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RMC Members,

We are into Fall and Winter is approaching. Here at the Rocky Mountain Chapter, we are sharpening our focus on increasing your membership value as well as value to the community. Our new Events Chair Anna Jagers is setting up more regular Membership Events to facilitate networking and just getting to know each other better. Stay tuned for upcoming events. Our goal is to get back to our monthly luncheons (co-sponsored with AFCEA and AFA), quarterly subject focused Brown Bags, and membership Happy Hours. From the Board, we are hard at work updating chapter documents to ensure we are in tune with our dynamic environment. This includes updating our Operations Manual, Operating Principles, and Strategic Plan. These will be posted to our site for your information.

Over the last few months, we had very successful events to include the Space Division's Space Warfighting Forum, IMAGE Golf Tournament, and our key event, the Rocky Mountain Ball. Thanks to everyone that attended and made these events a success. Committee happenings:

Small Business. Join us for the NDIA Small Business Happy Hour on Nov 15th 5 - 7PM! Access to a robust network can provide you with crucial support, resources, and fresh opportunities. Your connections can supply invaluable recommendations, enable introductions to unlock potential resources, help identify new business ventures, and provide pertinent updates on essential changes in the Defense industry's business landscape. At the NDIA RMC, we understand the POWER of COMMUNITY and the benefits of staying connected. We are excited to facilitate these relationships and look forward to seeing you! Please join us to hear a short discussion on intellectual property in the DoD sector and network with friends. There will be a large selection of hors d'oeuvre and a cash bar. As a NDIA member, come to socialize and bring a friend. Location is 30 E. Platte Avenue at the El Paso Club. Parking is on the street. See you there!

The Workforce Development Committee (WFD). The WFD continues to work with Elementary and Middle school programs in need of volunteer and financial support to implement and/or accelerate STEM education. Fostering tomorrow's science,

technology, engineering, and math professionals is a key RMC-NDIA objective. The committee is already working with several Colorado Springs school districts and looking for opportunities with other local districts. Lastly, the NDIA-RMC's "Edge of Space" program is off to a great start this year with the October launch.

Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE). Thanks to all who participated in/or sponsored our Aug '23 IMAGE STEM golf event. We are pleased to report that IMAGE raised \$40,000 (split between NDIA, AFA, and AFCEA). Please mark your calendars for IMAGE 2024-- Aug 14, 2024 at the USAFA Eisenhower Golf Course. Registration for sponsorships and players will be open soon. Again, this will be in conjunction with our NDIA Space Warfighter Forum and RMC Ball.

Space Warfighting Forum (SWF). As mentioned previously, the NDIA Space Division and Rocky Mountain Chapter held a very successful Space Warfighting Forum (SWF). The format was very different this year in that the focus was on space warfighting leadership and issues. The unclassified first day had increased attendance and the secondary classified session was sold out! We have already started planning for a bigger and better 2024 SWF.

Our Community Salutes. Ric Trimillos is building on the huge success of the inaugural NDIA RMC sponsored Our Community Salutes ceremony. Last year we hosted over 150 high school seniors headed to enlisted basic training. Our goal continues to be honoring/recognizing young women and men who have committed to serve our country. Details on this year's event to follow.

Northern Colorado Committee. Northern Colorado (Denver and points north) are excellent areas for expanding NDIA engagement opportunities. NDIA is helping sponsor Happy Hours to facilitate networking and collaboration. Watch your calendars for upcoming events.

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

Regards

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