

NDIA SO/LIC DIVISION MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2017



1. **Call to Order, 1100am**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Greetings and Introductions:** Mike Kichman
4. **Chair Report:** Mick Kichman
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Symposium – Mike Kichman
 - i) Jared Ross will serve as the Chair, SO/LIC Symposium again next year.
 - ii) Key items:
 - (1) Symposium Theme: Couple of “DRAFT” perspectives for the 2018 Symposium in-line with USSOCOM current strategic communications
 - (a) Force Preservation and Warrior Effectiveness in the Long War
 - (b) Counter-proliferation and Combatting Global Networks
 - (2) Intend to publish SO/LIC Symposium theme and new location at SOFIC
 - (3) Discussion on the challenges to have classified sessions
 - (4) The location for the SO/LIC Symposium has moved to Crystal City Marriott; negotiation complete, contract pending. Expect greater participation from Pentagon offices.
 - (5) Draft agenda will be published soon
 - (6) Discussion to conduct a series of forums over the next 6-8 months that lead-up to the Symposium
 - (7) Banquet: Eileen will host the banquet again next year.
 - (8) Idea to conduct a Legislative Fly-In with HASC/SASC Members and professional staff
 - (9) JSOU Essay Contest: NSTR.
 - (10) Awards - Sam Morthland. NSTR.
 - b. Policy Liaison – Peter Spatharis, NSTR.
 - c. Communications – Randy Moulton
 - i) Need to reach a consensus on a distinct and separate social media platform – Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter etc. for Division Communications.
 - ii) Professional Development – Tim Davidson, NSTR
 - d. Operating – Steve Jones, NSTR
 - e. Outreach – Nader Elguindi

- i) The next SO/LIC Division social will be in Aug, date TBD.
- ii) Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels: Gold Level (1 available): \$1,200; Silver Level (2 available): \$600 each; Bronze Level (2 available): \$300 each
- f. Industry – John Erwin
 - i) Division Chair wants to develop a c-suite outreach campaign. More to follow.
 - ii) Recommended Mark Peterson, CFO/Comptroller, USSOCOM for an industry breakfast session to align with COCOM FY18 budget justification hearings.
- g. Protocol – Jared Ross, NSTR

6. Board of Advisors Report: Sam Morthland, NSTR

7. NDIA Staff Report: Christy Mason/Jessica Roman.

- a. Today is Jessica Roman’s last Division meeting. She and her family will relocate outside Philadelphia. No NDIA slated replacement as yet. We would like to sincerely thank Jessica for her many contributions and meticulous planning to ensure the successful execution of the 2017 SO/LIC Division Symposium and overall Division operations.
- b. Pass the word- NDIA has a number of open requisitions for employment to fill at multiple levels.
- c. New hotel contract for Crystal Gateway Marriott in pending.
- d. On 15 June 2017, General Herbert J. "Hawk" Carlisle assumes role of President and CEO of NDIA.

8. Old Business

- a. Need to finalize all Symposium outstanding “thank you” notes. Jessica sent out a list of remaining names.

9. New Business, NSTR

10. Good of the Division

- a. H. Wayne Gardner recently had triple bypass surgery and is recovering in Mary Washington Hospital. We send Wayne best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- b. Congratulations to Wade Ishimoto on his recent induction into the Hall of Fame.
- c. The Division will provide ANC internment details for Col (Ret) Jon “Scotty” Crerar when available.
- d. Rep. Mac Thornberry (Chairman, HASC) will receive the NDIA Eisenhower Award on May 18, 2017.
- e. Commander, USSOCOM and Acting Assistant Secretary for SO/LIC testify this week before SASC and HASC to provide a review and assessment of US SOF 30 years after the creation of USSOCOM. Links to podcast and hearing transcript will be provided to NDIA for distribution. (John Erwin)
- f. 10 JUN 2017 - The monthly SF-Ranger Breakfast: 0800 Hours-- American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst AVE, Springfield, VA 22150.
- g. 12-18 JUN 2017 - The Annual 2017 SFA International Conference Celebrating: UNCONVENTIONAL WARRIORS, THE MISSION CONTINUES -- Doubletree Inn, exit 49, I-95 Fayetteville NC (Registration and info: <http://2017sfaconference.com/>).

- h. 1-2 OCT 2017 – First Annual National Capital Region Green Beret Golf Classic - Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. Register at: <http://www.greenberetfoundation.org/green-beret-classic-natl-capital-region/>
- i. 21 OCT 2017—OSS Society’s William J. Donovan Award Dinner—The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C.

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 1100am

12. Meeting Adjourned: 11:45am

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

Submitted by: John Erwin, Executive Officer