

'ABOUT US'

Iowa-Illinois Chapter National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is America's leading Defense Industry association promoting national security. It is a non-partisan, non-profit association headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. The Iowa-Illinois Chapter, as an arm of the national association, provides geographic coverage for Iowa and the western 1/3 of Illinois, furthering the national objectives and policies. Our mission is to:

- *Champion* issues that contribute to the strength, resiliency and capacity of the industrial base
- *Build* a vigorous, responsive and collaborative community in support of defense and national security
- *Convene* legal and ethical forums for exchange of ideas, information, viewpoints and capabilities

Our Chapter, started in 1945, is dedicated to a strong national defense through industrial preparedness. We particularly have a long history (see "[Chapter History](#)") of focused efforts in support of the industrial base, both private and government's organic capabilities. We locally accomplish this support primarily by facilitating the open exchange of ideas among government and industry on topical issues through seminars and symposiums we host. Those direct activities coupled with our other community involvement provide a heightened awareness of our Chapter and its mission. The following listing synthesizes both our Chapter's areas of focus and level of involvement:

- **SEMINARS/SYMPOSIUMS/WORKSHOPS**
 - **12th Annual (TaxSlayer Center) Midwest Government Contracting Symposium**, 22-23 May 2019
 - Army Sustainment Command (ASC) **Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI)** Aug 2011, Aug 2010, & Aug 2009
 - **AMC/JMC Safety Training Workshop**; 25-27 Aug 2009
- **SPONSORSHIP OF COMMUNITY EVENTS/DONATIONS**
 - Army Birthday Ball, Wounded Warrior, Navy Birthday Ball, Honor Flight, Vietnam Veterans 50th Commemorative Anniversary, Soldier Show, Holiday Ball, AUSA, Healing on the Fly, VA Hospital gifts, Jason's Box, etc.
 - ~\$119,820 in last 16 years (~\$45,820 in last 8 years thru FY2018)

- **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (~6-10 ANNUALLY)**
 - ~\$147,000 in last 9 years (thru FY2018)
 - NDIA funded STEM Scholarship through QCESC - \$17000 in last nine years

- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Initiatives**
 - Chapter STEM POC (also is current representative to the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC)
 - Other STEM activities through donations of time and dollars
 - Engineering Kids Summer Camp
 - QC Elite FIRST Robotics team
 - Putnam Museum STEM Center
 - FIRST LEGO League Robotics Teams

- **AWARDS PROGRAM**
 - Lifetime Achievement Awards (Contribution to National Defense, to Ammunitions Industrial Base, and to Weapons Industrial Base)
 - Twenty (20) awards given since inception in 2003

We invite you to join our Chapter's 600+ industry and government members and make a difference.