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About Us

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.

2019 Defense Innovation Days Big Success!

Thank you very much to everyone who participated in SENEDIA's 6th Defense Innovation Days 26-28 August 2019 in Newport, RI! The three-day event was attended by over 375 people representing 150 companies and organizations; showcased 27 exhibitors; and featured 16 outstanding speakers, including U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper. During his remarks, Dr. Esper said "Today, this region is not only vital to our submarine production but also hosts a diverse set of organizations that develop the technological capabilities and the concepts needed to fight and win at sea."

Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsors General Dynamics and Raytheon; Gold Sponsor L3Harris; Silver Sponsors Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Mercury Systems; Bronze Sponsors Evans Capacitor Company, Globe Composite Solutions, Huntington Ingalls Industries, iXblue Defense Systems, Kraken Robotics Systems & ThayerMahan, Leidos, the National Institute for Undersea Vehicle Technology, Orbis, Progeny Systems, Rite-Solutions, SAIC, and TE Connectivity; and reception sponsors Adler Pollack & Sheehan and Booz Allen Hamilton.

**Save the Date for 2020 at the Newport Marriott
31 August-2 September**

SENEDIA STEM Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the 2019 SENEDIA STEM Scholarship awardees!

- Joshua Dupont, University of Connecticut, double majoring in mechanical and electrical engineering
- Charles McGirt, Yale University, double majoring in mechanical engineering and history
- Matthew Slivinsky, Brown University, pursuing a

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.

master's in computer science with a concentration in artificial intelligence

- Emma Sudduth, University of Rhode Island, double majoring in chemical engineering and spanish

Awardees were evaluated on their scholastic achievements, essays on why they chose the STEM field, honors, and volunteer work among other factors.

Upcoming SENEDIA Events

Empowering Women in Science and Engineering

Networking & Panel Discussion on Engineering-Based Careers in the Defense Industry

Wednesday, 2 October 2019

5:00-8:00 p.m.

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Woodland Commons

SENEDIA is pleased to be a sponsor of this Women in Defense, Greater Boston Chapter event. [Register Here.](#)

Join WID-GBC members, UMass Dartmouth College of Engineering students and Alumnae, and industry professionals for a dinner and panel discussion on engineering-based work, technologies, and career opportunities in the defense industry. Make an impact on a young woman engineer or scientist by attending this networking event for current students.

Panelists will include:

Moderator: Jean Vander Gheynst, Dean of Engineering, UMass Dartmouth

Panel members:

- Rachel McCaffrey, Executive Director, Women in Defense National

- Jeanne Marie Akramoff, Lead Engineer, General Dynamics Mission Systems

- Ellen Ferraro, Deputy Vice President of Engineering, BAE Systems

- Charlene Mello, Chief Scientist, Natick Labs, CCDC-SC

- Molly Donohue Magee, Executive Director, Southeastern New England Defense Industry Association (SENEDIA)

Tech Talk: Microsoft Support to the Maritime Digital Community/Navy Technology Ecosystem

Thursday, 3 October 2019

7:30 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00-10:00 AM Program

Wyndham Atlantic Resort

John Mills, a lead Technology Strategist for Microsoft's Department of Defense business, will give an overview of Microsoft's Intelligent Cloud "differentiators" (AI infused everywhere) and Tactical Edge support. It will highlight the Azure Ashore/Azure Afloat capability in

support of the maritime community (hybrid architecture with Azure/Azure Stack/Azure Sphere/AI/IoT). Also discussed will be an overview of Microsoft's engagement with the DoD Digital Transformation effort, highlighting some of Microsoft's non-traditional and innovative recent engagements with DoD. [More information and Registration here.](#)

Save the Date - 21 November - SENEDIA Tech Talk: International Technology Perspectives - a Discussion with International Students from the US Naval War College's Naval Command College

Upcoming Member & Partner Events

Special Breakfast Event: Federal Grants Available to Support Manufacturing Companies

Thursday 26 September 2019

8:00-10:00 AM

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP
Boston, MA

Joe Donovan with Nelson Mullins and Amy Milinazzo from the New England Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (NETAAC) will host a breakfast event at Nelson Mullins' Boston office to review a federal grant program available to manufacturing companies impacted by foreign trade. Eligible companies can receive up to \$75,000 in matching funds to be used for third-party consulting services that improve your firm's global competitiveness.

There is no cost to attend but you must register for the program. [Please see the invite to RSVP.](#)

GCA Cybersecurity Toolkit for Small Business Workshop

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

Tech Collective, 188 Valley Street, Providence RI

GCA is collaborating with the State of Rhode Island's Joint Cyber Task Force, Tech Collective, and the SENEDIA to conduct a workshop for small businesses

The Toolkit Workshop program is designed to engage local communities in a collaborative effort to help small businesses improve their cybersecurity posture. These sessions are designed for small and medium-sized business owners and are at a non-technical level. The goal is to empower not only the session attendees but also to create "cybersecurity champions" who can take the resources from the training and leverage it to further educate their stakeholders and community.

Registrations will open soon on the Tech Collective website: <https://tech-collective.org/>

**URI Cyber-Physical Systems Security Workshop
18-19 October, 2019**

The two-day Cyber-Physical Systems Security Workshop will provide a venue for sharing ideas, discoveries and results among industry, academic and government researchers and professionals. The first day will focus on "Smart Grid Security: Science and technology advancements and challenges". The second day is devoted to "Cyber-physical Systems Security: Education and workforce development".

This workshop is free, but registration is required for logistics, to secure adequate space and materials.

More information can be found on the supporting website:

<https://web.uri.edu/dura/2019workshop>

New Members

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