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Subject: President's Newsletter (October – December 2020)

Happy Holidays to you and your family! As we celebrate the New Year, we give thanks to the many volunteer leaders with the NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter who work hard to bring value to you, our members. You can see their names, on the margins of this newsletter... the Officers, Committee Leads, Directors and Directors Emeritus who have served you during 2020.

We just completed our annual election process and below is the new leadership that will guide our chapter activities starting tomorrow, 1 January 2021. Special thanks to RMC Past-President Doc Klodnicki for running our election this year.

As I complete my two+ years as your Chapter President, I'm excited to welcome the new leadership team. They are dedicated, energetic and ready to serve! I'd also like to give a special thanks to three of our Directors who have completed their terms on our Board. Thank you to Bill Clark, Rusty Powell and Tony Muro for their leadership and support of the Chapter. Your new NDIA-RMC Leadership are:

2021 NDIA RMC Officers and Directors

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Tony Muro

During this quarter we had a few events I'd like to highlight:

- Edge of Space Mission: On 3 October, our Workforce Development Committee (led by Tom Taylor and Norm Black), hosted another "Edge of Space" mission. The Edge of Space Mission team launched NDIA STEM experiments by students from Colorado, Texas, and Pennsylvania. This launch took place from Deer Trail, CO and our balloon flew to a height of 110,090 feet! We had two transponders on board the balloon (along with two cameras) and students, parents, teachers and other STEM enthusiasts were able to track the flight online. Our NDIA-RMC Workforce Development Committee posted pictures and videos on our NDIA-RMC Workforce Development Committee Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162455478433908/>. In total, in 2020, our Edge of Space program executed two launches supporting 1,400 students from six States. Included in this were kids from Ft Carson, Schriever AFB and other kids from schools along the Front Range. Norm Black, the leader and workhorse behind our Edge of Space missions, was recognized by NDIA National's President and CEO, General (USAF, Ret) Hawk Carlisle, with the presentation of the NDIA Silver Medal. Norm's leadership on the Edge of Space Mission, and other STEM activities, has been instrumental in our Chapter's STEM successes. Congrats, Norm!

- STEM Support to Kids: Your RMC provided model rocket kits and rocket motors to Mountainside Elementary School, on Ft Carson. The kids could build the models at school or at home. This effort is to support STEM teachers using an activity that can be conducted under COVID social distancing guidance.

- Annual Holiday Reception (Jingle & Mingle) and Membership Meeting: On 22 Dec, we held our annual membership meeting and holiday party. We collaborated with local chapters of AIAA, AFCEA, AIAA, AFA and SFA on this co-hosted event. Due to COVID concerns this was a virtual event that was led by our friends at AIAA-RMS. Stacey DeFore, AIAA-RMS Section Chair, did an amazing job coordinating with all of the partner organizations to ensure members from each organization were able to participate. During the "Jingle and Mingle" each of the leaders below provided a brief overview of their organization and some of their highlights from the year. The partner organizations and their senior representatives were:

- Stacey DeForce – AIAA RMS Section Chair
- Kevin "Morty" Mortensen – NDIA RMC President
- Vanessa Johnson – AFCEA West Chapter President
- Bill Woolf – Space Force Association Founder and President
- SMSgt Gerald Morey – Air Force Association Lance P. Sijan Chapter Vice President

Membership Update: In 2020, NDIA RMC's membership increased 417 members with the largest increase being on the corporate side. Kudos to the board for doing fantastic work getting the word out about NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter. We would like to increase our membership even more. If you, or a colleague, would like additional information on corporate or individual memberships, please reach out to our

Membership Chair, Kelly Shelton, at KShelton@spacefoundation.org, or Phil Kwong, our new Chapter President, at pkwong@amazon.com.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you'd like to volunteer on one of our committees or support an event, please send our new Chapter President, Phil Kwong, an email at pkwong@amazon.com and let him know what you'd like to support. I'm sure we have a committee or an event that would love for you to join.

As Chapter President and Board Director, I want to thank you for your support these past seven years. It's been a privilege and an honor to serve you. I will continue to serve you, as I was recently elected to the NDIA National Board of Directors. If you have any suggestions for the leadership at NDIA National please feel free to send me an email at kevin.mortensen@baesystems.com. Regarding corporate memberships, if I can provide any information to you, or your company, please send me an email. I'd be happy to help! Again, we wish all the best for you and your family.

Respectfully,

Kevin "Morty" Mortensen
President, Rocky Mountain Chapter
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