



Iowa-Illinois Chapter NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Spring 2010 found the Chapter fully engaged in planning and hosting the now 3rd Annual Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium. The event, held at the i-wireless center on 12-13 April, had a total attendance of over 400 with more than 75 exhibitors. Briefings from each event, the agenda and an attendees list, are available on our homepage; more details are covered later in this newsletter. The brunt of the effort is still handled by the same few of our Chapter volunteers. They need your help not only during the events we sponsor but also during those seemingly endless planning efforts that lead up to them. Our Chapter has responded to government solicitations for sources sought for conference planning for the Army Sustainment Command's Advance Planning Briefing with Industry (APBI) as well as a Joint Munitions Command Installation Safety Conference, both expected to occur early this fall. If awarded these contracts, we will need your help. Please contact John Masengarb or John Shipley and become part of our Chapter support team. Their email contact information is in the "officers" area of our website.

Regarding our local STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) initiatives, Mr. Steve Mapley, our Chapter board STEM committee lead, continues to be our Chapter representative to the Quad Cities Science and Engineering Council (QCSEC) and their QCESC Student/STEM Coordinator. The Iowa-Illinois Chapter continues to actively support a STEM effort to get a DOD STARBASE located on Rock Island Arsenal. DoD STARBASE is a premier educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, and targeted at 5th graders. As an update, the Rock Island Garrison has held preliminary meetings with two school districts, Davenport and Rock Island, to determine interest in further pursuing. The application for a DOD STARBASE requires the endorsement of not only the military installation, but also the school districts/community. Program funding for additional STARBASES appears to be a near term hurdle, but the objective to prepare and submit an application, nonetheless, and position us in the queue continues. The Chapter remains engaged as an active member on the Garrison Team, which includes other key installation personnel.

Need an economic stimulus? NDIA continues its tremendous membership deal.....FREE, repeat F-R-E-E Government Employee 3 year Memberships! And it includes 12 issues each year of the National Defense magazine! Go to the NDIA website to the Membership & Chapters area and sign up now! I am glad to see folks continuing to take advantage of this offer as reflected by our total Chapter membership now exceeding 700.

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George B Rivard
President

CHAPTER AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS / CONFERS SKIBBIE AND GREENBERG AWARDS

The Iowa-Illinois Chapter used the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium as the venue to showcase our 2010-2011 NDIA and SGT Paul Fisher Scholarship winners. The Chapter has awarded nearly \$60,000 in scholarships over the last 11 years. These scholarships are made possible by our sponsored events, like this year's small business symposium, and the specific generosity of two of our corporate members, Rockwell Collins and American Ordnance. The Chapter named the winners of four \$1500 NDIA scholarships and two \$1500 SGT Paul Fisher scholarships at the event. The complete list and information about this year's scholarship winners is in the Scholarship section of our website. One of the recipients (Zoey Cawiezell) and her parents (Jacob and Lisa) were able to be at the Symposium Reception and formally recognized by Mr. Masengarb, our Scholarship Committee chairman, who bestowed the award certificate.



The Chapter also used this opportunity to present three awards for lifetime contributions to National Defense. In 2003, the Iowa-Illinois Chapter honored MG (Ret) William Eicher, MG (Ret) Paul Greenberg, and LTG (Ret) Lawrence Skibbie with lifetime service awards for their contributions to National Defense. Each had also served significant periods in senior positions on Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois, and hence the linkage to the Iowa-Illinois Chapter. The Chapter has continued to bestow worthy individuals with life time service awards in honor of these military leaders.

For 2010, two outstanding individuals were selected to receive the ***Paul Greenberg Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Ammunition Industrial Base:***

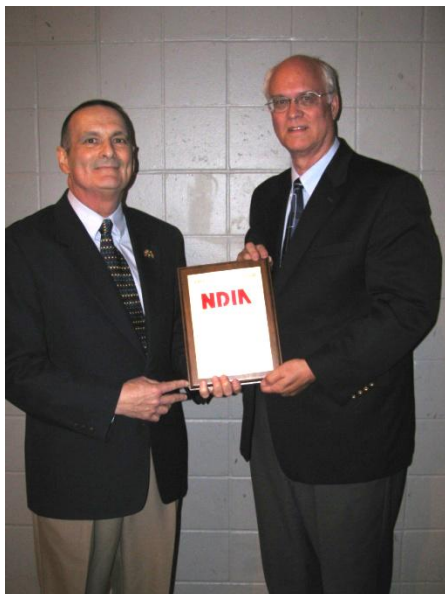
Mr. Dennis Dunlap. Mr. Dunlap had worked within the Department of Army for 30 years retiring in July 2009. The majority of those years included time in industrial base management positions within both the Tank Automotive Command and the Joint Munitions Command. The last two years of his career he served as the Director of the Industrial Support Directorate at the Joint Munitions Command. During these last two years he was instrumental in developing a master plan blueprint for the current master plan blueprint for the munitions industrial base.

Mr. David M Emling. Mr. Emling's 31 year career as an Army Ordnance Officer ended with his retirement as a full colonel in 1997. COL (R) Emling served in many positions of command and staff during his military career, including dual hatted as both Deputy Commander and Executive Director of Industrial Operations at the Industrial Operations Command (IOC). He was responsible for oversight of all IOC missions, including modernizing and maintaining the government-owned industrial base. He played a key role assuring retention of a viable, responsive conventional ammunition industrial base. In his current position as Vice President, PB-Nammo Demil LLC, his duties include program management, workload planning, oversight of subcontractor operations and liaison with the Joint Munitions Command on matters related to the commercial conventional ammunition demilitarization industrial base. He also is an active member of our local NDIA chapter and continues to serve on our scholarship committee.

The ***Lawrence Skibbie Award for Lifetime Contributions to National Defense*** was awarded to one very worthy individual this year:

Ms Patricia Huber. Throughout her Government career of 27 years, Ms. Huber has worked tirelessly focusing her efforts on improving the key aspects of logistics sustainment and readiness. She is a champion for the industrial base and worked to garner Army support and commitment of a funding stream to execute a modernization and sustainment plan. She currently serves as the Army's principal member of the Joint Ordnance Commanders Group's Executive Committee. She has provided valuable information to this joint forum and has taken on initiatives to identify, reduce and manage the Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition's field operating activity's inert, obsolete and unserviceable inventory. She is currently serving as the Deputy for the Munitions and Logistics Readiness Center, Joint Munitions Command.

Pictured below are Mr. Dunlap and Ms Huber, each being presented their lifetime achievement awards, by Mr. Jimmy Morgan, our chapter's Award Committee chairman. COL(R) Emling was unable to attend.



CHAPTER PROVIDES STEM SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH QCESC

On 19 Feb, the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) held their Engineering Week Banquet Dinner at the Arsenal Club/Heritage Hall on Rock Island Arsenal. Part of the program that evening included presentation of several scholarships by QCESC, funded through their activities but primarily from corporations (e.g., Exelon), engineering societies (e.g., SAME, SAE) and engineering colleges (e.g., Iowa State) sponsors. Our NDIA Chapter scholarships are not area of studies restrictive, and rather than “fence” one of our scholarships for a STEM area of study, and unnecessarily complicate our scholarship recipient selection process, the Chapter Board elected to sponsor a \$1000 scholarship through QCESC. The QCESC specifically identifies all the \$1000 Plus sponsors during the presentation ceremony. Our \$1000 was combined with another sponsor to provide a \$2000 scholarship which was awarded to Matthew MacLennan, an Alleman senior, and son of Katie and Mike MacLennan. He focuses much of his free time on community service, both through his school and church. Matt intends to focus on an engineering degree in computer science in college. He has been accepted at the University of Notre Dame, Purdue, and Illinois, yet also awaits to hear from M.I.T. and Carnegie Mellon in the spring.

George B Rivard, president of the Chapter, presented an NDIA Award Certificate to Matthew in recognition of his academic achievements, school and community activities, and his interest in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.



Pictured above are Matthew MacKennon and George Rivard, President, Iowa-Illinois NDIA Chapter

CHAPTER HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING CONFERENCE

The Iowa-Illinois Chapter of NDIA hosted the 2010 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium in collaboration with several other local organizations and colleges on April 12-13, at the I Wireless Center in Moline, IL. Over 400 attendees received both insights from successful small businesses and details on opportunities/expectations from the government contracting communities. Local Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC) and SCORE business counseling resources were also available. The business speakers were complemented by speakers from the small business and acquisition offices at the Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) Federal Campus. The details of the Symposium and presentations are in the Events section of our website. Special guest speakers

included Illinois's 17th District Congressman Phil Hare and Iowa's 1st District Congressman Bruce Braley. The common message from the conference was to learn and understand the processes/rules and follow them; success is everyone's goal and a win-win for all involved. Feedback was extremely positive strongly supporting this continuing as an annual event; planning for next year has already begun.

Shown below, on the left: George Rivard, President, and Robert Radkiewicz, Executive Vice President, of the Iowa-Illinois NDIA Chapter with the two congressmen. On the right, is Mr. Jyuji Hewitt, Deputy Commander of the Joint Munitions Command, and COL Craig Cotter, Commander of the Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center, along with the Symposium event Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Allan Wilson, an Iowa-Illinois NDIA Chapter Director.

