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**Military Vehicles Conference Program Announced**

NEW YORK, NY – May 6, 2009 – The **Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA)** yesterday unveiled the program agenda and speaker roster for its **Military Vehicles Conference** taking place **August 10-13, 2009** at the **Cobo Convention Center in Detroit, MI**. The conference is slated to run alongside the **largest stand-alone military ground vehicles exhibition** in the United States.

The much-awaited program was posted on the event's website (<http://www.MilitaryVehiclesExpo.com>) yesterday afternoon. "The conference focuses on the specific challenges ahead for all **military ground vehicles** including **MRAP, M-ATV, LAV, and MPC**" explained Luis Hernandez, Program Director at IDGA. "It covers a wide array of important topics such as **program updates** from major platforms, **logistics, vehicle armor, modernization, and field service support**. Special attention will also be paid to **testing needs** and **future development**."

Some of the experts on military ground vehicles confirmed to speak include:

- **Lieutenant General Stephen Speakes, USA**, G-8, Deputy Chief of Staff
- **Major General Roger Nadeau, USA**, Commanding General, US Army Test & Evaluation Command
- **Brigadier General Brian Layer, USA**, Commanding General, Chief of Transportation
- **Colonel Dan Mitchell, USA**, Commander, Red River Army Depot, TACOM

In addition to the main conference, the event will also two full days of interactive, hands-on workshops. Workshop Day One features two distinct tracks – **Vehicle Maintenance** and **Vehicle Armor**. The Vehicle Maintenance track will cover in-depth issues from **mobile maintenance and repair** to **tracking military vehicle components**. The Vehicle Armor track will tackle of the important concerns dealing with **weight reduction, survivability, and new materials**. The Communications Focus Day will examine **wireless communication, enhanced situational awareness, and off-road navigation**.

For more information on attending or exhibiting at IDGA's Military Vehicles Exhibition & Conference, please visit <http://www.MilitaryVehiclesExpo.com> or contact Tatiana Pose at [tatiana.pose@idga.org](mailto:tatiana.pose@idga.org).

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