

March 21, 2023

Dear Rocky Mountain Chapter (RMC) Members,

I don't know about you but 2023 is flying by. I first want to thank each of you for your membership and continued support of NDIA and specifically RMC. We don't exist in a vacuum. NDIA and RMC are here to add value to you--our members, value to the communities we live in, and value to our Nation. At this point, we have come through the pandemic gauntlet and settling in to our new "ops normal." Your RMC Board is committed to continuing our current programs as well as taking advantage of new opportunities focused on you, our communities, and the Nation. To give you a sampling of your chapter's efforts:

The NDIA Small Business Committee is hosting a 2023 conference and expert panel to discuss topics around intellectual property and government contracting. Four law firms have graciously agreed to support with speakers and panelists. The conference will be a registration event held at the Lockheed Martin Catalyst Training Facility in Colorado Springs. A light breakfast will be served. Sponsorships will be available. More information will be available once the dates are finalized.

For Member appreciation, we support RMC committees that host events like the Young Professionals and Northern Colorado events committee that provide professional development opportunities and recruitment support. We continue focusing on new membership by reaching out to non-members that have attended past RMC events and sending follow-up emails to corporate membership employees providing information on how they can join underneath the corporate umbrella. We will keep you posted as new initiatives develop.

From the Workforce Development Committee, we supported the Colorado Springs area Regional Science Fair as Judges (Scott Gilson, Tom Taylor, and Norm Black) and awarded monetary recognition to the top students in Grades 6-7-8. On March 17, RMC supported the Harrison School District STEM Challenge Day with 4 judges. Additionally, we met with Randy Rocha, Director of Athletics and Development and Executive Director-Harrison School District Foundation to discuss how we can support District 2 STEM efforts. Highlighting one example, we have already connected him to the local Ham Radio Chapter to assist with their International Space Station Communication Day.

On May 3, 2023, NDIA RMC will host *Our Community Salutes* at the Flying W Ranch. This event honors up to 150 high school seniors headed to enlisted basic training this summer. As members of the community, RMC would like to recognize the young men and women who have committed to serving our country. This event will provide the first "Thank You" to these future military members. The program will also include education and display tables from DoD and VA benefit programs, community commercial services, a chuckwagon meal with all the

“fix’ins,” military band musical performances, and keynote speeches by government and industry leaders (including RMC). Ms. Alex O'Brien from KOAA news will emcee. The evening capstones with a speech and Oath of Office by Major General Jeffery Jurasek, First Army Deputy Commanding General-Support and Commanding General of the United States Army Support Command - First Army. For more information on how to participate, sponsor a meal(s) for the honorees, or to set up a corporate display table please visit the *Our Community Salutes* websites:

Participate: <https://community.ocsusa.org/colorado-springs/>  
Sponsor/Info Table: <https://www.ourcommunitysalutes.org/ways-to-give>

Future Events:

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| Apr 18, 2023    | Space Division Breakfast at the Space Symposium<br><a href="https://www.ndia.org/events/2023/4/18/334a---space-breakfast">https://www.ndia.org/events/2023/4/18/334a---space-breakfast</a> |
| Aug 16, 2023    | IMAGE Golf Tournament<br><a href="https://bit.ly/2023IMAGE">https://bit.ly/2023IMAGE</a>   |
| Aug 17-18, 2023 | The Space Warfighting Forum (SWF)<br><i>Details in work</i>  |
| Aug 18, 2023    | The Rocky Mountain Chapter Ball<br><i>Details in work</i>  |

Again, thanks to each of you for being the backbone of our chapter. It takes each of you to make a difference. Collectively, we will continue generating value to our members, our communities, and our Nation. Please reach out with any questions or suggestions.

Regards,



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