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**SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**

Chesapeake Chapter

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



**Robb Altenburg, President, Chesapeake ASSP**

It is my honor and privilege to announce that Joe Opauski has been chosen as our Chapter's 2019 Safety Professional of the Year. Joe is a Senior Environmental, Health & Safety Engineer with Northrop Grumman. His dedication to the environmental, safety and health profession is extraordinary. Aside from Joe's day to day responsibilities as an Environmental, Health & Safety Engineer at Northrop Grumman, Joe actively shapes the next generation of safety professionals helping

to recruit EHS interns at Northrop Grumman. He has served as our chapter treasurer and currently co-chairs our chapter's PDC committee. Joe's behind the scenes work with the PDC is critical to its annual success. He is a genuinely kind hearted person who always shares a smile. Congratulations Joe on your well-deserved award!

Recently, our region held its semiannual Regional Operating Committee meeting. Two topics dominated the discussion during the ROC meeting, the region's finances and webinars. You may recall that Hurricane Florence targeted the Carolinas just as our annual Region PDC was scheduled to take place. Ultimately, the hurricane won and the Region's PDC was canceled. Our region's officers and the PDC committee are working through the issues of down payments, deposits and other expenditures that were for naught because of the cancelation.

The other topic of discussion at the ROC meeting was webinars. I believe that one way that the society can increase its value to its members is through webinars. Webinars offer the opportunity for industry experts to share knowledge and best practices with chapter members. They create unique opportunities for expanding our chapter programming efforts. Chapter presidents from across the region expressed interest in expanding both the regional and chapter offerings through webinars. Look for expanded opportunities in beginning in 2019.

This month's chapter meeting is our traditional "Heart of the Matter" holiday meeting at Kelsey's Irish Pub in Ellicott City. We are still looking for presenters for the program. Each presenter will be given 5-10 minutes to share a lesson learned, tidbit of wisdom or a "did you know" story. Email Frank Tiralla at [secondvp@chesapeake.assp.org](mailto:secondvp@chesapeake.assp.org), and let him know if you're interested in presenting. During our December meeting we will once again be collecting toys for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. I look forward to seeing you there.

Robb Altenburg

President, Chesapeake Chapter ASSP

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

## Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members!

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined	Member Class
Robert	Albrecht	11/1/18	Member
Sean	Fleming	11/1/18	Professional
Nathan	Best	12/1/18	Member
Ricky	Godbolt	12/1/18	Member
Elias	Kelehan	12/1/18	Member
Zachary	Knock	12/1/18	Member
William	Orndoff	12/1/18	Member
Cody	Rodeheaver	12/1/18	Member

### Total Number of Current Members:

411

We look forward to meeting you at the next Chapter Meeting. **Remember your first chapter meeting is free!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPTER MEETINGS & WEBINARS

Our monthly chapter meetings are valuable opportunities for professional development, networking and catching up with friends and colleagues. Take a look below to see what we've got in store for you!

If you have any suggestions on 2018 topics of interest to membership, please contact Frank at [FTiralla@jmt.com](mailto:FTiralla@jmt.com)

You can also view prior Chapter Webinars on the website: <http://chesapeake.assp.org/files/>

## December Chapter Meeting: THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Thursday, December 13, 2018 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Toys for Tots Donations!**

[Kelsey's Restaurant, 8480 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043](#)

**Calling all members, calling all members!**

Join us for Chesapeake Chapter's "The Heart of the Matter", an open mic style meeting where chapter members are invited to make a short 10-minute presentation on a topic of their choice. It could be a unique problem you helped to solve, an important lesson learned or a tidbit of technology you just discovered.

**\*\*\* PRESENTERS ARE NEEDED! \*\*\***

Prior notification will be required so we can plan out the agenda.

Email [ftiralla@jmt.com](mailto:ftiralla@jmt.com) with your presentation information **BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH @ 12PM.**

Not interested in presenting, that's OK! Come partake of the wit and wisdom of your safety colleagues.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

***Toys for Tots Donations!***

Be sure to also bring an unopened toy for Toys for Tots.

## **2019 CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER PDC**

***Save the Date!***

**April 18, 2019**

[Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Kossiakoff Center, 11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD](#)

**Did you know MOSH offers FREE classes on a variety of safety topics?**

Check out the website for more information:

<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/DLIOutreach/web/content/MOSHHome.aspx>

## **NEWS**

### ***Did you get out and Vote?***

We hope you were able to get out and vote, and actively participate in America's 2018 Mid-Term Election.

So, now that the national election is completed, it is time to consider the leadership of our organization in the next operating year. If you or someone you know in the Chapter is ready to lead, please consider submitting a nomination for any of the Chapter Officer slots.

We are a diverse organization but only about 5% of our members are active in helping to guide us going forward. Old ideas you say,.. you might be correct. Our Chapter needs members to step up and lead and bring new ideas, interests and vigor to this profession locally. If you are wondering about the various leadership positions, just go to this page: <https://chesapeake.assp.org/download/471/> and check out the various leadership positions. No experience you say... we have an OJT program. Yes, we can provide on the job training or you can show us. I invite you to consider becoming more directly involved in your Chapter.

Please forward any nominations or questions directly to the Nomination Committee Chairperson, Craig D. Lowry ([CraigDonLow@Yahoo.Com](mailto:CraigDonLow@Yahoo.Com))

## 2018 Chesapeake Chapter ASSP Scholarships

***\$1,000 Scholarships available for qualified applicants!***

**Follow this link to the application forms!** <https://chesapeake.assp.org/education/>

Contact Barb Ruble [bruble@stcenv.com](mailto:bruble@stcenv.com) for more information.

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## Government Affairs Report

For current information on Federal and Maryland State regulations and safety initiatives, see the [Government Affairs Report on the Chesapeake Chapter website](#).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

***See the Chapter website for information and job opportunities***

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

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### EHS Manager | GE Aviation

The EHS Manager for GE Aviation in Newark, DE will demonstrate leadership in communicating EHS business goals, programs, and processes for our Ceramic Matrix Composites manufacturing facility. In this role, you will utilize experience or expertise to solve problems, develop and execute EHS objectives for self and your team, and have the ability to effect short-term and long-term business goals.

**For more information:** <https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

**Apply Online:** <https://jobs.gecareers.com/ShowJob/Id/65040/EHS-Manager/>

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### **HealthSafe | Baltimore**

HealthSafe is looking to fill an open position in the Baltimore area. They have the need for a CHST or CSP for a 6 to 8 month project. The client is conducting site work / earth work. This is an immediate need.

**Contact:** Ron Mattrella, CSPHealthSafe, Inc., Safety Consultants, (800) 290-4235

**For more information:** <https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

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### **Safety Manager | Service Company Inc.**

Service Company Inc. is seeking a highly skilled and motivated Safety Manager to join our team. This is a full time position that would require you to work both in the office and on site, actively maintaining a safety presence on all CS job sites.

**For more information:** <https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

**Resumes can be sent to Katie Taylor, HR Manager –** [katielt@craneserviceco.com](mailto:katielt@craneserviceco.com).

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### **Site Safety Practitioner | Haztek**

Haztek has multiple opportunities in Northern Virginia Sterling/Dulles. Their work is with the electrical contractor for a building and ground up data center, start-up phase, 5 buildings.... Approximately 5 years and will have 350 employees on site by end of November. M-F starting at 6:30 AM for an 8+ hour day. May go to 6 days/week.

**For more information:** <https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

**Contact:** Brian Stahre, Chief Operating Officer, [bstahre@haztekinc.com](mailto:bstahre@haztekinc.com)

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Chesapeake Chapter ASSP Goal:** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals and development of its members in the geographical area served.

The Executive Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month @ 2pm to further these goals. Contact anyone below for more details, and if you would like to participate!

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**President:** Robb Altenburg, [frank.r.altenburg.civ@mail.mil](mailto:frank.r.altenburg.civ@mail.mil), 410-278-3162, *Leads the meetings, and creates our messages.*

**Vice President:** Leslie York-Hubbard, [Lsyork99@yahoo.com](mailto:Lsyork99@yahoo.com), *Communications and Committee Activities.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Frank Tiralla, [ftiralla@jmt.com](mailto:ftiralla@jmt.com), *Membership development.*

**Treasurer:** Mike Wolf, [Michael.Wolf@ESAB.com](mailto:Michael.Wolf@ESAB.com), *Keeps us solvent.*

**Secretary:** Matt Koss, [matthew.koss2@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.koss2@gmail.com), *Meeting minutes.*

**Delegate:** Ned Fitter, *Delegates represent us to ASSE National.*

**Director – Communications:** Heather Aviles, [haviles@dap.com](mailto:haviles@dap.com)

**Past President:** Paul Esposito, CSP, CIH, [paul.esposito@starconsultants.net](mailto:paul.esposito@starconsultants.net), 410-218-8451, *Keeps us on track.*

***Specific committees and their chairs are listed below. Please offer your support if you are interested!***

**Nominations & Elections:** Craig D. Lowry, [CraigDonLow@yahoo.com](mailto:CraigDonLow@yahoo.com)

**Programs Chair:** Joe Xavier, [joe.xavier@summitsustainabilitysolutions.com](mailto:joe.xavier@summitsustainabilitysolutions.com), Mike Frederick, [jm.frederick.llc@gmail.com](mailto:jm.frederick.llc@gmail.com), *Develops speaker and locations for monthly meetings.*

**Government Affairs Chair:** Rose Overturf, [rose.m.overturf.civ@mail.mil](mailto:rose.m.overturf.civ@mail.mil), *Keeps us up to date on legislative issues. Now posted on the website!*

**Scholarship & Awards Chair:** Barbara Jo Ruble, QEP, CPEA, [bruble@stcenv.com](mailto:bruble@stcenv.com), *Coordinates the solicitation of nominations, selection of recipients, and awards presentations.*

**WISE Liaison:** Jeanne Sherwood, [jpsherwood@welladvantage.com](mailto:jpsherwood@welladvantage.com), *Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) is a common interest group which has been established to foster the advancement of women in the SH&E profession.*

**Membership Chair:** Mary Smith, [masmith@ceiwc.com](mailto:masmith@ceiwc.com), *Welcomes new members, solicit ideas for member participation.*

**Newsletter Chair:** Laura Wickersham, [newsletter@chesapeake.assp.org](mailto:newsletter@chesapeake.assp.org), *Does a great job of keeping us informed.*

**Communication Chair:** Heather Aviles, [haviles@dap.com](mailto:haviles@dap.com), *Coordinates web updates.*

**Professional Organization Liaison:** Jim Lewis, [jlewis@mde.state.md.us](mailto:jlewis@mde.state.md.us)

**PDC Co-Chairs:**

Jim Lewis, [jlewis@mde.state.md.us](mailto:jlewis@mde.state.md.us)

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Joseph Opauski, [Joseph.Opauski@ngc.com](mailto:Joseph.Opauski@ngc.com)

**PDC Vendors:** Mike Ginther, CSP, [Mike.Ginther@jhuapl.edu](mailto:Mike.Ginther@jhuapl.edu), 443-778-6454

***PDC is set for April 18, 2019. Speakers, vendors, events, etc !***

Working together for a safer, stronger future



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