



EASTERN SHORE DEFENSE ALLIANCE

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Hails and Farewells: From the new Chair at ESDA.

Over the past four years, I have attended the Eastern Shore Defense Alliance (ESDA) meetings and have watched it grow to a new standing within the national defense industries, throughout state and local political environments, and within our local industries, corporations, and organizations located on the Eastern Shore. This growth is largely due to the efforts of our outgoing Director, Mr. Steven Habeger. Please join me in wishing Steve a healthy and enjoyable retirement, as he transitions out of ESDA and moves onto new challenges. Thank You Steve for all of you time and effort.

It is with great pride and humility that I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence at our meeting last week and proves that on the Eastern Shore, opportunities exist for everyone. Six years ago, my family and I moved to the area from Australia to take on a temporary position to work and build on the dynamic and growth oriented Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) market with NASA, Wallops Island. Like many before me, my family and I fell in love with the Shore not only for its beauty and pleasant living, but also for the fine people I now consider close friends, colleagues, and business associates.

As I move into the position of Chairman, I feel that one of my first functions will be to re-examine the mission, goals, and vision of the ESDA that were originally drafted in 2002. As we all know, time marches on and we must continually be flexible in our thinking and attitudes to change with the times. At this time, now, it is my hope that we can come together and renew our commitments, embrace new ideas and technologies, and use them as a force to improve and promote the growth of government and commercial programs and business opportunities for all of us on “our” Eastern Shore.

As Chairman of the Eastern Shore Defense Alliance I look forward to navigating our organization into the future and all of the good things that can come with working together for the greater good.

Very Respectfully

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