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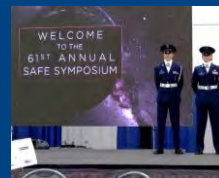
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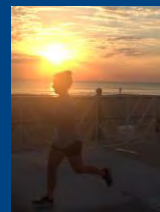
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Langley Air Force Base Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard Cadets perform as Award Proffers for 2023 SAFE Symposium Closing Awards Ceremony



### On the Back Cover

2023 SAFE 5K Runner passes the rising Sun along Virginia Beach, Virginia's famous beach where the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay meet.



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# President's Message

By Nicole Stefanoni | SAFE Association President

I hope 2024 has been treating all of you well thus far! There is an inherent excitement at the start of a new year – new beginnings and a new blank slate that gives opportunity for setting goals to be accomplished in the year ahead. Whether you're continuing on the path you started in years prior or starting on a completely new journey, I hope that you are able to leverage the benefits of being a member of the SAFE Association to reach success.

As you read through this newsletter, you will get to read about all the great things the SAFE Association Board of Directors accomplished within their roles and respective committees. The members of our Board were determined, dedicated and enthusiastic throughout 2023 and their efforts resulted in another successful year for the SAFE Association. A fantastic Symposium, like the one we were a part of in Virginia Beach, is always a momentum builder. As each Symposium wraps-up, it may seem like a great time to take a breather, but the SAFE BoD uses that momentum to start thinking about the next year. While the majority of people are heading home the next day after our Symposium closes, the Board is taking full advantage of our time together and having our first Board meeting of the new term. Of course, a large portion of the meeting is to recap events of the week, but we are also immediately brainstorming for what's next.

So, *what is next* for us...

Are you familiar with the SAFE Association's formal statement of purpose? It reads, "The primary objective of the SAFE Association is to stimulate research and development in the fields of safety and survival, and to disseminate pertinent information to concerned individuals in government and industry. In addition, the objective is to establish and maintain a meaningful relationship between the SAFE Association and the scientific communities related to safety and survival." While a new Board takes over each year, all our initiatives stem from this statement. This year will be about identifying and developing our strengths, areas we need improvement and potential we have not yet tapped into. More specifically, we intend to:

- Develop more ways to engage with our members.
- Increase SAFE Chapter activities.
- Increase SAFE's communication and collaboration with government & military representatives on matters of mutual interest, to help enrich the interaction between gov/military and industry.
- Dedicate and focus resources to our Association Development Committee and Strategic Planning to increase our Association's influence as a platform for new concepts and products, the exchange of technical information, and as a meeting ground for members to have greater opportunities for professional development, achievement, and recognition.
- Expand offerings to increase value for our individual and corporate memberships.

As we work through the year, we will be sure to keep you posted on our progress. Look out for updates on our website, social media accounts, through our quarterly newsletters and email distributions. Thank you all for your continued support and impactful contributions to the SAFE Association. Excited to see what we can all accomplish in 2024!

## SAFE Objectives:

1. **Stimulate** the advancement of sciences and **technologies** to improve safety devices, life support systems, protective equipment, and human-machine interfaces.
2. Provide a forum to **promote** new concepts and products, exchange technical **information** and discuss special interest issues.
3. **Enable** members to have greater **opportunities** for professional development, achievement, and recognition.
4. **Educate** the public, industry, and government to improve human effectiveness and safety in systems design and operations
5. Increase the **influence** of the Association to implement its primary goals
6. Continuously **improve** the Association's **value** to its members and the community

# 2023 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium Review

**By Emma Sutcliffe | Chair, Symposium Committee**

The 61st Annual SAFE Symposium took place in Virginia Beach, VA last October. The symposium was a great success with just under 800 attendees, 58 exhibiting companies and representatives from 22 countries!

A significant element of the symposium is the technical paper presentations. Over 85 papers were presented across three days in topics such as biomechanics, aerospace physiology, CAD/PAD, hearing protection, injury, Ejection, anthropometry, training, helmets and clothing and CBRN.

In addition, we hosted several panels throughout the week including 'International Cooperative Engagement – Program for Polar Research', 'NAWCAD HSE updates: Human Performance & Protection' and 'Women in Military Aviation'.

We were also delighted to welcome individuals from the USN and USAF who presented briefings regarding the Safety Center as well as acquisition briefs and tri-service S&T briefs.

Thank you to all of the authors and presenters who contributed to the 2023 symposium.

During the week of the symposium, we also hosted several co-located groups. These included a Manikin Users group, CAD/PAD JPO Industry Day, Joint Services Industry Day and the ACES 5 Steering Committee. We hope to have these groups join us again this year as they are always popular additions and create a great hub for networking throughout the week.

A new addition to the symposium in the last few years has been the introduction of further sponsorships. This year a total of 18 businesses purchased some form of sponsorship. This varied from enhanced booth spaces to networking popcorn carts and coffee kiosks, which enabled both exhibitors and attendees to further amplify their business and brand.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all those who attended and sponsored the symposium. Your continued support to the SAFE Association is very much appreciated!

Lastly, another new addition was a new registration and exhibitor booking system using the Eventbrite platform. Although we had a few technical hiccups on the first day, I believe that moving to the platform has made the sign-up and registration process more streamlined, clear and easier to navigate. We received a lot of great feedback so will continue to utilise the system going forward for future symposiums taking note of the lessons learned from last year to make sure the process is as easy as possible for everyone involved.

At the end of last year, we sent out a survey to all 2023 attendees so that we could gain a better understanding of what you enjoy and would like to see more of at the symposium, as well as the areas in which we could improve. We will take all of the recommendations and remarks into account to ensure the symposium continues to be a valuable week, packed with a great variety of exhibitors from the industry as well as technical papers, networking opportunities and workshops.



## 2023 Symposium Sponsors

### Diamond Sponsors



### Platinum Sponsors



### Gold Sponsors



### Silver Sponsors



### Stage & AV Sponsor



### Lanyard Sponsor



### Popcorn Networking Sponsors



### Coffee Kiosk Sponsor



# Award Winners - 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium

Each year the SAFE Association Awards Program opens to receive nominations for various industry and individual awards. The successful awardees for 2023 were as follows:

- ⚡ Michael R. Grost Career Achievement Award, presented to an individual who has made significant contributions in the field of safety or survival.

Ronald G. Chase

- ⚡ General Spruance Individual Achievement Award, presented to an individual who has made a recent outstanding contribution in the field of safety or survival.

Lieutenant Brooke Barnson, United States Navy

- ⚡ Murray P. Koch Industry Award, presented to a member of the industry who has made recent significant contributions in the advancement of technology or hardware for safety and survival.

Philipp Ostertag, Autoflug GmbH

- ⚡ Honorary Life Member Award

George Miller, Air Force Research Laboratory/711 Human Performance Wing/RHBFP

Jerry Reid, SKYTEXUS

- ⚡ President's Award

Chris Dyer, Touch Direct

Emma Sutcliffe, Martin-Baker Aircraft Co.

- ⚡ Chris J. Motta Small Exhibit Award

Spotlight Labs

- ⚡ Chris J. Motta Large Exhibit Award

Switlik Survival Products

## Attention Corporate Members:

The SAFE membership is eager to hear about what is going on with your organization! Members want to hear about anything new....like job openings, internal promotions, new products, recent contract awards, accomplishments, plans, and patents. It is up to you! Please consider sending articles for future SAFE News editions. Send to: [admin@safeassociation.com](mailto:admin@safeassociation.com)

# 2023 SAFE Association Awards

## Murray P. Koch Industry Award

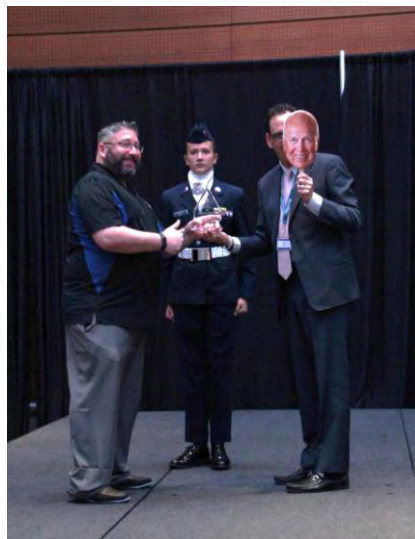
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Lieutenant Brooke Barnson, USN

## Reminder

### to all SAFE Members:

Annual Awards are one of the few ways that we are able to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of SAFE related activities and individual effort in the field of personal safety and protection in land, sea, air and space. Please look to submit awards as SAFE Association members to recognize deserving individuals.

# 2023 SAFE Association Awards, cont.

## Honorary Life Member Awards



**George Miller**  
Air Force Research Laboratory 711  
Human Performance Wing RHBFP

**Jerry Reid**  
SKYTEXUS

**Chris J. Motta**  
Large Exhibit  
Award



**Switlik Survival  
Products**

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**Spotlight Labs**

## President's Award



**Chris Dyer**  
Touch Direct



**Emma Sutcliffe**  
Martin-Baker Aircraft Co.

**Corporate  
Sustaining  
Member Award**



**Switlik Survival  
Products**

### Awards without Awardees for 2023

#### TEAMACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to a team which has made a recent outstanding contribution in the field of safety or survival through an advancement in the education, knowledge, science, application of investigative techniques, or engineering associated with a significant improvement in safety or survival.

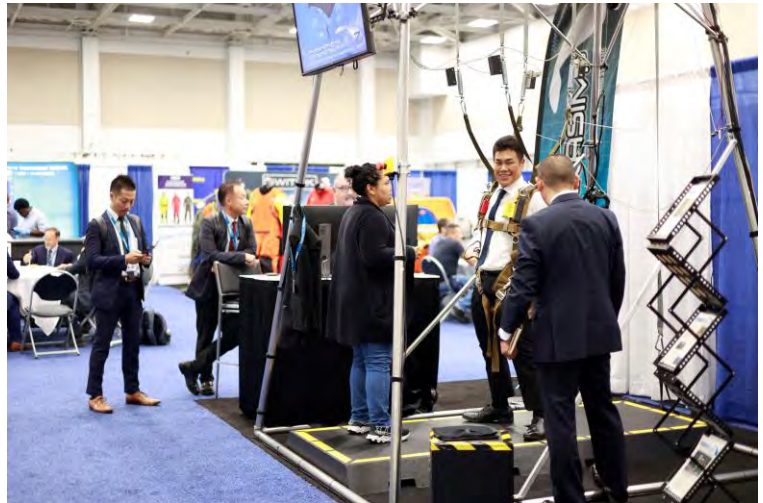
#### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Presented to the person or persons who demonstrate a recent outstanding contribution to the preservation of human life through courage or bravery.



# 2024 SAFE Association Symposium

The 2024 symposium will also be held in Virginia Beach, VA this year (we'll be back in Mobile, AL in 2025!). The main symposium will be held between Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Various co-locating groups will be scheduled for the Monday and Friday either side of the symposium, so please bear this in mind when planning travel for this year's symposium. We hope to release registration, exhibitor and sponsorship information soon so please keep an eye out and please do reach out if you have any questions.



## NEXT SYMPOSIUM

### MEETING

62<sup>ND</sup> Annual Symposium

### DATE

October 22 - 24, 2024

### LOCATION

Virginia Beach, VA

## FUTURE SYMPOSIA

### EVENT

63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium

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### DATE

November 4 - 6, 2025

November 3 - 5, 2026

October 26 - 28, 2027

November 7 - 9, 2028

### LOCATION

Mobile, Alabama

Mobile, Alabama

Reno, Nevada

Reno, Nevada

## Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings are being held in May and August of 2024. With the planned locations Virginia Beach, Virginia and Mobile, Alabama respectively. These Board of Directors meetings are essential to the operations of the SAFE Association and allow the Committees and Elected Board Members to square away the Finances, state of Membership, build new initiatives, and also to ensure that the Symposium location is ready for hosting.



# Welcome New Individual Members:

Cody Sheppard  
California, Maryland

Joshua Page  
Las Vegas, Nevada

George Ballance  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Narayan Yoganandan  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mark Main  
Lakeland, Florida

Linsey Griffin  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Christopher Cauffman  
Hillsville, Virginia

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Chalgrave, United Kingdom

Ricardo Fuentes  
Fishkill, New York

Debra Hamilton  
Fishkill, New York

Jack Gooch  
Uxbridge, United Kingdom

Mark Douglas  
Uxbridge, United Kingdom

Samantha Burdett  
Lowell, Massachusetts

David Davis  
Chesapeake, Virginia

Lloyd Klee  
Tauranga, New Zealand

Lance Schaeffer  
Fairfield, California

Jacob Porter  
Cedarville, Ohio

Matt Monahan  
Saint Peters, Missouri

Muhannad Alsher  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Amber Herman  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Eduardo Bernal Garcia  
South Jordan, Utah

Nichole Taylor  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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Piney Point, Maryland

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Richmond Hill, Canada

Andrew McGiffin  
Bellevue, Nebraska

## Reminder: SAFE Association Benefits!

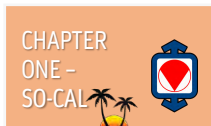
### INDIVIDUALS

- Quarterly SAFE Newsletter
- Proceedings from the SAFE Annual Symposium
- All Symposium-related mailings
- Reduced Symposium registration cost.
- Access to members only area of the SAFE Association website
- Voting privileges for your SAFE Board of Directors
- Submission information for our Annual Awards Program

### CORPORATE MEMBERS

- Same as Individual Membership above
- Corporate listing and description of products and services on SAFE Association website with link to company website.
- Reduced registration and exhibit space fees for the SAFE Annual Symposium
- Free use of the SAFE Newsletter to deliver news releases - such as personnel changes, new products, new office locations, and contact information
- Corporate Membership includes a Primary and Secondary Corporate Representative

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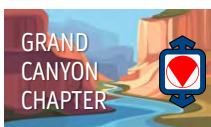
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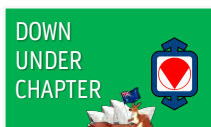
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## Reminder to All SAFE Members:

It is important that the SAFE Association has your current contact information so we can contact you and distribute SAFE products, such as the Newsletter. Periodically, please go to the "Member Login" at the top, right corner of the SAFE Association web page. When the SAFE Directory appears, click on "Update Your Profile" at the top, left. Please review your personal information and, update anything needs to be changed, and click on "Save Profile" at the bottom of the page. Your efforts are much appreciated!!

# SAFE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER NEWS

## DISTINGUISHED OYSTER AWARD

The SAFE Rocky Mountain Chapter would like to congratulate our inaugural *Distinguished Oyster Award* winner and finalists!

**2023 Winner:** Rick Hinton

**2023 Finalists:** Cody Rahmann  
Scott Lake

### Award Description:

The SAFE Rocky Mountain Chapter *Distinguished Oyster Award* recognizes an individual from industry or academia, active or retired, who has taken on and solved a unique challenge related to the preservation of human life. Candidates demonstrate determination, perseverance, innovation, and leadership to overcome a challenge or problem that was previously not well understood or thought to be impractical to tackle.

### Award Candidates:

Any person who meets the criteria of the award may be nominated by an active SAFE member. SAFE and/or RMC membership is not required of the nominee. Residence within the Rocky Mountain Chapter region is not required, but it is preferred. Distinguished Oyster's show grit and are able to polish a grain of sand into a true pearl!

Please keep in mind worthy candidates throughout the year and submit your nominees to the Rocky Mountain Chapter. The award nomination form is available upon request.



Picture: Cassidy Carson (Chapter President, left), Rick Hinton (Award Winner, right)

## First Annual Social and In-Person Meeting of RM Chapter

The SAFE Rocky Mountain Chapter held its first social and in-person chapter meeting on 11-Oct-2023 in Virginia Beach, near the SAFE Symposium.

Much like many other chapters, Rocky Mountain Chapter members are geographically dispersed, comprising U.S. members from the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, and Nebraska.

The SAFE Symposium provided a unique opportunity for many chapter members, and all chapter officers, to come together in one place. Other chapter events and meetings are held virtually, but the chapter plans to make the social, planned proximal to the symposium, an annual occurrence.



Picture: SAFE Rocky Mountain Chapter Members and Officers (left to right, Shane Swift, Chris Sanchirico, Cassidy Carson, Matt Hartman, Joanna Nabeta, Dwane Chrisco, JD Cain, Doug Nelson, John Hampton, Dr. Angus McLean)

## LIFE SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL (LSI) REINFORCES ITS MANUFACTURING, DEVELOPMENT, AND ENGINEERING BUSINESS SEGMENTS WITH THE ACQUISITION OF INNOVATIVE PARACHUTE COMPANY, AERIAL DELIVERY SOLUTIONS (ADS).

On November 27th, Life Support International, Inc. (LSI), a global specialist in safety, survival, and rescue equipment for aerospace and defense, announced the acquisition of Aerial Delivery Solutions (ADS), a highly experienced company specializing in parachute system design, manufacturing, testing, and engineering. The acquisition will boost LSI’s manufacturing capability, and technical and R&D resources, while accelerating its development of innovative aerial delivery systems. The consolidation of the two companies is based on their complementary strengths in design, engineering, and technology, as well as their shared mission of providing solutions for survival.



ADS is an innovative and dedicated company with over 50 years of experience in the design and manufacturing of aerial delivery equipment. ADS’s ability to quickly manufacture, cut, and sew prototypes for short turnaround, high paced projects make it a market leader in this specialized field.

The combination of LSI and ADS marks a new milestone in the development of LSI’s manufacturing and design capabilities. Through this acquisition, LSI affirms its growth ambitions and positions itself as a leader in the design and development of aerial delivery systems for a variety of payloads and missions.

Greg Yerkes, LSI President, commented: “The merger between LSI and ADS is very complimentary and fully in line with our growth plans. I’m convinced that the two teams’ combined expertise and skills will stimulate innovation and the growth of our aerial delivery and parachute systems solutions. Our teams have worked extremely well together for many years, and this merger reinforces our combined desire to grow and continue to offer unique and innovative solutions to our global customer base.” Scott Hilton of ADS added: “This merger allows ADS and LSI the opportunity to grow and expand on the things that individually we do well. Combining our talents will enhance our market reach and enable us to serve our current customers more fully.”

### **About LSI**

Serving the world's aviation, marine, and tactical communities, Life Support International (LSI) is a unique company specializing in providing the finest safety equipment, survival accessories, search and rescue systems, and protective clothing. LSI is both a manufacturer and distributor of US Mil-Spec, FAA & USCG approved life support equipment.



### **About ADS**

Aerial Delivery Solutions, LLC provides engineering, development, and manufacturing services for parachute systems. ADS specializes in research and development engineering, parachute system design, parachute system testing, program management, small batch prototyping and build to print.



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## ESSEX INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Essex Industries is pleased to announce the promotion of Corey Waldman to Vice President of Business Development. His experience and commitment make him a valuable addition to our business development team and executive leadership.

Corey joined Essex in 2010, starting in the Sales Department, where he dedicated eight years to growing the liquid oxygen business for both defense and commercial aviation markets. He later transitioned to the Continuous Improvement Department as a Value Stream Analyst, moving on to Manufacturing Operations as a Production Control Manager, overseeing Essex's transition to a new ERP system from the manufacturing perspective. Then, served as an Operations Manager and Site Team Captain at one of Essex's manufacturing plants.

Corey holds an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, a Certification in Production and Inventory Management from the Association for Supply Chain Management and is Lean Certified by the University of Kentucky and Toyota Production Systems.

Essex Industries is a manufacturer focused on aerospace and defense markets, with product lines that include platform controls, aircraft components, liquid oxygen systems, and emergency breathing equipment. Essex employs over 400 people at its locations in St. Louis, MO, Huntington Beach, CA, and Milford, CT.

For more information on Essex Industries, please visit our website at [www.essexindustries.com](http://www.essexindustries.com).

We are confident that Corey's leadership will contribute significantly to the continued success and growth of Essex Industries.



**Corey Waldman**

Vice President of Business Development  
Essex Industries



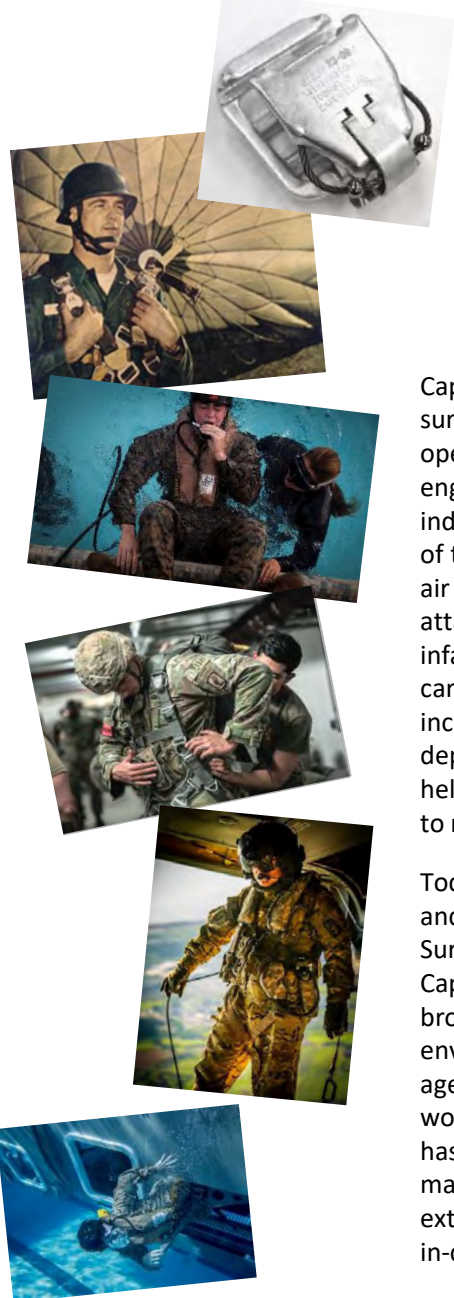
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# CAPEWELL – Not Your Grandfather’s Horseshoe Nail Company



Founded by Englishman George J. Capewell in 1881, Capewell used its patented automated machines to mass produce horseshoe nails for the U.S. Army Cavalry. For decades, the company grew and prospered based on this single high-demand product that no one else could match.

As time marched on and the automobile replaced horse-drawn vehicles, Capewell expanded into new opportunities. In 1939, with the advent of U.S. Army Airborne units, Capewell embarked on another collaboration with the U.S. government, this time to develop specialized hardware – the Capewell Parachute Release - for military paratroopers. The U.S. Army adopted the Capewell Parachute Release in 1942, which – for the first time – allowed jumpers to quickly release their parachutes once on the ground to prevent being dragged. Capewell is immensely proud that since the inception of Airborne parachute units were formed at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1942, “Capewells” are still indispensable safety equipment of military and sport parachutists worldwide.



Capewell continues to evolve its capability set that includes a full suite of survivability solutions – lifesaving innovations and high-performance solutions for operations in high-risk environments. On land, in the air, or at sea, Capewell engineers a broad range of lifesaving products, many of which have become industry standard, including: integrated flotation devices that keep your head out of the water if unconscious; emergency breathing systems that give you access to air if you’re trapped underwater; combat and flotation vests that include attachments and accessories to increase survivability; tactical equipment like infantry parachute hardware, pilot harnesses and vests, combat vests and plate carriers, and a range of accessories; specialized mission-specific kit harnesses, including enhanced and custom Helicopter Egress System for Passengers; deployable refill stations, compressors, custom-packed cases, and cleaning kits; helicopter hoists, hooks, and ladders supporting water and land operations, just to name a few.

Today – guided by our values of Trust, Honesty, Accountability, Humility, Respect, and Excellence – Capewell stands as a global leader in Aerial Delivery and Survivability/Life Support Solutions that enable mission success. For decades, Capewell has supplied the Department of Defense, Allies, and Partners with a broad range of products that withstand today’s dangerous operating environments. Our experts work with military, law enforcement, humanitarian agencies, and other organizations who support defense initiatives around the world to develop innovative solutions that meet their specific needs. Capewell has helped hundreds of organizations conceive, engineer, prototype, manufacture, and field test products that perform flawlessly under the most extreme conditions. We continue to innovate and work diligently to provide best-in-class solutions that meet and exceed customer requirements and expectations.

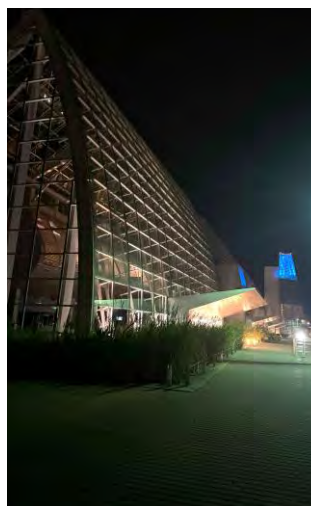
### INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

As we start a new year, we look at ways to make life better, easier and more in line with who we want to be. Well, that same idea is what the Information Management (IM) Team wants to do this year for SAFE. We have a lot of great things planned and hope to share them with you soon! What do we need from you as we make these changes? Your support! If you or someone you know wants to support SAFE and has a knack for IT/Computer skills, let us know! We are looking to expand our team to incorporate the younger generation and those who have always wanted to help but didn't know how. If you are interested, please contact the IM Chair at [lauren@proflightgear.com](mailto:lauren@proflightgear.com) and we will get you plugged in (pun intended).



### SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

We are making big changes in the SAFE Social Media this year. We will be highlighting a different company each month, talking about who they are and sharing their SAFE story. If you want your company to be highlighted, please contact [lauren@proflightgear.com](mailto:lauren@proflightgear.com) with your photos and story and we will get it posted!



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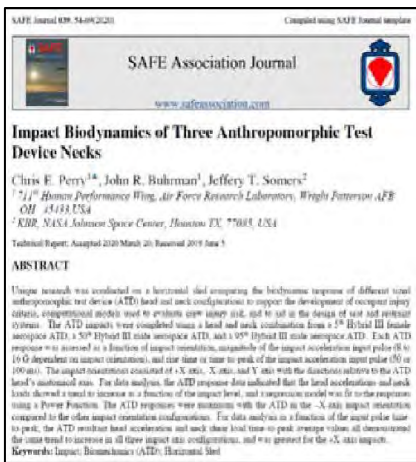
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## Human Factors / Aircrew Flight Equipment Doings Elsewhere

By Kevin Divers, Association Development Committee

**Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA):** AsMA will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, Illinois on May 5-9, 2024. 94th Aerospace Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting Registration – <https://go.members.asma.org/events/upcoming-events?sso=&reload=timezone>

**DOD Human Factors Engineering Technical Advisory Group (DOD HFE TAG):** The next meeting of the DOD HFE TAG will be 22-26 April 2024 at the NASA Marshall Spaceflight Center, Huntsville, Alabama. The TAG and its more-than-a-dozen SubTAGs will meet to review HFE plans, accomplishments, trends, etc. Industry personnel may attend if requested or if a member of the Technical Society/Industry SubTAG. For more details go to the following link – <https://rt.cto.mil/ddre-rt/dd-rt/hfetag/>

**Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES) ASPIRE:** HFES will hold its International Annual Meeting and Exhibition on 9 – 13 September 2024 in Phoenix, Arizona. Link to event – <https://www.hfes.org/Events/ASPIRE-The-International-Annual-Meeting>

**National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA):** The Human Systems Conference will be held at George Mason University on 21 – 22 March 2024. Link to Event Information and Registration – <https://www.ndia.org/events/2024/3/21/4350---human-systems>

**Air National Guard Aircrew Flight Equipment Workshop:** The next ANG AFE Workshop will be at Reno, Nevada from 21 – 23 April at the Nugget Casino and Resort. Exhibitor slots will be made available through a government solicitation due out shortly.



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## SAFE EUROPE 2024 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

We are pleased to announce that registration is open for SAFE Europe 2024. The event will be held at Carden Park, Cheshire, UK from the 18th to 20th March 2024. This is a great venue and we are looking forward to returning.

### THE OUTLINE PROGRAMME IS AS FOLLOWS

#### Monday 18th March 2024

- 1300hrs Exhibits Set-Up
- 1900hrs Welcome Drinks and Buffet

#### Tuesday 19th March 2024

- 0900hrs Opening Sessions and Keynote
- 1900hrs Gala Dinner (venue to be confirmed)

#### Wednesday 20th March 2024

- 0900hrs Opening Session and Keynote
- 1700hrs Closing Remarks

Options for an Industry Visit on Thursday 21st March are still being explored.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is now open and can be accessed via the Eventbrite Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safe-europe-2024-carden-park-18th-to-20th-march-tickets-666039812007>



### ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation can be booked by visiting [www.cardenpark.co.uk](http://www.cardenpark.co.uk) or call reservations on +44 (0)1829 731 007. The hotel rate is £159 per night for single occupancy (£169 for double occupancy), including breakfast and access to the leisure facilities, please quote SAFE180324 when booking.

### TRAVEL

#### By Air

- Liverpool John Lennon Airport is 60 minutes away.
- Manchester international Airport is 50 minutes away.

#### By Train

- Carden Park is 14 miles from Chester Station
- Crewe Station is only 30 minutes away by taxi.

#### By Car

- When using a sat nav enter postcode SY14 7HZ.

### PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITION

If you would like to submit an abstract for a presentation, please contact [seday@qinetiq.com](mailto:seday@qinetiq.com)

If you would like to understand more about the exhibition space, please contact [Johall@ses-safety.com](mailto:Johall@ses-safety.com)

In the meantime, stay safe and well. If you would like to contact the Committee, please use [info@safeeurope.co.uk](mailto:info@safeeurope.co.uk) or visit the SAFE Europe website at [www.safeeurope.co.uk](http://www.safeeurope.co.uk)

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