Our busiest day falls mid-December on Cyber Monday," says Berman. "That is when more than 100 million shoppers are expected to buy something online."

Amazon employees in the Phoenix facility walk 18 to 20 miles a day down aisles lined with shelves, filling library-style carts with the latest orders and carrying items back to packing stations. They have not adopted robots to help in that task as yet. For the holiday season, the Phoenix facility—one of about 20 that Amazon has across the U.S.—quadruples its staff to about 1,200 to handle the holiday rush, with teams working 24 hours a day.

REMEMBER

The 2011 NDTA Forum will be held
Sept. 10 - 14 in Phoenix where "the action is!"

For MORE NDTA happenings throughout the year, visit our [Calendar](#)

February 21 San Antonio Chapter Plant Tour. Details [HERE](#)

February 22 Central PA Chapter Luncheon. [RSVP](#)

February 23 Jacksonville Chapter Luncheon. Details [HERE](#)

February 24 Houston Chapter Luncheon. [RSVP](#)

February 25 Scott/St Louis Chapter Luncheon. Details [HERE](#)

Special Early Announcement:

April 16 Valley of the Sun 6th Annual Charity & Scholarship Golf Tournament. The event is moved up to accommodate the NDTA Forum & Expo in Phoenix Sept. 11-14. Register [HERE](#)

The **NDTA Forum Planning Committee Meeting** was held on Jan. 27th at the Springfield Courtyard by Marriott in Springfield, VA. After a brief recap of the 2010 event, the agenda turned to thoughts of the Phoenix Forum and Expo. This year marks a milestone effort – it will be the 65th NDTA Forum and it is also scheduled to coincide with the 10th year mark following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Everyone agreed that special consideration should be given to these noteworthy moments. Items open for discussion included session topics, tour venues and a Forum theme.

Selecting a theme is one of the first steps in planning. It guides Forum branding and can also hint at the direction that professional sessions may take. Inspiration for a theme can come from various sources: attributes of the destination city; an industry buzz word; or, an issue of particular interest to DOD and commercial transporters and logisticians. Likewise, a Forum theme could reflect broader issues, like NDTA's support of government goals, National pride or an appeal to younger people.

Distinct images come to mind for Phoenix: an endless desert, a flowering cactus, or a jubilant sunrise. The city's name even conjures an uplifting message—the notion that something good always rises up from the ashes. Theme ideas posed at the meeting: "Proactive not Reactive;" "Days of Change;" "Maximizing Efficiencies in an Austere Environment;" "New Reality;" "Efficiencies without Borders;" "Reconnecting and Reinvesting in Our Future;" and "Rising to the Future" (or to the Challenge).

What do you think? Share your thoughts with [Ken Wykle](#) or [Mark Victorson](#).



**NDTA 65TH
ANNUAL FORUM & EXPO
Phoenix, Arizona
September 10 - 14, 2011**

PAST Forum Themes *NOTE: 1946-1956 Forums were not themed*

- 1957 Washington, DC
The Shape of Things to Come
- 1958 St. Louis, MO
Transportation Protects the Nation
- 1959 Seattle, WA
The American Revolution in Transportation
- 1960 New Orleans, LA
The Dynamic '60s - Challenge to Transportation
- 1961 Denver, CO
New Frontiers Affecting Transportation
- 1962 San Francisco, CA
Transportation - A Life Line to National Goals
- 1963 Chicago, IL
Transportation - Progress & Security for the Free World
- 1964 New York City, NY
Transportation - Insurance for Economic Progress & Defense
- 1965 Detroit, MI
Transportation & Defense - Partners in International Progress
- 1966 Dallas, TX
Defense Transportation - Keystone of National Security
- 1967 Los Angeles, CA
Transportation - Today and Tomorrow
- 1968 Washington, DC
Transportation - Investment in Defense
- 1969 Atlanta, GA
Transportation - New Horizons
- 1970 San Francisco, CA
The Golden Future of Transportation
- 1971 Minneapolis, MN
Facing Global Transportation Challenges
- 1972 San Antonio, TX
Transportation - Pathway to Trade, Peace & Understanding
- 1973 Washington, DC
Transportation Crisis - Decision or Dilemma
- 1974 Las Vegas, NV
Transportation - Builder of Nations

- 1975 Honolulu, HI
Transportation Economics - Now and In The Future
- 1976 Boston, MA
Transportation Bicentennial - Interfaces & Issues
- 1977 Anaheim, CA
Transportation's Critical Concerns: Energy, Labor & Government
- 1978 Washington, DC
Transportation: Key to Economic Progress & National Power
- 1979 Salt Lake City
Transportation & National Security - The Turning Point
- 1980 Chicago, IL
Transportation - Key to National Survival
- 1981 Indianapolis, IN
Transportation & Defense - A Partnership in Change
- 1982 Denver, CO
National Mobility - Today and Tomorrow
- 1983 New Orleans, LA
Transportation Opportunities & National Economic Recovery
- 1984 San Francisco, CA
Deregulation & Economics, Future Impact on DOD Transportation
- 1985 Atlanta, GA
Renewing the Transportation Resource - A Future Look
- 1986 Tampa, FL
Transportation Technology - From Computer Chips to Super Ships
- 1987 Little Rock, AR
Transportation Realities - Crises or Opportunities
- 1988 Honolulu, HI
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- 1989 Seattle, WA
Building Tomorrow's Transportation Team
- 1990 El Paso, TX
Managing Change
- 1991 Biloxi, MS
Transportation - National Imperative for Victory
- 1992 Norfolk, VA
Charting the Course for a New Era

- 1993 Salt Lake City, UT
New Era, New Requirements, New Directions
- 1994 St. Louis, MO
Celebrating 50 Years of Transportation Partnership
- 1995 Dallas, TX
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- 1996 Orlando, FL
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- 1997 Oakland, CA
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- 1998 Houston, TX
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- 1999 Anchorage, AK
Global Challenges and Changes
- 2000 Albuquerque, NM
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- 2001 Milwaukee, WI
Cancelled
- 2002 Greensboro, NC
Transport Security - Global Challenges, Changes & Solutions
- 2003 Kansas City, MO
Current Challenges & Transformation
- 2004 Milwaukee, WI
Shaping the Future - Transportation, Distribution, & Security
- 2005 San Diego, CA
Partnering for Solutions
- 2006 Memphis, TN
Continual Transformation
- 2007 Charleston, SC
Better Together - Teaming up to Tackle the Mission
- 2008 Reno, NV
The Global Enterprise - Transformation and Competition
- 2009 Nashville, TN
The Rhythm of Change
- 2010 Washington, DC
Outside the Beltway - Outside the Box

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NEWS from MEMBERS and ASSOCIATES

Feb 17, 2011 Waterman Steamship Corp. regularly scheduled US-flag PCTC / RoRo vessel service between the West coast, Japan and Korea has been expanded to include the port of Apra, Guam. [Read ON](#)

Feb 14, 2011 [ManTech International Corporation](#) has announced the acquisition of TranTech Inc., a provider of information technology, networking and cyber security services to the federal government. [Read ON](#)

Feb 7, 2011 [ManTech](#) awarded contract to sustain and support MRAP family of vehicles in US and Southwest Asia [Read ON](#)

Feb 7, 2011 [Norfolk Southern](#) will provide rail switching services for the Port of Indiana. The landmark agreement is designed to improve service, and increase business for port customers. [Read ON](#)

Feb 4, 2011 Michael Hansen and the Logistics Sustainment Division of [USTRANSCOM](#) have won the first Center of Excellence in Logistics and Technology General William G.T. Tuttle, Jr., U.S. Army (Ret.) Award for Business Acumen in Defense and Government. [Read ON](#)

Feb 2, 2011 [Crowley](#) Maritime has relocated its Inglewood, CA logistics office to a larger facility in San Pedro, CA [Read ON](#) **Jan 11, 2011** [Crowley](#) acquired energy logistics company [Read ON](#)

Feb 1, 2011 [AAR](#) has expanded its airlift fleet and capabilities to include super-heavy lift services for the US Government. [Read ON](#)

Jan 25, 2011 The [Lockheed Martin](#) Airborne & Maritime/ Fixed Station Joint Tactical Radio System (AMF JTRS) team, with support from [Boeing](#), has conducted a significant test that provides a new capability to connect joint forces on the battlefield. [Read ON](#)

Jan 24, 2011 John Thackrah joined [MSC](#) as the new Exec. Director; Thackrah replaces Richard Haynes who has held that position since 1997. [Read ON](#)

Jan 18, 2011 [ARINC](#) will continue developing Army's Wireless Mesh Network & Global Tracking System under the U.S. Army's Next Generation Wireless Communications (NGWC) program. [Read ON](#)



Aloha Chapter Members took a tour of the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, January, 2011. **NOTICE** The Pacific Logistics Movement Forum (PALM) is scheduled for April 26-28 in Honolulu, HI. The event is hosted by TRANSCOM, Army Materiel, SDDC and SDDC Pacific Transportation Battalions. Click [HERE](#) for more.



Scott-St. Louis Chapter President Richard Thompson thanks MG Gregory Couch, USTRANSCOM Chief of Staff, for speaking at the January Luncheon. General McNabb, TRANSCOM commander, spoke at the February Luncheon.



DC Chapter President Rod Mallette thanks Alan Estevez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics & Materiel Readiness) for speaking at the chapter's January, 2011 Luncheon. Mr. Estevez, a longtime NDTA Member, also serves as the chapter's treasurer.

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Secretary of Defense honors USTRANSCOM directorates

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. - The U.S. Transportation Command received a visitor from the office of the Secretary of Defense in mid-January to honor personnel from the Intelligence Directorate, known as J-2, the Operations and Plans Directorate, or J-3, and the Command, Control, Communication and Computer Systems Directorate, or J-6, for superior service.

Robert Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, presented certificates of appreciation to many of the command's civilian and military personnel. He praised them for laying the foundation for developing the National Defense Strategy for Cyberspace Operations. [Read ON](#)

Robert Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, (fifth person in from the left) poses with members of the USTRANSCOM's Cyber Team. A former USTRANSCOM director of intelligence, Butler led a day-long deep dive discussion on cyber threats and solutions prior to recognizing the Cyber Team.



NDTA Pikes Peak Members volunteer at the Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado. Pictured in front TSgt Michele Armstrong, (L) Carolyn Franklin, (R) TSgt Melissa Stith, (extreme right) MSgt Lowell Armstrong.

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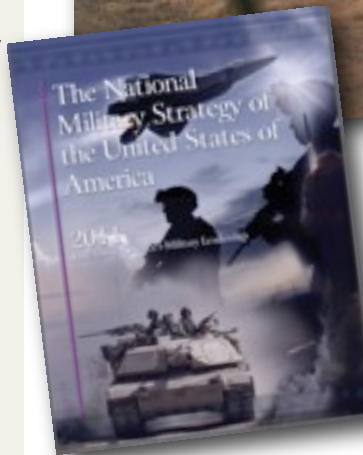
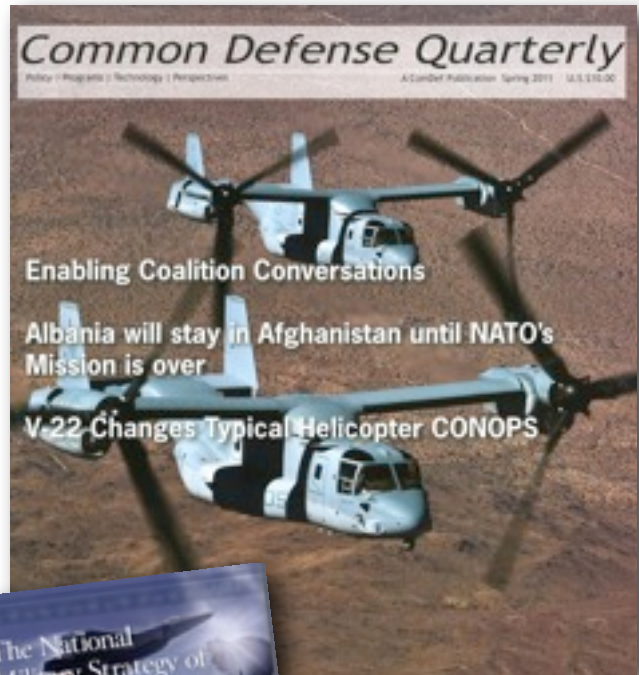
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