



Iowa-Illinois Chapter NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

As we head into fall, the Chapter remains very active on multiple fronts. The Army Sustainment Command's (ASC) Advance Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI), held 2-3 August at the Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf, IA, was a huge success with over 300 conference attendees and 25 exhibitors. Briefings from the event, the agenda and an attendees list, are available on our homepage. We have finalized and submitted our post conference report to the ASC per our contract. More details of the event are covered later in this newsletter. The board is in the process of approving our FY2011 operating budget; I solicit your ideas on how and/or what the Chapter can do within its mission to be more relevant and more supportive. I've cut and pasted our NDIA mission statement from the bottom of our Chapter website homepage, as an aid:

"Our mission is to be the advocate for cutting-edge technology and superior weapons, equipment, training and support for the War-Fighter and First Responder; promote a vigorous, responsive, Government-Industry National Security Team; and to provide an ethical forum for the exchange of information between industry and Government on National Security issues."

We've also prepared and submitted our application to NDIA for consideration for their 2010 Model Chapter Award. Please view our submission on the website link "2010 Model Chapter Submission". There are currently 16 criteria that must be met/exceeded to be judged a Model Chapter. The criteria changes from year to year to remain aligned with NDIA's focus areas. Our Chapter has successfully met NDIA's challenging criteria for the past 8 years (first awarded Model Chapter in 2002) and endeavor to continue that record and achieving that distinction. In 2009, we were one of only ten Chapters to be judged a Model Chapter, out of over 30 NDIA Chapters nationally. We believe we have a great chance for the 2010 Model Chapter designation.

Regarding the DOD STARBASE Program, both the Rock Island and Davenport School District Superintendents have formally and wholeheartedly endorsed the establishment of a DOD STARBASE on Arsenal Island. Our Chapter, as part of the DOD STARBASE Team lead by the RIA Garrison, is now helping secure Community endorsements. Having the Military Installation and School endorsements in hand, the Community endorsements represent the third stakeholder element that must be addressed in the formal application to DOD. The team has received several community endorsements already (Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC), Chamber of Commerce's from IL and IA, Quad Cities Graduate Center, University of Iowa, and Alcoa). The team will be preparing the formal application package over the next few months, with submittal to DOD expected after the first of the year. Mr. Steve Mapley, our Chapter board STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) committee lead, continues to be our Chapter representative to the QCSEC and their QCESC Student/STEM Coordinator.

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website to the Membership & Chapters area and sign up now! I am glad to see folks continuing to take advantage of this offer as reflected by our total Chapter membership now exceeding 850.

Interested in becoming more involved in your Chapter's events/activities or looking to participate on the Board of Directors? Please contact John Masengarb or John Shipley and become part of our Chapter support team. Their email contact information is in the "officers" area of our website.

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George B Rivard
President

IA-IL CHAPTER HOSTS ASC APBI CONFERENCE

The Army Sustainment Command (ASC) held their Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI), 2-3 Aug, at the Waterfront Center, Isle of Capri, in Bettendorf, IA. The day and a half event's 300+ attendance exceeded all expectations, largely due to intense industry interest in gaining further information on Enhanced Army Global Logistics Enterprise (EAGLE). It's estimated dollar value is \$30 billion over a 5-year period and planned as a Multiple Award Task Order Contract. The thrust of EAGLE is to implement efficiencies across the Army Materiel Enterprise by eliminating redundancies and standardizing best practices. Current multiple contracts with overlapping mission support solutions and varying applicable standards, their enforcement, and terms and conditions lack an efficient and necessary common approach. Although the EAGLE Contract Award is planned for FY12, there are also many bridging/transitioning efforts from existing processes/contracts to achieve "a contract that supports the Army to deploy, sustain and redeploy, to reset forces and rebuild readiness." The APBI also addressed other contracting opportunities with ASC, updates on the Army Contracting Command, Field Support Directorate, and Army Acquisition Initiatives. A segment was devoted to Industry Perspective, where panel members shared their experiences and insights working with the ASC. Capping the event was a Senior Service Executive Panel question and answer session, including MG Yves Fontaine, Commander of ASC. Presentations given during the conference may be viewed on our IA-IL Chapter website, along with the list of attendees. Below are some photos from the event.



Mr. John Masengarb and Ms. Jan Masamoto, handle a walk-in conference registration.



Mr. Steve Mapley and Mr John Shipley (background) welcome attendees and assist in providing them with their name tags/agenda.



Full house at the Waterfront Convention Center



MG Fontaine provides closing remarks, as Mr. Parson and Mr. Welker intently listen.



Above: **Question & Answer Panel.** Left to Right: Mr. Michael Hutchison, Mr. Jeffrey Parson, MG Fontaine, Mr. Scott Welker, Mr. Carl Cartwright, and moderator, Ms Kathryn Szymanski

CHAPTER PRESENTS GREENBERG AWARD

As reported in our May 2010 Newsletter, three persons were recognized this year for their lifetime contributions to National Defense. Two of the awards were presented during the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium to Mr. Dennis Dunlap and Ms Patricia Huber. The third recipient, Mr. David M Emling, was formally presented his award during the July IA-IL Chapter Board Meeting.

Pictured below is COL(R) Emling receiving his ***Paul Greenberg Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Ammunition Industrial Base.*** Presenting the award is Mr. George B. Rivard, IA-IL Chapter President.

