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The SWARS Scroll

2018 is here, and time is flying by!

SWARS 2018 Semi-Annual Meeting

Our annual conference is only 28 days away...
Have you registered yet?

The SWARS Board encourages you to make your reservations NOW as we anticipate this meeting will be the largest attended in the history of SWARS.

Early Registration ends January 31st and rooms are filling up quickly. The event is being held February 20th and 21st in one of our most popular locations, the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, Texas. We begin the event with a great round of golf at TPC San Antonio. Wednesday, 2/21 brings a host of highly sought-after speakers who are well-versed on the very latest Rail Hot Topics.

>> REGISTER

Conference Agenda

You can't afford to miss this line up!

February 20th

- **9:30 AM** SWARS Golf Outing - 23808 Resort Parkway, TPC San Antonio
- **1:00 – 3:00 PM** Rail 201 - Commercial Side of Railroading
- **3:30 – 4:30 PM** Rail 501 - Mexico Cross Border Shipping Fundamentals
- **5:00 – 5:30 PM** New Member Orientation
- **5:30 – 7:00 PM** E.L. Mountjoy Reception

February 21st

- **7:00 – 8:00 AM** Continental Breakfast
- **8:00 AM – 4:45 PM** General Session
- **4:45 – 6:30 PM** President's Reception

Requirements of Shipping Product Into Mexico

Do you have a complete understanding?

After attending our **Rail 501 - Mexico Cross Border Shipping Fundamentals Training Class**, you will have all the basic information needed to meet the shipping requirements associated with moving product into Mexico by rail. Rocky Loessin, Business Implementation Manager, KCS, will be the instructor for this training.

Take advantage of this great learning opportunity at our upcoming meeting!

The SWARS Scholarship Program

Let Your College Students or Anyone Needing Educational Assistance Know about the SWARS Scholarship Program

Check out the SWARS Scholarship program. Last year we provided a total of $60,000 in scholarship funds to 41 well deserving recipients. We are simplifying the application process this year - STUDENTS CAN SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION ONLINE! Now is the time to begin reviewing the application process. Selections will be made in the second quarter 2018.

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We Heard You Loud & Clear!

Your 2017 meeting survey results made a difference.

Top Speakers

Fall 2017 conference survey results clearly rated our motivational speaker, Tommy Spaulding, at the top of the list! As leaders within our companies, it is always good to be reminded of ways to encourage and empower people. You are in for another treat in San Antonio. Sergeant Dakota Meyer - a United States Marine Corps veteran and a Medal of Honor Recipient - will be speaking to the crowd about Accountability. Sergeant Meyer earned his medal for his actions during the Battle of Ganjigal, which was part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. ***Don't miss this awesome opportunity.***

Guidebook App Enhancements

Based on your survey feedback, the Communications Team has been very busy making improvements to the Functionality of our Guidebook App! Make sure you download the app and look at the cool changes we've made, which will make use of the tool much easier at the San Antonio conference. With just a couple of clicks you will be able to utilize the two-day interactive schedule which provides everything you need to know about the conference. We've also added Live Polling to our app capabilities, so get ready for the questions!

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