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Dear NDIA RMC Members,

Firstly, I want to say how honored I am with this privilege to serve our members alongside with our fantastic Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, and volunteers. I look forward to building on the great work by our previous Presidents and Boards on behalf of our Chapter members.

Over the next two years, the main theme for our Chapter is Value. Value for our Members, Value for our Community, and Value for our Nation. Everything we do will center on this central theme of Value.

Value for our Members. Whether individual or corporate, we owe our members value for their money. Providing events that our members want to attend: opportunities to engage with Government leaders to learn about their requirements; networking so that Large and Small Businesses can find the right partners to team; in-person and virtual events so that our members can participate no matter where they are located. We will continue our partnership with our fellow Defense Associations and especially with our own Space Division such as with our Brown Bag with Bob Thomas, USSC/J8 on 17 Feb as well our Small Business that will an event on 30 April featuring Senator Hickenlooper as a speaker.

Value for our Community. When we provide value for our civilian and military communities, it benefits all of us. We will reach out to our K-12 youth to generate excitement and motivate our young people to consider a future with our military and defense industry. Not only to encourage interest in STEM, we want to reinforce the values of good citizenship, a healthy lifestyle, and service to others. Activities such as our Workforce Development and the Edge of Space Missions where we launched a record 240 student experiments from five states (notably Colorado Springs and Schriever AFB Child Development Center) on 20 March 2021 to an altitude of 104,803 feet. Check out the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66j1IAMDiPk>

We have been blessed with military communities and a large veteran population, we will actively seek ways to support them such as our ongoing effort to provide 110x air conditioning units to needy military families at Peterson AFB before this hot summer begins. We will continue to get the word out that NDIA RMC supports Defense in Colorado by attending events like the Colorado Aerospace Day at the Capital on 9 March 2021.

Finally, we will reach out to our members at the Greater Denver Metro area to provide more events and value by establishing a new committee to specifically focus on their needs.

Value to our Nation. Our Chapter is uniquely positioned to not only support multiple military bases but also critical commands including: US Space Force, US Space Command, 4th Infantry Division, US Air Force Academy, and NORAD/US Northern Command. We will sponsor and support events that matter to our nation and our allies. We will sponsor a Cloud Industry Day in June, the Space Warfighters Industry Forum and Rocky Mountain Ball in August, and the US/Canada Industry Forum with the Space DIV in the future - all provide value to our nation by creating the ethical environment for a free exchange of ideas and solutions with Government and Industry.

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Building on our rich history together, we will continue to partner with National NDIA and Space Division to meet this goal. Our previous President Richard “Doc” Klodnicki was recently selected as the Space Division’s VP for the Rocky Mountain Region and our most recent President Kevin “Morty” Mortensen was selected as the Space Division’s Vice Chair. Having these two past Chapter Presidents in leadership roles for the Space Division will further enhance the collaboration between our Chapter and the Space Division.

Looking ahead – our summer is packed! Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Hartinger Award Nominations: Due 9 April to Joe Kahoe, joseph.kahoe@bowheadsupport.com

Small Business Event: 30 April featuring Senator John Hickenlooper.

Cloud Industry Day: 17 June 2021 at Catalyst Campus for a hybrid event (in-person and streamed) to meet with Government and Industry Leaders about the cloud and what it means for the Government and Industry. More details to come.

IMAGE Golf fundraiser to support STEM events: 18 Aug at Eisenhower Golf Course, USAFA, sponsored by NDIA RMC

Space Warfighting Industry Forum: 19-20 August hybrid event (in-person location to be determined) with USSF, USSPACECOM, NORAD/NORTHCOM, USAFA, Ft. Carson, and SMDC.

NDIA Rocky Mountain Ball: NDIA RMC’s premiere gala event on 21 Aug at Cheyenne Mountain Resort

We cannot do all of this alone. I ask every member to get involved in these activities and to reach out to others that may contribute in time, talent, treasure and influence. Together Everyone Achieves More. Let’s Go!

Respectfully Yours,

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Philip Kwong
President

NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter