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Reports of bin Laden's death on May 1st set off an emotional chain reaction across the country. Compared to the outbursts in news broadcasts, those who have lost a loved one on 9/11 or in the subsequent and related wars have voiced a more subdued response—although one firm in its resolve. One thing is certain. We all share a debt of gratitude to our heroes and their families.

"Nothing will bring back my husband and the almost 3,000 men, women and children that were killed on Sept. 11, 2011. Is there some vindication in the death of bin Laden? Maybe. However, I do feel incredibly proud of our military. They have sacrificed so much for our freedoms."

---Lisa Dolan, wife of Capt. Bob Dolan, USN, killed in the Pentagon on 9/11 when Flight 77 struck the building.

"It might not be the end of the war, but at least the lives that were lost throughout the war were not in vain. For those of us surrounded by loss on September 11, 2001, it finally brings some justice to our hearts."

---Staff Sergeant Jeremy Houck, Army National Guard. F.O.B. Afghanistan.

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THANK YOU for all you do---for the sacrifices you make...many that we don't even know about. Our lives, and the lives of our children, are better because of you. We can't say it enough...thank you today, and every day! ---NDTA Members

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"I am so proud to know one of my son's comrades brought Bin Laden to justice! Air Assault!"

---Cindy Boggs - Baumann Lohman. 101st Airborne Division Gold Star Mother (4/320th G Co)

"I know that my husband would have been elated that our service members had a successful mission."

---Trish Lawton. Captain Garret Lawton, USMC, her husband, was killed in 2008 by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

"Thanks to all of you who have served without your dedication and sacrifices the military would not have gotten Bin Laden."

---Mark Grunenwald. Former 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

PHOTO: The "Fallen But Not Forgotten" 9/11 Monument in Lexington, South Carolina, is adorned with flowers after news spread that Osama bin Laden had been killed. Photo: Gerry Melendez/The State/MCT

As of May 1, 2011 when al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed, the overall list of US military deaths since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 includes 5,123 men and women and 14 civilian contractors.



Navy SEALs attend christening of ship named for fallen colleague

By Seth Koenig, Times Record Staff

BATH, ME; May 9, 2011 — The Saturday christening ceremony at Bath Iron Works for DDG-112, the future USS Michael Murphy, named for a Navy SEAL who died in Afghanistan in 2005, came less than a week after fellow SEALs killed global terrorist Osama bin Laden. That fact, said U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Gary Roughead, was "not lost on anybody."

Maureen Murphy, mother of the man repeatedly described Saturday as a "true American hero," served as the destroyer's sponsor and broke the ceremonial bottle of champagne on the ship's hull.

On June 28, 2005, Lt. Michael Murphy stepped out from behind cover during a firefight with Taliban forces in the mountains of Afghanistan to seek a better cellphone signal with which to call for reinforcements. After he did so, a hail of enemy bullets mortally wounded Murphy, who became the first of 19 SEALs and Army Night Stalkers to die in that battle. [Read ON](#)



Stars & Stripes Honor Flight

Show your THANKS to WW II Vets by watching this 2-min video The story is incredible! Then, SHARE the clip with 5 friends and family to remind them that every day we are alive in this great, free country is truly a bonus. Let's get 50,000 views for the video by Memorial Day (May 30th) to show these living heroes, one last time, just how grateful we are for their sacrifice. The video is a trailer to a documentary that will air in November. The more we can show interest in the trailer (i.e. views), the more Americans will get to see the film. Time is running out: 1,000 WWII vets die every day. We are free today because of them. The least we can do is watch a web video and send it to five people. Let's get this mission done!

- Video [HERE](#)
- Learn about the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight [HERE](#)

Does bin Laden's death change anything for deployed Airmen?

by Master Sgt. Michael Voss
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

5/4/2011 - BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- "September 11, 2001 was America's darkest day...it was like every American had lost a friend or family member that day," said Capt. Timothy Slater, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Bravo Sector officer in charge. "It is important to never forget the tragedy, both in seeking justice and in remembering the heroic resolve displayed by the emergency responders who perished saving lives."

Terrorism brought many changes to the military including regular deployments to distant lands like Afghanistan. It spawned a new generation of Americans who would find themselves motivated by that day to join.

At Bagram Airfield, Airmen gathered around small TVs for news about Osama bin Laden's demise. Reports showed people gathered at the White House singing the Star Spangled Banner, but not much changed for those on deployment. Story is adapted. [Read ON](#) for the full article.

Marines back to routine after bin Laden death

by Brittany Lane
Orange County Register

5/2/2011 - The excitement felt by Marines, veterans and local military supporters after President Barack Obama announced Osama bin Laden had been killed Sunday night was outshined by a sense of duty by Monday morning.

After a night of "hoorahs," high-fives and "hell yeahs," Marines were back to work at Camp Pendleton and locals began prepping for upcoming military events.

"It's a regular day," said Brittni Vogel, whose husband is a machine gunner with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton. "As far as his day to day schedule, it's business as usual." [Read ON](#)



Airmen from the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron survey the area during a routine patrol outside Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Nearly ten years after 9/11, service members learned of Osama bin Laden's fate. Most of them recognize his death as a progressive step, but feel there is still a long way to go. (USAF photo by Senior Airman Sheila deVera)

"War Dog" in Osama bin Laden kill mission a breed apart

by Agence France-Presse

5/8/2011 --- WASHINGTON (AFP) The raid that took down Osama bin Laden is thought to have involved one special operative -- a highly-trained military dog, part of an elite corps not to be confused with a family pet. [Read ON](#)



Dogs have been fighting alongside soldiers for more than 100 years, in the Civil War and WWII. But their service was informal; only in 1942 were canines officially inducted into the Army. Today, they're a central part of missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. As early as 2010 the U.S. Army had 2,800 active-duty dogs deployed (the largest canine contingent in the world). Numbers will continue to grow as dogs become an ever-more-vital military asset.

Sergeant Matthew Templet and his bomb-sniffing dog Basco search for explosives in an abandoned house in Haji Ghaffar village during a clearance patrol in Kandahar province on Dec. 27, 2010. See [War Dog](#), a photo essay by Rebecca Frankel; May 4, 2011



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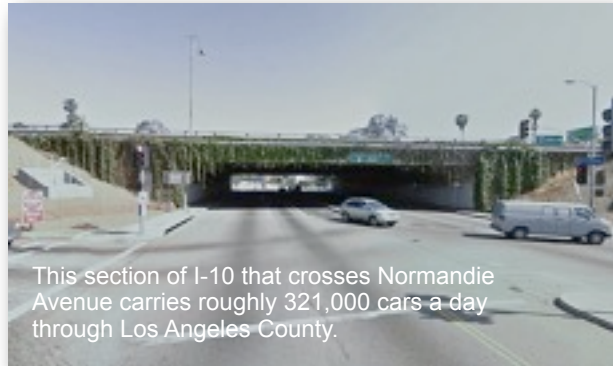
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THE INFRASTRUCTURIST
AMERICA UNDER CONSTRUCTION



America's [transportation infrastructure is suffering](#), and few subsections are hurting more than highway bridges. Earlier this year Transportation for America [released a comprehensive national report](#) on the country's bridges, as well as individual state reports. The findings are rather frightening: Roughly 69,000 bridges — more than 11 percent of the total amount — are classified as "structurally deficient," according to the Federal Highway Administration.

All told, an average of more than 282 million cars drive on these "deficient" bridges every day. Using the state reports from Transportation for America and Google Maps, The Infrastructurist has compiled an image gallery of 10 major U.S. bridges, each used by hundreds of thousands of drivers a day, that one hopes will not remain deficient for long.

10 Major Bridges that need repair

- Los Angeles County - I-10
- Denver County - I-25
- Baltimore County - I-695
- Honolulu County - Halona Street
- Morris County (NJ) - I-287
- Duval County (FL) - I-95
- Richmond County (NY) - I-278
- Middlesex County (MA) - I-93
- Dupage County (IL) - I-290
- Kent County (RI) - I-95

Source: [Infrastructure](#)

Chapter Spotlight - National Transportation Week (NTW)

by Jeff Campbell

NDTA Members know how important Logistics and Transportation issues are to keeping the country on the move and keeping our Nation secure – after all, they are a vital part of America's supply chain. Every year, Congress recognizes the importance of transportation and those logisticians on National Defense Transportation Day, the third Friday in May. In fact, in 1962 Congress approved designation of the week in which National Defense Transportation Day falls as National Transportation Week (NTW).

NDTA HQ thanks our more than 9000 strong Global Network of Logistics and Transportation professionals who are working hard again this year to commemorate NTW in their community.

This spring, a National NTW Committee was formed that introduced a theme contest to help chapters prepare for their 2011 NTW Activities. Arizona Frontier Chapter Member Les Hudson of FedEx submitted the winning theme, "Transportation Connects the World." The NTW Theme highlights the global connections NDTA Members make at various events, especially this busy third week of May.

Celebrations actually kicked off a little early this year beginning with our Charleston Chapter NTW Banquet. College of Charleston Global Logistics students attended along with NDTA President LTG Ken Wykle, USA (Ret.) as scholarship awards were presented to eight future logisticians.

Chapter golf tournaments are popular fundraisers in support of the NDTA Scholarship Program; Chapters in Tampa Bay and Jacksonville, Florida; St. Louis, Missouri, and Tucson, Arizona organized golf tournaments.

Options for professional development for our future transporters also spring up for chapter members. Program plans for this year include: Palo Alto College's Logistics Management Program hosted by the San Antonio Chapter; a Career Fair hosted by the Scott-St. Louis Chapter; and, monthly luncheon special guest speaker, VADM Ann Rondeau, President of the National Defense University.

We hope to share student posters submitted to the San Antonio and Scott St. Louis Chapters' NTW Poster Contest. And, stay tuned for an announcement commemorating the 50th anniversary of NTW in 2012!

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NDTA President LTG (Ret) Ken Wykle often makes time to visit chapters during NTW. In 2010, he spoke to the San Antonio Chapter. Photo: NDTA Texas State President, Rufus Reed.



Joint Base San Antonio proclaims NTW 2010. Joint facilities represented are: 502nd Air Base Wing; Ft. Sam Houston; 802 Logistics Readiness Squadron, Lackland AFB; and 902 Logistics Readiness Squadron, and HQ Air Education & Training Command Logistics Readiness Div., from Randolph AFB. Photo; Victor Wherry, NDTA San Antonio Chapter VP.



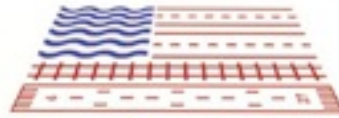
NDTA Scott / St Louis Chapter Chapter President Rich Thompson presents Gen. Duncan McNabb, USTRANSCOM Commander, with a copy of the 2010 NTW Proclamation signed by President Obama. Chapter Publicity Chair Jennifer Tubb and NDTA Central Region President Vic Wald look on. Photo by Bob Fehring

Category 1	NDTA Needs YOU	COL Grabowski Recruiting Award
Aloha	13	36
Arctic Chapter	2	4
Arizona Frontier	10	30
Baltimore	11	29
Chesapeake Bay	1	5
Dayton (Buckeye)	20	34
Del-Mar-Va	3	10
El Paso	0	4
Gulf Coast	7	15
Hodja (Turkey)	1	1
ITA-NDTA Honshu	2	5
Lawton-Ft. Sill	6	12
Mediterranean	2	2
Micronesia	3	6
Montgomery	2	8
North Pole	24	45
Oklahoma City	3	16
Pikes Peak	6	26
Rheinland-Pfalz	47	87
San Joaquin Valley	20	41
Utah	2	8
Category II		
A-Frame	3	7
All American	13	23
Benelux	41	81
Cape Fear	18	44
Central PA	25	53
Charleston	26	70
Greater Kansas City	17	39
Jacksonville	24	54
Norfolk Tidewater	20	51
Puget Sound	21	60
San Antonio	45	99
San Diego	10	27
San Francisco Bay	16	55
SWA	2	15
Tampa Bay	25	50
Valley of the Sun	23	50
Category III		
Atlanta	58	115
Dallas/Ft Worth	39	103
Houston	28	75
Regimental	84	118
Scott-St. Louis	80	262
Washington, D.C.	129	357

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COL Norbert Grabowski Recruiting Award (1 JUL 10 - 30 JUN 11)

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2011 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK Washington DC Chapter Black Tie Event

[Arts Club of Washington](#)

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This Day in Transportation History (May 10, 1869)

Central Pacific's Jupiter and Union Pacific's #19 meet at Promontory Point, Utah to connect a trans-continental railroad system, while Leland Stanford drives home one of the Golden Spikes, and the national hook-up of telegraph sounders signal - DONE. Thanks to NDTA member John LaRoche for this NTW tidbit!

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May 17 - Annual Golf Tourney

[Dallas / Ft Worth Chapter](#)

May 19 - LTL Update w/Averitt Express Guest Speaker

[DC Chapter](#)

May 18 - Luncheon / Guest Speaker - VADM Ann Rondeau

May 20 - NTW Black Tie Event

[Houston Chapter](#)

May 19 - All-Clubs Luncheon

Jacksonville Chapter

May 20 - Golf Tourney

[North Pole Chapter](#)

May 20 - BBQ Picnic

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May 19 - Annual Golf Tourney

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May 17 - Lunch/Career Fair

May 18 - Scholarship Dinner

May 20 - Annual Golf Tourney

Arizona Frontier Chapter

May 21 - Annual Golf Tourney



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Emergency Relief for Japan

by SMSGT Jason Lamoreux & SMSGT Jamie Vanoss Photos: AP & MSGT Daniel Shipley

On March 14, a meeting between the Chapter's executive members led to an idea of locally raising funds and transferring these funds to the NDTA Honshu Chapter in Japan. Recognizing that the transportation system within the region would likely be bogged down, the idea to raise funds and get this money into the hands of those in need immediately became a top priority. The request for the fundraiser was submitted the following day and within 4 days, the Chapter's plan was set in motion.



With the Japanese spouses in the lead, both from within the Kaiserslautern Military Community and other areas across Germany as far away as Spanghdaem, the Chapter completed five fundraisers raising more than \$30,000 in just 36 hours to support of the devastated Japanese populace.

The warm generosity and solidarity of the local community had a far-reaching effect creating a pipeline of donations from generous givers of all ages and in a myriad of currencies. [Read ON](#)



Wounded Warriors Spend Earth Day Exploring National Park

Wounded warriors recovering at Bethesda Naval Hospital joined National Park Service rangers and volunteers and Park Police officers for an eight-mile Earth Day bike ride along the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Before the ride, a kick-off ceremony was held at the Jefferson Memorial. Speakers included National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis and Wounded Warrior Brendan Hart. The pair also exchanged bike jerseys from their respective organizations.

Jarvis spoke of the long affiliation between the military and national parks and reminded the audience that the U.S. Army was called on to protect the first national parks before the National Park Service was established in 1916. He also said that the National Park Service is proud to protect many U.S. battlefield sites and tell the stories of the sacrifices and heroism displayed by soldiers at those sites.

Brendan Hart spoke of his long road to recovery and the role that national parks can play in rehabilitating mind, body, and spirit.

The National Park Service and the Wounded Warrior Project have a formal memorandum of understanding to work together to assist injured military in their recovery.



Aerial porters make history, unload cargo for all of Iraq

When a runway closed in Turkey, officials scrambled to find another way to get supplies to US Forces in Iraq. The answer was quite simple; the FAA approved flight line at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, which is the only place in country that can land civilian US flagged aircraft. "Why not here," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Morain, 532nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron Air Mobility Flight superintendent. "It's safe, and it allows us to move cargo and passengers in and out of country without having to stage it somewhere else." [Read ON](#)



MSC supports Operation Unified Protector

MSC's replenishment oiler USNS Big Horn delivered vital fuel and supplies to Canadian navy ship HMCS Charlottetown. It was the first replenishment at sea of a coalition ship by an MSC ship during Operation Unified Protector, the NATO-led operation to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas in Libya. [Read ON](#)

Army's first female Quartermaster General pins on star



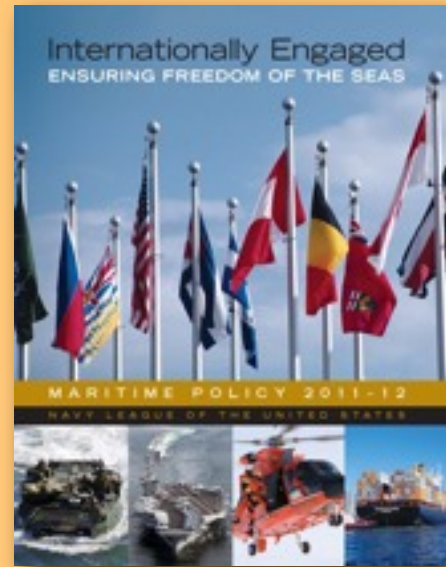
BG Gwen Bingham is the Army's first female Quartermaster General. Bingham also carries the title of commanding general, U.S. Army Quartermaster School. The Quartermaster School is located at Fort Lee, Va., and trains more than 25,000 service members annually. [Read ON](#)

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From the Navy League (WASHINGTON, DC) A skilled Merchant Marine and strong shipbuilding industry are critical to national and economic security according to the Navy League of the United States in its just-released 2011-12 Policy Statement. The 32-page document credits the Jones Act and other maritime laws with playing a crucial role in today's irregular warfare environment.

The Navy League says, "The Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement, which includes the domestic Jones Act fleet, provides 135 ships, 213 barges and tugs, and worldwide intermodal capability. Without these commercial capabilities, the US government would be required to provide significantly more funds to build a replacement fleet and infrastructure while losing the pool of highly qualified mariners needed to sail these vessels."

The Navy League also emphasized the critical importance of a strong American shipyard capacity. Citing the benefits of Navy, Coast Guard and commercial shipbuilding, the League said "It is essential that this nation have a policy at the highest levels of government to support and sustain an adequate industrial base capable of providing and supporting a strong Navy and maritime commerce."



[Maritime Policy 2011 - 12 Statement](#)

Read the 32-Page Statement in FULL

Sixty-six senior executives win Presidential Distinguished Rank Awards

Top civil servants who have saved the government more than \$36 billion have received the 2010 Presidential Distinguished Rank Award. Honors were presented at a black tie event at the Department of State on April 27. The Defense Department, including six winners from the Office of the Secretary, garnered 23 awards total, the most of any department. Accomplishments include managing all equipment that soldiers need on a daily basis (from tents, kitchens and water to portable latrines). [Read ON](#)



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VA unveils MVP - Million Veteran Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs went national May 5 with a genomics research program that officials call a "game-changer." The initiative, which relies heavily on databases, is underpinned by the use of healthcare information technology.

"The Million Veteran Program, or MVP – an important partnership between VA and veterans to learn more about how genes affect health, and thus, transform healthcare for veterans and for all Americans," said Robert A. Petzel, MD, VA's under secretary for health.

The program is a trailblazing VA effort to consolidate genetic, military exposure, health, and lifestyle information together in one single database. The database will be used only by authorized researchers with VA, other federal health agencies and academic institutions within the United States – in a secure manner – to conduct health and wellness studies to determine which genetic variations are associated with particular health issues. By identifying gene-health connections, the program could advance disease screening, diagnosis and prognosis and point the way toward more effective, personalized therapies.

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ARMCHAIR TRAVELS
adapted from Phoenix in 5 Stops
 Brendan Newnam, Special to CNN

"It takes a half hour to get anywhere," said the clerk when I asked him how far from the airport to my uncle's neighborhood in Sun City. He was right. That buzzy restaurant you read about is a half-hour away. The Phoenix Art Museum? Half-hour. Since a weekend visitor only has so many half-hours -- and since the price of filling up a tank these days rivals the price of a plane ticket -- I decided to highlight the only five spots a visitor need visit to get a sense of the best of Phoenix right now.

1. **Musical Instrument Museum**
 A brand spanking new \$250 million museum. The sprawling two-story complex covered in sandstone and filled with 14,000 instruments from every corner of the world. The MIM's main mission is celebrating music and the lengths that humans go to make it.

2. **Desert Botanical Garden**
 An ideal way to appreciate the Valley of the Sun's natural habitat without packing in bottles of water and reading up on snakebites. The drive to the garden alone provides picture-perfect vistas complete with saguaros, cinnamon-colored soil and rock formations jutting out of the earth. The garden features several trails of varying lengths, free tours and a series of exhibits to familiarize visitors with the nearly 2,000 species of cacti.



Guest Tour to Desert Botanical Garden is scheduled for 2011 Forum

3) **Roosevelt Row**
 The Roosevelt District has all the ingredients necessary for a "cool" neighborhood: record shop; galleries; coffee shop; brunch spots; vintage shops; and more. The vintage bungalows reveal themselves to be storefronts of every sort, and a friendly, creative industriousness pervades the air.

4) **Planet Scottsdale**
 Life is good in Scottsdale, named "the most livable city" in 1993. Former resident Frank Lloyd Wright constructed [Taliesin West](#), here and it is open to visitors. You can also visit the newly unveiled pedestrian bridge created by Paolo Soleri. It's more than 100 feet long and features two 64-foot steel pylons that double as a solar calendar. Head to Old Town Scottsdale, where there are a gazillion jewelry stores, galleries and tsochke shops. When the sun goes down, plan a stop at the infamous [Phoenician](#) resort nestled against Camelback Mountain for a cocktail on the patio.



5) Food
 Phoenix has plenty of great places to grab a bite. I recommend the air conditioning.

- [Matt's Big Breakfast](#)
- [Lux Coffee Bar](#)
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