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Picatinny Avoids BRAC – Mission Will Expand



Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen

On Friday, May 13, 2005, Department of Defense (DoD) Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced the much-anticipated list of military base closings and consolidations to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission. Not only is Picatinny not on the BRAC list, but DoD has recommended that the installation should gain almost 700 positions as well as additional functions from bases that are scheduled to close.

As the military's integrated center for armaments technology, Picatinny is a world leader in the design and development of advanced weapons systems. Picatinny's ability to integrate guns, ammunition, and fire control systems for ground, naval, and air combat platforms have given our joint services overwhelming superiority against enemy forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The decision to keep Picatinny open was driven by many forces, but led by three primary drivers:

- **The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen.** Congressman Frelinghuysen has always been an ardent and steadfast supporter of Picatinny and has raised the visibility of Picatinny to new heights. Congressman Frelinghuysen is serving in his sixth term as the Representative for New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. In the 109th Congress, Rep. Frelinghuysen serves as New Jersey's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee and on two appropriations subcommittees: Energy & Water Development and Defense, of which he is the Vice-Chairman.
- **Picatinny Arsenal itself.** While it has always been the leader in Armament and Munitions R&D, and responsible for 90% of the Firepower on the battlefield, Picatinny was not necessarily a household word in Washington DC. Over the last several years however, Picatinny's leaders have launched an outstanding and successful campaign that elevated its visibility before Congress – demonstrating the truly unique and critical mission that Picatinny provides to support the Warfighter.
- **Members of Crisp (Concerned, Responsible Individuals to Save Picatinny),** the lobbying arm of the Picatinny Chapter, NDIA has energetically supported Picatinny throughout the lengthy BRAC review process. Their unyielding efforts to inspire support for Picatinny has led a groundswell effort that has brought Picatinny a wave of publicity and prestige that it justly deserves.

Benefits of NDIA Membership

- **Job Security**— Membership to CRISP and its mission raises the visibility of Picatinny Arsenal to members of Congress and helps ensure ARDEC's perpetuation and unique contribution to the soldier
- **Service to the Picatinny Community**— College scholarships to local HS recipients; endowments to local universities and colleges; annual Type Classification Awards to program teams; Firepower Awards; community support activities; Employee Recognition Day; ARDEC sponsorship; and other Arsenal events
- **Education**— Supports the development and administration of special educational programs for ARDEC and the industrial community
- **Professional Development**— Sponsors conferences embracing all aspects of Picatinny Arsenal's contribution to the warfighter
- **Social Activities**— Sponsor 1-2 social outings, holiday parties, and several mini-golf outings, including the Dean Gallo Memorial Golf Outing each year

Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center Director Retires

By Tonya K. Townsell
Editor

After more than three decades as a federal employee, Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center Director Michael P. Devine retired from his position as Picatinny's top scientist during a short ceremony on November 4, 2004.

Devine, the first civilian to head ARDEC, said he knows he's made the "right decision intellectually. But emotionally, it's difficult."

One facet of the job he enjoyed immensely was meeting some of the recently hired 500 employees. "I enjoyed the opportunity to meet the new hires, but I had to remember these are not my kids – they're professionals" he said.

He explained it wasn't that he thought the new workers were not qualified. He quickly stressed that the new recruits definitely are professionals. But with three daughters close in age to many of them, his first reaction was a

fatherly one.

He joked that he hopes the more experienced workers continue to encourage the younger employees, so they "don't learn bad habits from us old timers."

But not being involved in what he portrayed as an exciting future for ARDEC seems to make Devine wistful about retiring. Although he said he's looking forward to a new career in the private sector, he discussed the pride he felt when he heard people talk about Picatinny and ARDEC and the regret he has that he'll no longer be a guiding force for the organization.

"I'd walk around the buildings and the gym and hear people talk ... [there was] embedded ownership and enthusiasm," he said.



Mike P. Devine

It is not just other people who display passion when they talk about their work. Devine fondly spoke about one extremely demanding project. He categorized the Sense and Destroy Armor project as challenging, but said that it was extremely successful in Iraq and critical in the drive

to Baghdad.

Devine said he wants people to remember the important roles Picatinny plays in supporting soldiers as they accomplish their missions while fighting in the global war on terrorism.

As to how to best support the soldiers, Devine's advice is to "keep doing what you're doing – challenge people and use all your skills. ... Never forget how important it is what we do for the warfighter."

Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center Leadership Changes



John F. Hedderich III

Leadership of the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center changed hands during a ceremony on Nov. 4, 2004.

Michael P. Devine handed over the directorship for ARDEC to John F. Hedderich III during a ceremony officiated by Brig. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, Picatinny's commanding general.

Hedderich is the senior executive for Enterprise Management for ARDEC. He is responsible for ARDEC's technology base and manufacturing technology programs, strategic planning, and portfolio and knowledge management. He was appointed to the senior executive service in 1998.

Hedderich has also served as senior technical executive in the former ARDEC Close Combat Armaments Center, where he was responsible for developing and executing scientific and technological strategies for small, medium and large caliber weapons, ammunition, mines and counter-mine, non-lethal weapons and ammunition, and special operations gear.

He is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree, and of Harvard University's International Senior Executive Fellows Program.

Congressmen Frelinghuysen and Saxton Tour Picatinny

On December 29, 2004, New Jersey Congressmen Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-11) and Jim Saxton (R-3) toured Picatinny to review the latest armament and munitions technology developed. The congressmen were first briefed by John Hedderich, ARDEC's Director, followed by individual briefings from PM Combat Ammunition Systems, PM Maneuverability Systems, PM Close Combat Systems, PM Joint Services, PM Soldier Weapons, ARDEC, the Manufacturing Technology Center and others. News and camera crews were in full attendance and, after the briefings, both Frelinghuysen and Saxton heaped accolades on the mission and accomplishments of Picatinny. Congressman Saxton emphasized that Picatinny's role is essential and not duplicated elsewhere due to its:

- Joint role in the DoD, supplying essential weapons technology to all military services
- Development of its broad range of weapons technology – both lethal and non-lethal



From L-R—John Hedderich, Congressman Jim Saxton, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen

•Ability to expedite weapons technology to the soldier in the field – typified by Picatinny's recent type classification of 9 weapon systems and materiel release of another 28 weapon systems.

Both Frelinghuysen and Saxton are highly respected congressmen who have served in Congress for many years. Congressman Frelinghuysen sits on the House Appropriations Committee, "where he continues to fight for increases in America's defense budget to ensure that our young men and women in uniform have the necessary resources to win the War on Terrorism." (To see more of Congressman Frelinghuysen's accomplishments, visit <http://frelinghuysen.house.gov>.)

"As Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, Jim Saxton has worked to equip our military to wage and win the war on terror." (To see more of Congressman Saxton's accomplishments, visit <http://www.jimsaxton.com>.)

Their support of Picatinny was vital as Congress debated BRAC issues.

Donation to NDIA in Memory of Hans Guttwein



Hans Guttwein

The ARDEC Quality Engineering and System Assurance (QE&SA) Director, Mr. Paul Chiodo, presented a check for \$1,000 to the NDIA Scholarship Fund on January 14, at the annual Board of Directors meeting of the Picatinny Chapter of the NDIA. The check was donated in the memory of Hans Guttwein, QE&SA Director from 1995-1999.

The donation is a result of proceeds from the Quality Federation Invitational, an annual golf outing held by the QE&SA Directorate at ARDEC. Under the leadership of Hans, the annual Quality Engineering golf tournament began in 1996. It quickly became a tradition and has been held every year since. Hans Guttwein retired in 1999 after 33 years of service at ARDEC. After he tragically passed away in 2002, the golf tournament was officially dedicated to his memory. His longtime interests in ARDEC, golf, friends, and NDIA were combined to help a worthy cause and to honor his memory. For the past three years, money has been donated to the NDIA scholarship fund in his name. This year's donation was the largest to date, due to the efforts of the planning team and the tremendous generosity of this year's participants.

Over 100 golfers participate in the tournament each year. The golfers represent a wide range of organizations and groups, including ARDEC employees, retirees, contractors, and industry partners. Despite a postponement due to hurricanes, the tournament was finally held on September 29, 2004, at Glen Brook Country Club in Stroudsburg, PA. The highlight of the day was the presentation of the Hans Guttwein Award. The Directorate expects even greater participation this year as the planning team strives for continual improvements to this event.

Model Chapter Award Awarded to Picatinny Chapter

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) has instituted a Model Chapter Program designed to address the challenges the 21st century has brought to NDIA and other membership associations throughout the United States. NDIA has selected the criteria for a Model Chapter to measure its performance to reinforce the association's goals and the expectations of the membership. The **Picatinny Chapter** is proud to have been selected for the first Model Chapter Award in 2001, and again in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

NDIA Holiday Celebration

The Chapter sponsored its annual holiday Party at The Club on 13 Dec 2004. The Chapter welcomed Women in Defense (WID) members to participate. This gala affair was attended by many new faces of the two organizations. Excellent food and attractive door prizes were a small part of the festivities that lead to an enjoyable evening. Our Holiday Party for 2005 will be held on 12 Dec.

Welcome to the Year of the Rooster Chinese New Year 2005



The Picatinny Chapter celebrated the annual Chinese New Year celebration at the Hunan Taste Restaurant in Denville, NJ on Thursday, February 10. The

event is a traditional sellout, and a great time was had by all.

This year the Chinese New Year began on February 9, when there was a New Moon in Aquarius. According to Chinese tradition, this is the year of the rooster. The Chinese use a lunar calendar, with 12 animals comprising the Chinese Zodiac. Each year is associated with a different animal. This particular year lasts until January 28, 2006. People born in a rooster year are said to be characterized as shrewd, industrious, outspoken and definite when making

decisions. Many are extravagant and a bit of the dreamer.

The New Year preparations tend to begin a month from the date of the Chinese New Year (similar to a Western Christmas), when people start buying presents, decorations, food and clothing. A huge clean-up gets underway days before the New Year, when Chinese houses are cleaned from top to bottom, to sweep away any traces of bad luck, and doors and windowpanes are given a new coat of paint, usually red. The doors and windows are then decorated with paper cut-outs like the rooster, and couplets with themes such as happiness, wealth and longevity printed on them.

New Year's Eve is perhaps the most exciting part of the event, as anticipation mounts. Traditions and rituals are very carefully observed in everything from food to clothing. Dinner is usually a feast of seafood and dumplings, signifying different good wishes. Delicacies include

prawns, for liveliness and happiness, dried oysters (or ho xi), for all things good, raw fish salad or yu sheng to bring good luck and prosperity, Fai-hai (Angel Hair), an edible hair-like seaweed to bring prosperity, and dumplings boiled in water (Jiaozi), signifying a long-lost good wish for a family. It's usual to wear something red as this color is meant to ward off evil spirits - but black and white are out, as these are associated with mourning. After dinner, families stay up all night playing cards, board games or watching TV programs dedicated to the occasion. At midnight, the sky is lit up with fireworks.

The end of the New Year is marked by the Festival of Lanterns - a celebration marked by singing, dancing and lantern shows. Although celebrations of the Chinese New Year vary, the underlying message is one of peace and happiness for family members and friends.

(Our thanks to Ms. Irene Sheng for her contributions to this article.)



Brigadier General
Paul S. Izzo

Picatinny to hold Armed Forces Day May 21, 2005

On Saturday, May 21, 2005, Picatinny Commander BG Paul Izzo and ARDEC Director John Hedderich will host Armed Forces Day at Picatinny. This is the first time since 2001 that Picatinny has opened its doors to the public to celebrate Armed Forces Day. A major celebration is planned, and thousands of visitors are expected. Planned events include: a dedication of a memorial for NJ Fallen Soldiers; Armed Forces Day Parade featuring antique and modern self-propelled and towed weapon systems; Special Operation Forces flyover and simulated parachute assault demonstrations; Revolutionary War and modern warfighting reenactments; M1A2 Abrams tank car-crush; food tents, demonstrations, music, games and much, much more. In addition, the Picatinny Chapter NDIA and MWR are joining forces to sponsor a display tent for both industry and community to exhibit their efforts for the warfighter.

30th Annual Firepower Benefit June 16, 2005

The 30th Annual Firepower Benefit takes place June 16, 2005. The day begins with the annual golf and shooting competitions and culminates with the NDIA's annual banquet featuring the exciting, and always popular, Super Raffle hosted by Messrs. Dominick Moreo and Eddie Colantoni.

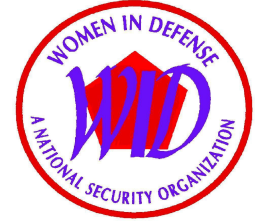
Golf will take place at Legends Resort, McAfee, New Jersey, with an 0800 shotgun start. For those who have not played Legends before, it is a idyllic 27-hole course located in scenic Sussex County. This year's competition will include catered food and beverage stations, door prizes, as well as achievement awards that will be presented at the banquet. For more information, please contact Mr. Steve Mango at smango@atk.com.

The shooting competition will again take place at Thunder Mountain Trap & Skeet, located in Ringwood, NJ – a short 25 minute ride from Picatinny. The shooting competition includes skeet, trap and modern skeet courses, catered breakfast and lunch, ammunition, and door prizes as well as achievement awards presented at the banquet. For more information, please contact Mr. Steve George at sgeorge@pica.army.mil.

The 30th Annual Benefit will take place at the Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, NJ. Cocktails begin at 6PM and the Banquet begins at 7PM. The banquet is a traditional sellout, and approximately 600 attendees are expected. For more information, please contact Ms. Jane Smith at jlsmith@pica.army.mil.



Membership Application



NDIA

WID

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 Company _____
 Suite/Floor _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Country _____
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 Year of Birth _____
 Social Security # _____

Primary Occupation Classification— Choose One

- A. Defense Business /Industry
- B. R&D/Laboratories
- C. Army
- D. Navy
- E. Air Force
- F. Marine Corps
- G. Coast Guard
- H. DoD/MoD Civilian
- I. Gov't Civillian/Non-DoD/MoD
- J. Trade/Professional Assoc.
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- L. Professional Services
- M. Non-Defense Business
- N. Other _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

WID \$35.00 per year—Make check payable to WID

NDIA	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Regular	\$15*	\$70*	\$125*
Government/Student	\$15*	\$70*	\$125*
Allied	\$35	\$100	\$165

*First time members only

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I herby apply for membership in NDIA/WID for the term indicated. I understand my membership dues is applied to National Defense.

Signature _____ Date _____

Job Function — Choose One

- A. Management/Corporate
- B. Management/General
- C. Engineering/R&D
- D. Engineering Support
- E. Procurement
- F. Test/Evaluation
- G. Production
- H. Maintenance
- I. Data Processing
- J. Training/Simulation
- K. Marketing/Sales
- L. Professional
- M. Education
- N. Computer/Information Systems
- O. Other _____

WID Membership:

Recruited by: _____

Job Description (up to 30 words)

Activities (Contact me about participating in)
 Membership Development Horizons Foundation
 Communications/Newsletter Job Bank
 Programs/Annual Meeting Other

Mail Application & Payment to:

NDIA/WID ♦ PO Box 528 ♦ Wharton, NJ 07885

Contact Nancy Campoli for questions ♦ (973) 770-4422

Annual Board of Directors Meeting Held

The annual Picatinny Chapter NDIA Board of Directors meeting was held on January 14, 2005. Chairman John Amerspek kicked off the meeting, which was held from 1200 to 1500, and delivered a State of the Chapter address and discussed significant upcoming events and highlighted the Chapter's financial status.

Chapter President Steven George presided over the operational discussions that included reports from the Chapter's Vice Presidents and Government Liaisons. These included:

Jane Smith – VP Firepower

Patty Alnor – VP Communication

Tony Sebasto – Firepower Awards Liaison

Dominick Demella – Firepower Symposium Liaison

Steve George – Mortars Conference Chairman

Jeff Dyer / Mark Whitby – Membership Liaison and Membership VP

Vic Guadagno – Director of Scholarships

Barbara Machak – Type Classification Liaison

Ed Colantoni – VP Social Programs

Dominick Moreo – Firepower Raffle Chairman

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1500 as scheduled and the group reassembled later in the evening for a dinner social at Café Novona.

Firepower Awards Exhibit

For a quarter of a century, the Picatinny Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) has sponsored its annual Firepower Awards Program. These awards recognize outstanding individuals from business, government and academia who have made significant contributions toward the defense of our country. Recipients are publicly honored at a ceremony and banquet attended by many of you.

For some time now, both NDIA and Picatinny-ARDEC leadership have considered establishing a physical exhibit to permanently recognize award recipients. We are in the process of finalizing a design concept, giving consideration to factors of attractiveness, ease of use, space required, potential for portability, flexibility and cost. A partnership agreement was established with ARDEC, Industry and the Picatinny NDIA Chapter to provide the exhibit with a cost sharing of one-third from each of the partners. This interactive display will be located in the entrance lobby of Picatinny's Building #1 to ensure high visibility. It will provide background information on the NDIA Awards Program, plus allow for computerized retrieval of recipient's name, organization and type of award. Annual updating will occur to reflect new award winners. The display will also feature historical and current information about Picatinny, its people, programs and successes.

The Chapter is grateful to ARDEC and our armament industrial colleagues for their support and cooperation in providing a permanent and attractive facility to recognize and memorialize those outstanding individuals in Government and Industry who received prestigious Firepower Awards.

Type Classification Awards

On November 17, 2004, ARDEC and the Picatinny Chapter NDIA held the annual Type Classification and Materiel Release Ceremony in Building 1's Lindner Conference Center. Ms. Barbara Machak presided over the event which underscores the importance of Picatinny to the Army, our Nation, and most importantly, the Warfighter.

The US Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), in conjunction with the Picatinny Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), established the Type Classification and Materiel Release Awards Ceremony to acknowledge significant achievements made by individuals and organizations.

Two of the most important accomplishments achieved at ARDEC are Type Classification and Materiel Releases. Type Classification demonstrates ARDEC's continued success transitioning our research and development efforts into production. Full Materiel Release ensures that the items are safe, operationally suitable, and logistically supportable before being issued to the troops.

In 2004, there were 9 Type Classification Items; 11 Full Materiel Release Items; 10 Urgent Materiel Release Items; and 6 Conditional Materiel Release Items.

Congratulations to all whose efforts supported these accomplishments.

2004 Firepower Awards Program

The annual Firepower Awards luncheon was held at the Parsippany Hilton Hotel and attracted over 500 attendees. The Firepower Awards are presented annually by the Chapter to individuals, employed by either government or industry, whose contributions to the armaments community have distinguished their service to the national defense. Twelve coveted NDIA Firepower Awards were presented to the following individuals from Picatinny Arsenal, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Project Manager's Office for Future Combat System, and Industry at this year's event:

Anthony J. Melita, Deputy Director, Defense Systems, Land Warfare and Munitions - National Chapter Award

BG Charles A. Cartwright, Program Manager, Unit of Action – John A. Ulrich Award

Joseph C. Homko, President, L-3 Communications BT Fuze Products - Wilfred Hosking Production Award

James Shield, Deputy Program manager for the Joint Lightweight 155mm Howitzer - Wilfred Hosking Production Award

Richard P. Davitt, Vice President and General Manager Precision Systems Business Unit, General Dynamics Ordnance



Cutline Photo by Todd Mozes
Picatinny Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association recognition recipients pose with their plaques. They are (front row from left) retired Maj. Gen. William Chen, Mark Ford, Fred Berger, Richard Davitt, Dr. James Condon, (back row) Dr. Ernest Baker, Joseph Homko, Sidney Jacobson, James Shields and Anthony Sebasto

and Tactical Systems – Victor Linder Development Award

Mark A. Ford, Assistant Director of Weapon Systems and Technologies for the Armament Engineering Technology Center (AETC)-Victor Linder Development Award

Ernest L. Baker, Lead Research Scientist for AETC – Firepower Technology Award

Dr. James A. Condon, President, ATK Tactical Systems - Firepower Technology Award

MG William S. Chen (Ret), Vice President Engineering, United Defense – Firepower Management Award

Anthony J. Sebasto, AETC Associate Technical Director for Technology and Business Development - Firepower Management Award

Technology and Business Development - Firepower Management Award

Fred M. Berger, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Plus Corporation- Special Chapter Award

Sidney S. Jacobson, Pioneer Award

WID – Women in Defense

This year the WID Chapter is making a concerted effort to provide programs that appeal more to the general membership. The quarterly Mentor/Protégé Program will focus on specific topics to strengthen relationships, provide tools to develop and expand network resources. If you want to be paired up as a Mentor/Protégé, please contact Marguerite Cohen.

The monthly general membership Lunch & Learn program is being realigned to work together with the quarterly Mentor/Protégé program and will now be called the Professional Development Program. The goal is to better understand the Picatinny community and the different organizations. The new program will consist of a scheduled speaker followed by question and answer. The focus is to be more interactive with the different Picatinny organizations. Diane Alario is the chairperson for the monthly general membership meetings.

The next two planned Professional Development sessions are currently scheduled for 29 June, speaker Mary Manser and see the July schedule for when Barbara Machek will be speaking.

Other scheduled events include:

Armed Forces Day on 21 May

WID is sponsoring a booth and is still looking for volunteers to man the booth. Please see Barbara Thomas for

more information. WID Annual Picnic, Lake Denmark on 9 Aug - Hawaiian Luau theme:

If you would like to be on the committee, please see Debbie Franek, Silva Manjikian, Seham Salazar, Jessica Woo or Janice Wyble.

Ginny Moss Memorial Golf Outing, Minebrook Golf Club on 13 Sep. Please contact Lynn Perry if you would like to help with the committee or chair the event.

This year WID sponsored a Bring Your Daughters & Sons to Work Day. There was an overwhelming response with over 100 children between the ages of 8-13 registered. Each child received a "goody bag." Their day started at 0800 with a continental breakfast and a meet/greet with BG Izzo; a tour of Picatinny; a viewing of ARDEC, PEO Ammo and PEO Soldier Weapons displays; participation in an interactive video conference; and receipt of a certificate of participation.

Donation of flowers at the Visitor Center and guard shack at the Main Gate Entrance are on behalf of a local landscaper whom prefers to remain anonymous.

Please check the WID Calendar of Events on the Community Calendar for future events.

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Message from the President

Welcome to the spring issue of the Picatinny Chapter, NDIA newsletter. Since our last issue, we've continued to raise the level of awareness of how vital Picatinny is to our Nation's defense. The Picatinny Chapter NDIA has been sponsoring media events and reminding Congress of the essential role that Picatinny plays to support the Warfighter. On May 13, 2005, these efforts paid off when the DoD announced that Picatinny would remain open and its mission would be expanding. Congratulations Picatinny!

In this issue, featured articles include recent and upcoming events:

Picatinny Avoids BRAC

Congressional Visit to Picatinny

NDIA Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Washington DC Social Bus Trip – May 13-15

30th Annual Firepower Banquet – June 16

Changes in ARDEC Leadership

NDIA Annual Holiday Party

Armed Forces Day – May 21

31st Annual Firepower Symposium – June 13-15

Firepower Awards Exhibit

We appreciate your feedback and involvement. If you're not a member of the NDIA and would like more information, please contact Mr. Jeff Dyer at jdyer@pica.army.mil, or Mr. Mark Whitby at whitby@pica.army.mil. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact our VP Communications, Ms. Patty Alnor at palnor@pica.army.mil.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Armed Forces Day celebration – be sure to visit our booth at the display tent!

Steven George
President
Picatinny Chapter, NDIA

Upcoming Events

Scholarship Presentation

This year's annual scholarships will be presented at the 30th annual Firepower Benefit. This year, the Chapter will be awarding an unprecedented amount of scholarships to local high school students looking to further their education in the fields of math and science.

NDIA Armaments Symposium

The 31st Annual Firepower Symposium takes place June 13-15, 2005 at the Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, NJ. This year's symposium highlights "Adapting Lethality to the Realities of the Global War on Terrorism." Last year's event drew over 1000 attendees from over 15 countries. For more information and current updates, visit the NDIA's website at www.ndia.org and click on Meetings and Events, followed by Schedule of Events and then on the June calendar, 2005.

Washington, DC Trip

NDIA has paired up with ITR to tour Washington DC from 13-15 May 2005. This bus tour is scheduled to visit all of the war memorials—WWII, The Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The tour is also expected to visit the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum and a quick tour of Baltimore.

Mortars Conference

This year's Mortar's Conference will be held at the Headquarters Plaza Hotel, Morristown, NJ from 18-20 October.

This year's conference underscores PM Mortars' support of the Modularity and Precision Effects and emphasizes the Force Development Design that restructures the way the Army integrates Mortar Systems on the battlefield

If you have any questions, please contact Steve George at sgeorge@pica.army.mil or Jane Smith at jlsmith@pica.army.mil