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Association News



AC Speaker Spotlight: Meet Major MJ Hegar - *Be the Change*

This speaker is one tough woman! We're proud to have [Major MJ Hegar](#) as our Opening Keynote Speaker this year.

Major MJ Hegar reveals how to be a catalyst for change on a large scale, be it in your career, at home, or on a national or global level. When someone tells you that something cannot be done, she says, the only way to prove them wrong is to do what they believe to be impossible. Her heroic actions in Afghanistan — where she was shot down on a Medevac mission, was pivotal in rescuing her crew and patients and became the second woman in history to earn a Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device — changed the perception of women in the military. And, her historic lawsuit against the Secretary of Defense opened the door for women to participate in ground combat, a significant step forward for equal rights for women in the military. How did she do it? And what can we learn from her experiences? A magnetic speaker, she combines harrowing war stories and powerful lessons on social change with practical advice on leadership, diversity, teamwork and motivation.



You can hear some of her story with this [YouTube video](#) (She begins her presentation around 4:00.) It's sure to get you inspired!

[Early Bird registration](#) is OPEN! Make your reservations to be there, TODAY!

2019-20 Board Candidates Guide is Now Available

The following candidates have announced their decision to lead and represent NAWIC for the 2019-20 board year. The [Candidate Guide](#) is available online to learn more about each of these members and their careers with NAWIC. All eligible members will be asked to cast their vote in May. More election details can be found in the guide. Congratulations to all those running and the best of luck!

National Officers

NAWIC President-Elect:

- Doreen Bartoldus, PE, CCM, LEED GA, ENV SP (Greater New York, Chapter 240)

- Anne Pflieger, CIT (Lima Ohio Area, Chapter 374)

NAWIC Vice President:

- Jill Hanson, CIT (Tampa, FL Chapter 36)

NAWIC Secretary:

- Lauline Mitchell (San Francisco, CA Chapter 19)

NAWIC Treasurer:

- Karen Hager, CBT, CIT (Greater Orlando, FL Chapter 73)

- Laurie Jimenez, CBT, PMP, DTM (Austin, TX Chapter 7)

Region Directors

Pacific Northwest Region:

- Kelly Aust, LEED AP BD+C (Portland, OR Chapter 54)

South Atlantic Region:

- Debbie Edwards, CIT (Columbia, SC Chapter 113)

- Wendy McQuiggan (Richmond, VA Chapter 141)

South Central Region:

- Jennifer VanBreda, NICET II (Dallas, TX Chapter 2)

Southeast Region:

- Cindy Spiropoulos, CIT, LEED GA (Greater Orlando, FL Chapter 73)

NAWIC 2019 Safety Excellence Award

NAWIC's Safety & Health Awareness Committee is pleased to offer the Safety Excellence Award to distinguish NAWIC member companies who recognize safety as a corporate value and commitment. These companies have implemented excellent safety and health programs and innovative solutions for creating strong safety cultures within their organizations. The means of achieving this include owner/upper management commitment, proactive safety and health programs, consistent enforcement policies, employee training, management committee initiatives and program implementation creativity/innovation.

Eligible participants must employ a NAWIC member. Completed applications must be submitted by April 30.

[Learn More...](#)

What Men Can Learn From Women Leaders: The Dawn of Women Leaders is Upon Us

Here's what men can learn from them.

In addition to the many women leaders, executives and entrepreneurs who've already fought their way to the top of the food chain, a new wave is coming. This is in the face of what Tiffany Apczynski, VP of public policy and social impact at customer service software company Zendesk, called the "cycles of [bias] in the all male business world."

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PNW Director Candidate Receives Honor from Alma Mater

Recently, Pacific Northwest Region Director Candidate, Kelly Aust, LEED AP BD+C, was recognized by Oregon State University Council of Outstanding Early Career Engineers for her success in the Engineering field.

The OSU Council of Outstanding Early Career Engineers is reserved for Oregon Staters who have distinguished themselves through professional practice and/or service to OSU, the profession, or society at large. These individuals have made early career contributions that identify them as future leaders in their profession or field. They have less than 20 years of professional experience beyond receipt of their bachelor's degree.

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WIC Week 2019...That's a WRAP!

A HUGE Thank You to all the members, chapters, states and regions that helped us celebrate WIC Week 2019. It was a huge success for many. We couldn't do it without your hard work! Tell us all about your events. Submit your [recap forms](#) and maybe your event will be featured nationally. The deadline to submit forms is **April 2**. In the coming weeks, we will share

submissions and hope you're inspired to keep the momentum going. Congratulations to everyone for a great WIC Week!

There's More Than Surf Making Big Waves in Hawaii

This perfectly timed multi-page feature hit the headlines during WIC Week (March 3-9, 2019) to showcase the movers and shakers in the Hawaiian building industry. Meet the women changing the face of construction in the islands.



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NEF is offering their CDT program including exam for \$199.....that's a savings of \$51!!!! Plus you get free shipping!

Also included is a webinar (see below for more details) and preparatory session prior to taking the exam at NAWIC's [Annual Conference](#) in Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

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(Offer expires April 1, 2019.)



Webinar: Acing the CDT

Description: The webinar is an overview of the CDT course and a preview of the prep session being offered at Annual Conference.

Date: Wednesday, March 20, Noon CST

Presented by: Professional Development & Education Committee in partnership with NEF

Guest Speaker: Peggy Newquist, CIT, ESP

Who can attend: Complimentary for Current NAWIC Members

Join the session: <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Webinars.asp>



****Please note you will need your NAWIC Member login information to access the conference call links****

*Any webinars that are recorded will be added to the NAWIC website after the call for later access.

Webinar: Operations Manual **DATE CHANGE******

Description: Review of approved changes to National Bylaws and Bylaws for Affiliated Chapters, as well as the difference between Standing Rules, Policies and Guidelines

Date: **Tuesday, March 26** at 6 p.m. CST

Presenter: Past National President Robin Fulton-Meyer, CBT, CIT

Attendees: Current NAWIC Members; Required – seated region directors and director candidates, Optional – seated officers

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NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

NAWIC Membership Benefit Highlight — NAWIC Career Center

The NAWIC Career Center offers construction companies, recruiters and hiring managers a unique resource that allows them to communicate their job openings to women in various fields of the construction industry. Finding the right women for the job has never been easier! The NAWIC Career Center features a construction industry online job board and NAWIC members can look to the job board to find employment opportunities. In the Career Center, members can post their resumes and find listings of the newest career opportunities related to the construction industry.

[Visit the NAWIC Career Center](#)

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Top Contractors Partner with AI Firm to Prevent Jobsite Accidents Before They Happen

Following up on a study in which Smartvid.io's artificial intelligence engine "Vinnie" learned from contractor Suffolk's data to predict roughly one in five safety incidents with 81% accuracy, nine major construction firms are partnering with the software company to further develop predictive analytics and therefore prevent incidents and reduce risk across the industry, according to a Smartvid announcement from CEO and Founder Josh Kanner.

Source: *ConstructionDive.com*

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Cloud App Creates Drone Deliverables in Hours Instead of Days

For contractors and developers that are on a tight schedule and need to map large swaths of land or expansive projects, sometimes the only thing better than the convenience and insight that unmanned aerial system (UAS), or drone, imaging provides is getting the shots back in a few hours versus days. Engineering and environmental consulting firm Dudek, which provides drone imagery services to contractors, has found an effective solution for turning around image projects for construction clients fast.

Source: *ConstructionDive.com*

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PD&E Webinar: Acing the CDT (Construction Document Technician)

Presented by Peggy Newquist/NEF

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Mar 2019

Webinar: Operations Manual - National Bylaws, Policies, Etc.

Join us to hear a review of approved changes to National Bylaws and Bylaws for Affiliated Chapters, as well as the difference between Standing Rules, Policies, and Guidelines.

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2019 Region Spring Forum: South Central

April 4-6, 2019

San Antonio, TX

Dove Sifers-Putman, CBT

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Apr 2019

2019 Region Spring Forum: Pacific Northwest

April 11-13, 2019

Seattle, WA

Jill Hanson, CIT

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2019 Region Spring Forum: South Atlantic

April 12-14, 2019

Charlotte, NC

Anne Pflieger, CIT

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Apr 2019

2019 Region Spring Forum: Northeast

April 25-27, 2019

Philadelphia, PA

Diane Mike, CBT

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Apr 2019

2019 Region Spring Forum: Midwest

April 26-27, 2019

Chicago, IL

Anne Pflieger, CIT

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May 2019

2019 Region Spring Forum: Pacific Southwest

May 3-4, 2019

Las Vegas, NV

Doreen Bartoldus, PE, CCM, LEED GA, ENV SP

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May 2019

2019 Region Spring Forum: Southeast

May 3-4, 2019

Nashville, TN

Catherine Schoenenberger

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May 2019

2019 Region Spring Forum: North Central

May 17-18, 2019

Columbus, OH

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