



Iowa-Illinois Chapter NEWSLETTER June 2017

NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

First, on a sad note, Mr Arthur Heyderman passed away in April of this year. Art had been active member of the Iowa/Illinois Chapter of NDIA since 1981 and was instrumental in reactivating the Chapter after a period of dormancy. In 1988 he assumed the presidency of this Chapter and retained that position for 16 years and, since 2004, had remained an active member of the Chapter Board. He was the driving factor in establishing the first Women in Defense (WID) chapter here. His strong advocacy for honoring and supporting our military/veterans continues today to include the SGT Fisher Scholarship for military dependents in our Chapter area.

The timing of this newsletter is aligned with reporting on our two major activities, which generally culminate at this time - our symposium and our scholarship events. But activities and actions go on throughout the year. 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. A short list from this past year includes USO's "Franks on Friday", Symposium Planning meetings which begin within weeks of the past event, STEM event participation including the QCESC dinner and scholarship award program at the Putnam Museum, donation presentations to Robotics teams, scholarship review committee meetings, board meetings, updating the website, etc. We really need more Chapter members to become actively involved in Chapter's events/activities, to include participation on the Board of Directors. Frankly we need some more new blood on the board; folks that will assure successful continuous improvement of our Chapter to better serve its membership and fulfill its mission. 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. We do great things – help us do more!

You may note that our Chapter logo has changed. This is part of a national effort at modernizing and strengthening its image and relevance. Check out the new national website as but one example of NDIA posturing better for the future. Many of the initiatives are a direct outgrowth of a broad strategic assessment conducted over the past couple years.

You should also note that your chapter succeeded again in being named a Model Chapter for 2016; that is 15 consecutive years we have been so honored. Our Model Chapter submission package and notification of selection are on our website. We were one of 16 Chapters of the 25 total NDIA Chapters to receive this award. And, we will be going for the 16th consecutive year for 2017 later this fall!

We hosted the 10th Annual "2017 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium" May 24th and 25th at the i-Wireless Center.

Although most of the same elements of the symposium were present, it was packaged differently. The first day of the symposium was exclusively the 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),

the RIA Garrison, the Army Contracting Command (ACC), and Joint Munitions Command (JMC) all discussed their requirements. The second day was exclusively tradeshow centric, with at least 37 exhibitors including government support offices (SCORE, SBA, ASC/JMC/ACC Small Business Offices, PTACs, etc.). The exhibits were primarily in the conference center where the briefings were held the day before, with informal round table discussions scheduled with topics focusing on small businesses. Some formal presentations were held in a smaller area of the conference center. All were optional with the focus being exhibitor/visitor networking and discussions. The ASC Command Group, as well as senior members of the other activities, participated in both days of the symposium.

Registered attendees totaled 693 compared to 669 last year. The break-out, based on self-reporting during the registration process, was 248 government, 310 Industry/NDIA, and 71 not identifying, but likely industry. The remainder was speakers and administrative folks. Impressive numbers! The data indicates 32 states were represented, with the bulk from Illinois (333), Virginia (112), and Iowa (84). There were 144 small business attendees of the 132 small businesses represented. So there appears to be a fairly balanced attendance of large and small businesses, which tracks with the reverse tradeshow concept of buyers and sellers networking.

With the significant change in format this year, prior year matchmaking events became moot, as the entire 2nd day was devoted to wall-to-wall networking/matchmaking and meeting one-on-one per mutually shared opportunities. After action reviews of the feedback surveys coupled with personal observations by the symposium committee enables us to continuously improve the overall event, which drove the format changes this year.

Regarding our scholarship program, this year was a lean year budget-wise. We awarded 1 IA-IL NDIA and 1 Sergeant Paul Fisher Scholarship in late May. In late 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 and on our website.

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., Putnam Museum's Engineering Kids Summer Camp, QC Elite FIRST Robotics team, FIRST LEGO League Robotics Teams (Combustible Lemons/ Flourish and Bots), 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 2 "Franks on Fridays" events on Arsenal Island, which offers free hot dog lunches to military and their families. And we provide donations to AUSA, Navy Ball, Jason's Box, and other similar military focused organizations and activities.

Once again, I want to encourage you to become an active member of our Chapter. Membership rates remain a great value. 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 updated and totally new NDIA website and click on the Membership tab 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 750 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 10th 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.

Following brief remarks by George Rivard, Chapter President, Presentation of the Colors by the ASC Color Guard, and a Welcome/Introduction from Ms Tara Barney, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, MG Edward M Daly, Commander, US Army Sustainment Command, kicks off the APBI.





Above, Mr. Carl Cartwright, Executive Director, Acquisition, Integration and Management (AIM) shares ASC Logistics Support Services Requirements with an attentive audience.

The way the sessions were structured this year allowed for even more time for questions and answers from a visibly packed house of attendees.



Ms. Melanie Johnson, Deputy to the Commander, Joint Munitions Command, addresses the ammunition business sector government requirements in conjunction with PEO-Ammunition, COL Joseph Chan.



Mr. Jay Carr (left), Executive Director, Army Contracting Command-Rock Island, explains the role of his activity and fields questions.

Mr. Michael Hutchison (right), Deputy to the Commander, Army Sustainment Command, discusses opportunities for business while also fielding questions.



A panel of ACC- RI contracting experts and industry members discuss the source selection process and procedures.



The second day of the symposium was trade-show centric while offering topics of interest via traditional briefings but more commonly round table discussions scheduled throughout the day.

Below, Mr. Frank Michael, Senior VP, Program Development, and Ms. Erica Albrittain, Assistant VP, Membership and Chapters, from NDIA HQ in Washington, describe the benefits of membership in NDIA.



As a surprise, Frank and Erica took the opportunity to present NDIA President Lapel Pins to Ms. Megan McKinney, Great Lakes Chapter President, and George Rivard, IA-IL Chapter President. George also was awarded a Lifetime NDIA Membership.



Mr. Tommy Marks, Director of the Department of the Army Small Business Program Office, was a key presenter, offering the latest insights on the Army's small business initiatives.



Ms. Pamela Beavers, Director, Area IV, Small Business Administration, provides information on guidance and training resources available to assist small businesses.



Mr. Michael Hutchison (left) provides additional insights and his personal perspectives on a host of acquisition and small business points of interest and areas of government support.

Ms Dianne Wheeler (below), ASC Small Business Advisor, assists an attendee. Their booth was one of several specific small business support/resource activities available during the symposium (see right)



SBA, CIRAS/PTAC, SCORE, and various government small business offices were available to assist and provide information about the resources they offer.



More than 30 other companies offering and also seeking small business opportunities were represented in booths at the reverse tradeshow. That coupled with the round table discussions afforded a valuable networking and informational experience.



Many thanks to our generous 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 10th 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 about the event can be found at:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/army_sustainment_command/sets/72157681658707182

IA-IL CHAPTER AWARDS 2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

Complete details of our 2017-18 Scholarship Program recipients in the “Scholarship Recipients” section of our website or [Click Here](#). In summary, a total of 3 scholarships were awarded this year: One STEM through the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC), 1 NDIA, and 1 SGT Paul Fisher Scholarship. Each scholarship was in the amount of \$2000; that totals \$6,000! In the last eight years, our Chapter has awarded \$136,000!!!

SNAPSHOTS OF SOME OF OUR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR







April 6, 2016

Iowa/Illinois Chapter NDIA
% Mr. George Rivard
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Dear George:

I want to thank the Iowa/Illinois Chapter of NDIA for its \$500 sponsorship of Engineering Kids Day Camp here at the Putnam. We greatly appreciate the contribution and all of the STEM learning opportunities it will help make possible for area youth this summer. We highly value our partnership with NDIA and your ongoing support of the Putnam and hope that you will express our thanks to the other members of NDIA as well.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,
Kim
Kim Findlay
President & CEO

Thank you!



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In 2001, the program was established to strengthen a collaborative relationship, mutual communication and coordination between NDIA National and the Chapters.

The effectiveness of the Chapter serving as a cohesive group of volunteers affirms the dedication to the Association's mission.

December 2016

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Craig R. McKinley
General, USAF (Ret)
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December 16, 2016

Mr. George B. Rivard
President
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Dear Mr. Rivard:

On behalf of NDIA, I am privileged to extend our sincerest congratulations for your energetic and steadfast efforts that have contributed to the success of the NDIA Iowa-Illinois Chapter. Thanks to your ongoing support and commitment to the mission, we are proud to designate your Chapter as a 2016 Model Chapter.

The leadership, enthusiasm, and vigor that is evident in your Chapter has strengthened your local community networking, added value through professional and successful NDIA events, and provided support of meaningful community programs. The spirit and direction engendered through your leadership ensures that our members continue to have a strong and relevant platform to network under the NDIA Iowa-Illinois Chapter Chapter.

We would be honored for you to proudly display the enclosed 2016 Model Chapter Award Certificate in recognition of the NDIA Iowa/Illinois Chapter and distribute the enclosed lapel pins to your Chapter Board members. If additional pins are needed, please contact Molly Flanagan at (703)247-2563.

Please accept the enclosed monetary gift in the amount of Five-Hundred Dollars as a token of our appreciation. Thank you for your dedicated support of the NDIA Model Chapter program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Model Chapter Award Certificate
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May 24, 2017

NDIA IA/IL Chapter
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Dear Mr. Rivard,

On behalf of all the members of the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club, please accept our sincere appreciation for your donation of \$500.00 for our 2017 RIAWC Golf Tournament which was held on May 23, 2017 on the Arsenal Golf Course in Rock Island, IL.

Your generous contribution as an Individual Hole Sponsor greatly enhances our Club's ability to continue its program of support for the military, local and national community.

This year we were able to give out \$10,000 in college scholarships and were able to fill \$10,000 in requests for community and national grants. We cannot continue to do this without the support of companies like NDIA IA/IL Chapter, so please know that we are extremely grateful.

Again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jiki Cain

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Sterling American Legion Post No. 296

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September 15, 2016

Mr. George Rivard
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Dear Mr. Rivard,

On behalf of the Sterling American Legion Post 296, I wish to extend our sincere thanks sponsorship of the Quad City Area Navy Ball. The Navy Ball is a celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Navy, however it is open to all members of the all branches of the military and their guests. Your generosity will enable those attending this annual event to experience a more enjoyable evening at a minimal expense.

The American Legion is a 501(c)(19) organization in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, and all contributions are exempt.

Again, thank you.

Yours truly,

Michael L. Wolber
Michael L. Wolber, Finance Officer
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December 8, 2016

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Dear George:

As you know, we have been driving significant transformation at NDIA to better serve our membership. One of our most significant initiatives has been to stand up a Program Development Business Center under the direction of our Senior Vice President, Frank Michael.

Frank's primary mission is to develop and add value to programs that are important to our membership. Imperative to this mission is the need increase communication and collaboration between our fifty-two Divisions and Chapters in order to establish a true, enterprise-wide approach in promoting our programs.

To that end, I have authorized Frank to establish a Program Development Advisory Council to guide and assist his team in leveraging the impressive body of work that resides across the organization. The Council will consist of approximately twelve past and present leaders in NDIA's divisions and chapters. As a valued and respected member of our organization, I would like to ask for your participation on the Program Development Advisory Council.

This appointment will not take a significant amount of time from your already busy schedule, but the value you will bring to the program development process will be instrumental to our success. I expect the council will meet five to six times a year with a two-year rotational membership. I hope that you can find the time to be part of this effort.

Frank will be your point of contact and is available to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at fmichael@ndia.org or 858-442-9189.

Thank you for considering this appointment and for your many years of service to our association.

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George and Celia,

I wanted to let you know that the Combustible Lemons won the Inspire Award at the World Championships in St. Louis. As winners, we have been invited to FIRST Headquarters in July for the Festival of Champions.

Thank you again for your support.

We would like to send you a formal thank you letter with a picture. Do you have a physical mailing address?

Thank you,

Greg

Dear Mr. Rivard and Ms. Hadden,

Thank you very much for giving us money, and supporting us in our trip to Arkansas! We really enjoyed the competition, and met some amazing people. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to you, we had an absolutely A-M-A-Z-I-N-G experience at the Razorback FLL International Championship. We worked hard to prepare and had a blast in Arkansas! While there, we shared Iowa swag with everyone and gained new friends from across the globe. In the spirit of Gracious Professionalism and Cooperation, we boosted competitors' scores by 60 points during robot matches. The teams were phenomenal and the competition was fierce. Razorback was so much FUN! During the Animal Allies season, we discovered new things, broadened our knowledge, innovated, solved problems, grew, overcame challenges, laughed a lot, made new friends and more. These things wouldn't have happened without your support, for which we are grateful!

Razorback volunteers, organizers and judges were very nice and experienced. Our team was thrilled to receive callbacks for Core Values, Project and Robot. At the Closing Ceremony we were surprised and honored to earn the 1st place Overall Robot Design Award! Encouragement and compliments shared with us after the closing ceremony blew us away! Friends from Brazil asked to trade flags and took Iowa and USA flags back home. They were so nice, they gave us their hats, too! Our new friends from Japan want to visit Iowa! Signatures from everywhere, contact information exchanged, photos documenting it all, memories and experiences of a lifetime – thank you for everything you did to support our team – we appreciate you!

With new goals and ideas, Hydro Dynamics season, here we come!

Our sincere gratitude for your support,

FLL 2791, World Changers