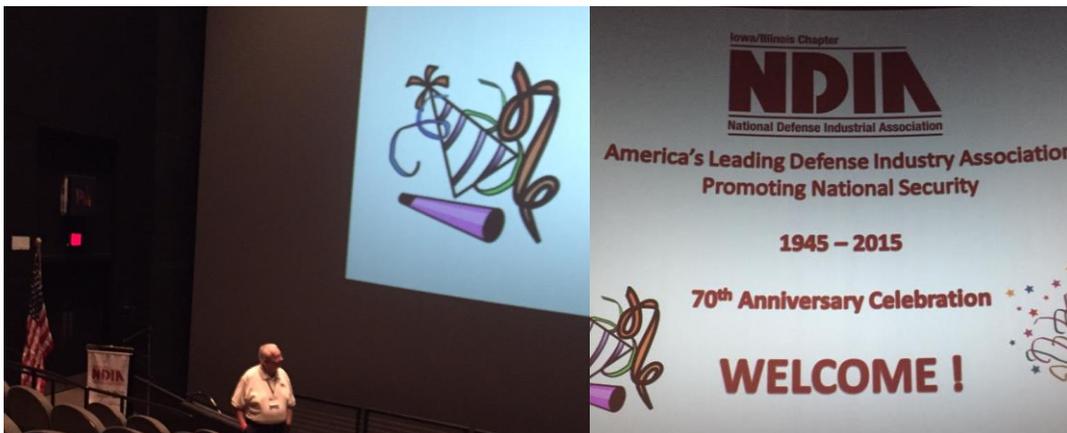
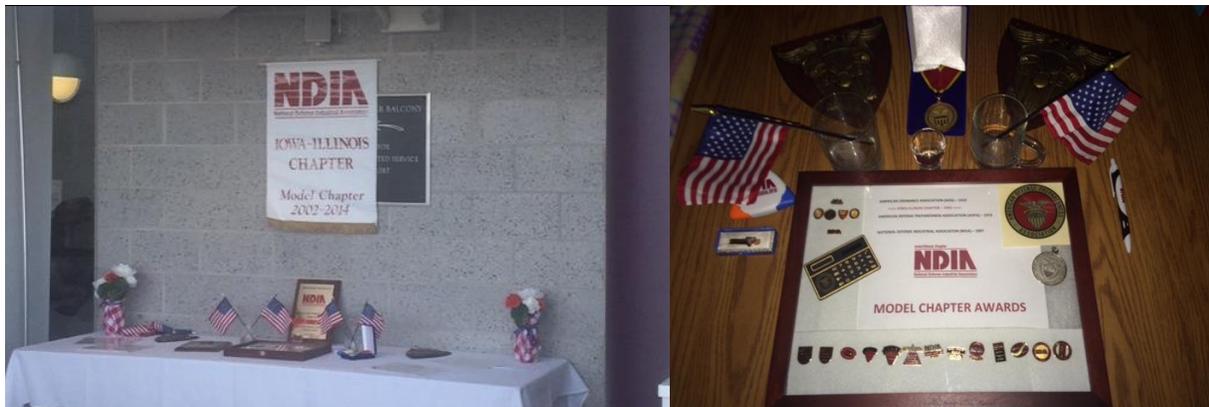


70th Anniversary Celebration Event

The Iowa-Illinois Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) celebrated its 70th Anniversary on Saturday, September 12, 2015. All members and their families, along with WID members were invited join in the celebration with a series of FREE events at the Putnam Museum, Davenport, IA. A special invitation was also given to our military. Although turn-out was less than hoped for, the nearly 100 guests were able to view and enjoy all the exhibits, including the Arsenal of Innovation special exhibit about the Rock Island Arsenal. The highlight of the day was the 3D movie, D-Day: Normandy 1944, in the National Geographic GIANT screen theatre. The movie, narrated by Tom Brokaw, paid tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom. The chapter was honored by the military guests including: Ms. Etie O'Connell, wife of the commander of the Army Sustainment Command, MG Kevin O'Connell, who was OCONUS and could not be there; BG Farman, the deputy commander of the Army Sustainment Command, who is also commander of the Joint Munitions Command, and his wife, Debbie, and COL Wols, commander of the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC). Some photos of the event are shared below:



IA-IL Chapter makes the BIG screen.



Memorabilia!!



And 70th Birthday Cake!!



On Putnam's Lardner Balcony for the after movie lunch buffet.



BG Farmen offers some congratulatory remarks to the Chapter before assisting in the ceremonial cake cutting



As some of the guests pictured here, attentively listen and anxiously await lunch!

History and Agenda from Event Brochure

NDIA History

NDIA is a non-profit, educational association, dedicated to a strong national defense through industrial preparedness representing industry, government and all the services. It has 28 Chapters today. The local chapter was founded in 1945, following the end of World War II, as the Iowa-Illinois Chapter of the Army Ordnance Association. During World War II the Army Ordnance Association represented about 150 Government owned ammunition plants, 175 arsenals and over 200 storage and maintenance depots. This vast organic production and maintenance capability was the core of the famed "Arsenal of Democracy" which contributed in great measure to winning World War II. To this date the Iowa-Illinois Chapter still has a strong focus on representing the "Organic Base", i.e., the government owned Defense Industrial Base, as well as honoring our history in World War II and those who served in that and future wars.

Today Iowa-Illinois Chapter's membership consists of more than 850 individuals from both the private and public sectors. The Iowa-Illinois Chapter continues to provide geographic coverage for Iowa and the western 1/3 of Illinois, furthering the national objectives and policies. NDIA's mission includes providing a forum for the exchange of information between Industry and Government on National Security issues. For the past 8 years, the Chapter has hosted the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium, in the Quad Cities, drawing 500-700 attendees annually. The Chapter also has a robust scholarship program (\$118,000 in last six years) and contributes to community and military events/activities (\$18,000 in last four years). The chapter has been annually recognized by the national association as a Model Chapter since the inception of that award in 2002.

NDIA 70th Anniversary Celebration

- 9:00** **Registration/Wristband distribution**
Private Showing of “The Arsenal of Innovation”
Plus, all exhibits will be open
- 10:15** **Popcorn and Drinks ready for pick-up in Grand Lobby**
- 10:30** **Everyone in theatre**
- 10:30** **Welcome from NDIA**
Pledge of Allegiance
Christine Chandler, Putnam Curator
- 11:00** **D-Day Movie begins**
- 12:00** **Cutting of Birthday Cake (Lardner Balcony)**
Lunch
- 1:00** **Everyone free to return to Museum or Science Center**