

Your monthly update for February is here!
Get the latest on upcoming activities, events and news.



SAVE THE DATE



Wednesday May 17 2017

Preparations for the upcoming Syttende Mai Gala Celebration are well underway and we look forward to gathering members and representatives from the Norwegian-American communities for the annual festive celebration of the Norwegian Constitution day.

LATEST IN NACC-MA

On January 25th, NACC-MA held its largest Young Associate event yet, in collaboration with the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce and the American-Danish Business Council. 60 young professionals from Scandinavia as well as from the U.S attended the event, hosted by the Embassy of Denmark. The seminar included welcome remarks from Danish Ambassador Lars Gert Lose and guest speakers from Statoil, Terma and Skanska discussing on the topic of Scandinavian companies competing in the U.S market. The evening concluded with a

networking reception kindly hosted by the Danish Ambassador in his Residence. We are looking forward to future Young Professional events and further collaboration with our Nordic colleagues.



IN THE NEWS



["Former DoD Officials Laud International Development Programs, Questioning their Future in Trump-Admin"](#)

01.30.2017

"Vidar Skjelstad, president of Norwegian firm Kongsberg Defense Systems, said that "If there is a will there is a way""

["Arctic Frontiers - Norway's Arctic Arena"](#)

Huffington Post 01.23.2017

"By combining discussions of policy,



business, science, academia and culture above the Arctic Circle, Norway has created an annual forum for expanding interest and shared knowledge of the importance of the Arctic." -Ambassador Kåre R. Aas



["Pot, Kettle, Black: The U.S. And Norwegian Air"](#)

Forbes 01.26.2017

"American jobs don't need protection. Rather (...) they need to be subjected to the intense crosswinds of international competition, where they will either prove themselves or fail."



["How One NATO Country is Preparing for Trump"](#)

The Atlantic 01.26.2017

"Norwegians are encouraged by the selection of James Mattis as U.S. defense secretary"

["Norway's wealth fund allowed to invest in U.S. defence contractor Raytheon"](#)

Reuters 01.25.2017

"Jan 25 Norway's \$885-billion sovereign wealth fund, the world's largest, can again invest in U.S. defence contractor Raytheon"



as the firm is no longer involved in the production of cluster munitions"



["Nammo Partners With NSWC Indian Head To Develop Rocket Motors"](#)

Defense News 01.12.2017

"Nammo is making a significant financial investment into the infrastructure at Indian Head, not supplemented by the Pentagon or the Navy."



["Norway Becomes First Country to Start Switching off FM Radio"](#)

Forbes 01.11.2017

"The costs of maintaining an upgraded FM system would in the long run affect the quality of programs we can offer the listeners," he said. "Digitizing the radio media is part of the modernization of Norway."

UPCOMING EVENTS

INVITATION

An Evening of Nordic Literature

February 8, 2017 at 7 pm

The Alan Cheuse International Writers Center at George Mason University, in conjunction with The Embassies of Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Argos Books invite you to an evening of Nordic Literature.

Please join us to hear a diverse set of writers and performers from across the region followed by a brief discussion of Nordic literature. Writers include:

- The First Lady of Iceland, Eliza Reid
- Linda Boström Knausgård, Sweden
- Johannes Heldén, Sweden
- Katrine Jensen, Denmark
- A performance from Jon Fosse's play "Someone is Going to Come", Norway

Location:

Embassy of Denmark at 3200 Whitehaven St NW, Washington, DC 20008.

RSVP:

To Jette Renneberg Elkjær at jetelk@um.dk



Norwegian Embassy



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23rd Annual Joint Shipping Conference

February 9, 2017

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Liquidity/Funding/Financing: From Where & How

Macro Shipping and Economic Overview

Roiling the Oil Markets

Shipowners' Perspective

and

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[Click here for more information and registration](#)

Young Associate event on the Hill



NACC MA's very own Young Associates representative together with the NACC MA team are working on creating a young associates Hill event. We look forward sharing more information soon.

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THE
NORWEGIAN-
AMERICAN
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CONFERENCE

Thursday April 6 2017
Washington DC



NADIC's 5th Annual
Norwegian-American Defense Conference
Thursday April 6, 2017
National Press Club, Washington D.C.

Join us for the 5th Annual Norwegian-American Defense Conference, NADIC's signature event, endorsed by the Norwegian Embassy & sponsored by key US Defense companies. We look forward to once again gather for what has become the most important bilateral defense conference between our two nations. Take part on April 6 at the National Press Club and join prominent guest speakers from the Norwegian and American governments, militaries and defense & homeland security industries to discuss topics reflecting the important collaboration between our allied nations and the mutual challenges that we face. [Read more and register here!](#)

Welcome to Arild, our spring trainee!

NACC-MA is excited to welcome **Arild Stormer** as our spring intern. Arild is doing his bachelor's degree in business administration at the Norwegian School of Business in Bergen. While doing his exchange semester at American University with a concentration in Global Economics and Business this semester, Arild will intern with NACC-MA two days a week. Having experience as an advisor in a Norwegian bank, as well as leading business committees and attending the rowing team at his university, Arild is an active and eager guy! We are happy to have you on board!



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