

June 2006

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! I hope most of you are preparing for the UXO/Countermine/Range Forum to be held in Las Vegas from July 11th to July 14th. If you have not noticed, this Forum has some changes from past Forums. The Department of Defense (DOD) has included Ranges as a part of the program along with sessions on IEDs, hence the new name for the Forum, i.e., "UXO/Countermine/Range Forum 2006."

There are two Key Speakers that have been asked to open the Forum. Addison D. (Tad) Davis, IV, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment). While Secretary Davis has only been in his current position since last fall, he is keenly aware of the issues we face in cleaning up UXO and is very supportive of our Association.

Montgomery Meigs, General, US Army Retired is the Director Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) and will be addressing the one of the most important issues facing the War Fighter of today, the Defeat of IEDs in the War on Terrorism.

I want to dedicate part of this news letter to report on how it appears we have done on the legislative and government policy front. Based on what is currently contained within both the Senate and House version of the Defense Appropriations Act we could have a very successful year that benefits our membership.

In the multiple meetings I have had with key policy makers over the last year on behalf of NAO, I have been warned not to expect increases in funding for UXO cleanup in 2006 and 2007 because of the deficient in spending and the War on Terrorism. While we chose to charge ahead with our lobbying effort, I thought if we could hold the current funding levels or not see any significant cuts, we could say we had a good year.

As is usually the case, the Senate and House have different versions of the same legislation. Both versions accomplish most of the NAO goals for 2006. The differences will be reconciled in a joint conference between the Senate and the House. The bottom line is there should be an increase in funding for the Legacy BRAC account fenced for cleanup of UXO; an increase in the Environmental Restoration account for FUDS, and an increase in funding for research for UXO cleanup.

This is a major accomplishment for NAO and reflects the hard work done on a number of fronts. Our Government Affairs Committee, Chairperson Victoria Kantsios, and our Lobbyist Charles Monfort and Patty Lewis of Monfort-Lewis LLC, along with all the member companies and their representatives that have provided support for our annual "Lobby Day" and continued to maintain contact with their Congressional representatives in their home districts, all deserve credit for the success we are having on the legislative and policy front. To each of you, I extend my sincerest Thank You and Congratulations!!! You are what this Association is all about and the reason for the success we are having.

Hope to see you at the Forum!



Ben Redmond

Upcoming Events

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| July 10, 2006 | NAOC Board of Directors Meeting
UXO Forum - MGM Grand (see pg 9 for more info)
Las Vegas, NV |
| July 11, 2006 | NAOC Client Event
UXO Forum - MGM Grand
Invitation Only |
| July 11-14, 2006 | UXO/Countermine/Range Forum 2006
MGM Grand
Las Vegas, NV
www.theforum2006.com |
| Aug. 7 - 10, 2006 | 2006 Army ITAM Workshop
Manhattan, KS
https://srp.army.mil/ITAM/Workshop/UpcomingWorkshop.aspx?AreaId=5 |
| Aug. 22-24, 2006 | DoD Explosives Safety Board's 32nd Explosives Safety Seminar
Philadelphia, PA
www.cpia.jhu.edu/meetings/index.php?action=ddesb |
| Nov. 28-30, 2006 | Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium and Workshop
Washington, DC
www.serdp.org |

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Operations and Standards

Well it's been 6 months since the last newsletter and I just don't know where the time has gone. We have been busy, and things continue to look bright for the future. During the last 6 months we have assisted the Army Environmental Center and the DoD Operational and Environmental Executive Steering Committee for Munitions (OEESCM) workgroup on MPPEH to gather information from our member companies to develop a business process analysis, so DoD can develop a management strategy leading to a DoD MPPEH Management Manual. We have also provided for review and comment on the final draft of the MEC Hazard Assessment. We had a good response from our member companies, whose input was consolidated and provided to Kevin Oakes of EPA for consideration.

Recently we received for review the proposed revision to ER 1110-1-8153, Military Munitions Response Process, from the Huntsville Center, which was sent to all member companies for review and comment. Those comments will be consolidated and provided to the BOD for approval by the time of this article's posting. This was once again an opportunity for the NAOC to provide constructive input to the regulation of our industry.

The focus now is on the upcoming 2006 UXO Forum, and I look forward to hearing the briefs and latest developments, but most importantly getting together with old friends and seeing how big the same old stories have grown in the past year. See ya in Vegas."

Government Affairs

Whew, this has been a very busy spring for Government Affairs. Below is a quick look of what has happened since January.

Lobby Day 2006 was held 8 - 9 February 2006. This was the largest ever with 30 NAOC participants attending 64 meetings with Congressional Members and staff. This year we were honored to have as our keynote speakers, Representative Don Manzullo (R - IL), Mr. Alex Beehler, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, and Representative Sam Farr (D - CA). They joined us to discuss their perspectives on the Military Munitions Response Program. Thank you to the NAOC members who took the time to come to Washington, DC and share our story.

In March, our President Mr. Ben Redmond, had the honor of testifying before the House Appropriations, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. This subcommittee is responsible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program accounts (the accounts designated for the cleanup of MEC).

On April 25, 2006, Representative Early Blumenauer (D - OR), supported by Representatives Sam Farr (D - CA), Frank Pallone (D - NJ), Jim McDermott (D - WA), and Ed Case (D - HI), introduced the Military Range Legacy Act of 2006. The stated goal of this legislation "is to improve the effectiveness of Department of Defense programs for the remediation of unexploded ordnance on former defense sites, and for other purposes." This bill was referred to the Committee on Armed Services for consideration.

May brought us the Senate and House versions of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2007. A synopsis of the provisions included in these bills is below.

Provision	Senate	House
Increased Funding for Environmental Restoration Program	X	
Identify DoD UXO Program Manager		X
Response Plan for Remediation of Military Munitions	X	
Military Munitions Disposal Sites in Ocean Water	X	

I thank all of you for your support this year. With the MMRP provisions pending before Congress, it seems our voices are being heard.

Finally, if you are interested in the legislative process or are interested in Department of Defense policy affecting our industry, please consider becoming a member of the Government Affairs Committee. This is an opportunity to provide your insight and experience to influence the policies that govern our industry. I wish you a great summer and hope to see all of you at the UXO/Countermines/Range Forum.

Technology

Committee Members: Jeff Leberfinger Jonathan Sperka
Ken Ford Patrick McDonnell
James Putnam Tom Bell

The Technology Committee was well represented at our annual Lobby Day on Capitol Hill in February. Over half the committee participated. As expected, technology and technology transfer were “hot” topics of discussion. This led to the committee formulating our own information paper specific to technology transfer. Charles Monfort and I met with Kevin Jones, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, on March 31st. Our meeting was well received, and we were invited to submit a draft Defense funding request for UXO tech transfer, which we did, requesting that a portion of additional funding be specifically dedicated to technology transfer.

SERDP/ESTCP in-progress review meetings were held February 21-22 and May 2-4 in Arlington, Virginia. Tom Bell, Patrick McDonnell, and Eric Spillman attended the February meetings, and Jonathan Sperka and Tom Bell represented the Technology Committee in the May meetings. R&D project topics presented were UXO Site Protocols/Survey Support, Detection/Discrimination, Remediation, Underwater Technologies, Sensor Development, and Prevention.

I also had the honor of participating in the selection of presentations for the UXO Forum in July. Over 100 abstracts were reviewed and scored.

Thanks to all committee members for your support and I look forward to seeing you again at the UXO Forum in Las Vegas in July.

Member Services

Our membership continues to grow. We now have 53 members. Our new members since January are EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc., and MARRS Services, Inc. In addition to signing up new members, the Member Services Committee has been busy planning meeting and conference events for NAOC.

NAOC is proud to again co-sponsor the UXO Forum which will be held at the MGM Grand Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, July 10-14 (www.theforum2006.com). We have several events planned for our membership during the conference, beginning with a Board of Directors meeting from noon to 3 pm Monday July 10th at the MGM. The Board of Directors meetings are always open to our members. The exhibit setup begins on Monday and the hall opens Monday evening. We appreciate the support of those of you who have volunteered to help set up and staff the booth during the conference. Special thanks to Suzy Cantor-McKinney for coordinating the booth assignment schedule, and to Ruanne Mikkelsen for coordinating the booth activities during the conference.

The NAOC will be hosting an invitation-only hospitality event at the UXO Forum on Tuesday evening with an open bar. More details will be provided as the plans are finalized. Please stop by the NAOC booth when you arrive at the conference to confirm your time to staff the booth, and for final details on our hospitality event.

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to our customers around the world

CH2MHILL is a global full-service project delivery firm providing design, construction and program management services in energy, environmental, water and wastewater, transportation, industrial, and telecommunications operations.

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USA Environmental, Inc. (USA) is a small business providing Munitions Response Services, including characterization and remediation of federal and non-government sites contaminated with Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC). Since 1998, we worked on over 390 MEC projects/task orders worldwide from Okinawa, Japan to Baghdad, Iraq and from the Aleutian Islands to the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico. We performed this work as both a prime contractor and subcontractor. Our completed projects have ranged from small single-objective task orders to large, complex, multi-year, multi-site programs.

The majority of our work is performed for the U.S. Government, including the Navy, Air Force and Army, especially the Corps of Engineers. USA performs the entire spectrum of MEC work, including archival searches, PA/SI, RI/FS and EE/CA's and removal actions and disposals for UXO, UXO-scrap and range targets. USA's attention to quality work and safe procedures has led to an impressive insurance Experience Modification Rate (EMR) of 0.69 for 2005.

USA employs over 140 personnel, including all field operations UXO-related labor categories. Our Corporate Safety and Quality Managers ensure that our field operations adhere to USA's Corporate Health and Safety and Site Work Plans and they maintain our Standard Operating Procedures. USA employs licensed Professional Engineers, as well as Geophysicists, Geophysical Data Collection Operators, GPS Surveyors, GIS Management and Certified Safety and Quality Control Professionals. We operate a government-audited accounting, billing, purchasing and property tracking system at our Tampa headquarters.

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Member Spotlight:



NAEVA Geophysics (NAEVA) is a small business service company that conducts geophysical surveys for subsurface investigation, with special expertise in digital geophysical mapping (DGM) for detection and discrimination of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC). NAEVA has over 40 years experience in conducting geophysical surveys for over 200 government and private industry clients. Offices are maintained in Charlottesville, Virginia, Congers (Rockland County), New York, and Baltimore, Maryland. Trained, experienced crews with state-of-the-art equipment and advanced processing capabilities ensure superior performance, meeting all government standards, in project planning / survey design, data acquisition, data processing, and interpretation.

DGM Surveys for MEC can be conducted using person-portable or vehicle towed-array systems using electromagnetics or magnetics methods. NAEVA maintains and operates several towed-array systems consisting of two to three sensors mounted on a wheeled platform, or setup in a sled configuration for both land and water. These systems have been equipped with Trimble's EZ steer system which automates steering of the tow vehicle. In addition to the numerous MEC site surveys conduct over the past 10 years, NAEVA has shown outstanding results at many government-sponsored geophysical technology demonstrations on both land and underwater, such as Jefferson Proving Grounds, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Yuma Proving Grounds, Blossom Point, Vicksburg, Waikoloa, Adak Island and Mare Island Naval Shipyard. The unique combination of assets and experience places NAEVA in an unrivaled position to provide both proven and innovative technology for anomaly detection of UXO. Please consider NAEVA for your geophysical needs.

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NAOC Position on Senate and House Authorization Bill

The Association supports all the provisions on unexploded ordnance in the Senate and House authorization bills, but we seek your special support during conference for two specific elements, which are extremely important to our Association. These two provisions, which are critical to the execution of the MMRP are:

- Senate language increasing Operation and Maintenance funding for Environmental Restoration contains an additional \$40M for FUDS and an additional \$50M for legacy BRAC.
- Senate language establishing specific DoD milestones for the remediation of Military Munitions.

Once again, on behalf of the 53 businesses that comprise the National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors, representing more than 250,000 employees working in all 50 states and more than 45 countries overseas, I appreciate your industry interest and continuing support in keeping our citizens safe from the hazards of unexploded ordnance.

NEWS

There were several emails of NAOC news distributed over last few months. Files were too large to include but we have listed the topics and dates they were sent - you can reference your email or contact the email recipient.

- **Federal legislators vote to require the military to study the health impact of ocean-dumped chemical weapons.** BY JOHN M.R. BULL <<mailto:jbull@dailypress.com>> 247-4768 May 11, 2006

Email from Ben Redmond on May 12th @ 8:45am

- **NAOC efforts on Capital Hill**

- ✓ Info from Senate and House on the Defense Authorization Act
- ✓ Funding Increase for UXO cleanup on order of \$50M for BRAC and \$40M for FUDS.
- ✓ Key Points
 - Provisions requires DOD to establish goals and provide plan to Congress for cleanup of UXO – this will result in additional funding over the next few years.

Email from Ben Redmond on May 12th @ 8:40am

- **Senate Authorization Action**

- ✓ FY07 National Defense Authorization Action House Provisions was filed on May 10th. Should be available soon.

Email from P. Lewis @ Monfort Lewis on May 10th @ 8:42pm and Charles Monfort on May 10th @ 3:30pm

- **Recent MM CX Interim Guidance**

- ✓ Updated policy from Huntsville Center, US Army Corps of Engineers
- ✓ Interim Guidance documents that will be posted to the MM CX Website
 - MM CX IG 06-04 concerning the Military Munitions Response Process
 - MM CX IG 06-05 (handling UXO found while conducting a PA or SI)
 - MM CX IG 06-06 on Abbreviated Accident Prevention Plans (AAPP) former ASSHP's

Email from Ben Redmond on May 8th @ 9:09pm

- **HR 5172 IH – Military Range Legacy Act of 2006**

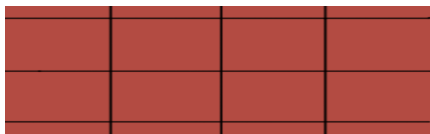
- ✓ Pending before Congress

Email from Ben Redmond on May 5th @ 6:38pm

- **FY07 UXO Tech Transfer Request**

- ✓ Funding request for UXO Technology Transfer submitted to House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense by Rep. Earl Blumenauer.
- ✓ House Committee released tentative schedule for subcommittee markup.
 - Military Quality of Life – week of May 8th
 - Defense – week of June 5th
 - No work on Senate Appropriations Committee schedule

Email from Charles Monfort on April 28th @ 10:32pm

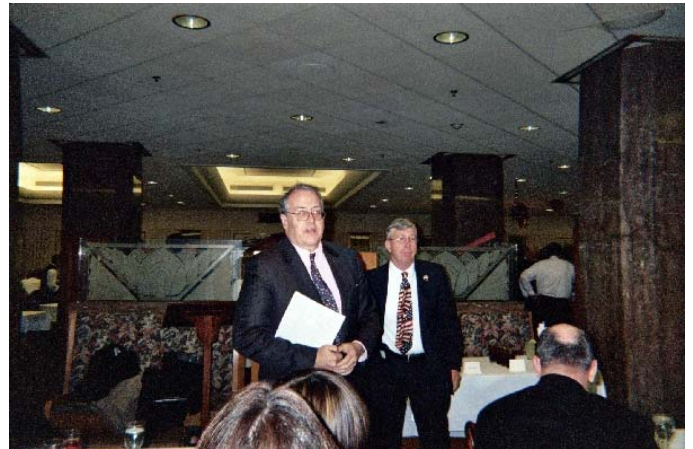


NAOC Photo Gallery -

Things that happened

Things that are going on

NAOC LOBBY DAY



Mr. Alex Beehler presenting at the NAOC Lobby Day 2006



Representative Sam Farr (CA) presenting at the NAOC Lobby Day 2006



Contractor Breakfast was sponsored by several firms and Representative Manzullo (IL) and a Spokesperson from Representative Blumenauer's office (OR) spoke to the group.

Upcoming NAOC Events

2006 UXO FORUM NAOC EVENTS

NAOC Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the NAOC Board of Directors will be conducted on Monday, July 10, 2006 starting at 12:30pm - 3:00pm local time at the MGM Grand Hotel (Rm 201 - 2nd floor conference center) in Las Vegas, Nevada. All members are invited to attend.

DRAFT AGENDA:

Welcome and Review Agenda B. Redmond

Secretary's Report H. Polinsky
 - Newsletter
 - Correspondence

Treasurer's Report J. Chionchio
 - 2006 Budget Status
 - Draft 2007 Budget Approval
 - Endowment Fund
 - Membership Cancellations

Committee/Subcommittee Chairperson Reports:

Government Affairs V. Kantsios
 - DAA Position Paper
 - DOD/Hill Meetings

Operations and Standards D. Keller
 - Completed and Pending Reviews
 - DDESB TP 18 Qualifications - Action Plan

Technology Committee J. Allan

Member Services Committee N. Kowbe
 - Membership Status
 - Fall Membership Meeting

Old Business All
 - Fund Raising Opportunities J. Chionchio
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 - White Paper - Media consultant H. Polinsky
 - NAOC Newsletter Paid Advertisements V. Kantsios
 - Lobbyist Contract Status B. Redmond
 - Desk Top Procedures BOD

New Business All
 - ATF Requirements H. Heaton
 - Discussion of Response to AF Letter B. Redmond

NAOC UXO FORUM
Client Event
for
Member Companies & their Guests

When: Tuesday, July 11th, 2006

Where: MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV
(Rm 319 - 3rd floor)

What: Cocktails

Who: Member Companies and their Guest
By Invitation Only

Each member company will receive 4 invitations that can be picked up at the NAOC Booth. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$30. Please see Nelline Kowbel either at the NAOC or Malcolm Pirnie Booth. Additional tickets will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

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