



NDIA-RMC President's Quarterly Newsletter

April – June 2022

Dear NDIA RMC Family,

Wow! This summer is flying by! I hope that between the frenzy of work, family vacations, and other commitments, that you are all getting a chance to breathe.

Like the rest of our families, our Chapter remains busy. I want to start by reminding people of the upcoming highlight of our year – the annual Rocky Mountain Ball! Because one night was so much fun - we have decided to turn it into an entire week. 17 Aug we are going to have IMAGE Golf, the 18th we are going to have the Space Warfighting Integration Forum (SWIF) Unclassified Session at the Doubletree, on the 19th we are going to have the SWIF Classified Session at Catalyst Campus and our premiere event is the evening of the 19th – the Rocky Mountain Ball at the Doubletree. This Black-Tie Event is really the event of the year that we are going to honor both our local heroes and the Hartinger Award Winner – this year Lt Gen Stephen Whiting. You do not want to miss this event!

I just want to highlight a few events over the last Quarter – one of which I missed, the 13th Edge of Space Mission!

In April, the Rocky Mountain Chapter sponsored the 13th Edge of Space mission utilizing a high-altitude balloon which took approximately 240 student experiments into the stratosphere to an altitude of 92,743 feet. Students from Colorado, Texas, and Pennsylvania participated in this hands-on STEM education opportunity provided by the Chapter. Elementary, Middle School, and High School students closely followed the flight of their experiments using real-time tracking information provided via the Internet by Edge of Space Sciences, and Facebook Live postings during preflight balloon operations, launch, and recovery of the student experiments. Schools are already signing up for the next Edge of Space mission in October 2022.

In addition to having our own informal events in Colorado Springs and Denver, we have also leaned in to support our fellow Defense Associations including a meeting with the Presidents of NDIA, AFCEA, AFA, SFA, and Catalyst Campus. Our goal remains focused on providing our members the highest quality service and events. Our members have told us that usually they are members of multiple organizations and they would rather have fewer, higher quality, joint events and we are delivering – such as with IMAGE golf.

Again, we would not be able to do any of this without our great Volunteers, Board Members and Officers. Their efforts are delivering on our promise: Value to our Members, Value to our Community and Value to Our Nation.

Thank you for being a member. We would love to have you more involved.

See you in August!

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