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ASMDA Holds 15th Annual Membership Luncheon

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The Air, Space, and Missile Defense Association (ASMDA) held their 2010 Annual Membership Luncheon in the Von Braun Center's North Hall in Huntsville, Alabama on 29 January. The audience of 400 included some special guests including Congressman Parker Griffith, representing the 5th Alabama District, and his wife Virginia; Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command / U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command, and his wife, Kathy; Brigadier General (Promotable) Genaro "Gino" J. Dellarocco, Program Executive Officer, Missiles and Space; Mayor Tommy Battle, Mayor of Huntsville; Mr. Taylor Edge, representing Mayor Finley, the Mayor of Madison; Mr. Gene Tackett, Mr.

Michael Galloway, and Mr. Robert Labranch, representing Congressman Griffith; Dr. Steven Messervy, Deputy to the commander for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Mr. Larry Burger, Director of the SMDC Space & Missile Defense Future Warfare Center; Ms. Pam McCue, Director of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center; Mr. Robert Devlin, Deputy Director of the Office of Center



Operations at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center; Mr. Steve Pearson, Supervisor Space Systems Department of the Engineering Directorate at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center; Ms. Debra Wymer, Director of the SMDC Test and Warfighter Solutions Center; Dr. Mike Lavan, Director of the Technology Directorate in the SMDC Technology Center; Mr. George Snyder, Chief Technology Officer at SMDC; Ms. Cathy Dickens, Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC) SMDC/ARSTRAT; and Ms. Loretta Spencer, former Mayor of Huntsville.

In his opening comments, Dr. Rodney Robertson, the 2009 ASMDA President, recognized the Association's corporate sponsors and the important role they play in maintaining ASMDA's active role in community support. He also recognized the strategic partners of ASMDA: the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the Air Defense Artillery Association (ADAA). Many times the challenges are too big for one organization, so during the past several years, the local area trend has been to co-sponsor events and causes. Dr Robertson stressed, "We are all working together to benefit the Tennessee Valley and Team Redstone." Dr. Robertson also emphasized that NASA is one of the key government organizations supported by ASMD and reminded the audience that Friday, January 29th, was the NASA Day of Remembrance and that on this annual Day of Remembrance, NASA pauses to honor the fallen heroes of Apollo 1, Challenger, and Columbia and all the members of the NASA Family who have lost their lives furthering the cause of exploration and discovery. The audience joined together in recognizing the NASA Day of Remembrance by bowing their heads and sharing a moment of silence.

As ASMDA completes its 15th year, ASMDA is very proud of the role it plays in contributing to the advancement of a common understanding of the vital importance of space and missile defense systems to our national defense. Dr Robertson provided an overview of some of the tremendous accomplishments by the Association in 2009:

- ASMDA continued to co-sponsor the annual Space & Missile Defense Conference, which grew to an all time record in attendance and exhibits in 2009.
- ASMDA continued its community support by providing Space Camp scholarships to 16 very deserving children from across the world!
- ASMDA, along with NDIA and UAH, co-sponsored the 9th annual Adventures in Engineering Day on September 30th. ASMDA also co-sponsored (with NDIA and ADAA) NEPA's Space and Missile Defense Student Day on 20 October at the Space and Rocket Center. These events encouraged over 450 students to go into science and engineering.
- The ASMDA "Loretta Spencer" College Scholarship Program annually awards scholarships to encourage interest in science and engineering. In 2009, ASMDA awarded 5 scholarships, each for \$4000.

ASMDA's impressive accomplishments in 2009 would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of those who serve on the ASMDA Board of Directors. An important part of each annual membership luncheon is the nomination of next year's Board of Directors. In accordance with the ASMDA charter, establishing the Board and Trustees requires a majority vote of the general membership. The vote was taken and the 2010 ASMDA Board of Directors and Trustees was approved.

The 2010 ASMDA Board Officers are Mr. Bob Pollard (President) and Ms. Debra Wymer (Vice President). The 2008-2009 returning Board Members are Jess Granone, Tom Newberry, Rod Summers, Pete Wieland, Bob Devlin, Chuck Dreissnack, Joel Thomas, Angie McCarter, Melanie Baker, and Norma Osborne. The newly nominated 2010 ASMDA Board Members are Colonel Alvin Kemmet, Carol Tucker, Noel Paschal, Bob

Reville, Dave Diaddario, Brenda Armstrong, and Bill Elliot. Stacey McSweeney will continue to serve as the ASMDA Secretary. Garth Bloxham will continue to serve as the ASMDA Treasurer.



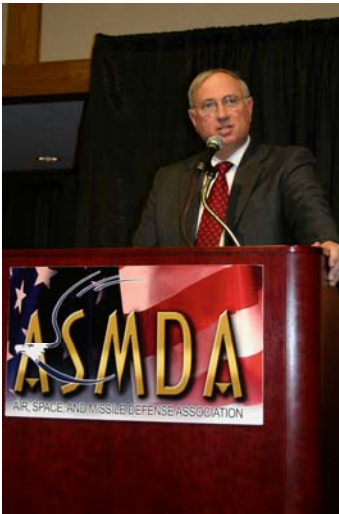
Ex-officio Board members are CSM Ralph Borja - representing the soldiers of SMDC, Larry Becker – the ASMDA representative to the Space and Missile Defense Conference Planning Committee, Dave Diaddario - Chairman of the Adventures in Engineering Committee, Troy Trulock – Chairman of the ASMDA Education Committee, and Loretta Spencer – Chairwoman of the ASMDA Scholarship Committee. Dr. Julian Davidson, Mr. Pete Schofield, Mr. Ron Gray, and Mr. Steve Kuffner will serve on the 2010 Board of Trustees.



In addition to being the guest speaker at ASMDA's 15^h Annual Luncheon, Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell was presented the 2009 ASMDA President's Award. General Campbell assumed command of the US Army Space and Missile Defense Command on 18 December 2006. During his tenure as the SMDC commander, General Campbell has been at the forefront of our nation's

strategic defense and the rapidly evolving role of the U.S. Army in Space. A true friend of the Association, General Campbell shared his thoughts on the current status of the U.S. Army, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the future impact of technology in an asymmetrical world, and the future of Space and Missile Defense.

Following the presentation of the 2009 ASMDA President's Award, Dr Robertson and General Campbell presented several achievement awards. Special achievement awards are presented to members of Huntsville community who significantly impacted ASMDA by their dedication and contributions. These annual ASMDA awards honor both Government and Industry technical and service accomplishments. A total of twelve presentations were made this year in recognition of exceptional achievement contributing significantly to the development, test, and deployment of air, space, and missile defense systems. ASMDA presented awards in four categories: Technical Achievement Award – Government, Technical Achievement Award – Contractor, Service Excellence Award – Government, and Service Excellence Award Contractor.



After the lunch, Mr. Bob Pollard stated, “I am very proud to be the 2010 ASMDA President and we look forward to another productive year supporting the Redstone Arsenal/Madison County communities. The Association has an established record of working towards a common understanding of space and missile defense systems in our community. I am also very proud of our recent support of local veteran support organizations. I plan to continue these trends. We will also continue to work closely with both NDIA and ADAA. I see our greatest challenge is to continuing to support the integration of the new BRAC government organizations unto our common umbrella of support. Not only to the benefit of these organizations, but our community as a whole.”



The Air, Space, and Missile Defense Association (ASMDA) is a non-profit organization promoting the defense of our Nation through strong space and missile defense programs. ASMDA's fundamental purpose is to provide programs and support for activities contributing to the advancement of a common understanding of the vital importance of space and missile defense systems to our national defense. ASMDA qualifies as a tax exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID#: 31-1466898).