

'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**
 - Virtual 3 Chapter Collaborative Event w/ACC-RI 2 June 2021
 - 12th Annual NDIA Midwest Government Contracting Symposium 22-23 May 2019 – TaxSlayer Center
 - Aug 2009 & Aug 2010 Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI)
 - 25-27 Aug 2009 AMC/JMC Safety Training Workshop
- **SPONSORSHIP OF COMMUNITY EVENTS/DONATIONS**
 - Viet Nam 50th Anniversary, Healing on the Fly, Embracing Our Military, USO Franks n' Fridays, Veterans Experience Action Center, Putnam Museum Engineering Kids Camp, etc.
 - ~\$127,100 in last 18 years (~53,120 in last 10 years thru FY2020)

- **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (~6-10 ANNUALLY)**
 - ~\$201,500 in last 12 years (thru FY2021)
 - NDIA funded STEM Scholarship through QCESC - \$24,500 in last 12 years

- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Initiatives**
 - NDIA STEM POC also STEM liaison to Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC)
 - Other STEM activities through donations of time and dollars (\$2200 budgeted for FY2022)
 - 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.