

NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION Redstone-Huntsville (Provisional) Chapter

Activity Report

1. **Reporting period.** May 1 to Jun 30, 2016

2. **Chapter meeting (May 4)**

A. Location. University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH)

B. Speaker. Dr. Laird Burns, College of Business, UAH

C. Guest. Ms. Karen Monroe, General Manager, Huntsville-Madison County Railroad Authority

D. Business session. At the request of the Chapter, Chairman Dale Strong of the Madison County Commission, proclaimed May 15-21 as National Transportation Week and May 20 as National Defense Transportation Day in Madison County, Alabama. The proclamation was presented at the meeting, and courtesy copies were provided to the Port of Huntsville and the Huntsville-Madison County Railroad Authority.

E. Program. Dr. Burns briefed the members and guests on specifics of degree and certificate-producing programs, current and future, in supply chain management and logistics.

3. **National Transportation Week and National Defense Transportation Day.** The Port of Huntsville hosted an informal gathering at its International Intermodal Center on May 20 to observe National Transportation Week and National Defense Transportation Day. The Chapter requested the State of Alabama and the Army Material Command participate by recognizing the contributions of transportation workers. Governor Robert Bentley issued a proclamation declaring May 15-21 as National Transportation Week and May 20 as National Defense Transportation Day in the State of Alabama. General Dennis Via, Commanding General of Army Materiel Command, sent a "shout out" to Army Material Command's transportation professionals thanking them for a job well done supporting our National Defense.

4. **NDTAHQ Staff, Chapter, State, and Regional Leadership Team Quarterly Conference Call (June 14).** Jeff Blackwood discussed the efforts for getting the chapter up and running down in Huntsville. He mentioned that the Chapter is retooling its proposed local logistics scholarship program for 2017 at UAH and Alabama A&M. Jeff discussed the proposed Toys for Tots community outreach program scheduled for the December 2016 meeting.

5. Calendar of upcoming events

- Aug 3** **Chapter meeting, 1130-1300, location TBD**
Aug 19 National Aviation Day
- Sep 5 Labor Day (Monday/Federal Holiday)
- Oct 5** **Chapter meeting, 1130-1300, Defense Acquisition University**
Oct 10 Columbus Day (Monday/Federal Holiday)
- Nov 11 Veterans Day (Monday/Federal Holiday)
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day (Thursday/Federal Holiday)
- Dec 7** **Chapter meeting, 1130-1300, Redstone Pershing Welcome Center**
Dec 25 Christmas Day (Sunday/Federal Holiday observed on Dec 26/Monday)
- Jan 1 New Year's Day (Sunday/Federal Holiday observed on Jan 2/Monday)
Jan 4 **Chapter meeting, 1130-1300, location TBD**
Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day (Monday/Federal Holiday)

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