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Distinguished journalist Tom Brokaw to keynote 2018 NAPE Charities Luncheon as part of NAPE Summit Week in Houston

Early bird registration, new events announced for 25th anniversary of largest international oil & gas upstream prospect expo in the U.S.

HOUSTON – September 25, 2017 – [NAPE Summit](#) announced today **award-winning journalist Tom Brokaw** as the keynote speaker for the [2018 NAPE Charities Luncheon](#) as part of the 25th annual [NAPE Summit Week](#) taking place February 5-9, 2018, in Houston.

Brokaw spent his entire distinguished journalism career with NBC News, covering Ronald Reagan’s first run for public office, the rise of the Sixties counter culture, the assassination of Robert Kennedy and the 1968 presidential campaign. He served as the White House correspondent during Watergate and took over Meet the Press in 2008. Brokaw has won every major award in his craft, including Peabody, duPonts, Emmys and lifetime achievement recognition, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2014.

“We are honored to have Tom Brokaw, one of the most influential figures in American journalism, join us in celebrating and giving back to America’s veterans at the 2018 NAPE Charities Luncheon,” said **Greg Riedl, chairman of the NAPE Operators Committee**. “Giving back is at the heart of NAPE’s mission and legacy, and it is a joy for our industry to come together and honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much to keep our country safe.”

Riedl added, “This year’s NAPE Charities Luncheon is a special one, as we will also be honoring the American Red Cross in support of its ongoing disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey. Our hearts were broken by the devastation throughout NAPE’s host city of Houston and South Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and we’re doing our part to help this great city stand strong and move forward.”

On February 9, the NAPE Charity Fund will donate at least \$150,000 to [K9s for Warriors](#), [Operation Homefront](#) and [The Mission Continues](#) as well as recognize its \$50,000 donation to the American Red Cross in August following Hurricane Harvey. Since 2009, the NAPE Charities Luncheon has raised more than \$3.1 million for charities supporting U.S. veterans, with 100 percent of donations going directly to the featured charities. Past speakers of the NAPE Charities Luncheon include Former First Lady Laura Bush, former Secretary of State Gen. Colin Powell and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Celebrating NAPE’s 25th Anniversary

NAPE also announced new events for NAPE Summit Week in honor of its 25th anniversary, including a Job Fair for upstream professionals and a Summit Sweepstakes for a new 2018 Silver Ford F-150. The industry Job Fair will take place before the attendee-favorite Icebreaker Event and the Summit Sweepstakes Drawing will be the finale event of NAPE Summit Week on Friday, February 9.

NAPE was founded in 1993 to help stimulate oil and gas industry activity during a downturn. Since its launch with 800 attendees and 80 booths, NAPE has grown exponentially to include thousands of attendees and hundreds of booths at its two annual expos, NAPE Summit and Summer NAPE.

NAPE Summit Week will also feature the daylong Global Business Conference; educational workshops presented by industry organizations [AIPN](#), [IPAA](#), [SEG](#) and [AAPL](#); domestic and international NAPE Theaters running two days of Prospect Preview and Capital and Service Provider Presentations; and a two-day Expo on nearly 15 acres of exhibition space.

“The 25th annual NAPE Summit will offer more opportunities for networking, dealmaking and education than ever before,” Riedl concluded. “NAPE’s tremendous growth over the last quarter-century would not be possible without the thousands of industry organizations and upstream deal-makers from all over the world who have attended NAPE year after year. If you haven’t been to NAPE in a few years, now is the time to return and experience the premier upstream expo of the year.”

To Attend NAPE

Early bird registration is now open for NAPE Summit 2018 and extends through October 31, 2017. Those interested in attending or exhibiting at NAPE Summit can find more information and register at www.napeexpo.com. Members of the press who would like to attend and cover NAPE are encouraged to register in advance at www.napeexpo.com/media.

About NAPE

NAPE – the oil and gas industry’s marketplace for the buying, selling and trading of prospects and producing properties – brings oil and gas professionals together to meet, network, connect and do business. NAPE offers two expos annually in Houston – NAPE Summit in February and Summer NAPE in August – bringing together prospects and all the key players needed to evaluate, facilitate and execute deals. The internationally recognized NAPE was established in 1993 by the American Association of Professional Landmen and also includes IPAA, SEG and AAPG as partners. For more information on NAPE, please visit www.napeexpo.com and follow NAPE on Twitter at [@NAPE_EXPO](https://twitter.com/NAPE_EXPO).