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Dear RMC Member:

Summer is upon us, and I trust that everyone can have some quality time with family and friends. As for your NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter, we continue to focus on adding value to you our members and to the communities we live in. The Rocky Mountain US Government landscape continues to change with new organizations and potential moves. These changes require us as well as the government to remain flexible as "the way it was" is not necessarily "the way it will be." One thing for certain is that we are sure to see more changes. From your RMC Board, we continue working and growing our current programs as well as looking for new engagement opportunities. At any time, please forward any suggestion you may have. To give you an idea of recent activities:

The **Workforce Development Committee (WFD)**. Represented by Scott Gilson, Norm Black and Kelly Corneliusen, presented a check for \$7090.00 to the Principal and STEM Coordinator for Sabin Middle School, Colorado Springs School District 11, on May 31. The STEM award is to support Sabin MS's Robotics Program which began this year, and will enable participation by more than 90 students in the coming school year (2023-2024).

The WFD continues to seek Elementary and Middle school programs in need of volunteer and financial support to implement and/or accelerate STEM education to help foster tomorrow's science, technology, engineering, and math professionals. In April, Scott met with representatives of Harrison School District 2 to better understand their STEM educational programs and to introduce NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter's "Edge of Space" program, as well as to discuss potential support to meeting their academic needs for 2023/2024 school year.

Our **Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE)** provides the opportunity for military and industry to have some fun and play a round of golf for a great cause. Started in 2002, the Rocky Mountain Chapters of the Air Force & Space Association (AFA), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and AFCEA all work together to raise money for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) scholarships and related activities. Each year, we collectively award over \$150k, with IMAGE providing a substantial portion of those funds. IMAGE is also a premier networking event within the Rocky Mountain defense marketplace. We look forward to seeing you on the course and at our Prime Rib lunch. We sincerely appreciate your charitable support to our STEM event.

We have only one sponsorship opportunity remaining, that being the Space Warfighter sponsorship for \$4,000, and while our golfer slots are full, we do maintain a waitlist. <https://bit.ly/2023IMAGE>

Space Warfighting Forum (SWF). The NDIA Space Division and Rocky Mountain Chapter are pleased to announce the 4th Annual Space Warfighting Forum (SWF). Bringing together leaders from industry, government, and academia, SWF 2023 promises to further the discussion on space warfighting visions, requirements, and existing and emerging capabilities. Attendees will be sure to hear from top USSPACECOM and Combatant Command leadership in both unclassified and classified forums, as well as from entrepreneurs and thought leaders on partnerships, coalitions, and international engagement. <https://www.ndia.org/events/2023/8/16/3341---2023-space-warfighting-forum>

Our Community Salutes. Under Ric Trimillos' leadership, on May 3, 2023, NDIA RMC was the title sponsor for Our Community Salutes hosted at the Flying W Ranch. The RMC hosted over 150 high school seniors who were headed to enlisted basic training this summer. As a member of the community, we wanted to honor and recognize the young men and women who have committed to serving our country.

Northern Colorado Committee. Bryan Rose and Brian Ormsby continue to lead the charge in expanding NDIA engagement opportunities in northern Colorado (Denver and points north). They held a Happy Hour that NDIA is sponsoring coming May 18 and are looking for more Happy Hour opportunities.

Young Professionals. The RMC Young Professional committee is sponsoring a Speed Networking with the Space Foundation - Jul 6, 2023 - Events - Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC. Doors open at 3:45 pm and runs until 6:00 pm. This will be held at the National Cybersecurity Center's Space Information Sharing and Analysis Center in Colorado Springs. <https://www.coloradospringschamberedc.com>

In closing, please let us know how we can help...our goal is to support you and our community.

Regards

Tom
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