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Subject: President's Newsletter (October – December 2019)

Happy Holiday to you and your family! As we celebrate the New Year we want to pause and give thanks to the many volunteer leaders with the NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter who deliver tremendous service and value to you, our members. Many of these RMC Officers, Committee Leads and Directors are listed on the sides of this newsletter. To them, and the rest of the team, I would like to express my sincere thanks.

This year we modified our election process to have terms start on 1 January (they previously started on 1 October). Special thanks to RMC Past-President Doc Klodnicki for running our election this year. Starting tomorrow, 1 January, we have a new slate of leaders serving the Chapter. Below is your NDIA RMC Leadership:

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This last quarter the Chapter hosted and supported several events. We kicked off the quarter by partnering with the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA-RMS) and we visited the 90th Missile Wing at F.E. Warren AFB in Cheyenne, Wyoming. We were given a tour of the base, the missile procedures trainer (ICBM Ops Simulator) and visited the museum on base. Many thanks to Colonel Pete Bonetti, 90th Missile Wing Commander, for hosting NDIA and AIAA.

In October, our Workforce Development Committee (led by Tom Taylor and Norm Black) hosted another "Edge of Space" mission. We flew over 250 experiments to an altitude of 93,000 feet. The experiments were developed by kids as young as 4 years old and as old as college aged. The vast majority of the kids were from military bases and communities in the Colorado Springs and Denver areas, but we also had many kids participating from Texas and Pennsylvania. Our NDIA team is looking forward to our next "Edge of Space" mission in March 2020.

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A highlight of our year was our Annual NDIA Ball in October. We were fortunate to have NDIA National President and CEO, General (USAF, Ret) Hawk Carlisle, attend the Ball. General Carlisle also presented the General James V. Hartinger Award to the 2019 recipient, Mr. Andrew Cox, Director of the Space Security and Defense Program. The morning of the Ball we also had our annual Executive Forum. We were joined by senior leaders from Air Force Space Command and U.S. Space Command. Planning is already underway for next year's NDIA Ball and Executive Forum. We are currently planning for a two-day Executive Forum on 20-21 August 2020 and it will feature senior leaders from the U.S. Space Force and U.S. Space Command. We are also planning our NDIA Ball on Friday, 21 Aug 20. The General James V. Hartinger Award will be presented during the Ball and our team will start the nomination and selection process for this prestigious award in January. Special thanks to our Ball team led by Henry Baird, Rayetta Lantzy, Steve Stadler, and Greg Shiller. Also, special thanks to our Executive Forum team led by General Russ Anarde and Dr. Tom Walker. Both teams are already working hard on the 2020 Ball and Forum.

We were very thankful to host two luncheon during the last quarter. The first luncheon was on 25 Nov and it featured Colonel Joe L. White Jr., Commander of Detachment 4, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, and Colonel David R. Morrow, Director, Test and Evaluation, Headquarters Air Force Space Command (AFSPC). Colonel White and Colonel Morrow spoke on the Space Test Program. Our second luncheon was on 6 Dec 19 and featured Colonel Wallace "Rhet" Turnbull III, Director, Cross-Mission Ground & Communications Enterprise at the Space and Missile Systems Center. Colonel Turnbull spoke about his enterprise that conducts the planning, development, and deployment of a complex and dynamic portfolio of ground & communications systems of the highest national priority. Thanks to Rayetta Lantzy and Steve Stadler for all they do to make our events a great success!

Also on 7 Dec 20, we held our Chapter's first Young Professional (YP) event. It was held in partnership with the Space Foundation and focused on Young Professionals 35 years and younger. We look forward to more YP events in 2020. Thanks to Tony Muro for standing up our Young Professionals committee and working hard to put on this initial YP event for the Chapter.

On 10 Dec 2019, we held our annual membership meeting and holiday party. We collaborated with local chapters of AFA, AFCEA and AIAA on this event. Finally, your Rocky Mountain Chapter supported NORAD's Tracking Santa event. It was a great event and we took calls from kids from around the world.

As we move into 2020, we are planning new events for you to attend. Please refer to our NDIA RMC website (<https://ndiarmc.org/>) regularly for information about scheduled events. We will also send out emails for each scheduled event. Thanks to Laura Turner, Marty Rush, Bill Clark and Robyn Millheim for all they do to help us communicate with you... we couldn't do it without each of them!

Again, happy holidays! If you'd like to volunteer on one of our committees or support an event, please send me an email at kevin.mortensen@baesystems.com and let me know what you'd like to support... I'm sure we have a committee or an event that would love for you to join them.

Respectfully,

Kevin "Morty" Mortensen
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