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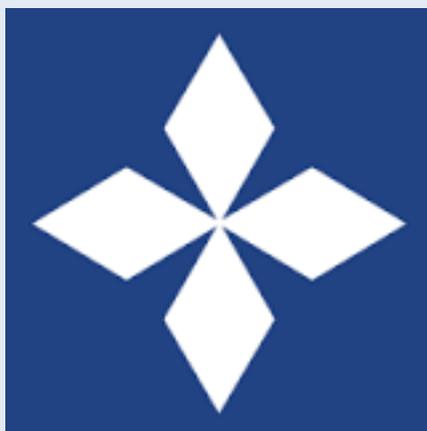
## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are a few months in to the 2016-2017 year, and the San Diego section has held two great events so far. Hopefully you were able to join us for our exciting distinguished lecture on Interstellar Travel, or our Aerospace Trivia Night.

We've got some interesting events coming up in the new year, including the annual Engineer's Week banquet and a distinguished lecture about the New Horizons Mission. We are always looking for new event ideas and speakers, so if you have a topic you're passionate about, please get in touch!

On behalf of the AIAA San Diego Council, I'd like to wish you and your families a happy holidays. We hope to see you at some of our events in the new year!

Stevie Jacobson



### General Atomics

Capital Aircraft Takes Flight, Integration of First Production Aircraft Begins Next Month

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## **AIAA-SD Hosts Distinguished Lecturer Greg Meholic**



AIAA-SD hosted its 2016 AIAA Distinguished Lecture on September 8th, 2016 at Solar Turbines. Attendees enjoyed dinner and a fascinating lecture by Greg Meholic. Mr. Meholic's talk covered the challenges and possible solutions for interstellar travel, with a focus on the key technology required to make such missions possible - propulsion. Mr. Meholic showed that these ideas are not merely the dreams of science-fiction, using brief descriptions of the latest experimental efforts from around the world to explore the fundamentals behind some of these intriguing concepts. Thanks to everyone who attended and made this event a huge success!

## **AIAA-SD Leadership Meets with AIAA National**



Members of the AIAA-SD council met with leaders from AIAA National to discuss local aerospace issues, San Diego Section events, and plans for future AIAA conferences to be held in San Diego. Meeting with AIAA National leadership allows AIAA-SD to advocate on behalf of our members directly to the people who drive AIAA policy and its future. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding the Institute, please let us know so we can convey them. Thanks for your participation and engagement with issues at the National level!



## Lockheed Martin

Major Defence Contractor Lockheed Martin  
Plans to Leave San Diego

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## AIAA Attends SDASM Hall of Fame Gala



The International Air & Space Hall of Fame Induction Celebration introduced its Distinguished Class of 2016 on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the San Diego Air & Space Museum's (SDASM) Pavilion of Flight. Members of AIAA National and San Diego Section leadership attended the event.

This year's inductees into the International Air & Space Hall of Fame included prestigious names such as Dale Myers, Al Worden, and the Boeing Company. For more information about this event and to see the full list of inductees, please visit the [SDASM website](#).

## AIAA-SD Holds YP Trivia Night Event

AIAA-SD hosted an aerospace themed trivia night at Tiger!Tiger! in North Park on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016.



Young Professionals from companies such as NAVAIR, General Atomics, and Northrop Grumman (as well as some aerospace enthusiasts from the bar!) tested their knowledge of aviation and aerospace. The trivia night included questions about movies/pop culture, aviation, aerospace/astronomy, and local San Diego history. Trivia night winners got their choice of AIAA memorabilia to take home with them.

The event was lots of fun, and a great chance to meet up with other aerospace young professionals. Stay tuned for an encore trivia night in North County in the new year!

## Save the Date: Hidden Figures Movie Day

Celebrate the new year by coming to see a movie with AIAA-SD! We'll be going to see the new 'Hidden Figures' movie, which is about the brilliant African-American women who worked at NASA during the early days of the space program.

Date: Sunday, January 8th, 2017

Location: AMC Fashion Valley

Time: 11AM

Tickets: [fandango.com](http://fandango.com)



Plan on a matinee movie time on Sunday January 8th (opening weekend!). We'll meet up for coffee to hang out and talk about the movie afterwards. Also if you'd like more info about the movie, check out the trailer here: [Hidden Figures Trailer](#).