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Message from the President

Greetings to our Membership and welcome to our 22nd year!

In December 2016, we held our General Membership Meeting in beautiful downtown St. Petersburg, FL. More than 200 attended our annual event including our keynote speaker, Mayor Rick Kriseman and additional speakers and guests from OSD, USACE, SERDP & ESTCP, NAVFAC, NOSSA, USEPA, and DoD. Speaker presentations have been posted to the NAOC website for download. I was particularly proud to share my hometown with my NAOC family. The event was a great success and comments have been nothing but positive. I was also tremendously proud of NAOC's generosity as we presented a check for more than \$5,000 to the EOD Warrior Foundation to support their great work.



I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Membership Committee for coordinating and putting together the 2016 Membership Meeting in St. Petersburg, FL. I cannot express in words how much planning and participation goes into the event – from location selection to manning the registration desk. I think I can say for the membership, “Bravo Zulu!”

As you know, each year the NAOC selects two highly-qualified individuals (nominated and selected by their industry peers) as recipients of its Leadership Service Award, one representing government and the other representing our industry. The award program is designed to recognize significant contributions made by individuals to advance the image and professionalism of the NAOC, the Munitions Response industry and/or service to the community. As always there are several candidates nominated and all candidates nominated are highly deserving of the awards. It was my honor to present and announce this year's two award recipients of the Government and Industry Leadership Awards to

Mr. Herb Nelson (SERDP&ESTCP) and Ms. Kyra Donnell (CH2M).



Congratulations for everything you have done for the industry and the association.

Dr. Herb Nelson currently serves as the acting Director of SERDP-ESTCP, DoD's environmental research arm. Prior to taking on this leadership role in April of 2016, he served as the SERDP-ESTCP Munitions Response Program Manager since 2008. Dr. Nelson has dedicated himself to technical solutions associated with detection and classification of MEC for more than 20 years. He has been a tremendous partner to the NAOA, collaborating in common efforts and supporting important information exchanges. Dr. Nelson is recognized as an MMRP industry leader in the development and technology transfer of new and innovative technologies including advanced geophysical classification methods and its supporting accreditation program and development of technologies to assist in the cleanup of munitions in marine environments.

Ms. Kyra Donnell has been involved with operational range, munitions response and demilitarization efforts since 1995, shortly after departing the Army as a Captain. During her time on active duty, Ms. Donnell served as an environmental engineer at Fort Sam Houston, TX, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, and Landstuhl, Germany. She additionally served 4 years in the USA Army Reserves as a Civil Affairs officer. She has supported the NAOA since 2010 when first volunteered "in absentia" by Ben Redmond as the new Member Services Chair. Kyra served the position during a period of great growth within the membership and greatly expanded the level of expectation for the venue of the annual membership meeting. Kyra has supported multiple committees and has served as Vice President since November 2015. Kyra is recognized for her hard work and dedication to the NAOA and its membership.

Now as we embark on a new year and a new Federal administration we face some of the old challenges but also new ones. In order to accomplish the years of hard work that the association has done it's important to maintain and always take on new challenges as our clients, and industry expect. This can only be done by hearing from the membership and membership participation in roles of leadership and committee participation. In closing please keep up the great work to make our association stronger than ever this year.

I am proud to announce the 2017 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs voted in during the December 2016 Board of Director Meeting.

For 2017, the following firms/individuals will serve on the Board of Directors:

- Acorn Science & Innovation: Dean Keiswetter
- ARCADIS: AL Larkins
- CH2M: Dr. George DeMetropolis
- EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. PBC : Rick Hanoski
- HHUX LLC: Ben Redmond
- Janus Global Operations: Matt Hulsey
- NAEVA: Alison Paski
- TetraTech: David Bell
- TLI Solutions: Chad Webb
- Weston Solutions: Ryan Steigerwalt
- ZAPATA: Mike Winningham

2017 Elected officers:

- President: Rick Hanoski, EA Engineering, Science & Technology
- Vice President: Kyra Donnell, TLI Solutions
- Secretary: Dean Keiswetter, ACORN SI
- Treasurer: Alison Paski, NAEVA Geophysics

2017 Committee Chairpersons:

- Member Services: Courtney Ingersoll, Arcadis
- Operations and Standards: Lanette Waite, Tetra Tech
- Government Affairs: 2 Tiers – see gov't affairs write-up in newsletter
- Technology: Jeff Leberfinger, TerranearPMC
- International Affairs: David Bell, TetraTech
- Small Business: David Nelson, ATI

This is that time of year when committee chairpersons will be reaching out to the membership for support. **Remember committees are open to anyone in your organization.** Committee participation is a great way to become involved with NAOOC and can be used as professional development opportunities for junior staff.

In closing I would like to say thank-you for the opportunity to serve this year as your President, and always, stay connected with the most recent news and information at www.NAOC.org, [Twitter \(follow@NAOC org\)](https://twitter.com/NAOC_org) and [LinkedIn](#).

Rick Hanoski
President, NAOOC

Message from our NAOC Vice President –

Ms. Kyra Donnell – kdonnell@tlisolutions.com

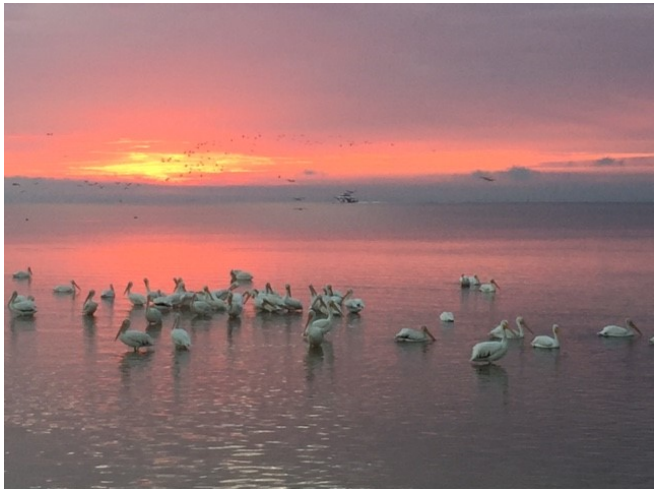
First and foremost, I want to thank the selection committee for honoring me with the 2016 Industry Leadership Award. I am truly flattered to be among the selectees. It was a tremendous surprise to say the least. I particularly want to recognize President, Rick Hanoski and his lovely wife and Member Services Chair, Courtney Ingersoll, and Nicole Sharkey of Weston for their hard work in bringing us this year's event. The annual meeting is a tremendous effort and this year's event was a huge success. In the event you weren't able to join us, the photo to the right was taken from the walking trail outside the beautiful Vinoy Resort.

With the new year, new work begins, and we kicked off the year with our first Board of Directors meeting held on January 24, 2017. Your Board discussed our current contract with Livingston Group, which provides our lobbying services, among other subjects of interest. All Board meetings are open to the membership and we encourage you to participate in person or by phone at our future meetings.

The NAOC President, Government Affairs Committee and Livingston Group are thick into planning for this year's annual Fly-In activities. Historically, the Fly-In has been extremely well attended and successful. Please look for the notice and details within this Newsletter. Along with the hill visits, we will again this year host a small number of government speakers and expect participation from OSD, USACE HQ, ITRC and others. Look for follow-on emails and announcements.

As a reminder, your Board exists to serve you and if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please share them with us!

Kyra Donnell
Vice President, NAOC



Message from our Member Services Chair –

Ms. Courtney Ingersoll - courtney.ingersoll@arcadis.com

2017 General Membership Meeting Review

Our annual meeting was held in December 2016 in sunny St Petersburg, Florida. Hosted by Mr. Rick Hanoski and his lovely wife, approximately 190 attendees and 20 speakers were in attendance and one of our largest to date. Our meeting sessions included a mix of technical and programmatic presentations as well as a training day set aside for USACE/NAVFAC Contractor Quality Management and Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity Material Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard sessions. The NAOC was extremely proud to highlight Mr. Eugene Collins, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health (DASA-ESOH) as our Keynote speaker. Government speakers included representatives of:

- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- US Department of State
- Navy Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC)
- Naval Laboratory Quality and Accreditation Office
- National Guard Bureau (NGB)
- Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (SERDP & ESTCP)
- US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health (OASD (EI&E)/ESOH)
- Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA)

This year's meeting included poster & table top exhibits to allow the membership to showcase technology and expertise. Our evening reception provided a wonderful environment for networking and reacquainting with old friends. We presented both the Government and Industry Leadership award at our reception to Dr. Herb Nelson, SERDP/ESTCP and Ms. Kyra Donnell, ch2m respectively.

We are extremely thankful to the member sponsors of this year's event: Leidos, Weston Solutions, Geosoft, BayWest, EA ES&T, Inc, Janus Global Operations LLC, ZAPATA, MuniRem Environmental, ch2m, Parsons, Senn Dunn, HDR and Alpine. Sponsors were recognized during the event with prominent display of the company logos.

This year we also recognized the EOD Warrior Foundation with a donation to their scholarship fund as well as proceeds from a 50/50 raffle and door prize raffle.

The event is a highlight of our organization and we extend our appreciation to all those who attended!

Message from our Small Business Committee Chair – *Mr. David Nelson* - David.Nelson@atiinc.com

Hello and welcome to 2017! The Small Business Committee is looking forward to an exciting yet what may be a challenging year with a new administration moving into new government roles. No matter whether it's a new administration or not, the challenges for small businesses to conduct business, gain market share, and grow are always present and that is why we need for you to join and participate in the Small Business Committee (SBC). Whichever socioeconomic model your company fits into, the SBC is the place to discuss the small business marketplace. Our meetings occur once a month and we are always looking for new members. Please let me know if you're interested.

A few items of interest for small businesses that occurred late in 2016 and early 2017 include the following:

- The SBA is conducting the third year of the InnovateHER: Innovating for Women Challenge (“the Challenge”), pursuant to the American Competes Act, for entrepreneurs to create a product or service that has a measurable impact on the lives of women and families, the potential for commercialization, and fills a need in the marketplace. The Challenge launched on December 29, 2016. The initial round of the Challenge will take the form of local competitions that will be run across the country beginning December 29, 2016, and ending no later than April 29, 2017. More information can be found here: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-29/pdf/2016-31470.pdf>
- The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 provided authority for the Small Business Administration to establish mentor-protégé programs for all small businesses. Rather than creating separate programs for each constituency of other socioeconomic groups, the SBA chose to create a single, all-inclusive mentor-protégé program modeled on the successful mentor-protégé program available to participants in its 8(a) program. As of November 1st, SBA's <https://certify.sba.gov> portal is operational and accepting applications for the new Small Business Mentor-Protégé program. A tutorial for the “all-small program” <https://www.sba.gov/tools/sba-learning-center/training/sbas-all-small-mentor-protege-program>
- At the tail end of 2016, SBA delivered its long-awaited Final Rule regarding lower-tier small business subcontracting plan credit. The SBA is amending its regulations to implement section 1614 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 to provide that where a prime contractor has a subcontracting plan for a specific prime contract with an executive agency, as required by Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act, the prime contractor will receive credit towards its subcontracting plan goals for awards made to small business concerns at any tier under the contract, to the extent reported under the subcontracting plan of a lower tier other than small subcontractor. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/23/2016-30874/credit-for-lower-tier-small-business-subcontracting>

Small businesses upped their efforts to bid on federal contracts, reporting a 72 percent increase in time and money devoted to winning a share of the government's \$90 billion procurement budget, according to the latest annual survey from the American Express OPEN for Government Contracting initiative. More info here: <http://www.govexec.com/contracting/2017/01/keep-winning-federal-contracts-small-business-say-they-have-spend-more/134380/?oref=channeltopstory>

Message from our Operations and Standards Committee Chair -

Ms. Lanette Waite – lanette.waite@tetrattech.com

Happy New Year from the Operations and Standards Committee (OSC)! The mission of our committee is to discuss operations and standards issues in the areas of safety, training, and technology as they relate to munitions response projects. We perform reviews of guidance documents, deliver webinars, and organize tiger teams to address and find solutions to issues of concern to our membership.

We are starting 2017 with two primary initiatives: researching the standardization of UXO accountability logbooks and review of the upcoming Munitions Response Quality Assurance Project Planning guidance. These are critical issues to our membership. The OSC will be soliciting input from the NAOC membership on these topics as the year progresses.

OSC partners with the Technology Committee to present a webinar series. We target 4-6 webinars to deliver to our membership throughout the year. The webinar series is intended to be a value-added benefit to you. As such, we welcome your suggestions for topics and presenters. We alternate our webinar series with the M2S2 series. Between our webinars and M2S2, our membership can participate in a free, top quality, informative webinar at least 8-10 months of the year. In 2017, we are trying to reach as many participants within our member companies as possible. We strongly encourage you to share the webinar registration information with your staff.

The OSC has been successful due to the terrific involvement of our committee and our Tiger Teams. We welcome new members, ideas, and topics for discussion! Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm EST. Please contact me if you would like to be added to our Committee roster.

Sincerely,
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Message from our Technology Chair –
Mr. Jeff Leberfinger, TerranearPMC LLC
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The Technology Committee will continue to provide information to the NAOC membership on technology updates that impact the member companies and the industry. Craig Murray of Parsons will serve as the Deputy Technology Committee Chairman. This year we have 62 members on the committee representing 37 member companies. We will also continue to work with the NAOC Board and all the committees providing support on technological issues.

Geosoft Inc. (Geosoft) and Acorn Science & Innovation, Inc. (Acorn) in conjunction with Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) are working on a new version of UX-Analyze. The new version of UX-Analyze is expected to be released tentatively in February or March. The new version will include all the new UX-Analyze features, such as a more efficient work flow and tools for dynamic target picking. Once the release date is set, a UX-Analyze training session will be planned for 2-3 days in Denver, Colorado sometime later in the spring. As soon as registration information is available it will be provided to NAOC member companies. The class size will be held to approximately 25 attendees. If there is sufficient interest, a second session will be held at a date and venue to be determined.

Geometrics (who has joined NAOC as a new member company) has sold 4 MetalMapper 2 x 2 systems to Arcadis, CH2M, Exploration Instruments, and Parsons. Geometrics is currently working with these companies and industry experts to work out bugs in the software and hardware. Testing of the new MetalMapper 2 x 2 updates will be performed at Blossom Point in February by ch2m and Arcadis. An update on the current status of the MetalMapper 2 x 2 will be presented on the March 1st Technology Committee Call and will present a more detailed history and details of the MetalMapper 2x2 at the SAGEEP conference the week of March 20th, 2017.

The DoD Advance Geophysical Classification Accreditation Program (DAGCAP) Root Cause Analysis training for NAOC has been set for March 13, 2017 at the A2LA facility in Frederick, Maryland. The format will be similar to the previous DAGCAP QSR training with the training being done by the two DAGCAP Accrediting Bodies' (LAB and A2LA) and EDQW and DoD. The class would be geared for anyone who would be working on root cause analysis for DAGCAP projects including PMs, Project and QC Geophysicists, and DAGACP quality managers. The class will be one day in duration. There is a \$75 per person fee. The registration link for the root cause training is now active <http://www.cvent.com/d/kvqg6y/4W>.

Message from our International Chair –

Mr. David Bell david.bell@tetrattech.com

With the New Year, underway, we expect opportunities in the international arena to become more prevalent and increasingly important to the governments of many countries, as well as to a host of companies and organizations for whom UXO and ERW are problems of considerable importance to their goals and agendas.

One goal of the International Affairs Committee is to both expose and position NAOOC membership to evaluate and address these opportunities as they become available. What the membership of NAOOC can bring to international clients dealing with munitions-related problems is a world-class set of experience, capabilities, and technologies. And while competition, teaming, and collaboration occurs among the many member companies of this organization, it is important that we work together to enable NAOOC to bring our collective capabilities to a wide variety of international clients and partners in the most productive and cost-competitive manner possible.

We will be transitioning over the next month or so from the outstanding leadership of this committee that Mr. Matt Hulsey (matt.hulsey@janusgo.com) provided for the past two years, and we should all take the opportunity to thank Matt for his very valuable contributions to keeping NAOOC well-positioned in the international market space. Matt will be serving as Assistant Chair for the committee and will be working with me during the transition, as well as moving this committee forward this year.

In moving forward, I would like to extend an invitation to the NAOOC membership to become involved with this committee. I would also like to ask current committee membership to reach out to me with your interest in continuing to participate this year (david.bell@tetrattech.com). We will be scheduling conference calls to gather on a regular basis, with the first of these meetings scheduled for Tuesday, 14 February.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for allowing me to serve NAOOC, both through election to the Board and through leadership of this committee. There are many exciting things coming, and we need to work hard to keep NAOOC positioned to support these international needs.

Message from our Government Affairs

Rick Hanoski - rhanoski@eaest.com (Interim)

GAC now consists of two tiers. The first tier consists of five members the Chairperson, and four volunteers from the Board of Directors. Those members are Ben Redmond (HHUX LLC), Matt Hulsey (Janus), David Bell (Tetra Tech), Ryan Steigerwald (Weston), and myself (Chairperson). The second tier is comprised of members from within the membership. You will see a call for GAC members prior to the next GAC meeting. This reorganization was made in order to better focus on the association governmental concerns and utilization of The Livingston Group.

The GAC goals this year are a bit different than in the past. As always, sustained funding is a standard without saying and that the MMRP budget is generally underfunded with respect to the overall liability. Another topic is make our legislators aware of the trend we are seeing in government to use "Low Prices/Technically Acceptable" (LPTA) in Federal contracting. LPTA paired with Performance Based Acquisition is a dangerous combination for our members. I would recommend that our membership review the Memorandum from the Under Secretary of Defense dated 04 March 2015 and in the DoD Source Selection Procedures dated 01 April 2016.

Another concern and goal is the MMRP budget in the Environmental Restoration (ER) Account. We have looked at the historical Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) budget plans vs obligated funds (budget plans is always higher and obligation lower) with respect to overall funding levels, plus ups, etc., and will lobby Congress on that fact. Our concern is that the timeline for MMRP (the famous "X" Chart) is continually moving to the right due to the delays in the IRP close out, and with the emerging contaminants eventually merging into DERP (as we heard from the Armed Services committee), the issue is going to balloon over the next year and the overall DERP account will be expended to combat those issues versus explosive hazards.

Capital Fly-in Mar 2017

Our Annual Fly-in is next week! With a new Congress and Administration, this year will be an important one to enhance NAOC's visibility and raise awareness of the issues of importance to its members. The annual fly-in will take place in Washington, DC on March 7-8 and will consist of presentations on the political landscape as well as the military munitions response industry. We will also schedule Hill visits to Congressional offices to promote NAOC priorities and raise awareness of the work our members are doing in a large number of states and congressional districts. This is a great opportunity to promote NAOC and our agenda. I am sure you will find participation very rewarding and worthwhile.

We ask that you please participate in the Fly-In. Your voice and presence is key in accomplishing our association goals. As you know, there are a lot of groups that are always in front of our legislators and if we don't stand up for our industry and follow up, then our voice and concerns will not be heard.

We look forward to seeing you in March for the Fly-In and pass the word, more the merrier!

In Memory

Ms. Marlene English

Marlene Elizabeth English, “Molly”, entered into eternity on August 4, 2016. Marlene was born on June 6, 1968 to Lyle and Linda English of Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Marlene is a graduate of Mount Pleasant Community School, class of 1986, as well as a graduate of the University of Iowa, majoring in Political Science. During her studies at Iowa, Marlene was able to live out her passion for travel as she enrolled at Lancaster University in England in 1989, studying there for a year. Marlene also loved France and became a passionate student of the French language. Her love of the French people would eventually lead to her moving to France, settling in Lyon, France in 1992.

Marlene was a dreamer who was driven to make her dreams a reality. Marlene’s most ambitious dream was to serve her country by working for the government in Washington D.C. Although she received much opposition and discouragement from many naysayers, she remained true to herself and persevered, eventually working her way from small town Iowa to the halls of Congress and Capitol Hill. Marlene took great pride in being a “small town girl from Iowa living out her dream of living and working in Washington.” Marlene’s commitment to her dream provided for her ample opportunities to be a witness of and contributor to the political history of the country that she loved. Marlene considered it an honor and privilege to have served and worked for such leaders as Congressman Jim Lightfoot and President George W Bush, as well as campaigning recently for Senator Joni Ernst and many others. Marlene also loved having the opportunities to attend, and serve at, numerous presidential conventions and inaugurations.

Marlene’s love for politics was rivaled only by her love for those men and women who have served, or currently serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces. Marlene devoted much of her time and resources to honoring the service of those sacrificing their lives for the security of our country. She volunteered time with the USO and loved being a part of the Honor Flights that brings veterans of World War II to their national memorial. Her greatest badge of honor though, was being referred to as the “cookie lady” by the numerous soldiers she baked thousands of cookies for who were serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. These soldiers were so grateful for Marlene’s service that they pooled their money together and surprised her with a red Kitchen Aid stand mixer, which she treasured.

Marlene was also passionate about running. She ran in numerous events around the country. Her passion for running culminated in her achieving yet another lofty goal, qualifying to run in the Boston Marathon in 2013.

Marlene was many things in life, but most importantly, she was a tremendously loved daughter, sister, aunt, niece, sister-in-law, cousin, and friend. Her life, though short, was very full and has left an indelible mark on all those who knew her. Those of us who knew Marlene are grateful to God for blessing us for 48 years with her life. All who have been so blessed have had their lives truly enriched by Marlene. Though gone from our presence, her life continues in all those she’s touched and the memories she contributed to making.

Welcome New Members

1. **Na Ali'i Consulting & Sales LLC** - <http://www.na-alii.com>
2. **Buffalo Restoration LLC** – <https://www.buffalorestorationllc.com/>
3. **Battlefield Clearance Team Licensing, Co.** – <http://www.bctluxo.com/>
4. **R3 Strategic Support Group (R3SSG)** - <http://www.r3ssg.com>
5. **Geometrics** – <http://www.geometrics.com>
6. **UEG, Inc. dba, UNITEK ENVIRONMENTAL GUAM-** www.unitekguam.com

Schedule of Industry Events – 2016

Feb 28, 2017	ESTCP/SERDP In Progress Reviews (IPRs), Arlington, VA
March 13, 2017	LAB/A2LA DAGCAP Root Cause Analysis Class, Frederick MD
March 28, 2017	NAOC Webinar - M.Y.S.T.I.C : Munitions Yoking Software
May 8-10, 2017	SAME Omaha Post Industry Day Omaha, NE
May 22 – 25, 2017	2017 Bioremediation Symposium Miami, FL
May 23-25, 2017	SAME JETC Columbus OH
Nov 28-30, 2017	SERDP and ESTCP Symposium, Washington DC