

President's Report

SIA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Featuring the latest Association and Member News and Industry Events



*The Satellite Industry Association
Wishes You a Wonderful Holiday Season
and a Happy New Year*



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE KEYNOTES, MODERATORS AND PANELISTS WHO HELPED
MAKE THIS YEAR'S WORKSHOP THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE YET**

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DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop
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25 U.S. GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS, RECORD ATTENDANCE AND A SOLDOUT EXHIBITOR HALL HIGHLIGHT 21ST ANNUAL DOD COMMERCIAL SATCOM WORKSHOP



SIA is pleased to announce the completion of another successful DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop which was once again co-sponsored by U.S. Strategic Command and held last week at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. The 2018 edition of the Workshop was the Association's most successful in the event's 21-year history and featured record attendance, a sold out Exhibitor Hall along with 22 commercial satellite industry exhibitor and sponsors. For more than two decades, the Workshop has brought together government leaders from DoD Combatant Commands, Services and Agencies as well as commercial satellite industry operators, service providers, integrators, ground equipment suppliers, and manufacturers.

US GOVERNMENT KEYNOTES AND SPEAKERS - This year's Workshop highlights included keynote addresses by **Rep. Mo Brooks (AL-5)** Vice Chair on the House Science Subcommittee on Space, **Lt. Gen. Bradford J. "B.J." Shwedo**, Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computers /Cyber, Chief Information Officer, Joint Staff, J6, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. and **Lt. Gen. David D. Thompson**, Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, Washington, D.C. (pictured above left) Over 50 satellite industry and government speakers attended the 2018 Workshop including 25 U.S. Government Keynotes, Moderators and Panelists.

Please read upcoming SIA President's Report Newsletters or visit the Workshop website www.dodsatcom.com for future updates and details regarding the 2019 DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop.

SIA FILES COMMENTS WITH THE FCC REGARDING C-BAND SATELLITE SPECTRUM

On Dec 11th, SIA filed comments with the FCC regarding expanding the use of mid-band spectrum for fixed wireless broadband. SIA stated, "the comments in this proceeding conclusively demonstrate the benefits the ubiquitous and robust C-band fixed-satellite service ("FSS") infrastructure confers on every U.S. resident, wringing maximum utility out of each megahertz of spectrum to capitalize on the multibillion dollar investment in space and ground station facilities. Moreover, the record establishes that no suitable alternative to C-band FSS exists. Any action to introduce new terrestrial services in the C-band must be carefully crafted to preserve the value of this indispensable satellite network. The Commission must therefore reject proposals for co-frequency sharing of FSS spectrum by terrestrial services – whether mobile or fixed point-to-multipoint ("P2MP") – and reaffirm its policies that promote flexible, efficient, competitive satellite operations." SIA concluded, "The Commission must protect and preserve the ability of the satellite industry to continue to supply reliable, nationwide, competitively-priced C-band services that benefit all residents of the United States." To read a complete copy of the filing, please click [HERE](#).

US GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT - USDA LAUNCHES RURAL BROADBAND FUNDING PROGRAM

On Dec 13th, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer up to \$600 million in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America. Telecommunications companies, rural electric cooperatives and utilities, internet service providers and municipalities may apply for funding through USDA's new ReConnect Program to connect rural areas that currently have insufficient broadband service. Answering the Administration's call to action for rural prosperity, Congress appropriated funds in the fiscal year 2018 budget for this broadband pilot program. USDA Rural Development is the primary agency delivering the program, with assistance from other federal partners. On March 23, 2018, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (the Act), which established a new broadband loan and grant pilot program, now called the Rural eConnectivity Pilot Program (ReConnect Program). An electronic copy of the ReConnect Program FOIA is available under Forms & Resources. A website with full program information and relevant application forms is now available at <https://reconnect.usda.gov/si/>.

SIA Welcomes Four New Members in December



During the month of December, SIA announced that satellite and aerospace technology leaders Airbus and Leonardo had joined SIA along with global cybersecurity and intelligence provider Peraton and Am Law 100 law firm Sheppard Mullin. For more details regarding SIA's four newest member companies, please see the SIA News Page [HERE](#).

For a complete recap of the past month's SIA News and filings, please visit the [SIA News Page](#)

SIA Member News

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HAWKEYE 360, PLANET AND MANUFACTURER MAXAR/SSL ANNOUNCE SATELLITE LAUNCH SUCCESS ONBOARD SPACEX FALCON 9



Above - In December, SIA members Planet, HawkEye 360 and manufacturer Maxar/SSL announced the successful 10th Pacific coast launch of satellites on board a SpaceX Falcon 9 from the Vandenberg Air Force Base. For more details, please see the SIA Member News page [HERE](#). (Photo credit: SpaceX)

SIA MEMBER MONTHLY NEWS HEADLINES

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- Lockheed Martin Says 4 Billion Users Connect with GPS Every Day as the First GPS III Satellite is Ready for Launch Onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9
- Blue Origin Prepares to Launch NASA Payload on New Shepherd
- IntelSat General Launches FlexAIR Inflight Broadband for Government Aircraft
- New Spire Satellites Utilize Galileo for Advanced Weather Prediction Data
- Inmarsat Receives Inflight Internet Service Award for Second Consecutive Year
- Viasat Modem Now Certified for Army Forces Strategic Command WGS Use
- Planet Releases First Images from SkySat Satellites
- Globalstar Providing NATO Scientists with SPOT Devices to Study World's Oceans
- RUAG Space Announces First US-Made Flight Hardware as Production Begins of ULA Atlas V Fairings
- Hughes Launches High Speed Broadband in Ecuador
- IntelSat Provides Satellite Services for Climate Reality Project Broadcast
- Viasat Announces Milestone 1000th Aircraft Now Utilizing its Inflight Connectivity Service
- Planet Prepares for Late December Soyuz Launch of 12 Dove Satellites
- Telesat Awarded DARPA Blackjack Contract to Investigate the Use of LEO Constellation

For more details on these and other stories, visit the [SIA Member News Page HERE](#).

SIA Organized Events and Calendar

UPCOMING SIA EVENTS - Next year, SIA will organize or host the following SIA Member and Industry Events:

1. SIA Government and Military Forum at SATELLITE 2019 - Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington DC May 6th-9th
2. 22nd Annual SIA DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop - Arlington, VA Date and Venue TBD.

For a list of Association and industry events, please see the [SIA Event Calendar](#) below or click on the [Industry Calendar](#) [HERE](#).

Calendar of 2019 SIA Featured Industry Events

- [SIA SPEAKER AND MEMBER DISCOUNT - Smallsat Symposium- Feb 5th-7th in Mountainview, CA](#)
- [SIA WORKSHOP - 2019 DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop, Arlington, VA - Date and Venue TBD](#)

For a list of ALL upcoming industry conferences, tradeshows, and events - please click [HERE](#) to visit the SIA President's report Event Calendar page.



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