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President's Message

Let me say once more how much we appreciate the support we receive from our member companies, organizations, and individuals. We are particularly grateful to those people who contribute their valuable time to work on our agenda. Without that support, we could not be effective.

As you can see from the articles in this newsletter, we have had another successful year in our alliance. Our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives have resulted in scholarships to five deserving college students, as well as support with a pledge to a high school student who is pursuing her education in a Harvard University summer program. These contributions come from the heart of our SENEDIA charter, addressing our industry's need for properly educated entry-level professionals that not only keep our services affordable but help grow a cadre of subject matter experts.

Our alliance continues to command a high level of respect in senior Government circles as we routinely provide industry consensus and advice to our Congressional delegation and State and Navy leadership. As we reinforce our alliance's relevance in the Southeastern New England region, we are reaching out to organizations with similar interests beyond our geographic borders to ensure that we capitalize on their work to stay in the mainstream of what the future holds for our industry.

There are many unknowns in the futures of the Defense and Homeland Security support industries, and remaining able to position ourselves to navigate through various possible scenarios is one of our principal goals.

*Best Regards,
Bob*

The Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance and the National Contract Manager's Association Newport Chapter hosts RADM Phil Wisecup, President of the Naval War College



Rear Admiral Phil Wisecup

The Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance and the National Contract Manager's Association jointly hosted a luncheon on December 10, 2009. Rear Admiral Phil Wisecup was the guest and principal speaker.

Rear Admiral Wisecup provided a presentation on the posture of the Naval War College and its importance to not only the Navy but also to the local economy. Rear Admiral Wisecup was gracious enough to answer a number of questions from the audience concerning community and Government issues.

Rear Admiral Phil Wisecup is a native of Piqua, Ohio, and a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He earned his M.S. in International Relations from the University of Southern California, is a 1998 graduate of the Naval War College, and also earned a degree from University of Strasbourg, France, Institute for Advanced European Studies, as an Olmsted Scholar.

Rear Admiral Wisecup served most recently at sea as Commander, Carrier Strike Group 7, and Commander, Ronald Reagan Strike Group. He also served in support of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom as Commanding Officer onboard USS Callaghan (DDG 994), Executive Officer onboard USS Valley Forge (CG 50), and Commander of Destroyer Squadron 21.

Ashore, Rear Admiral Wisecup was assigned to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, where he was the force planner and ship scheduler for Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces, Pacific in San Diego, and served as action officer for Navy Headquarters Plans/Policy Staff. He was selected to serve as a Fellow for the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group in Newport, RI and served as Director, White House Situation Room. He also served as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea in Seoul.

Rear Admiral Wisecup's awards include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, Vice Admiral James Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership, plus other personal and unit awards.

Rear Admiral Wisecup was installed as the 52nd President of the Naval War College in Newport, RI on November 6, 2008.

SENEDIA-NCMA JOINT BREAKFAST

Keith Stokes, Executive Director - Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation

Keith Stokes, the newly-appointed executive director of the **RI Economic Development Corporation**, spoke to an audience of SENEDIA and NCMA members on March 3, 2010. Keith is well known to the group, having been the director of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce for many years. However, Keith's talk to the group was one of larger scope as he talked about the need for strategy and sound policy to drive state government actions. With the waning of the manufacturing base in Rhode Island, Keith noted that the state still has a knowledge-based economy that can be cultivated to fill the manufacturing void. He noted that the Navy is an important element of the state's economy, but outsourcing by the government often affects support contractors and it is important to ensure that the capabilities of those defense contractors extends out to commercial markets to increase their business stability. The defense sector offers the state's highest concentration of high-tech jobs and it is important to extend the competitiveness of defense contractors to those other markets. He noted that the shift of the Navy-fueled economy from sailors on ships to scientists who support complex Navy technology brought some challenges but ultimate success. He also noted the importance of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center as a world-class operation.

On a broader note, he said that the regulatory environment in the state needed to become a more predictable environment. Regulatory reform could take the form of executive orders or legislation to create an environment where developers have time-certain dates to plan within the permitting process. He plans to advocate a specific office for regulation for the state.

He wants a new economic focus for the state that allays the perception that the state is only interested in new businesses. Although new businesses are an important part of economic growth, building the existing small business base is more important. More access to lines of credit is essential to business survival and growth. Government needs to take only a limited role in the economy of the state and induce economic development by the private sector. He said that we need to keep businesses in the game of economic growth.



Navy League Dinner



Commandant Thad Allen, USCG visited Newport and addressed the Naval War College and the Newport Council of the Navy League at their Annual Dinner on March 23. The Commandant focused his remarks on the Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower and the USCG's relationship

with the U.S. Navy. The Newport Council provides terrific support to over 15,000 sea service members in the area including our local Coast Guard units: Station Castle Hill, USCGC IDA LEWIS, USCGC JUNIPER, USCGC WILLOW, and USCGC TIGER SHARK, all of which were represented at the dinner. CAPT Ray Perry of Sector Southern England attended as well. In his remarks he emphasized the key role of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard agencies around the world in broadening the notion of Seapower to include maritime security, humanitarian assistance, and disaster response. The Commandant noted the USCG's operations with combatant commanders to build emerging Coast Guards in countries like Sierra Leone, Senegal, Liberia, Yemen, and Iraq. He also discussed the USCGC DALLAS relief mission to Georgia following the conflict with Russia.

As always, this sold out event proved to be a very valuable evening and our thanks to outgoing Council President Mike Slein and incoming President Anne Huot. The Navy League recognized the lifetime achievements of former Naval War College President, RADM Joe Strasser, and CAPT Shirley Hill, Nurse Corps, US Navy. The Navy League is a strong supporter of the sea services and we appreciate their outstanding local programs in Newport.

RI Adjutant General Speaks At Luncheon



The Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA) and the Newport Chapter of the National Contract Management Association Hosted Major General Robert Bray, the Rhode Island Adjutant General, at a luncheon held at the Newport Officers Club on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Over 60 people

attended the luncheon.

Major General Bray's remarks included an overview of the roles and missions of the RI National Guard in State, Regional-Domestic, and Overseas operations, He emphasized the importance of the National Guard to RI's economy by bringing in Federal dollars in Military Construction Projects and providing for a large number of full-time jobs.

He recalled some of his trips to Iraq and Afghanistan and the differences in the operations in both countries. He noted the progress made in Iraq as local governments were reconstituted and contrasted it to the lack of any previous stable form of government in Afghanistan to take control of local regions once they were stabilized by U.S. troops.



Lunch with MG Bray

NUWC Contracts Head Addresses Luncheon

Joe Masterson, Head of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport Contracts Department was the guest speaker at a luncheon on January 14, 2010 that was jointly hosted by the local chapter of the National Contract Management Association and SENEDIA.

Mr. Masterson provided an overview of some of the traditional aspects of contracting with NAVSEA as well as some new initiatives (such as the Navy's plan to go to a Navy-wide ERP system).

NUWC Unmanned Undersea Vehicles Technology Conference

SENEDIA member companies were able to participate in a technology conference on Unmanned Undersea Vehicle (UUV) Technology in Newport in June 2010. The conference, hosted jointly by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport and the National Defense Industrial Association, consisted of classified briefings by Navy leadership and technical briefings by private companies. In addition to open briefings on technologies, NUWC arranged for Government-only sessions where detailed discussions could be held with companies while protecting proprietary information and trade secrets. The information gained will allow the Navy to assess emerging technologies to best use available funding to provide UUVs as real force multipliers in the Fleet.

SENEDIA Awards Stem Scholarships For 2010

This year, SENEDIA selected five deserving students who are currently matriculating in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) related field and expected to enter their 5th semester or later equivalent for the fall 2010/spring 2011 academic year. Each of the below have been awarded \$500 scholarships to further their education.

Kevin T. Beck, University of Rhode Island

Kevin, a resident of Portsmouth, RI, is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. He has been interested in computers and technology since he was a child, has a passion for video games, and wants "hands-on" challenges. He likes physics and quantum mechanics and wave particle functions and wants to apply his knowledge of computers to further his work in these areas. He has been on the Dean's list for three semesters and in the honors program. His extra-curricular activities include the URI HUZ club, gaming, and reading.

Bret R. Dion, University of Rhode Island

Bret is a resident of Tiverton, RI. He is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. He has a strong interest in mathematics and technology and its application to 'green' programs and enjoys solving problems and designing new concepts. He particularly likes circuit design and computer programming and built his very own MAC. Bret is an Eagle Scout and volunteered with the Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans.

Erica L. Duncanson, University of Rhode Island

Erica is from Lunenburg, MA and is pursuing a degree in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. She has chosen a technology career path that has a strong potential to help others. She is interested in 'everything biomedical' and is using a research grant to investigate the correlation between heart failure and osteoporosis. She also has an interest in developing high-tech prostheses to improve their quality and ease of use. She is a member of Tau Beta Pi, coaches an ASA softball team, is co-captain of the intramural softball team, and participates in SMILE (Science and Mathematics Initiative for Learning Enhancement).

Megan A. Ferguson, University of Rhode Island

Megan is from Warwick, RI and is studying Marine Biology. She has loved science since elementary school and enjoys doing research and experiments. She is interested in further study in the area of invasive species and how they can be controlled. Growing up next to Narragansett Bay, she wants to understand the impact humans have on the biology of the bay to help ensure that it remains a viable resource for Rhode Island. She was on the Dean's list for two semesters and participates in the URI dance company and the ballroom dance club.

Ashley E. Whewell, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Ashley resides in New Bedford, MA and is studying Biology. She is amazed by the subject and finds the new discoveries with science and the idea of being able to research those discoveries exhilarating. She hopes to work in hospitals helping patients who may need nutritional help, such as individuals with diabetes. She has been on the Dean's list twice, is working with a company that designs medical implants and enjoys reading books on 'green' issues.

SENEDIA plans to continue its scholarship program and will be announcing next year's program in the fall of 2010.

SENEDIA Pledges Support to Middletown High School Student Pursuing STEM Education at Harvard Summer Program

Mersina Simanski, 16, is from Middletown, RI. She is very interested in pursuing a career in Civil Engineering. She holds the highest GPA in the class of 2011 at Middletown High School and was the recipient of Tech Collective’s Four Year Full Tuition Scholarship to Roger Williams University for her achievements in math and science.

She was recently accepted to the Harvard Secondary School Program. It is a summer institute that offers college credit courses to high-achieving high school students. The competitive application process required Mersina’s transcripts, teacher recommendations, a writing sample, and responses to specialized questions. She received her acceptance letter and had intentions to take an intensive Calculus I & II course offered by Harvard Professor Peter M. Garfield to prepare her for advanced Physics and Calculus in the fall. Unfortunately, her family was not able to afford the cost of the program.

SENEDIA, as part of their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics support initiative, pledged \$500 to her in support of her quest to obtain the nearly \$10,000 tuition cost. Many other organizations followed and Mersina received enough pledges for the tuition cost and will be attending the Harvard program this summer.

We congratulate Mersina on her academic successes and wish her well in pursuit of her career in Engineering.



Ocean Tech Expo 2010

The Ocean Tech Expo’10 “Explore the Business of Ocean Technology” was held at the Newport Yachting Center on May 25 – 27, 2010. The conference/expo is designed to highlight the latest technology in ocean systems used in the fields of academic research, defense, offshore oil and gas, ocean renewable energy, and port/harbor security. This year, SAIC’s Newport Division was the “Industry Host Company” and the Expo was supported by six other Rhode Island based organizations, of which five are SENEDIA members: Rite Solutions, Purvis Systems, RIEDC, NUWC Division Newport, Smiths Detection – LiveWave, and Birns Aquamate. This year’s conference/expo was the third held in Rhode Island, and the choice of the Newport venue accommodated companies’ desire to provide in-water demonstrations of their equipment for potential customers. The Stiletto Maritime Test Platform was on display as a prototype naval ship manufactured as an operational experiment for the Pentagon’s Office of Force Transformation. The 3-day event included companies and organizations from the U.S., Canada, Australia, Ireland, and England.



Upcoming Events

SENEDIA 8th Annual Golf Tournament - Friday September 3 at Fenner Hill Golf Club

RI Business Day in Washington, DC - September 22, 2010

RI Defense Industry Showcase - Fall of 2010



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