



# Iowa-Illinois Chapter NEWSLETTER

## June 2016

### NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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URGENT! We really need more Chapter members to become actively involved in Chapter's events/activities, to even include participation on the Board of Directors. Please step up and "Contact Us" on our website or contact any of the board members directly and become part of our Chapter support team. Your active participation in Chapter events, such as our annual symposium, can make the effort less burdensome on the few. See the following pages of this newsletter to better appreciate Chapter activities. We need not only your hands on support, but also your ideas as to how the Chapter can better serve its membership and fulfill its mission. We do great things – help us do more!

While I still limit my newsletter to once a year, the fact is that activities go on throughout the year. Granted our two major undertakings –our symposium and our scholarship events - culminate by mid-June, and hence the timing of my newsletter. However, there are updates and other activities being posted monthly on our website. Please check our website periodically. You will see there are many News items and Event items appearing throughout the year. We continue to make the site as current on information as possible. You should also note that your chapter succeeded again in being named a Model Chapter for 2015; that is 14 consecutive years we have been so honored. Our Model Chapter submission package and notification of selection are on our website. We were one of 17 Chapters of the 26 total NDIA Chapters to receive this award. And, we will be going for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for 2016 later this fall!

We hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "2016 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium" May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the i-Wireless Center.

The main track of the symposium was once again Team Rock Island Center of Excellence Advance Planning Briefings for Industry (APBI). In addition to the Army Sustainment Command (ASC), the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers (COE), Joint Manufacturing Technology Center (JMTC), the RIA Garrison, the Army Contracting Command (ACC), and Joint Munitions Command (JMC) all discussed their requirements. The ASC Command Group, as well as senior members of the other activities, participated in both days of the symposium.

Registered attendees totaled 669 compared to 673 last year, with exhibitors totaling 47 – down about 25%. Both industry and government attendance was nearly identical to last year. The breakout stats for registered attendees were: 400 from industry, 249 from government, plus about 20 active duty military. There were 147 (up 27%) large and 253 (down 17%) small businesses attending. Impressive numbers! With the lesser number of exhibitors this year, lunches were served in the arena area beyond the exhibitor booths. This afforded the exhibitors even greater exposure. All briefings were conducted in the conference center. Break refreshments remained near the exhibit area to assure optimum exposure.

The Matchmaking session, now in its sixth year as part of the symposium, once again was a huge success and a heavily attended activity. Traditionally, the "primes" have been Large Businesses (LB). However, the current environment has emerging Small Business (SB) primes who were looking for good partners; therefore the event was again opened up to all businesses who wished to host. Twelve organizations participated in matchmaking, represented by both private industry (Government prime contractors, both large and small) and Government

agencies. This year we also had the Iowa SBA as a more non-traditional participant that was available to discuss SBA programs at a more one on one level with companies. There were a number of new companies as well as a couple new Government agencies (that included the SBA) that participated as well. Also, businesses were able to schedule one-on-one sessions directly with represented “host” businesses which removed an extra administrative step in the match making process and burden from the match making committee. (See the Matchmaking agenda for the symposium, still on our website, for a partial list of primes; CGI, Iowa SBA, and Connected Logistics were added primes). An estimated 100 separate appointments occurred during the scheduled matchmaking session on the second day of the symposium. Survey feedback once again gave high marks to the Matchmaking event which remained a well-liked, well attended portion of the symposium; in fact, the overall symposium feedback was again very highly positive. After action reviews of the feedback surveys coupled with personal observations by the symposium committee enables us to continuously improve the event.

This year, the Chapter again used the venue we re-initiated last year– organizations associated with Arsenal Island having a joint scholarship presentation ceremony. This was held 2 June at the Arsenal Golf Club. This year we awarded 5 scholarships – 4 IA-IL NDIA and 1 Sergeant Paul Fisher Scholarship to the recipients. Earlier in February, the Chapter once again provided a STEM scholarship presented during the annual Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) dinner meeting. Some photos of the events and details of Scholarships are shared later in this newsletter.

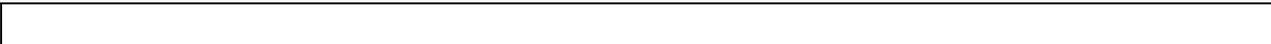
Our chapter continues to be a strong supporter of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). As earlier mentioned, our Chapter again offered a specific STEM targeted scholarship through QCSEC; details are discussed in the Scholarship section of the website. We also continue to actively support other STEM activities (e.g., Engineering Kids Summer Camp, QC Elite FIRST Robotics team, Putnam Museum STEM Center, FIRST LEGO League Robotics Team, and STEM student attendance donations for the QCESC dinner).

We continue to strongly support military related activities and causes. We are among the partners supporting WQPT’s “Embracing Our Military” Task Force. We again partnered with the USO and sponsored 4 “Franks on Fridays” events on Arsenal Island, which offers free hot dog lunches to military and their families. And we provide donations to DAV hospital, Jason’s Box, Project Healing Waters, and other similar military focused organizations and activities. This year we were also a major contributor to the Viet Nam 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade held in 21 May.

Once again, I want to encourage you to become an active member of our Chapter. BTW, NDIA continues to offer, F-R-E-E three (3) year memberships to Government Employees. 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! There are great articles and opinions on varied national defense issues. You will find these often linked directly to what and how you, as one of nearly 800 Chapter members, are supporting our national security. Shape the future.

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George B Rivard  
President



## IA-IL CHAPTER HOSTS MIDWEST SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

As mentioned above, we hosted our 9<sup>th</sup> 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 several photos from yet another successful event.



Presentation of the Colors by the Army Sustainment Command's Color Guard and the playing of our National Anthem formally opened the symposium.

Ms. Tara Barney, President & CEO, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, welcomes the attendees to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual symposium.



MG Kevin O'Connell, Commander, US Army Sustainment Command, introduced the APBI Keynote Speaker.





Ms Lisha Adams, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General, US Army Materiel Command, makes a point during her keynote presentation.

Ms Lynn Gibson of our Planning Committee makes some administrative announcement before the Mission Panel Session.



MG O'Connell describes the ASC's mission and operational relevance. The Mission Panel consisted of, from left to right: Mr. Michael Hutchison, Deputy to the Commander, ASC; Mrs. Melanie Johnson, Executive Director Army Contracting Command; Mr. Scott Welker, Executive Director for Joint Munitions Command; MG O'Connell; COL Donald Wols, Commander, Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center; COL Elmer Speights, Jr, Commander, Rock Island Arsenal Garrison; and Mr. Dennis Hamilton, Deputy for Programs & Project Management, US Army Corps of Engineers – Rock Island District.



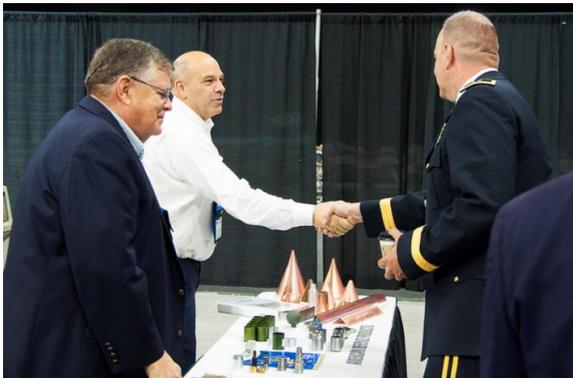
The Mission Panel garnered a large audience to hear the senior leaders.



A big factor in the continued success of the symposium as well as a major feedback response is the direct access attendees experience with the senior leadership on Arsenal Island and from other senior/key government participants. Shown here is MG O'Connell personally visiting the exhibitors during the conference.



Ms. Lisa Adams, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General, US Army Materiel Command, answers some one-on-one questions.





Mr. Jay Carr, Executive Director Acquisition Integration Center, ASC, and Mr. Carl Cartwright, Executive Director Support Operations, ASC, provide an overview of requirements.



Mr. Scott Welker, along with Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Commander's Representative, Holston Army Ammunition Plant, and COL Sean Herron, Commander, McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, discuss the Industrial Base.

For the past several years, we have used the NDIA Small Business Symposium event as an opportunity to showcase outstanding small businesses – one from Iowa and one from Illinois – as selected by Iowa State University, CIRAS and by the Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). This year, once again, two truly deserving small businesses were recognized with an award. The Illinois recipient was Mr. Tom Honsa, Honsa Tools, Milan, IL. The Iowa recipient was Mr. Brad Puck and Mrs. Cindy Puck, Professional Safety Solutions, Inc. of Muscatine, IA.

Award presentations are pictured below:



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Honsa are pictured with their NDIA Illinois Small Business of the Year award. Ms Vicky Miller, formerly of IL PTAC, and now with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, presented the award. Honsa manufactures pneumatic and electric powered tools that are ergonomically designed and with reduced vibration.



Mr. and Mrs. Brad and Cindy Puck, Professional Safety Solutions, Inc., are shown accepting the NDIA Iowa Small Business award they provide Safety Consultation and Training. The award was presented by Ms. Beth White, Iowa State University, CIRAS.



The Small Business Advocates Panel shared their insights into successfully contracting with the government. From left to right, Ms. Deborah Crumity, SBA Procurement Center, Rock Island; Mr. John Dengler, USACE RI District Small Business Office; Ms. Melissa Burant, Iowa State University (ISU) CIRAS and moderator; Mr. Robert Matthys, ASC/JMC Small Business Office; and Ms Beth White, Government Contracting Specialist, ISU/CIRAS.

As part of the evening reception, sponsored by Connected Logistics, we were happy to facilitate their contribution of \$2500 to the President and CEO of USO, Illinois, Ms Alison Ruble. Mr. Eric Strauss is presenting on behalf of Connected Logistics.



Second from the right is Ms. Jackie Inman, Rock Island Center Director, USO of Illinois, along with other Connected Logistics representatives and Ms Ruble.

The second day of the symposium maintained the high level speaker presentations and, more importantly, continued sharing and exchange of information.

Mr. Kenya Wesley, Director, DoD Office of Small Business Programs, provides insight into the current thrusts and initiatives of DoD in the small business area.



Mr. John Shorak, Associate Administrator of Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA, fields a question.

On the right, Mr. Tommy L. Marks, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Office of the Secretary of The Army, provides an Army Small Business Program Update.





Above, Mr. Steven Koprince, Koprince Law LLC, provides an overview of new federal contracting rules and regulations, from the private sector perspective.

Below, Ms. Melanie Johnson, Executive Director Army Contracting Command, and her panel discuss various functional area requirements.





The Senior Leaders Panel also drew a large audience. And many questions – and lots of answers. Great exchange of information!!



## 2016 Sponsors

*Our Chapter's objective is to facilitate the open exchange of ideas and information between government and industry. From the feedback surveys from both the conference attendees and the exhibitors, the 9th Annual Symposium was again a great success, meeting that objective. Events such as this could not occur without the contributions of our many sponsors, and the time and exhaustive efforts of the planning committee members from throughout the Quad Cities community. Thank You!*



More pictures and an ASC article about the event can be found at:

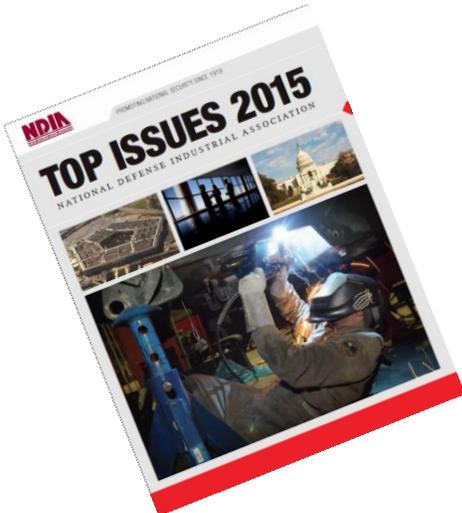
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## IA-IL CHAPTER AWARDS 2016-2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

Complete details of our 2016-17 Scholarship Program recipients in the “Scholarship Recipients” section of our website or [Click Here](#). In summary, a total of 6 scholarships were awarded this year: One STEM through the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC), 4 NDIA, and 1 SGT Paul Fisher Scholarship. Each scholarship was in the amount of \$2000; that totals \$12,000! In the last seven years, our Chapter has awarded \$130,000!!!

## SNAPSHOTS OF SOME OF OUR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR





**PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING**

01/21/2016

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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the wounded and injured military service members and disabled veterans who are involved in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) activities, we thank you for your generous \$500.00 contribution. Your gift is an inspiration to us all and helps us give back to individuals who have given so much.

We use the restorative activities of fly fishing and fly tying to help the rehabilitation of those struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, and physical limitations. Our program also provides participants with the camaraderie of fellow veterans; those who understand. Combine that with the peace of clean, fishable water and you have the recipe to change lives! Participation in our program is free for participants; so, gifts of money and in-kind donations are highly valued assets and provide us with the vital resources needed to sustain our programs. Your gift will help us purchase the fly fishing equipment and supplies we require to support fly tying instruction, fly casting workshops, and rod building classes, as well as fund activities beyond the classroom, like fishing trips. Please know that you are helping us make a difference and we will put your donation to good use. We invite you to learn more about PHWFF on our web site, [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org) or follow us on social media to read about the extraordinary participants, volunteers, trips and activities across the nation.

Again, thank you for your charitable gift. Your support and encouragement is deeply appreciated, and needed as we carry out our mission to improve the health and well-being of our program participants.

Respectfully,

*Ellen Killough*  
Ellen Killough  
CEO

*Ed Nicholson*  
Ed Nicholson  
Founder, President and Co-Chair

Please note: PHWFF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Our Federal EIN is 61-1532154. PHWFF did not provide you with any goods or services in consideration for your donation. Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, enacted in August of 1993, requires you to keep written substantiation of gifts of \$250 or greater in order to claim a deduction for your contribution. This letter hereby serves as a receipt for the above gift.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the heartfelt contribution of \$500 to Jason's Box. It was so thoughtful that you chose Jason's Box to receive this wonderful gift. It means so much to us.

Each day we reach out to deployed military to find out what our community can do for them in appreciation for all they are doing for our country. Please know that your gift will help us send a custom care package that brings comfort and a bit of home to a service member or will help in one of our other projects, such as the battle buddy program or Patriot Place, our veterans' resource center.

In keeping with the mission of Jason's Box, "To improve the health and well-being of our military men and women," we are now involved in education, advocacy, and creating awareness for the issues of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and suicide prevention. We are assisting service members in their transition from military to civilian life. For more information, please visit [www.jasonsbox.com](http://www.jasonsbox.com).

Again, thank you for your kindness!

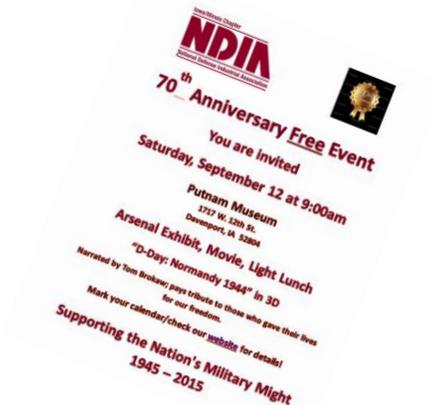
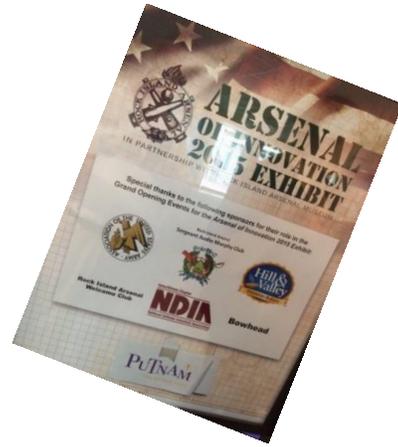
Sincerely,

*Teri Johnson*  
Teri Johnson, Jagan Yalom  
President of Jason's Box

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Per I.R.S. guidelines, please be advised that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.

*Thank you for your continued support!*



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Mr. George B. Rivard  
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Dear George:

Thank you for your support of the NDIA Model Chapter 2015 Program.

On behalf of the NDIA family, I wish to extend our "Congratulations" for your continuing efforts and success of the NDIA Iowa/Illinois Chapter.

The chapter continues to evolve due to a team-spirited group of individuals whom collectively conduct professional and successful NDIA events such as monthly luncheons, joint involvement with community defense-related associations, and strong support of community programs. Your chapter leadership continues the display spirit and direction that ensures our members have a strong and relevant platform to network under the NDIA Iowa/Illinois Chapter Chapter.

We would be honored if you would proudly display the enclosed 2015 Model Chapter Award citation in recognition of the NDIA Iowa/Illinois Chapter and distribute the enclosed special lapel pins to your chapter board members. If additional pins are needed, please contact Molly Flanagan.

Thank you for your continuing support of the NDIA program.

Sincerely,

*Craig R. McKinley*

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