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Dear NDIA RMC Members,

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Firstly, I want to thank our fantastic Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, and volunteers for their tremendous work on behalf of our members and our community. COVID took us off our normal rhythm and their efforts are putting us back on track!

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Value for our Members. We are continuing our promise of value to our members by putting on great events such as our Small Business event on 30 April featuring Senator Hickenlooper as a speaker. And we are continuing our outreach to our members across the state. With vaccinations up and restrictions lifted, NDIA RMC is leading efforts with multiple groups to host multiple happy hours for the aerospace, government contracting community. The first happy hour was on June 24 at Frolic Brewing Company, Westminster, CO and additional happy hours will be in south Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Hopefully, everyone can attend any of the happy hours and we hope to engage with friends again.

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Value for our Community. We continue to lean in to our community such as Schriever AFB "STEAM Fling" event in April and "Space Week" during the last week of May at the Schriever Child Development Center (CDC). We spent time discussing space environment and the challenges of space travel. We discussed how a special suit helps to protect astronauts in space. As a special treat, Col Gary Payton (USAF Ret) and former Space Shuttle astronaut, joined us and spoke with the kids about his real-world experiences in space. Col Payton flew on STS 51C aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery in 1985. Finally, the kids had a chance to eat some space ice cream and drink Tang. Everyone had a great time and learned a little about life as an astronaut. A special thanks to Col Gary Payton and our Workforce Development Team! Check out our pictures at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162455478433908/>

Value to our Nation. Our Chapter continues to support and enable open dialogue with Industry and our Government. In May, I had a chance to visit the Pentagon and congratulate General David "DT" Thompson on his selection as the Hartinger Award winner. DT expressed his gratitude to be considered for this honor and how he was humbled to be added to this esteemed group. He also added his personal gratitude for the great work by NDIA RMC to bridge the gap between industry and the USSF. DT was direct that USSF needs industry and we all need to lean in and work together on behalf of our nation. He ended the meeting by saying how excited he and his wife are to join us at the Rocky Mountain Ball in August.

We also commissioned a special section on NDIA in Colorado Spring Magazine and this is a great way to tell our story. Not only are these delivered to every major military command in the Springs but we will also have 6,000 issues at Space Symposium. Having said that, nothing tells our story better than our members – please tell our story that is your story.

In June, I had the privilege with Kristen Christy to represent our members at the Change of Commands for 10ABW, USAFA, and Peterson-Schriever Garrison. At these and other events, there is consistent feedback from our Military and Government leaders that we need to re-energize our engagements after COVID. And we will.

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Looking ahead, we have the IMAGE Golf on 18 Aug, the Space Warfighting Industry Form from 19-20 Aug, and the Rocky Mountain Ball on 20 Aug. Followed the next week by the Space Symposium – this is a strong demonstration of the importance of Colorado to Space and our National Security. NDIA RMC is a big part of that and that is because of all our members – Individual, Corporate, Small and Large.

Wrapping up, I want to thank Erin Miller for taking on the leadership of the Young Professionals Committee and Morty agreeing to Co-Chair the Government and Community Relations Committee. These are two critical committees and I am grateful for their service.

Finally, I want to encourage all of our members to get more involved. Attend the events, volunteer for the committees, support these outreach activities. You will get more from your membership if you participate.

I will see you at the Ball!

Phil

Philip Kwong
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