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Subject: President Newsletter (July – September 2020)

Thank you to our NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter members for your support during this quarter's NDIA-RMC activities. Due to COVID-19, we continued to provide virtual events to provide opportunities to interact with U.S. Space Force, U.S. Space Command, NORAD and U.S. Northern Command leadership. We also provided webinars for you to receive important updates from industry leaders on important issues facing industry today.

Below are some of the events we hosted, co-hosted, and/or collaborated on to bring to you.

- 7 July: NDIA Space Division Virtual Brown Bag Meeting with Mr. Michael Dickey, Director of the Enterprise Strategy and Architectures Office and the US Space Force Chief Architect.

- 24 July: Virtual ceremony in which the 21st, 50th and 460th Space Wings were inactivated, and the Peterson-Schriever Garrison, Buckley Garrison, STAR Delta Provisional and Space Deltas 2-9 were activated. NDIA-RMC members were provided the opportunity to virtually participate in this historic event.

- 3 August: Memorial Tribute in Honor of General Thomas S. Moorman Jr. (Ret). Your NDIA-RMC leadership attended this event in-person. NDIA-RMC members were provided the opportunity to virtually participate on this important event to pay respect to General Moorman.

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- 20 August: Dual NORAD/U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Space Command Change of Command Ceremonies. Your NDIA-RMC leadership attended this event in-person. NDIA-RMC were provided the opportunity to virtually participate in this important event that was hosted by the Secretary of Defense and also attended by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

- 20-21 August: Space Warfighting Industry Forum (SWIF). This was the first-ever SWIF and it was jointly planned by the NDIA-RMC, NDIA Space Division, NDIA National, U.S. Space Force and U.S. Space Command. The Agenda included:

- Opening Remarks: General Hawk Carlisle, NDIA Pres/CEO
- Presentation of the General James V. Hartinger Award
  
- Opening Keynote: U.S. Space Command and U.S. Space Force: Structure and Integration: Lt Gen David Thompson, US Space Force/CV
  
- Panel: Integrating Space Capabilities
  
- Panel: Requirement Development and Dissemination
  
- Panel: Congressional Priorities
  - Moderator: General Hawk Carlisle
  - Panelist: Senator Corey Gardner (CO)
  - Panelist: Congressman Denny Heck (WA)
  - Panelist: Congressman Michael Turner (OH)
  
- Panel: Digital Engineering in Space Capacity, Acquisition and Management
  
- Panel: Innovation in Space Warfighting
  
- Closing Keynote: Warfighting in Space: Ready to Fight Tonight: MG Tim Lawson, Currently Performing Duties as Deputy Commander, U.S. Space Command

20 August: General James V. Hartinger Award presentation. Due to COVID-19 we were unable to present this award at the NDIA Ball... we regrettably had to cancel this year's Ball. To highlight the national importance and recognition of the General James V. Hartinger Award,

we presented our 2020 recipient, Lt General John Thompson, the Commander of the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA during the opening session of the Space Warfighting Industry Forum. The award presentation ceremony included the NDIA President/CEO, General Hawk Carlisle; the Executive Vice President of the NDIA-RMC, Philip Kwong; and the President of the NDIA Greater Los Angeles Chapter, Loula Moschonas, and our 2020 award recipient, Lt Gen Thompson. I encourage all our NDIA-RMC members to check out the National Defense Magazine (October 2020 edition) to see our 2020 General Hartinger Award recipient, Lt Gen John Thompson, highlighted.

12 August / 26 August / 12 September: National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the Canadian Defense Association Industry (CDAI) three part webinar series focusing “NORAD Renewal.”

- Part 1: Domain Awareness-Sensors – held on 12 August
- Part 2: Defeat Capabilities – held on 26 August
- Part 3: JADC2 – held on 9 Sept

This webinar series was led by, on the NORAD side, by LGen Pelletier, NORAD’s Deputy Commander. For NDIA, Dr. Tom Walker, Space Division, was our lead and he also moderated the series. Special thanks also to Kent “Trayls” Traylor, John Manney and Scott Stover, all from LMCO, for their great support of this three-part event.

28 August: United States Space Command Senior Enlisted Leader Change of Responsibility Ceremony, USSPACECOM Inaugural Birthday, and the 2020 Annual Awards Recognition. Your NDIA-RMC leadership attended this event in person. NDIA-RMC were provided the opportunity to virtually participate in these events.

24 September: Colorado Aerospace and Defense Webinar. The event is co-hosted by Holland & Knight along with co-sponsors the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, BDO, and The Chertoff Group. The presentation provided an inside look into bringing emerging technologies to Colorado and other government agencies in the fiscal year 2021 and beyond. Topics included:

- Local Developments: USSPACECOM, U.S. Space Force and Beyond
- Disputes: Recent Cases and Practical Tips for Bid Protests, Claims and COVID-19 Relief Programs
- New FAR Restrictions on Telecommunications Equipment

- Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC): U.S. Department of Defense's New Cybersecurity Requirements for All Contractors
- Intellectual Property: Improvements to Existing IP and Protecting IP Rights in the Proposal Preparation Process
- Mergers and Acquisitions: New Market Trends, and Impact on the Valuation of Small to Mid-Sized Companies

#### Upcoming events:

3 October: This Saturday the NDIA-RMC will have its next Edge of Space (EoS) Mission. The launch will be from Deer Trail, CO at 8:30am. The anticipated landing spot is about 40 miles SW of Limon, CO. This is a dedicated mission with only NDIA STEM experiments. There are four schools plus several home-schooled students participating in this mission. Approximately 354 students from Colorado, Texas, and Pennsylvania are participating. This mission will use a larger balloon and we hope to achieve 100K+ altitude. This could be a record for our EoS missions. On Saturday, 3 Oct, NDIA-RMC members can track the flight of our EoS high altitude balloon by going to <https://track.eoss.org>... we will have two transponders. We will also have two cameras on board and you can see photos from the mission at our NDIA-RMC Workforce Development Committee Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162455478433908/>.

Election for NDIA-RMC Officers and Board of Directors: Today, I approved our NDIA-RMC Election Committee members and they are beginning the process for the election of the 2021 NDIA-RMC Officers and Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running for a NDIA-RMC leadership position is encouraged to contact our Policy and Governance Committee Chair, "Doc" Klodnicki, at [doc.klodnicki@aereti.com](mailto:doc.klodnicki@aereti.com).

20 August 2021: Planning has begun for our annual golf event (IMAGE). For information on this event (sponsorship or participation) please contact our IMAGE Chair, Joe Kahoe, at [Joseph.Kahoe@bowheadsupport.com](mailto:Joseph.Kahoe@bowheadsupport.com).

Affiliate Organization:

- Women in Defense (WID): Our local WID chapter is looking for volunteers for WID-RM chapter leadership positions. WID is a National Security Organization, and an affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association, and provides its members with opportunities for professional development and networking, cultivating the advancement of women leaders in government and industry professions. The WID-Rocky Mountain Chapter was established in May of 2005 and has rapidly grown to over 55 members, serving members in and around the Front Range community. You can gain additional information of the WID-Rocky Mountain Chapter by going to <https://rockymountainwid.org/about-wid-rm>. If you would like to volunteer for a WID-RM chapter leadership position please contact Kristin Christy at [KLChristy@comcast.net](mailto:KLChristy@comcast.net).

Thank you to all our Rocky Mountain Chapter members and, again, we wish you and your families, the very best. If you would like to volunteer on one of the Chapter leadership Committees, please send me an email at [kevin.mortensen@baesystems.com](mailto:kevin.mortensen@baesystems.com) and let me know what your interest is.

Respectfully,

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