



NIPHLE

2026 NIPHLE Training Event

**Picatinny Arsenal | New Jersey
Monday, May 4 – Thursday, May 7, 2026**

Welcome & Registration & Tabletop Set-up

Monday, May 4

The Club, Picatinny Arsenal

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Registration & Welcome Reception
Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar (wine & beer)
Open to all registered attendees

Training Program

Tuesday, May 5

The Club, Picatinny Arsenal

- **8:30 – 9:00 AM** | Coffee, Pastries & Registration
 - **9:00 AM – 4:30 PM** | Training Presentations
 - **12:00 – 1:00 PM** | Lunch
 - **5:30 – 7:30 PM** | Evening Networking Event – Bowling
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Wednesday, May 6

The Club, Picatinny Arsenal

- **7:30 – 8:00 AM** | Coffee & Pastries
- **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM** | Training Presentations
 - **12:00 – 1:00 PM** | Lunch
- **5:30 – 8:00 PM** | **Awards Banquet Dinner**
Casa Bianca, 5266 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

Thursday, May 7
The Club, Picatinny Arsenal

- **7:30 – 8:00 AM** | Coffee & Pastries
- **8:00 AM – 12:00 PM** | Training Presentations
 - **12:00 – 1:00 PM** | Lunch
- **1:00 – 4:00 PM** | **Picatinny Arsenal Historic Tour**
Transportation provided

Who Should Attend

Engineers, logisticians, packaging professionals, government, and industry partners supporting military packaging, handling, and logistics systems.

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Tuesday, May 5th, 2026

Time	Speaker	Topic
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Coffee & Pastries(Registration available)	
9:00 am-9:15 am	Jim McCorry, President NIPHLE	Welcome
9:15 am -9:45 am	Opening Remarks	Opening Remarks
9:45 am- 10:30 am	Joshua Hawkins, Air Force / AFMC / A4RT, Branch Chief, Packaging & Transportation	AFMAN 24-604 Hazmat Regulation for Mil Air
10:30 am -10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 am-11:30 am	Finalizing Speaker	Drone Use in the Military / Drone Delivery Challenges
11:30 am-12:15 pm	Eric Kirchner, DLA Logistics Operations, and James Warren, Additive Manufacturing Sub-Process Owner / Technical and Quality Analyst	DLA Organic Manufacturing
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Douglas Holtz, Regional Manager, Conductive Containers, Inc.	ESD Packaging and Handling Best Practices, Material Selection, and Standards
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	Jason Runell	Polymer Pkg Technology for Armament Systems
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Laura Nelson, Packaging Engineering Section Manager - Sensors, Raytheon	Sustainability
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	BREAK	
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Dr Paul Singh, Professor Emeritus, MSU	Recent Advances in Packaging and Logistics to prevent Truck Rollover Collisions, Drone Delivery and Cargo Securement - Using actual case studies.
4:00 pm-4:30 pm	Mick Arnold, President, Arnold Packaging	The Pillars of Packaging Profitability with a focus on productivity
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	BOWLING	

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8:00 am - 8:30 am	Coffee & Pastries	
8:30 am-8:45 am	Jim McCorry, President NIPHLE	Welcome
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Tammy Becker, CEO of Green Current Solutions, and Chad Pregracke, President of Green Current Solutions & Founder/President of Living Lands & Waters	The use of plastics collected from America's rivers and other recycled plastics in sustainable packaging
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Finalizing Speaker	Navy PHST Pallet testing
10:15 am -10:30 am	BREAK	
10:30 am – 10:45 am	NIPHLE Business Meeting	NIPHLE Board of Directors
10:45 am – 11:30 am	Kevin Smith	Military Packaging
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	LUNCH	
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Daniel Hill, Director, SRV, Cargo Claims & Prevention, AB Freight; David Alan Leinberger, Sr, Sr. Mgr. Packaging Engineering & Material Handling	Industry Update on Distribution Packaging, Supply Chain & Logistics
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Zachary Egnitz, Dynamics Lab Manager, Element Boxborough	MIL-STD-810 VS ASTM
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	BREAK	
2:15 pm -2:30 pm	Sustaining Companies' Presentations	
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Guido Schmitz, President, PPACKS AMERICA INC.	Is our future green or not at all? How does fiber molding reduce plastic consumption?
3:15 pm-4:00 pm	Tracy D. Landers, Supply Systems Analyst Materiel Returns Program Lead DLA J341 Planning Levels and Alignment	DLA's Materiel Returns Program (MRP)
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	<p>NIPHLE AWARDS BANQUET Casa Bianca Banquets & Catering, 5266 Berkshire Valley Rd, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438</p>	

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7:30 am – 8:00 am	Coffee & Pastries	
8:00 am-8:15 am	Jim McCorry, President NIPHLE	Welcome
8:15 am -9:00 am	Heather Madron, Trade Compliance Counsel & Director of Americas Trade Compliance, Nidec Motor Corporation	Designing a smooth border crossing - practical approaches to trade compliance for packaging professionals
9:00 am-9:45 am	Finalizing Speaker	Ammunition packaging challenges in operational environments
9:45 am- 10:00 am	Break	
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Jennifer Smith, Packaging Program Manager, DLA, and Dr. John Schmuff, Consultant, Logistics Advisory Services LLC	Packaging Materials Demo
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Additional Industry presentations	
LUNCH		
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Picatinny Arsenal Historic Tour 50 maximum	