

Inputs (Location)	Outputs/Benefits
Initial Planning (Home station)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get information about the rotation out to everyone on the primary staff and in the support operations (SPO) shop to enable equal emphasis within all sections.</li> <li>• Normal military decisionmaking process (MDMP) outputs that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>—Understanding the problem/mission (facts/assumptions, limitations/constraints, unit/staff tasks, issues, and requests for information).</li> <li>—Ensuring the staff and the battalion commander have a common picture.</li> <li>—Working the mission statement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Highlight the importance of the rotation—the more time you put into this the more important it becomes and takes on a life of its own.</li> </ul>
Planning Conferences (On site at the National Training Center, at home station, or virtual)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain overall requirements, namely what you need to do to succeed, from various offices at the NTC.</li> <li>• Gain valuable input on anything your unit wants to do and how feasible it is from the NTC's perspective.</li> <li>• Meet the folks your unit will work with during your rotation and obtain their contact information.</li> </ul>
Logistics Reconnaissance (On site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make face-to-face contact with logistics leaders and key personnel at the NTC, and trade contact information.</li> <li>• Link up with your observer-coach/trainers (OC/Ts), exchange contact information, and meet the folks who will evaluate the brigade support battalion.</li> <li>• Learn about the NTC and how it operates to support each rotation.</li> <li>• Learn the requirements for obtaining and clearing the equipment and commodities you will need.</li> </ul>
Leadership Training Program (LTP) (On site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTP coaches provide superb training on MDMP.</li> <li>• Attendees receive valuable planning products and examples.</li> <li>• Develop the concept of support and complete your unit's plan for the rotation.</li> <li>• 916th Sustainment Brigade coordination includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>—SPO staff linking up with the staff and rotational manager at the sustainment operations center.</li> <li>—Briefing the concept of support to the 916th Sustainment Brigade.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The ability to get out to the maneuver box for route and forward operating base reconnaissance.</li> <li>• Formally meet with the Goldminer OC/Ts.</li> </ul>
Draw Grids and Commodity Forecasting (Home Station)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulates planning and encourages units to plan out what they will need.</li> <li>• Helps units learn the NTC since each type of equipment and commodity has its own point of contact.</li> <li>• Provides a certain sense of logistics confidence. Units that properly forecast can deploy with the assurance that they will receive the equipment and commodities needed to be successful.</li> </ul>

Figure 2. The benefits and outputs of planning for a National Training Center rotation.