



Little Rock Port Completes Massive Military Movement

A new rail line at the port of Little Rock was the beginning point for military vehicles of the 39th Infantry Brigade of the Arkansas National Guard to a final destination in Iraq.

The logistics of such a movement has been in the planning stages for several months and finally culminated the week of October 25th with a great deal of effort between the U.S. Army National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and the Little Rock Port Authority.

Workers began loading more than 800 pieces of Army National Guard rolling stock including humvees, trucks, and supplies to be transported by rail to Fort Hood, Texas over a four-day period. The shipment was the first from the Little Rock Port's newly completed railroad in the Slackwater Harbor. Over 200 military personnel were required to carry out the rail operation, transporting supplies and equipment for the Army National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade. After training in Fort Hood, the 39th will be deployed to Iraq.

"This is an historic day", Major General Don C. Morrow, adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard, said. "This movement makes probably the largest rail movement that the Arkansas National Guard has ever experienced."

"We're moving equipment from 47 different armories, with numerous, numerous equipment with each unit," said Captain Christopher Campbell, 39th Brigade Transportation officer.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department contributed \$2.7 million to the addition to the port, according to Mr. Carl

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Chairman's Report Gary Barket



Wow!! What a Year!!! I've stated before in this space that the Port of Little Rock is becoming a major economic engine for the Little Rock economy. In 2003, the Port's Industrial Park saw six companies expand their facilities, spending \$15,322,500 and creating 87 new jobs. The Slackwater Harbor area saw the completion of the road network, completion of the new Bulk Products Pier, completion of water lines throughout the Harbor area, completion of the railroad track totally circling the Harbor, and the addition of 52,000 square feet of warehousing space in two buildings. This warehousing, located at the new Slackwater Harbor Dock (completed in 2002) includes significantly enhanced paved staging areas. Underway with an early 2004 completion will be the sewer lines throughout the Harbor along with gating and fencing for security required as the Harbor grows. In total, almost \$12,000,000 has been spent in the last six months in the Harbor area. And it shows!! Total tonnage at the Port of Little Rock is at an all-time high, with further growth on the horizon.

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2004 Board of Directors Meetings

January 21	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
February 18	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
March 17	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
April 21	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
May 19	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
June 16	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
July 21	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
August 19	Thursday	Noon	Port Office
September 15	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
October 14	Thursday	5:00 PM	TBA
November 17	Wednesday	Noon	Port Office
December 15	Wednesday	11:00 AM	Port Office

Ryerson Tull

AFCO Metals bought 21.74 acres of land on Lindsey Road in May of 1969. In 1988 J.M. Tull Metals of Norcross, Georgia bought the company. In 2001 the official name of the company became Ryerson Tull. Today the company has grown into one of the premier industries in the Port of Little Rock.

Ryerson Tull is a metals distribution center. The metals service center industry plays an important and expanding role linking the primary producers of steel and other metals and the purchasers of those products. Ryerson Tull, as a metals service center, provides services not typically available from primary producers, such as handling smaller order sizes, consolidating purchases with a single supplier, just-in-time inventory management, and customer-specific value-added processing.

Ryerson Tull offers one of the region's only CTL/blanking lines dedicated exclusively to "white metals." Ryerson Tull can quickly produce aluminum and stainless sheet to specific size, finish and quality requirements. The Herr-Voss leveler will



never see a sheet of carbon and the order will always be free of carbon contamination and oil. The sheet will come off the line with superior flatness, cut to tight tolerances and immaculate in appearance. Ryerson Tull also stocks a broad inventory of popular grades, finishes and thicknesses of aluminum and stainless in coil and sheet.

The Ryerson Tull fabrication program includes flame, plasma and laser cutting, water jet cutting, blanking, slitting, cutting to length, sawing, forming, punching, rolling, welding, centerless grinding

and more.

Ryerson Tull maintains their own fleet of trucks and a team of drivers that contribute to a "seamless" outsourcing program.

Ryerson Tull maintains inventories of more than 100,000 items of carbon and alloy steel, stainless steel, aluminum, copper alloys, and industrial plastics. The company's network of service centers across North America, its broad product line and diverse customer experience create true "one-stop shopping" for its customers.

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Rosenbaum, Chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission.

Other additions underway are two 26,000 square foot warehouses, as well as a larger staging area and sewer and water lines. Improvement completions are expected by the end of November.

Federal, City, State and Port funds, \$11.8 million, have been spent or budgeted on the port in recent years.

A celebration for infrastructure completion is planned after the completion of the project. Once the project is finished, the attention will be turned to marketing the site.



Fastenal Company

The Little Rock Port Community welcomes our “newest” industry, the Fastenal Company. Fastenal bought 1.182 acres of land on Lindsey Road in June of 2003 and construction of their new building began immediately.

Fastenal was founded in 1967 in Winona, MN by company Chairman and CEO, Bob Kierlin. From this beginning, Fastenal has expanded to become the fastest growing full-line industrial distributor, and is the largest fastener distributor in the nation. The service-oriented business network currently includes an in-house Manufacturing Division, a product Quality Assurance and Engineering Department, a strategic system of 12 Distribution Centers in the U.S., a fleet of 275 company-owned semi-truck and trailers and over 1,300 store sites.

Fastenal couples their extensive product offering with a complete selection of Vendor managed Inventory programs. The unique approach to the fastener industry sets the benchmark for distributors serving MRO, OEM and



Construction markets. Within the fastener category, they specialize in threaded fasteners and accessories for use in both industrial and commercial applications. The Fastening Systems include: Nuts, Bolts, Screws, Socket Products, Washers, Concrete Anchoring Systems, Construction Adhesives, FireStop and a complete Strut, Pipe and accessories.

For those nearly impossible-to-find fasteners, Fastenal offers custom engineering and manufacturing service. Whether they start from a drawing or sample part, Fas-

tenal can quickly identify and manufacture the parts needed which makes the “unavailable part, available”.

Fastenal offers a complete line of tools, cutting tools, hydraulics and pneumatic products, plumbing, janitorial, chemicals, paints, electrical and welding supplies, abrasives, safety supplies, metals, alloys and materials.

The Lindsey Road location opened December 15, 2003.

Did you know? McClellan Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System

Commodity Shipped	2002 Entire System Tonnage	2002 Value Entire System (\$1,000)
Iron/Steel & Metal Products	1,187,100	\$1,334,300
Chemical Fertilizer	2,171,089	388,625
Other Chemicals	185,400	101,785
Petroleum Products	478,100	151,080
Sand/Gravel/Rock	4,617,516	34,631
Coke & Coal	258,200	102,767
Food/Farm Products	794,300	102,767
Wheat	1,584,200	218,244
Soybeans	654,700	132,898
Misc: Includes Equipment & other Unknown Products	375,000	86,250
Minerals& Building Materials, Forest products	82,400	19,034
Project Cargo; Manufacturing Equipment, Machines	38,750	8,913
TOTALS:	12,426,755	\$2,595,805

Meet the Vice Chairman of the Board



Mr. Mike Maulden is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Little Rock Port Authority, serving his second five-year term. He serves as the Director of External Affairs for Entergy Arkansas and is responsible for directing Entergy's office of Economic Development to recruit new businesses to Arkansas and to assist communities in developing themselves into places that are attractive to potential new businesses. This program has been recognized often over the years as one of the top utility economic development initiatives in North America by Site Selec-

tion Magazine. Teamwork Arkansas is a significant asset to development of the Port of Little Rock.

He is active in the Central Arkansas Economic Development Alliance, a regional economic development initiative covering eleven counties.

He is chairman of the Regional Economic Development Council of the Mid-South, a tri-state effort to enhance the development of western Tennessee, eastern Arkansas, and northern Mississippi.

He also serves on the board of the UALR Foundation, St. Vincent Infirmary, the Arkansas Partnership, the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, Fifty for the Future, and the U.S. Department of Commerce District Export Council.

Since joining Entergy in 1984, he has been an industrial engineer, industrial account executive, manager of Sales and Marketing Training, and manager of Managed accounts.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Arkansas and has completed management courses at Columbia University, University of Michigan, and the Wharton School of Business.

Little Rock Port Authority Mission Statement

Create high paying employment for the City of Little Rock and Central Arkansas by using the resources of the Port Industrial Park, River Terminal, Port Railroad, Foreign Trade Zone, and Slackwater Harbor.

To manage the assets of the Port such that Little Rock develops as a model center of international commerce, attracting domestic and foreign manufacturing investment, using Port transportation services to connect with U.S. markets and the deep water ports of the U.S. Gulf.



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