In 2002, the Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA) was formed to identify, coordinate, and champion issues that contribute to our national security and provide benefit to our members, local communities, the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, and other Federal agencies.

SENEDIA’s vision is to be a catalyst for thought leadership and technical innovation in undersea technology, cybersecurity and other critical defense technologies. Our mission is to enable development of innovative technology,
foster thought leadership, and facilitate required economic and workforce development.

SENEDIA is a 501(c)(6) corporate and individual membership organization. Our alliance maintains detailed knowledge of the industrial base that supports our local Federal, Defense and Homeland Security installations, and provides up-to-date information on Defense and Homeland Security industry issues and initiatives to our members, citizens, state and local governments, and Congressional delegations.

Event Recap
On 18 July 2019, Amazon Web Services (AWS) participated in a Tech Talk with SENEDIA member companies. The AWS Cloud provides secure and cost-efficient solutions to meet mandates, drive efficiencies, and increase innovation across the DoD community. The AWS DoD Team discussed how the adoption of cloud computing is critical to maintaining our military's technological advantage. Specifically, the discussion provided insight into the cloud journey of the U.S. Navy and how the AWS Cloud provides secure, scalable, and cost-efficient solutions that help agencies meet mandates, drive efficiencies, increase innovation, and secure mission-critical workloads across the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). [View the presentation here](#).

NUWC Division Newport Turns 150!
Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport's 150th anniversary celebration and monument commemoration took place on July 29. Dignitaries extolled the virtues of the command's work both in the past and the present, emphasizing the workforce's dedication to the mission as a critical aspect of Division Newport's success.

NUWC Division Newport is one of two divisions of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in the country, the other located in Keyport, Washington. The Naval Undersea Warfare Center is the Navy's full-spectrum research, development, test and evaluation, engineering and fleet support center for submarine warfare systems and other systems associated with undersea battlespace.

The ceremony featured the unveiling of a new monument shaped like the sail of a submarine and commemorates 150 years. Speakers included U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse as well as Congressman Jim Langevin; RDML Eric Ver Hage, commander of Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers; Donald McCormack, executive director of Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers; Capt. Michael Coughlin, commanding officer of NUWC Division Newport; and Ronald Vien, technical director of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport.

SENEDIA is proud to have a Partnership Intermediary Agreement with NUWC and be a collaborator with NUWC's upcoming Advanced Naval Technology Exercise.

Member News
Congratulations to SENEDIA member Mearthane Products Corporation (MPC), a Rhode Island-based
manufacturer of customized polyurethane and metal products. MPC recently completed the acquisition of Morris & Broms, LLC (M&B), a provider of precision stamping and sheet metal fabrication services based in Cranston, RI, which will join MPC's Elmco Tool Co. to create the new MPC Precision Metals division. MPC Precision Metals specializes in precision machined products and components for defense, industrial and commercial applications. Versatile manufacturing facilities combine precision sheet metal fabrication, metal stamping, and CNC milling to offer customers turnkey solutions.

Also congratulations to Globe Composite Solutions, LLC, which has recently been acquired by ESCO Technologies, Inc. Globe Composite Solutions, LLC will continue to operate under its current name and all employees will remain at the Company's two existing facilities. Globe's 129 year-old legacy of providing extraordinary solutions to their customers' most demanding challenges will continue to flourish.

Rhode Island Cybercrime Victim Support Initiative
Rhode Island is the first state in the country to have one number for cybercrime and online fraud victims to call and reach the appropriate resource for help.

The Rhode Island Cybercrime Victim Support Initiative is an innovative solution to aid individual and business victims through a partnership between United Way Rhode Island 2-1-1, the Cybercrime Support Network, and the Rhode Island State Police.

Upon calling 2-1-1 in Rhode Island, victims will be connected with trained operators who can assess the situation and place them in touch with organizations that can help. Cybercriminals can strike from anywhere, so law enforcement is not always best positioned to provide aid after a cyber incident. In cases where a crime is confined to cyberspace - for example, in a case of ransomware or some other kind of computer virus - the operators will be able to point to information technology services that may be able to restore a victim's computer or mobile phone. Victims of cyberbullying or stalking will be put in touch with governmental and nonprofit support groups who can provide counseling and other services. People who have had their identities stolen will be able to access free federal, state, and local resources to protect themselves from fraud and help recover any financial losses they may have incurred.

Protect Your Business from Cybersecurity Threats
Thursday, 12 September 2019, 4 PM
Quonset O Club, North Kingstown, RI
The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce, Newport
County Chamber of Commerce, and Quonset Development Corporation are hosting a paneled discussion on various means to protect your business from cybersecurity threats. Select this link for more information and to register.