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**Featured Article**



NDIA APG Chapter held its annual Scholarship Award and Technology Speaker Dinner on June 4, 2015 at The Wetlands. During this event the chapter's annual David C. Robinson Scholarship Award was presented to our dual winners: Mr. Jon Baldauf and Mr. Colin Ayers; both students at the Science and Math Academy at Aberdeen High School.

The guest speaker at the event was Maryland **State Senator J.B. Jennings**. [More on next pg.](#)



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**APG Chapter**

- Aug 8th -**Ironbirds outing**

**National NDIA**

- Aug 6 - **C4ISR Breakfast** Hyatt Arlington at Washington's Key Bridge Arlington, VA
- Sept 22 - **12th National Small Business Conference** Waterford at Springfield, VA

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### Annual Scholarship Award and Technology Speaker Dinner

Dorian Robinson, widow of Dave Robinson, was able to join us again as she has done so for several years.

This meeting encompassed four activities: serve as the Chapter’s annual general membership meeting, conduct elections to the board of directors as needed, present monetary awards to scholarship winner(s) from the Harford County Science & Math Academy and, host a distinguished speaker.

Past President and current Director George Perise emceed the dinner meeting. He called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. and welcomed the chapter members and guests present. Director Jerry Nook, chair of this event the past 10 years, gave the invocation. Mr. Perise invited all present to the buffet dinner.

After dinner, Mr. Perise led the election segment. Director Sue R. Myers, Ph.D. was re-elected to a second 3 year term on the Board of Directors.

Emcee Perise gave a short history of the David C. Robinson Memorial Scholarship. He then announced the dual winners: Colin Ayers & Jon Baldauf both from the Harford County Science & Math Academy. Neither student was present since they were both at the University of Maryland student orientation. However, Colin’s parents were able to attend and received the scholarship on his behalf.

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Our chapter President Randy Rippin (left) and Director George Perise (right) jointly presented the scholarship award to Mr. and Mrs. Ayers who stood in for their son Colin.

### Data Scrubbing

*“Data scrubbing, otherwise called contact data cleaning, is the method of updating or removing unwanted information existing in a database that is wrong, imperfect or incorrectly organized. Data scrubbing emphasizes cleaning up information by constructing it into more reliable and correct data.” (Nitesh Pednekar)*

This is exactly what we need to do with our member database. With the help of NDIA National, we will reach out to all of our members (identified in our database) to help us clean up our member information. Further information will be coming in late July – early August, but we are mainly interested in the current position and up-to-date contact information of our members.



## APG NDIA plans Speaker / Panel Sessions to address common issues of military and commercial entities

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In early July an informal survey will be conducted both on post and off post (with NDIA members and those we support) to determine five top issues (whether it be: an area of misunderstanding; the lack of a medium or infrastructure for communication; confusing or undefined standards; common concerns or needs; etc.) that warrant discussion.

The first session will take place in late fall and will have a format that will include a subject matter expert speaker, followed by a panel discussion. Stay tuned.

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### Industry Tour and Luncheon

This year we look forward to continuing our practice of conducting our member luncheon meetings onsite at a local commercial or government contractor facility.

This program has been highly successful in the past as it provides an opportunity for our members to learn about our local supporting organizations and their role in NDIA, our local community and their support of defense initiatives. The program is conducted by member sponsors who volunteer to host our members with a tour of their facility, a demonstration of their products and or services, a guest speaker and lunch.

In 2013 - AAI (with APG NDIA Board Member Jen Smith) hosted a luncheon/tour at their facility in Hunt Valley. In 2014 Chesapeake Testing (with APG NDIA Board Member Jerry Reynolds) hosted a tour and luncheon with guest speaker Dave Jimenez (AEC).

Our next luncheon for 2015 will take place in October 2015 and the host is to be determined.

If you would be interested in hosting a chapter luncheon and tour of your facility, please contact Jerry Reynolds at [jerry.reynolds@chesapeaketesting.com](mailto:jerry.reynolds@chesapeaketesting.com) for further information.



## President's Corner

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### NDIA APG Seeking Board Members

The APG NDIA Chapter has two open Board of Directors positions available and is seeking candidates from our members. Take a leadership role and help us achieve our mission.

A Board Member serves for three years. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month and last about 1 hour.

If you are a current NDIA member and would like to serve on the Board please contact one of the current directors for additional information.

In my first article as Chapter President, I would like to address the following:

- **What is the APG Chapter of NDIA?**
- **What is my background?**
- **What are my interests for this chapter?**
- **What should members and the community expect from NDIA?**
- **Where do we need help?**

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## Featured Article (continued)

At 6:40, Mr. Perise introduced the guest speaker, Maryland State Senator J. B. Jennings, who spoke on the subject of STEM Education and technology issues as they relate to MD state government. Some notable points:

- He discussed in depth, the interaction of the legislature, the governor and the local school boards regarding their impact on the development of curriculums and STEM education.
- The Senator also spoke about Maryland as the undisputed leader in cyber security.
- He spoke about The [Northeast Maryland Additive Manufacturing Innovation Authority](#). Because of the presence of a very deep history of 3D-printing at Edgewood and similarly minded technical communities in Harford and Cecil counties, this authority was established to “move Maryland forward” as a leader in additive manufacturing.

Mr. Perise then closed the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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We would like to take this opportunity to give a big “THANK YOU” to our sponsors [The Boeing Company](#) and [Praxis Engineering](#) for their support of this event. It is only through the support of our sponsors that we are able to provide scholarships to fine young men and women in our community who express an interest in STEM studies.



- **Who is the APG Chapter of the NDIA?**
  - We have a long history in this area and that history will slowly be revealed in upcoming issues of the newsletter. Were you aware *that the APG Chapter of NDIA actually began as the Army Ordnance Association* Founded in 1919 was accepted as a chapter of the Association for the Advancement of the National Defense in 1944, and has been meeting regularly ever since.
  - Our Chapter's mantra is "To increase APG visibility as a model for innovation and collaboration in Cyber Security, Manufacturing, C4ISR, Public Health, CBRNE, Public Education and Economic Development."
  
- **What is my background?**
  - A Small Defense and Homeland Security business owner here in the Aberdeen area; supporting DoD, NAVAIR, DHS, Customs and Border Protection.
  - I've served 6 years on the APG NDIA board of directors and have been fortunate to have watched Jack Roth (Retired ARL), George Perise (Retired Defense Industry business owner) and Danny Demarinis (recently retired but very active defense contractor) shape the APG chapter into what it is today - an impressive mix of action oriented board members ready to reach out, energize the community and gain national recognition for the many innovative things that are happening at APG.
  - I will be working with our current board members (on page 8) as we increase our collaborative efforts throughout the government and commercial communities.
  
- **What are my interests for the chapter? *Collaboration and Innovation***
  - Interested in bringing the resources available at the national level of NDIA (like the National Defense Magazine and the NDIA meeting & conference machine) into play to support the APG and surrounding community – This as a way to complement the good efforts led by Army Alliance and AUSA.
  - Interested in advancing STEM education, Technology and Manufacturing Innovation in this area through support of those efforts led by the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council (NMTC) and their members
  - Interested in supporting the interests of area entrepreneurs, professional women, small business and large businesses in the defense and homeland security industries through collaboration and assistance to local professional organizations already focused in these areas. I want to make sure, WID (Mid Atlantic Chapter), CSSC, the Harford Business Innovation Center, Cecil and Harford County OED, AFCEA (Aberdeen Maryland Chapter) and the rest of the APG professional organizations in this area are successful in reaching those goals respectively.

- **What should you expect from our Chapter**
  - A presence locally and nationally as NDIA national has stated: "NDIA is proud to provide a legal and ethical forum for the exchange of information between Industry and Government on National Security Issues".
  - Our Mission then:
    - Help Industry members understand what capabilities exist across APG
    - Help Government participants understand what capabilities exist in industry in our member area
    - Facilitate the Training and Education of our next generation Government/Industry workforce
    - Add value to member and government participants through informational programs
  
- **Where do we need help?**
  - Interested members to assist our committees as we take on additional activities. Committees include:
    - Nominating Committee
    - Programs Committee
    - STEM Scholarship Awards Committee
    - Newsletter / Communications Committee
    - Outreach Committee(s) (Small Business, Large Business, Government, Professional Organizations)
    - Other specific program committees as nominated by the programs committee and approved by the board

**NEXT Issue**

Insights on some of the ties between DoD and Homeland Security here in our area.

I hope to see you at our next event. (August 8<sup>th</sup> at Ripkin Stadium)

**Regards,**

*Randy*



**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OUTING AND BASEBALL GAME**

RIPKEN STADIUM, ABERDEEN, MD

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th, 2015**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is pleased to announce the annual all-you-can-eat picnic buffet and Ironbirds baseball game at Ripken Stadium on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The APG Chapter members, family, and friends are welcome to attend. We will be in a reserved tier in the left field area with private tables & chairs & excellent views of the entire field and ballpark. Cost is \$40 per person and includes:

- All-you-can-eat buffet: smoked pork BBQ, herb chicken, hot dogs, salads, chips, baked beans, slaw, cookies, brownies, watermelon, iced tea, sodas, and draft beer from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.
- Baseball ticket to the night game, which starts at 7:05 p.m., is included. There will be a fireworks spectacular after the game and it will be Star Wars night. Darth Vader may visit so bring your Jedi Knight light saber to protect our planet & buffet.

This event is a great opportunity for NDIA members from the APG and allied Chapters and WID to network with members of the military, government and contractor sectors. The Ironbirds will be playing the Tri City Valley Cats, an affiliate of the Houston Astros. Please visit [www.ironbirdsbaseball.com](http://www.ironbirdsbaseball.com) for directions to Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, MD. For more information about the APG Chapter of the NDIA, please go to [www.ndiaapg.org](http://www.ndiaapg.org). Profits from this event will help fund STEM programs and scholarships for high school students interested in science and engineering careers.

For reservations, call 410.879.1204 or provide information on the form below by e-mail to [rmabucci@comcast.net](mailto:rmabucci@comcast.net). Please send your check for \$40.00/pp. (payable to NDIA, APG Chapter) to Mr. Richard Bucci, 304 Amherst Court, Bel Air, MD, 21014 by the August 7th deadline.

**Thank you and hope to see you at the stadium!**

*John Sobczyk*

----- **Please Reply by August 7th, 2015** -----

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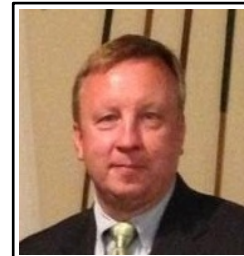
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