



Iowa-Illinois Chapter NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

It's mid year and we've covered a lot of ground since the last newsletter back in the fall. Your chapter succeeded again in being named a model Chapter for 2010. That's 9 years now that we have been so honored. We were one of only 12 Chapters of the 51 total NDIA Chapters to receive this award.

And I trust you find our new Chapter website a great improvement. Take a tour. We've tried to make it more informative and more visitor friendly.

We hosted the 4th Annual "2011 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium" May 17th and 18th at the i-Wireless Center. We had another great turn-out with a grand total of 404 attendees. Not surprising was that 63% were small business, 19% government, and 18% large businesses. This year a Matchmaking Event was a part of the program. Small businesses were able to schedule one-on-one sessions with represented large businesses such as John Deere, Case-New Holland, Harris Corp, Lockheed Martin, Vista International, Bush Construction, and Stanley Consultants to name most, plus Federal and State entities, like the IL DOT, GSA, Corps of Engineers, ASC, Dept of Veterans Affairs, and TACOM. Surveys indicated that the Matchmaking was a much liked addition, and the overall symposium also received high marks once again. With nearly 50 exhibitor booths and ample time during the breaks, maximum networking opportunities were available for attendees – and aggressively used. As we did last year, the Chapter used this event to award the 2011-2012 IA-IL NDIA and Sargent Fisher Scholarships to the recipients as well as Chapter LifeTime Achievement Awards. Some photos of the event and details of Scholarships/Awards are shared later in this newsletter.

The Chapter also responded to an Army Sustainment Command's (ASC) Sources Sought solicitation for a 'no-cost to the government' contract to host the 2011 Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI) they had planned for August. New conference attendance restrictions/approvals brought on by DoD budget reductions have significantly delayed contract award.

Regarding the DOD STARBASE Program, the endorsements of the Military Installation, Schools, and the Community have all been acquired to enable preparation of the actual application to be considered for a DOD STARBASE by DOD. Our Chapter, as part of the DOD STARBASE Team lead by the RIA Garrison, drafted an application package and provided it to the Garrison in late December for finalization. The overall funding situation at DOD, to sustain the existing operational DOD STARBASES, and add more is tenuous at best. With a waiting list of perhaps 30 other applicants, the quality of our application will largely determine our chances of success. The Chapter has provided information packages about the effort to both new congressmen to the area – Congressman Loeb sack from IA and Congressman Schilling from IL. The DOD STARBASE Program is but one of our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) efforts. Mr. Steve Mapley, our Chapter board committee lead, continues as our representative to the Quad Cities Science and Engineering Council (QCSEC) and is their Student/STEM Coordinator. We offered a Chapter

STEM targeted scholarship through QCSEC again this year; details are discussed in the scholarship section of the

website.

NDIA continues its tremendous membership deal.....FREE, repeat F-R-E-E Government Employee 3 year Memberships! And it includes 12 issues each year of the National Defense magazine! Go to the NDIA 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 Us" on this website or contact any of the board members directly and become part of our Chapter support team.

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George B Rivard
President

IA-IL CHAPTER HOSTS MIDWEST SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

As mentioned above, we hosted the 4th annual small business conference. . Presentations/briefings given during the conference may be viewed elsewhere on our IA-IL Chapter website, along with the list of attendees. Below are some photos from the event.



Mr. Robert Radkiewicz – Executive Vice President of our IA-IL Chapter, readies the attendance badges and completes pre-conference preparations while Ms. Dianne Wheeler, President of the IA-IL Chapter of Women in Defense (WID) appears to be calling for more help.



Chapter Board members pictured include Mr. Bob Radkiewicz, and Directors, Ms Jan Masamoto, Mr. Steve Mapley and Mr Art Heyderman as they prepare to welcome attendees and assist in providing them with their name tags/agenda.



This year we had a formal event opening ceremony. Maj. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, Commanding General of the US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) on Arsenal Island had the ribbon cutting honor. He is flanked by Mr. Don Welvaert, Mayor of Moline, and Mr. Paul Rumler, Executive Vice President, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce.



The rush is on! Ms Patty Kupresin, Spirit Partners, Inc, and an event planning committee member, assists Mr. Mapley.



Mr. Alan Wilson, our Master of Ceremonies and a IA-IL Chapter Director, once again kept the conference on track. Why the big smile? See picture on right.



Sharing the Master of Ceremonies duties this year, we were honored to have Mr. Greg Wilson, Vista International Operations.



MG Fontaine, a keynote speaker, discusses the Army Sustainment Command (ASC) and its reliance on contractor support.



The large audience listens intently to the presenters.



Congressmen Bobby Schilling (left), 17th District in Illinois, and Dave Loeb sack, 2nd District in Iowa provide remarks and field questions from the seminar attendees.

IA-IL CHAPTER AWARDS 2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIPS.

Complete details of our 2011-12 Scholarship Program recipients are in the scholarship section of our website. Pictured below are 10 of our 12 scholarship recipients that could make our formal presentation during our 2011 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium – before (left) and after (right) they were individually recognized and provided their award certificate and check. (Understandably, the smiles are a little bit bigger after.)



CHAPTER PRESENTS GREENBERG & SKIBBIE AWARDS

This year, two people were recognized for their lifetime contributions to National Defense. The Paul Greenberg Award was presented during the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium to Mr. Paul L. Woodhouse. The recipient of the Lawrence Skibbie Award, Mr. John Shipley, was formally presented his award during the May IA-IL Chapter Board Meeting.

Pictured at right is Mr. Paul H. Woodhouse receiving his ***Paul Greenberg Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Ammunition Industrial Base***. Presenting the award is Mr. Jimmy Morgan, the IA-IL Chapter Board Director managing the award program.



Throughout Mr. Woodhouse's long and illustrious career in ammunition management, he has exemplified excellence and perseverance in maintaining a strong and responsive defense industrial base.

Mr. Woodhouse served as Chief of the Plant Operations Directorate in the 70's and 80's, he provided the key link between Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) plant commanders and Command leadership.

During the 90's, Mr. Woodhouse served as the Principal Assistant to the Deputy for Facilities Management. In this position he was responsible for directing, integrating and coordinating execution of all functions and operations of the Directorates for Industrial Readiness, Environmental Quality, Engineering and Housing, the Program Management Office, and the Production Base Modernization Activity.

Also during this timeframe, Mr. Woodhouse served as the Chief of the Strategic Base Analysis Division and the Site Management Division. Through his vision and insights, he carefully crafted plans that have guided the industrial base to its current state.

As the Leader of the Operations and Management Team in the late 90's, Mr. Woodhouse personally established resource plans for all GOCO plants. He developed a methodology to identify relative needs and achieve mission accomplishment within mandated reductions.

During the ensuing decade, Mr. Woodhouse has continued to provide unwavering leadership to the industrial base mission. Mr. Woodhouse has focused on continual evolution of the organic base and the management styles employed in order to provide sufficient resources to the Combatant Commanders during times of need.

Pictured at right is Mr. John Shipley receiving the **Lawrence Skibbie Award for Lifetime Contributions to National Defense**. Presenting the award is Mr. George B. Rivard, President of the IA-IL Chapter:



Mr. Shipley spent 8 years in Air Force, and subsequently, while working as a Supply Clerk at Ft McCoy, joined the Army Reserves. He came to Rock Island Arsenal from Germany in 1980, where he had been about 2 years, performing Comptroller duties.

In 1981, he came into the AMCCOM Product Assurance Directorate as a Management Specialist from the Arsenal. He eventually became the chief of the QA Budget and Manpower Division and manned that position through some of the most tumultuous years on Arsenal Island with seemingly constant reorganizations and reductions-in-force. Through all that turmoil, and beyond into the Industrial Operations Command, Mr. Shipley maintained mission capabilities not only at the Headquarters but lead in managing the care and feeding of our production and quality workforces at our organic GOGO arsenals and depots, as well as the COR staffs at our GOCO ammunition plants.

He retired from the Industrial Operations Command on 3 Nov 2000 after 37 years of military and civilian service. He continued to contribute to national defense by supporting our NDIA Chapter's mission in various Board Director capacities including Budget development, Donation committee, and the Programs Committee.

Mr. Shipley has always been one that could take on the hard tasks and bring them to closure in the best possible way. For all those he supported, he left a strong impression and never left you "**As you were**".