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2011 is almost in the bag, and what a great year we have had. The Delaware Valley Chapter supported 2 STEM events, helped a boy scout fund his Eagle Scout community project, held a patriotic ROTC scholarship luncheon, an enlightening and uplifting membership meeting and a fantastic golf

outing / fundraiser. The Fall board meetings start the planning for the next years events. We will again support some of the STEM programs in the region, and most certainly have our ROTC Scholarship luncheon. This event was typically limited to board members, the recipients and their unit leader; however we are now going to extend invitations to the sponsors from the golf outing as well. The golf outing is already scheduled for August 6, 2012 and will again be held at Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield, NJ. For the membership event, we are still batting ideas around, but an event surrounding a “wounded warriors” job fair is getting a lot of traction, so stay tuned!

We have added a new board member since our last newsletter. Mr. Bill Eckerle, President of EHS Technologies has joined us and is already making significant contributions. Please read about him and his company later in this newsletter...WELCOME ABOARD BILL! We are always looking for new members to bring energy and ideas to our board. If you feel you could fulfill this role, please feel free to reach out to any current board member (listed at the end of the newsletter), and they will propose your name to the nominating committee.

The membership event held back on June 3rd at the Marvin Comisky Conference Center was a huge success and by the way the use of the venue was donated by Blank Rome; thank you! Outstanding award recipients, not the least of which included one of our own board members, Juan Penalver having just returned from a 12 month deployment in Iraq.

Former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman received an award and spoke on “bloat in the government.” Whether you agree with him or not, it certainly stimulated thought and discussion in the circles I travel. The Honorable Curt Weldon presented and gave a keynote talk on Libya, a country highly visible in the news right now. Read more about this event and other award recipients in this newsletter.

The golf outing held on August 1, at Tavistock Country Club was a success. (Read more in this newsletter.) The venue was very nice, the food excellent and the spirit of the day exuded a “fun for a good cause” feeling. In a culture of continuous improvement, we will make some tweaks based on feedback received, but expect next year to be even better! We had 98 golfers in 2011 and based on the buzz, 2012 may generate a first come, first serve with a waiting list situation. AND commit to a sponsorship for this year’s outing by the end of March and you will be invited to the ROTC lunch, usually held at the Union League in downtown Philadelphia in April.

Please check the website often for updates on EVENTS and CHAPTER NEWS, find us at www.ndia-dvc.org

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**NDIA Annual Golf Outing
August 6, 2012
Tavistock County Club**



Company Profile

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EHS is a woman-owned small business, headquartered in Moorestown, NJ. Founded in 1996, EHS has grown significantly in recent years, increasing the number of staff as well as its areas of technical expertise, capabilities, and its scope of operations. With personnel on-site at locations across the United States, including numerous personnel in and around the Philadelphia area, EHS has positioned itself to provide responsive support to their customers. EHS has over 115 employees providing engineering, program management, environmental, logistics support and information technology services to the Department of Defense. EHS has other offices located in Philadelphia, PA, Orlando, FL, Quantico, VA and Columbia, MD.

In the last several months, EHS has been awarded four contracts worth over \$19 million. These contracts will enable EHS to continue to support Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division – Ships Systems and Engineering Station (NSWCCD-SSES) Philadelphia and Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head (NSWC-IH). The Philadelphia area contracts require EHS to provide information technology, engineering and logistics support. The Indian Head contracts involve research and development and test and evaluation engineering efforts in support of energetics which are propellants and explosives. EHS was recently ranked as the 11th fastest growing business in South Jersey with its 2010 revenues of approximately \$19 million. EHS expects that 2011 revenues will be approximately \$22 million.

Other areas of growth have seen EHS establish a presence in Orlando, FL at Program Executive Office – Simulation Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) and subsequently at Patrick, Air Force Base. At PEO

STRI EHS conducts training analyses for future training needs and new concepts. EHS provides the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) community at Patrick AFB with support services in all resident military equal opportunity training courses conducted by DEOMI.

EHS has also expanded its presence with the US Marine Corps, supporting Marine Corps Systems Command, PM Infantry Combat Equipment (ICE) operations in both Barstow, CA and Quantico, VA. In Barstow, EHS Technologies provides warehouse management services. In Quantico, EHS continues to provide logistics integration between the Navy and Marine Corps for Expeditionary Combat Operations.

The EHS Strategic Plan calls for continued sustained growth and to that end the company is continually assessing acquisitions, equity holdings in newer companies and productive teaming arrangements. The ability to bid in the new Woman Owned category and small business category along with GSA schedules and SeaPort-e will allow EHS to build on its impressive history and expand its presence throughout the country.

WELCOME :
Government Liaison: Patricia Woody, NAVSSES &
Mr. William (Bill) Eckerle—EHS Technologies



What do you think of this newsletter? How can it be improved? Do you want your company profiled in a future issue? Would you like to contribute a feature article in a future issue? Send me your feedback and suggestions so that we can improve this publication with each issue.

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Mr. Eckerle
Chapter Member
Profile

Mr. Eckerle has spent his entire 26 year career supporting the Department of Defense. He has worked for three defense contractors: EHS Technologies from 1996 – present; SEMCOR, Inc. from 1989 – 1996 and Boeing Helicopters 1986-1989. Currently Mr. Eckerle serves as President of EHS—a position he has held since he formed the company in 1996. His experience is that of an entrepreneur. Twice in his lifetime he has had the opportunity to start something from the beginning. In 1991 he started the environmental practice at SEMCOR and with the help of a team that was formed to develop an environmental audit software product his business unit was able to go from \$0 in environmental revenue in 1990 to over \$3 million/year in 1996. In late 1996 he started EHS. EHS did about \$133,000 in revenue in 1997 in its first full year of operations. In 2010, the company reported revenue in excess of \$19 million. The revenue is derived from a wide range of services including engineering, information technology, energetics, environmental, logistics and training services.

Mr. Eckerle is a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers and a lifelong member of the National Defense Industrial Association. While Mr. Eckerle has heavily supported the Navy through his 26 year career, he has begun to expand the EHS name to support other branches of the Department of Defense. In 2010, EHS began supporting the U.S. Army at PEO STRI in Orlando, FL and since then has created a footprint at Patrick Air Force Base, providing training services. EHS has also been supporting the Marine Corps with operations in Quantico, VA and Barstow, CA as well as the USAF at Joint Base McGuire/Ft. Dix/Lakehurst.

NDIA Golf Outing, August 1, 2011, Tavistock Country Club, Haddonfield, NJ

The sky was blue
The sun was high
I teed my ball up
And watched it fly



And with that the 2011 NDIA Delaware Valley Chapter annual golf outing was off. 25 groups played in the field, most finished, but some were cut a hole short due to thunder and were forced to join an early happy hour already in progress at the clubhouse.

The day started with registration and a 1st rate buffet lunch. The round of golf was played under very good course conditions despite a very dry and hot July...little did we know all the rain dances in July would turn into a record for rainfall in August! Out on the course there was fresh fruit, soft pretzels and beverages unless you knew the short-cuts to the halfway house where beer was available. The field was competitive with the first place team coming in at 15 under par with one of their members (Wayne Hall) hitting a hole-in-one on a 320yd par 4!! To prevent this team from repeating this amazing feat, we have disbanded them, scheduled the 2012 outing on a date that they cannot make, posted pictures of Wayne at the north bound toll booths on 95 with orders to stop him on sight and hidden all their putters.

Happy hour was kicked off with a roar of thunder, open bar and some hot wings to get the appetite going. The buffet dinner featured numerous hot entrees, with crab cakes going like hotcakes! During the dinner hour we held a silent auction for some sports memorabilia. Prizes were awarded to every team, the contest winners and various items were raffled off; including a large flat screen TV to Susie Swider at AGI. Special thanks go out to Earl Grimm for the handmade golf clubs he donated.

We are already looking forward to next year. Same venue with the date of August 6, 2012 as a date you should put on your calendar NOW! Also start thinking now about sponsoring a contest, a hole, beverages, dinner or create your own! Remember sponsors will be invited to the ROTC luncheon at the Union League!



Team Lockheed MS2—There is still not a “Search Radar” available that could track some of the launches they made off the tee that Day.



Team Choice Precision—This Team was observed making long pilgrimages to the halfway house, for what, we are not sure...



Team American Competiveness Institute (ACI) - Yes they are!



Team NDI Engineering—Is there any better day when a father and son can play together?



Team Day & Zimmerman—Rumor has it these guys can really bomb them off a tee.



First Place Team—Wayne Hall, Billy Broderick, Susie Swider & Scott Reynolds



Team Aerotek — Voted “Best Dressed” by Golf Digest magazine



Team Rhoads
An Officer and some Gentleman....
4-some donated by Blank Rome

Service Chiefs Warn of Sequestration's Devastating Consequence for Weapon System Modernization Program

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee Wednesday, top brass from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines warned lawmakers that funding for the Pentagon's entire weapon system modernization program would be decimated in the event additional cuts of \$600 billion called for by the sequestration provision of the Budget Control Act are imposed. The testimony from the service chiefs follows repeated warnings from the Pentagon of a dire scenario if a congressional "supercommittee" fails to agree by November 23 to trim \$1.2 trillion from government deficits, which would trigger deep automatic cuts with about half coming from defense.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno predicted that such reductions would "almost eliminate our modernization programs, denying the military superiority our nation requires in today's and tomorrow's uncertain and challenging security environment." The Army chief said steeper budget cuts also would hit the National Guard, thereby reducing its ability to respond to domestic disasters. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert said that such reductions would "substantially impact" the Navy's ability to support combatant commanders' plans and maintain operations around the world.

Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, told the House committee that steeper defense cuts would undermine the military's ability to maintain a large presence in key parts of the world. He argued that if the U.S. military were compelled to pull back, other countries such as China would fill the void. Further, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz warned that sequestration cuts would "fundamentally alter the complexion" of his service. "Further cuts will amount to" reductions in the size of the fighter, bomber, airlifter and tanker fleets, he said, adversely affect training and readiness as well as diminishing the capability of the Air Force to "execute concurrent missions across the spectrum of operations and over vast distances on the globe," he said.

Coast Guard Authorization Considered in House

This week on the House floor, lawmakers considered H.R. 2838, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act. The measure reauthorizes funding for the agency and makes numerous changes to Coast Guard and maritime law. It also includes the text of HR 2840, the Commercial Vessel Discharges Reform Act, which creates a single nationwide standard for mitigating nuisance organisms in the ballast water that is discharged from commercial vessels. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved HR 2840 on Oct. 13 by voice vote.

Many Democrats argue that this standard would preempt more stringent states standards for ballast water discharges, and are seeking to restore states' ability to set higher standards. Lawmakers and House aides confirmed this week that some Democrats are talking about urging all within their party to vote against the authorization measure if provisions are not added that would allow states to propose prohibited areas for the unloading of water used on ships for toilets, cleaning, ballast and other purposes. Additionally, the Obama administration said Thursday that it strongly opposes the passage of a Coast Guard authorization bill coming to the House floor because the measure would decommission the Coast Guard's only heavy-duty polar icebreaker that has a chance of operating anytime soon.

The House will vote on several amendments to the Coast Guard measure on Friday afternoon, and will finish consideration when the House returns from recess the week of November 14th.

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Investigation Finds Chinese Counterfeit Parts in U.S. Weapons

Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced Monday that, following a Committee investigation, China is responsible for a large amount of counterfeit goods that are integrated into United States military equipment. Levin's announcement follows the results of a Senate Armed Services Committee investigation into counterfeit electronic parts that showed that over 70 percent of counterfeit goods used by the Defense Department's supply chain come from China.

Fake electronic parts often are produced in China by burning raw material off old circuit boards, washing the components in sometimes-polluted rivers and drying them on city sidewalks, Senate investigators said. According to the report, at least seven aircraft, including the Lockheed Martin Corp. C-130J transport plane, Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and L-3 27J Spartan transport, contain counterfeit parts from China. According to the investigation report, the resulting parts are unreliable over the long term, even if they pass initial factory testing by manufacturers.

Levin and the Committee's Ranking Member, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) said they intend to use the 2012 Defense Authorization Act to modify acquisition provisions so that the onus is on contractors to pay for replacing such parts, with the hope that they will adopt stricter policies with their suppliers. Levin and McCain said that they could not solve the counterfeiting problem in China, at least not in the short-term, so the focus should be on improving the way the Department of Defense purchased electronic parts.

Lawmakers Work to Avoid Defense Cuts as Some Predict Deadlock for Super Committee:

As the deadline approaches for the bipartisan Congressional Joint Select Deficit Reduction "Super Committee," some lawmakers have begun work on legislation to stop the automatic sequestration defense cuts. Under the terms of the Budget Control Act passed in August 2011, members of the joint committee have until Nov. 23 to recommend ways to reduce budget deficits by at least \$1.2 trillion over 10 years. Both the House and Senate must vote on the package by Dec. 23; if no legislation is enacted, the Budget Control Act terms dictate a \$500 billion cut from military spending, with an equal amount from nonmilitary programs, between 2013 and 2021.

The joint committee plans two weeks ago. Each side rejected the other's proposals. Still, panel members continued to reach across party lines in attempts to restart the stalled negotiations.

Senators Express Desire to Add JCS Seat for National Guard Bureau Director

At a committee hearing Wednesday, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee told top military brass that legislation designed to add the director of the National Guard Bureau to the Joint Chiefs of Staff is likely to be approved by Congress. The Senate bill, introduced by Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), has picked up 64 co-sponsors. The House's version of the fiscal year 2012 defense authorization bill, which the full chamber passed, includes language that would place the National Guard Bureau chief on the same level as other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. However, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, Vice Chairman Adm. James Winnefeld and the service chiefs advised against giving the National Guard Bureau chief a permanent seat at the table. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta also opposes the change, although it was one of President Obama's campaign promises. National Guard Chief Gen. Craig McKinley told the committee that expansion of the Joint Chiefs should include the individual who represents 465,000 members of the Army and Air National Guard, especially in a post-Sept. 11 world where the role of the National Guard has changed dramatically. Significant numbers of guardsmen and reservists have seen combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Marines Detail New Structure Changes

The Marine Corps has finalized the results of its 2010 force-structure review, setting the baseline for deeper force-structure cuts as the Pentagon moves to slash security spending by hundreds of billions of dollars over the next decade. Among the major changes in fiscal year 2012 is a plan to downgrade the II Marine Expeditionary Force headquarters from a three-star billet to a two-star job while shifting the three-star authority to the Marines' U.S. Central Command component (MARFORCENT). The service also plans to activate MARFORCENT Forward, an embedded Marine expeditionary brigade (MEB) headquarters in Bahrain in Fiscal Year 2012; activate MARFORAFRICA, an embedded MEB command element under U.S. Africa Command, in Fiscal Years 2014 to 2015. In 2015 and beyond, the plan calls for F-35 Joint Strike Fighter squadrons of two different sizes. The plan would transition the Marine Corps to 21 squadrons: 14 with 10 planes each and seven with 16 planes each. The plan would also bolster Marine Corps cyber and special operations forces in the coming years.

Chapter Recognizes Defense Industry Leaders

On Friday, June 3, 2011, at Blank Rome's Marvin Comisky Conference Center, the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association presented the Chapter's Jones Award to the Honorable John F. Lehman, Jr., former Secretary of the Navy. Secretary Lehman was recognized for his career-long efforts in support of defense industrial preparedness and the national security of the United States. The Jones Award is named in memory of Captain John C. Jones, the first Chief of the U.S. Army Philadelphia Ordnance District which was established in 1918. Previous recipients have included General Dwight D. Eisenhower, General Curtis LeMay, General Alexander Haig, the Honorable Norman Augustine, Congressman Curt Weldon, and the 2010 recipient, Congressman Rob Andrews.

Before an attendance of more than 100 members of the chapter, Secretary Lehman delivered his address, "National Security in the Age of Rising Asia, Sacred Terror, and Fiscal Crisis." Secretary Lehman was introduced by Curt Weldon. At this awards meeting, the Delaware Valley Chapter also presented its Henry S. Rothrock Award for Distinguished Service to Brigadier General William R. Holmes, USA (Ret.) for his career accomplishments as an Ordnance Corps officer and as an executive with Day & Zimmermann Munitions & Government. The chapter recognized Mr. Juan Peñalver, of the Lockheed Martin Corporation with its C. Jared Ingersoll Liberty Bell Patriots Award for his work with the US and allied nations on the Navy's Aegis System as well as his recent deployment to Iraq as a naval reserve officer.

Additionally, Major General James E. McInerney, USAF (Ret.), recently retired NDIA Vice President for Membership and Chapters, was presented with a Special Recognition Award. General McInerney merited the recognition for his contributions to the mission of NDIA and his leadership of the membership and chapters department. Since 1992, when the organization was still the American Defense Preparedness Association, through its transformation into NDIA, he piloted membership growth in concert with the rise of the association's stature in the national security community.



Pictured Left to Right; Bob Coates, President NDIA-DV Chapter, Honorable John Lehman, Brigadier General William R. Holmes (Ret.), Honorable Curt Weldon, Major General James E. McInerney, USAF (Ret.), Juan Penalver and Jim Donahue; both NDIA-DVC board members



Former SECNAV John Lehman addressed "bloat in the government."



Former Congressman Curt Weldon spoke about Libya.

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