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Military Vehicles Exhibition & Conference - Educational Program Announced

NEW YORK, NY – May 7, 2010 – 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, 2010** 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 preliminary program agenda was posted on the event's website (<http://www.MilitaryVehiclesExpo.com>) yesterday afternoon. "The conference focuses on current and future initiatives to meet evolving requirements for the **LAV, Stryker, M-ATV, MRAP, AAV, Abrams, Bradley and HMMWV**" explained Shamara Ray, Program Director at IDGA. "It will delve into **key military vehicle life-cycle management issues**, provide **essential program updates** and explore **crucial lessons learned from OIF and OEF for the various platforms.**"

Specific topics to be discussed at the conference include:

- **Acquisition strategies** to maintain a combat ready force in Afghanistan
- Latest updates on **new requirements in vehicle platforms** and **modernization plans**
- **Emerging power and energy technologies** for military ground vehicles
- **Current challenges on M-ATV and acquisition strategy**
- Ensuring **reliable and responsive vehicle overhaul at Depots**
- **Military and industry partnerships** in ground combat vehicle R&D
- **Advancements in military vehicle training and simulation technology**
- Challenges in developing **lightweight materials** with **increased survivability** and **optimal armor protection**
- Latest updates on **Army and Marine Corps military vehicle modernization strategy**

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

- **Col Brian K. Buckles** - Program Manager, Light Armored Vehicles, MARCORSSYSCOM
- **COL Robert Schumitz** - Project Manager, Stryker Brigade Combat Team, PEO GCS
- **COL Cheri A. Provancha** - Commander, Letterkenny Army Depot
- **LTC Coll S. Haddon** - Program Manager, M-ATV, JPO MRAP
- **LTC Gregory A. Pickell** - Chief, Training Technology Development, Joint Advanced Concepts Division, National Guard Bureau
- **CSM Clinton G. Hall** - TACOM Life Cycle Management Command

In addition to the main conference, the event also features two full days of interactive, hands-on workshops covering **Military Vehicle Armor, Power, Maintenance, and Modernization**. Attendees will also enjoy access to the **show floor theatre** and **exhibition area hosting over 200 exhibiting companies**.

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.

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