

NDIA SO/LIC DIVISION MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 3, 2017



1. **Call to Order:** 1330
2. **Pledge of Allegiance :** 1100
3. **Greetings and Introductions:** Mike Kichman
4. **Guest Speaker:** The SO/LIC Division was pleased to host guest speaker Lt Gen Scott Howell, Vice Commander, USSOCOM and the Division also welcomed NDIA President General Hawk Carlisle. Lt Gen Howell reviewed the USSOCOM commander's priorities, his role in resourcing, programming and budgeting, USSOCOM's current operational environment and his perceived challenges ahead. Lt General Howell provided a synopsis of his last tour in Afghanistan and the progress being made with Afghan and NATO SOF partner nations. Lt General Howell provided key insights on the "Big 4 + 1" as it relates to the appropriate role for SOF and the rewrite of the National Defense Strategy. In an era of big data, Lt General Howell further emphasized USSOCOM's consideration to establish a Chief, Data Officer position and he questioned the role of machine language, artificial intelligence and deep learning capabilities as mission enablers for the command.
5. **Chair Report:** Mike Kichman
 - a. Meeting planned with USSOCOM leadership on 18 Oct to discuss Symposium theme and agenda.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Symposium –Jared Ross
 - i) Key items:
 - (1) Division is work closely with NDIA and SOCOM to better align the FY18 SOFIC agenda to reflect a distinction between policy and technology focus areas.
 - (2) Invite to General Mark Milley, CSA, has gone out. Need to identify back-up speaker.
 - (3) Need to send out keynote invitation letters within the next few weeks.
 - (4) Need to finalize pre-symposium event on CNO in support of CP mission. (Seeger/Dambrosio)
 - b. Awards – Sam Morthland. Award voting will be conducted at the 7 Nov meeting.
 - c. Policy Liaison – Peter Spatharis. NSTR
 - d. Banquet – Eileen Parise. NSTR
 - e. Communications – VACANT. Seeking a Division member to fill the communications leader role. This is a critical position as the Division moves forward to develop a robust social media platform and media presence.
 - f. Professional Development – Tim Davidson
 - i) Working to revitalize the breakfast and lecture series.
 - ii) The Division welcomes recommendations for future speakers or professional development events.
 - g. Operating – Steve Jones. NSTR
 - h. Outreach – Nader Elguindi. NSTR
 - i. Industry – John Erwin.

i) Pending meeting with NDIA and Division leadership to develop c-suite outreach plan.

j. Protocol – Jared Ross. NSTR

k. **Board of Advisors Report:** Sam Morthland. NSTR.

7. NDIA Staff Report: Heather Havens

a. Welcome to Kimberly Williams and Trish Wildt who will be working heavily in the planning and coordinating aspects of the Symposium.

8. New Business.

a. Mark Mitchell was nominated as VASD, SO/LIC; Owen Wes to be nominated as ASD, SO/LIC. Division leadership will schedule an office call after confirmation.

9. Old Business.

a. Confirm that all thank you notes from the 2017 SO/LIC Symposium have been delivered.

10. Good of the Division.

a. 5-6 Dec 2017: 6th Annual Special Operations & Irregular Warfare Symposium, Defense Strategies Institute.

b. 15 Nov 2017: GSF Special Operations Policy Forum & Reception, Capitol Hilton.

c. 28 Feb – 2 Mar 2018: 29th Annual NDIA SO/LIC Symposium & Exhibition.

d. 21-24 May 2018: NDIA SOFIC, Tampa.

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, 7 Nov at 1030 (note new start time)

12. Meeting Adjourned: 1500

13. Attendees: See attached attendance roster. Please report any attendance discrepancies or corrections/additions to the minutes.

Submitted by: John Erwin, Executive Officer