

Northern Illinois Chapter  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
**CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

June 2016

## ***Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2016***



The **Fourth of July** is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from Great Britain.

The Fourth of July is a holiday defined in the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Chapter and the Local Union. The Fourth of July falls on Monday this year and shall be paid at double the regular straight-time rate of pay.

Please note that the Northern Illinois Chapter office will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the holiday. We will reopen the Chapter office on Tuesday morning, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## ***Chapter Summer Conference 2016***

For the fourth year in a row, and back by popular demand, the Chapter Summer Conference will be a dinner at the Lombardi Club, on the east bank of the river, in downtown Rockford. All members, associate members, veteran members, your office staff, and families are invited to participate in this special event at no cost! Joe Eaton of Special Power will be roasting beef tenderloin, chicken and pork loin in his pull behind cooker. Mead Longwood Meat Market will provide the meats for cooking along with the side dishes and desserts. The Lombardi Club will provide the beverages.



### **The Chapter's Summer Conference will be held:**

- Saturday, July 16, 2016
- 3:00 – 10:00 pm
- 3:15 – 5:15 pm – Rides on the Forest City Queen Riverboat
- 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. - Dinner, dessert, beverages...
- Lombardi Club, 209 Olive Street, Rockford, IL.

***Enclosed is a registration form with all the details. Registrations are due by July 1, 2016.***

# ***Estimating Instructor Needed for JATC***

Can you estimate? Do you want to share your knowledge and experience ***with 5<sup>th</sup> Year Apprentices for 3 to 4 class nights?***



Joe Eaton of Special Power has been teaching a module on Estimating to the 5<sup>th</sup> Year Apprentices for many years, but he is retiring. As such, there is an opening for somebody to step in and fill this gap.

If you interested, call Jack at the Chapter office, (815) 874-8400.

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## ***NECA to Host Project Manager Education Course***

The Northern Illinois Chapter will be hosting the NECA Education course ***Are You a Project Manager or Project Witness?*** on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. This class was rated as one of the best ever presented by nearby NECA Chapters.



Please see the enclosed registration form for all the details.

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## ***NECA Convention Scheduled for October in Boston***

The Annual NECA Convention and Show will be held October 7 – 10 in Boston. The Opening Reception will be at the Museum of Science with food, beverage, music and other entertainment in addition to the exhibits in the museum.

There are excellent Management Education courses, such as *How the Second Lighting Tsunami Will Change Your Business; A Leadership Development Model You Can Build On; Lead or Get Out of the Way!; Define Your Personal Leadership Style; Prefabrication Primer on Tactics; How to Communicate with Every Customer;* and many more.



The Opening General Session will feature Doris Kearns Goodwin, a world-renowned presidential historian and author of six critically acclaimed and New York Times best-selling books.

The NECA Show is the largest gathering of manufacturers and distributors for electrical professionals in North America. The exhibitors are showcasing thousands of solutions contractors need to save time and money on the job and grow their business. New this year will be the Energy Pavilion, complete with companies offering energy solutions, and the Energy Theatre where you will hear about how you can grow your business in this burgeoning marketplace. There are also 19 Technical Workshops presented in classrooms located on the show floor.

The Closing General Session will feature Mick Ebeling - Technology Trailblazer, Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist. He is the CEO of Not Impossible Labs, whose mission is to develop creative solutions to solve real-world problems. Through it, he aims to connect and empower thinkers, dreamers and doers to change the world.

The Closing Celebration will be an incredible evening of music featuring a private concert by the Boston Pops Swing Orchestra at world-renowned Symphony Hall.

For more information, visit [necaconvention.org](http://necaconvention.org) or call the Chapter office.

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