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Subject: President's Newsletter (January – March 2019)

Thank you to the great volunteer leaders of the NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter Officers, Committee Chairs, and Board of Directors. They have been exceptionally busy this first quarter of 2019 providing value to our 1,311 Rocky Mountain Chapter members and their families. They have served side-by-side our military partners and helped provide lasting impact that will be seen well into the future. In this newsletter, we will provide a summary of some of the chapter activities this quarter, highlight some significant upcoming events, and we'll pay tribute to Mrs. Mickey Hartinger, who sadly passed away on February 23rd of this year.

Your NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter continues a proud NDIA heritage that spans 100 years of service, support, and recognition of those in the defense industry. This year, NDIA celebrates this century of accomplishments and you can get an appreciation of this history by reviewing the short NDIA video at the following URL:

<https://ndiarmc.org/about/history-of-ndia/>

You can gain a greater awareness of how your NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter contributes to this distinguished NDIA history by visiting our chapter website (<https://ndiarmc.org/>) and seeing all the events and activities that we hold in service to you, our members.

Many of our members know of the traditional events that we hold (luncheons, Industry and Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE), and an annual Ball) and we've certainly continued that in this first quarter of 2019. We are also very proud of the other activities we've held this quarter that will contribute to a legacy of excellence for years to come. A summary of the more "traditional" events and activities we've conducted or supported, on your behalf, are as follows:

- January Luncheon with Col Todd "Einstein" Wiest, Strategic Warning and Surveillance System Division Senior Material Leader. Col Wiest discussed "Sentinels' Extraordinary Future."
- Supported the February Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) Satellite Communications (SATCOM) Industry Day. Your chapter met with AFSPC leaders, discussed opportunities for gaining industry input to AFSPC SATCOM vision and strategy. We also spread the word on this event to NDIA members (and other sister organizations,

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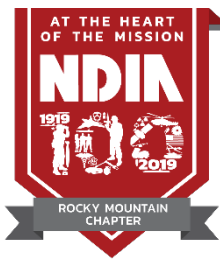
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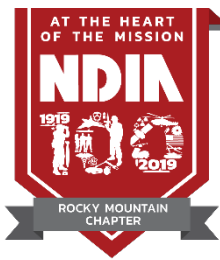
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- Co-hosted an event called “An Afternoon with Northrop Grumman.” This event was small business focused and included presentations by Northrop Grumman followed by a networking opportunity for small businesses to engage directly with Northrop Grumman programs managers.
- Co-hosted a special small business event featuring leaders with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) and the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). This event focused on understanding how DCAA and DCMA conduct their government contract compliance responsibilities in the small business community and collaborate to help small and medium sized businesses achieve success in DoD compliance standards.

Below are summaries of the more impactful and incredibly rewarding events and activities we’ve conducted in support of your families:

- Schriever Air Force Base: Provided Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities to children, ages 4-10, at Schriever AFB. This effort was initiated at the request of the 50th Space Wing Commander, Colonel Jennifer Grant to provide STEM to elementary-age children, providing Space-related studies at an earlier age. Our team, led by Tom Taylor (tint2011@gmail.com), started in January by introducing the kids to the Space environment. The event provided an opportunity for the children to put on a small astronaut uniform and talk about the effects zero gravity may have on objects, such as seeds. In March, the children participated in an experiment where they sent their seeds 95,000 feet into the atmosphere tied to a weather balloon inside a specially made container equipped with GPS, a camera, and a small computer to collect data. The experiment determined if the seeds sent to Space would still grow the same as the seeds that stayed on Earth.
- Fort Carson’s Mountainside Elementary STEM Night: Our Chapter continues to work with families at Ft. Carson to promote STEM at Mountainside Elementary at Ft. Carson. On Feb 28th, your chapter provided funding to conduct a STEM night. During STEM night, kids performed several science efforts that included bridge-building, saving a soldier, clay boat building, and many other fun activities. This event supported more than 30 children in 2nd through 5th grades.
- Adam’s Elementary: Your Chapter provided funding for microscopes at Adams Elementary: John Adams Elementary School is one of our newest STEM projects. The school is a very diverse institution in need of help. It’s ranked in the bottom 3.3% of schools by “School Digger.” More than 80 percent of the kids are on free or reduced rate lunches. The school online receives a ranking of 0 out of 5 Stars however, parents rate the school 5 out of 5 stars. In an effort to foster more interest in the sciences, the NDIA-RMC purchased three microscopes for their after school STEM club.

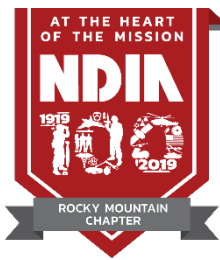


- Edge of Space Mission: One of the most successful projects is our Edge of Space (EoS) mission where we work directly with teachers and kids to learn about space, practice the scientific method through experimentation, and have hands-on fun with STEM. The EoS mission involves kids placing a micro-experiment in an “Easter Egg” and then launching them into the air to determine the effects. The latest launch was held in March and included students from St. Mary’s High School, Texas Middle School, Casey Middle School, Fremont Elementary, Trailblazer Elementary, Adam’s Elementary (new), and the 50th SW CDC (new). Payloads ranged from seeds and gummy bears to a small teaching computer designed in England called the Raspberry Pi, and various other instruments.
- Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair (PPRSF): Your Chapter volunteered as special awards judges at the science fair to recognize some of the best 6th, 7th and 8th grade projects. Our Chapter Team judged numerous projects to recognize students who exhibited creativity, science and engineering rigor, and with a potential application to national security. We provided judges at the science fair conducted on Feb 23rd at UCCS and we awarded certificates, coins and a total of \$900 in cash to six recipients at the awards ceremony on Feb 26th at Colorado College.

Your NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter raises money for its STEM events and activities thru a variety of ways, primary of which is our annual IMAGE golf event (<https://ndiarmc.org/product/image-golf-tournament-august-2-2019/>). The Chapter believes introducing STEM education and activities at an early age (we provide to kids as young as 4 years old, is essential since our national and global economy is becoming more and more technologically based. The industrial base of the future will rely far more on STEM then our current generation does we were working hard to prepare the children in our community for the future. Please help us continue to raise money to support your kids, and those in our community, by participating in, or sponsoring, our IMAGE golf event that will be held on 2 August 2019. Please reach out to our IMAGE Chair, Joe Kahoe, at joekahoe@gmail.com, to gain additional information and sponsorship opportunities on this important event.

Your NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter is continuing its planning for events into the next quarter. Some of these events include:

- 4 April: New Year, New WID Networking Event. This event is being led by Michelle Waychoff, Director of Membership, Women In Defense - Rocky Mountain Chapter, and she can be reached at communications@rockymountainwid.org. You (women and men) can register for this event at the following URL (<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eg7k1ndf181c5a50&oseq=&c=934671b0-9945-11e7-b7cc-d4ae52733d3a&ch=93809480-9945-11e7-b7cc-d4ae52733d3a>).
- 9 April: NDIA Space Division Breakfast during the Space Symposium. Your Past President and current National NDIA Board of Director member, Doc Klodnicki (Doc.Klodnicki@ljtinc.com), is serving as the Chair for the breakfast. You can register for it at the following URL (<http://www.ndia.org/events/2019/4/9/934a-space-division-breakfast>). During this breakfast Maj Gen(s) William Liquori, AFSPC/A5, will be the guest speaker. We will also announce at this event the 2019 recipient of the General James V. Hartinger Award.



- 3 May: NORAD/USNORTHCOM Industry Forum. Attendees will include General O'Shaughnessy and other NORAD and USNORTHCOM leaders, as well as senior executives from the homeland security industry. Dr. Tom Walker (thomas.c.walker@lmco.com) is leading this event and you can register for it at the following URL (<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eg77mh4sb9abf1f5&oseq=&=&ch=>).
- 23 May: Luncheon with Guest Speaker Colonel Todd Moore, Commander of the 21st Space Wing. Rayetta Lantzy (Rayetta.Lantzy@viavisolutions.com) is leading this event. Additional information will be provided on our Chapter Website (<http://ndiarmc.org>) in the next couple weeks.
- June timeframe: Luncheon with Guest Speaker Colonel Russ Teehan, Portfolio Architect for the Space and Missile Systems Center. Rayetta Lantzy (Rayetta.Lantzy@viavisolutions.com) is leading this event. Please refer to the Chapter Website (<http://ndiarmc.org>) in the next few weeks for additional information.
- June timeframe: A Day with Lockheed Martin Corporation, to enable small businesses to learn about Lockheed Martin and directly engage with program managers. Karri Palmetier (karri@palmetierlaw.com) is leading this event. Please refer to the Chapter Website (<http://ndiarmc.org>) in the next few weeks for additional information.

In Memoriam: Mrs. Mickey Hartinger. It is with great sadness that we share the news that on Saturday, February 23, 2019, Mrs. Mickey Hartinger passed away. We are so grateful for all of the love and support Mickey provided us over the many years and Mickey will be deeply missed. We plan to do something special for Mickey during our 18 October 2019 NDIA Ball. Mickey's birthday would have been on the evening of this year's NDIA Ball (<https://ndiarmc.org/committees/ball-committee/>) and in recognition of her many years of service and support we plan to do something special for Mickey during our 18 October 2019 NDIA Ball. Please plan to join us and help celebrate Mickey, who attended our NDIA Ball each year and presented our General Hartinger Award to recipients for each of the last 35 years. Henry Baird (hdbaird@aol.com) is the Ball Chair and can assist on any Ball related question.

In closing, NDIA National presented your NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter with the Chapter of Excellence Award in January – their highest chapter recognition (<https://ndiarmc.org/about/chapter-recognition/>). While we appreciate this recognition, we continue to strive to provide you with outstanding service and value. Please feel free to share with me (kevin.mortensen@baesystems.com) your feedback and any suggestions for us to improve. We wish all the best for you and your families.

Respectfully,

Kevin "Morty" Mortensen
President
NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter