

NDIA-RMC President's Quarterly Newsletter

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Dear NDIA RMC Family,

So much has happened this Quarter!

Firstly, our Chapter was honored to support another successful Space Symposium where we were able to formally announce the 2022 Hartinger Award Winner as Lt Gen Stephen Whiting at the Space Division Breakfast. And Lt Gen Whiting and his wife were on-hand for the announcement!

We are looking forward to another great teaming with NDIA National and our community partners for an action-packed week in August. We are going to have IMAGE Golf on 17 Aug, followed by the Space Warfighting Industry Forum (SWIF) from 18-19 August with our much-anticipated Rocky Mountain Ball on 19 Aug at the Doubletree. Please plan on attending and sponsoring these great events.

Our membership has communicated that they want us to start having more hybrid events and more than that – they want us to team more with our fellow Defense Associations and have more joint events. And we did. We have teamed with our Defense Associations to do more together to optimize our member's time. For example, at the Colorado Aerospace Happy Hour at Denver we co-hosted with AFCEA The Smalls and Advanced Space and our next event is on 8 June at the Watertower Place in Pueblo.

Also, in June we are planning another hybrid Chapter event in Colorado Springs and we are going to invite our fellow Defense Association to join as well as our IMAGE Golf in August.

We have also continued to lean in and support our local Community Events. We sponsored science and model rocketry kits for Fountain Fort Carson District 8; we sponsored ColoradoFIRST supporting robotics competitions and we are in discussions with Harrison District to do a STEM in their District next Academic Year with Space Foundation. There is a great need to help our community, and especially our youth and instill in

them not only a love of STEM but also for patriotism and good citizenship – and our Chapter and our volunteer members are delivering.

Finally, we welcomed our new Executive Vice President, Dr. Thomas “Tom” Walker. Tom is a long-time NDIA and Community Leader and was unanimously selected by the Board. We thank Kr!sten Christy for her great service as EVP and for her continued support of Chapter activities and wish her the best of luck in her growing business.

All of this is not possible without our members and their companies’ great support. We invite you to get involved as much as you can and take a greater role in our Chapter. Like everyone else, we are getting back to normal and it is a great time to get involved.

See you soon!

Phil Kwong
NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter President