



MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION CHAIRMAN



Ms. Irene H. Sanders
Chairman
SO/LIC Division

To all members, friends and staff of the NDIA SO/LIC Board:

It is with great honor, humility and privilege that I assume the position of Chair. The foundation laid by my heroic predecessors is firm. It now rests on our shoulders to build on their legacies. With a little help from everyone, we will be able to live up to the daunting standards set by those before us and develop an even stronger Division over the next two years.

My Vision is to:

- Provide value added to industry and government attendees at each board-affiliated forum or meeting with particular emphasis on evolving irregular warfare, C4ISR, and supply chain requirements affecting the SO/LIC community
- Provide easily accessible networking opportunities to increase understanding of current SO/LIC needs and challenges
- Increase Division size and active participation with emphasis on outreach to current active duty military and USG civilians, as well as gens x, y, and millennials -- much can be accomplished with more hands working together
- Produce a world class annual symposium, sold out to capacity, with increased military and usg participation/ "foot traffic"

Please take a close look and let me know at least two things: where you would suggest "course corrections," and in which areas you want to engage as we step out?

I am grateful to Mr. Glenn Ayers and Mr. Sam Morthland for agreeing to serve as Vice Chair and Executive Officer. As we firm up other Executive Board appointments, our leadership team will start rolling and we will reach out to each of you for assistance.

Last, but by no means least, I know you join me in thanking COL Jeff Ellis, USA (Ret) for not only his leadership as most recent Chair, but also his years of service and commitment to SOF, NDIA and the SO/LIC Division. Jeff gallantly stepped up to the plate when MG Ken Bowra, USA (Ret) answered a higher calling. Without flinching, he led the charge and fought the good fight, all in the midst of incredible time demands of his "day job." Thank you, Jeff!

Thank you all, again, for this incredible opportunity!

Irene
Chairman
SO/LIC Division

SAVE THE DATE!

22nd ANNUAL
SO/LIC SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2011
MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK
WASHINGTON, DC

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FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE FORMER DIVISION CHAIRMAN

COL Jeff Ellis, USA (Ret)

It is with a great deal of pleasure and honor to announce the results of the NDIA SO/LIC Division Chairman election results. Your new Chairman is Ms. Irene H. Sanders. Please join me in congratulating her. It was a close election between two very capable individuals, Ms. Irene H. Sanders and Mr. Glenn Ayers. It was obvious from the vote count and dialogue that occurred previously that these two individuals are greatly respected and either would be a great Division Chairman. In the final count, it was Irene who emerged as the Board Chairman.

As I move on from being your Chairman, let me ask that you give the same great support to Irene that you gave to me. The challenges that face the SOF community and our Board are unique and daunting. However, this Board and its new Chairman are up to the task.

As I depart, I would be remiss not to thank a number of individuals who have supported me – and my predecessor, MG Ken Bowra, USA (Ret), superbly – and have allowed our Board to achieve the success it has to date. First, to General Bowra, our previous Chairman, who had to depart all too early to answer a calling from the Department of State, which impacts not only the SOF community but our Board and national security, as well. General Bowra left having served so superbly as our Chairman and we will always be indebted to him for his leadership and support to the SOF community “writ large,” and our Board in particular.

Next, I would be remiss not to thank Mr. Glenn Ayers, who – with the departure of General Bowra and my having assumed his role – stepped in as my Vice Chairman, did so well in supporting me, our Board, as well as organizing and developing the last symposium that “mother nature” prevented from occurring. I am especially grateful and appreciative of Glenn’s efforts to execute the symposium when my “day job” consumed me and prevented me from being the active participant I wished and had been in the past.

Then, my thanks to Ms. Christy J. Mason and Ms. Meredith Geary for their superb support as part of the NDIA staff in assisting our Board in so many ways that allowed us to be successful. Additionally, thanks to MG Barry Bates, USA (Ret), whose consummate support allowed our Board to achieve the modicum of success we have achieved.

Then, to Mr. Wade Ishimoto, our “emperor,” whom I cannot say enough about for being the “rock” upon which the Board could count on. Then, to Mr. Tim Davidson, former Division Chairman, Mr. Tom Corbett, LtCol Jim Diehl, USMC (Ret), Mr. Lon Lawson, Mr. Thom Beres – a long time colleague and stalwart, “Perk” ...too many to name...and all so important to our Board.

I would also be remiss not to point out two particular individuals, LTG Frank Kearney, USA and COL Kevin McDonnell, USA; we could not have been successful without their guidance, involvement and inspiration. I cannot say enough about these two leaders – so please join me in a special congratulations and appreciation for all that they and their very competent staff have done.

Lastly, again, if our Board has been successful to date, it no doubt resides in the Board itself, its members and the SOF community it supports. My “hat’s off” to each and every one of you. You are my heroes...but don’t stop now...keep charging. There is more work to be done!!

In closing, I ask all of you to support your new Chairman as she takes charges and leads us into a “new world.” All of us must realize that the “mantle has been passed to a new generation”...and our mission is to assist and support that change. So please, join me in congratulating the new Chairman as we move ahead in supporting the SOF community, the industrial community, and the National Defense Industrial Association.

Sincerely,

Jeff
Former Chairman
SO/LIC Division

3rd ANNUAL KATZ DELI WOUNDED WARRIOR LUNCH - 2010

NDIA and the SO/LIC Division, along with several other organizations, sponsored the 3rd annual Katz Deli Lunch at the Mologne House at Walter Reed, Bethesda for the Wounded Warriors and their families from Walter Reed, Bethesda and Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Katz Deli, located on the Lower East side of Manhattan, provided the pastrami, corned beef, turkey, hot dogs and the best cheesecake to be found. Our members prepared, served and cleaned up. This year, we fed over 400 people and had an opportunity to show our support of those serving our Nation. In addition, we raised money for a free raffle for the Warriors and their families and were able to provide them with some wonderful gifts. Additionally, we presented the Fisher House Foundation with a check for \$4,000.00 to use towards building a Fisher House at Fort Belvoir.

Save the date! We will hold the 4th annual event next June, 2011. More information to follow!



SO/LIC AWARDS BANQUET

LtCol Jim Diehl, USMC (Ret)

Every year, NDIA's SO/LIC Division highlights the exceptional service and contributions of individuals who have impacted the Special Ops and/or Low-Intensity Conflict communities with its own unique awards—but this year, that award ceremony itself had a unique twist. When record snowfalls closed down Washington, DC in February 2010, the Annual SO/LIC Symposium and Awards Banquet was likewise cancelled. Happily, through the hard work of Mr. Thom Beres (SO/LIC Division Awards Chairman), the NDIA staff, and the gracious support of USSOCOM, the presentation of the 2009 award recipients was rescheduled and presented in Tampa on the eve of the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC).

Keynote Address: The evening's keynote address was delivered by ADM Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, USSOCOM. After looking around the room at the faces of so many friends, he warmly and aptly characterized these gatherings as "reunions...with a purpose." He proceeded to deliver an inspirational challenge, appropriate to the theme of "Accelerating the Force," on the need to move acquisition at the speed of warfare. Citing historical examples of how the American industry has moved quickly in the past to meet emerging needs of the Armed Forces, he challenged us to find ways to recover that agility. (Note: Subsequent SOFIC speakers over the next three days, to include Dr. Ashton Carter (USD(AT&L)), Mr. Jim Cluck (USSOCOM's Acquisition Executive), and Mr. Bill Shepherd (USSOCOM's Science and Technology Advisor), added specific proposals to this theme.)

Essay Contest: Under the leadership of Mr. Ken Alnwick and in cooperation with the Joint Special Operations University, the SO/LIC Division sponsors an annual essay contest for the SO/LIC communities. This year's winners, all Army officers at the Naval Postgraduate School, were also honored at the Awards Dinner. MAJ Joseph Long, USA won first place with his essay: "Is Democracy the Answer to Terrorism?" Second place honors were shared by MAJ Dean Case, USA and MAJ Pawlak, USA for their essay: "Winning the Battle of Narratives in Afghanistan." Congratulations to these winners and to all of the outstanding thinkers who took the time to submit their contributions in writing!

Achievement Awards: These awards were presented to select individuals--most nominated by General or Flag Officers in command of USSOCOM components--and all were voted upon by SO/LIC Executive Board members. They spanned the spectrum of ages, activity and seniority, but all were recognized for their impact upon the community!

- Mr. Mark Seastrand was recognized for his distinguished contributions in the field of Counternarcotics, spanning 17 years. Specifically, he oversees all aviation efforts of the Counternarcotics Technology Program Office as a widely respected Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), overseeing 62 task orders with a combined scope exceeding \$2.5 Billion.
- Maritime Enforcement Petty Officer Second Class Anthony Emanuele, USCG, was assigned to Law Enforcement detachments in Iraq. He served as the Assistant Boarding Officer for over 75 ship visits and provided over 200 hours of training to a dozen platoons of Iraqi Marines--adapting techniques and procedures to work more effectively. He also provided weapons training to Coalition naval personnel. His streamlined tanker inspection procedures are estimated to save the Iraqi government more than a million dollars each week.
- Sgt Mark Robinson, USMC was recognized for his gallantry under fire while a patrol leader in TF-87, CJSOTF-Afghanistan. He single-handedly repulsed an enemy attack, eliminating eight enemy fighters and wounding numerous others.
- SSG Jimmy Kamar, USA was recognized for his distinctive counterinsurgency contributions, in shaping the Afghan battlespace within which his ODA (3135) operated. Through skilled and patient use of shuras and close engagement with the tribal leadership, security was enhanced, Iranian influence and smuggling was curtailed, the local economy returned, and 11 insurgent leaders were captured in a seven month period.
- TSgt Douglas Britt, USAF distinguished himself while supporting a Special Missions Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft. Through his efforts, these platforms with cutting edge ISR technologies provided over 10,000 flight hours in less than seven months after initial fielding of these capabilities.
- As the NCOIC of Special Tactics Requirements, HQ AFSOC, MSgt Alan Yoshida, USAF led a team which modernized Combat Controllers' gear and enhanced the targeting process—reducing response time for close air support and reducing the possibility of fratricide. He also designed the Battlefield Air Operations Human Machine Interface Power System, resulting in a 38% weight reduction in gear carried by Special Tactics warriors.

- Senior Chief Chris Beck (SEAL), USN was recognized for spearheading the forward-deployed “Technology Village”—greatly improving responsive support to the Theater SOC, as well as his contributions in expanding the use of Unmanned Aerial Systems and their associated sensors.
- MSG Vincent Makela, USA deployed to both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, where he distinguished himself on numerous occasions in combat as the leader of a 3-man Combat Air Support team and as the acting Company SGM.
- Timely and accurate intelligence is critical to support decision-making in special operations and LT Jason Booher, (SEAL), USN was recognized for his impact in establishing the first formal ground intelligence and all-source fusion training program for the SEAL community. He prepared over 300 Navy SEALs and Sailors from 16 different specialties, transforming them into cohesive intelligence collection and analysis units.
- LT David Ratner, USCG was recognized for reducing piracy in the Gulf of Aden through numerous ship boardings, devising and executing surgical take down procedures for pirate motherships, which resulted in the seizure of the vessels, crews, and weaponry. Also included in his citation are counterdrug operations in the Caribbean Sea while attached to a Royal Navy warship, where his embarked law enforcement detachment located and seized 212 bales of cocaine with an estimated value of \$400M!
- A special lifetime service achievement award was presented to COL Thomas Roy, USA (Ret) for his many contributions to SOF over 43 years. An early member of the Joint Special Operations Command, he has served as its J3 Air Officer, as well as commanding both the Flight Concepts Division and a Special Operations Air Squadron. He has twice served as the Deputy J5, been the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, and culminated a distinguished career as the Acting J5.

The Albert DeProspero Award: This year’s recipient was a pioneer in supporting Special Operations: former Congressman Jim Saxton. As a founding member and Chairman of the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, he was focused on these critical threats a full two decades before the attacks of September 11, 2001 awakened the rest of the nation. Working with Congressional leadership, he drew attention to the emerging threats and steered funding to those units and agencies best suited to combat them. In 1999, the House Armed Services Committee established a Panel on Terrorism, with Congressman Saxton as its Chairman. When Congress reorganized in 2003, the “Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threat and Capability” was established, again under his leadership. In that capacity, he continued to ensure that USSOCOM was given the authority and resources necessary to meet these challenges. The incomparable capabilities that SOF has achieved today reflect in large measure his effective and wide-ranging support throughout his 24 years in Congress.

The R. Lynn Rylander Award: The highest honor that can be bestowed by the NDIA SO/LIC Division is named after Mr. R. Lynn Rylander. Not surprisingly, the roster of past recipients includes many well-recognized names – all of whom have made distinctive lifetime contributions of the highest impact upon SO/LIC – and this year’s winner was no exception. This year, the R. Lynn Rylander Award was presented to GEN Doug Brown, USA (Ret). From his beginnings as a Private to his sequential commands of the 160th SOAR, JSOC, and USSOCOM, he established his bona fides as a forthright visionary who left every aspect of SOF better for his service. For forty years, he crafted a legacy of operational excellence. He epitomizes the ideal of a quiet professional.

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