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## NOMADS

The National Oil-equipment Manufacturers and Delegates Society

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Dearest NOMADS,

I write you this letter with much joy and excitement. This past week we were able to confirm the attendance of Representative Dan Crenshaw (Representative of Texas's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District) as our speaker for the August NOMADS meeting. I know many of our members are excited to hear him speak, and we all are looking forward to what he has to share with us. I would expect our highest attendance of 2019 for the August meeting. This meeting will also be a great opportunity to invite a potential new member or perhaps a guest you would like to show the organization to. I believe I speak for all of us to say that we are beyond excited to have him speak at our meeting.

Additional scheduled speakers include Dr. Heather Domjan (Executive Director of the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston) for the June meeting, and Mr. Eric Miller (Regional Director of XM Bank) for the September meeting. I have included both speakers BIO at the bottom of this month's president's letter. Also, we will not have a July meeting as historically we have low attendance with many of us travelling with our families through the summer months.

In other news, we have recognized the June meeting to be a target event for our members to invite a guest that you recognize as a strong candidate to join our organization. To further support this initiative, we have decided to offer tickets to these candidates at a discounted rate of \$25. Please consider that this discounted rate is only for potential candidates of the NOMADS and shouldn't be used simply to pay a lower rate. We are looking forward to seeing some new faces at this event.

The OTC International Visitors lounge went off without a hitch and I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the members that were able to join and take part in assisting the NOMADS in managing the food, drinks, and attendance of the lounge.

Lastly, our scholarship currently has two submittals, and the deadline remains to be the end of this month. If you are aware of any students in need of the scholarship, please have them fill out the forms that are located on the NOMADS website.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in a couple weeks for the June meeting. Please remember that the June meeting is about networking and enjoying one another's attendance. There is a brief speaker, but the main objective is to visit and enjoy one another. Have a great week, and I will see you all soon. Cliff Baldwin



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## Dinner Meeting – August Meeting Dan Crenshaw

Rep. Dan Crenshaw - Originally from the Houston area, Rep. Dan Crenshaw is a proud 6th generation Texan. From an early age, Dan knew that he wanted to serve his country with the most elite fighting force in history: the U.S. Navy SEALs. His father's career in the Texas oil and gas industry moved his family all over the world, including Ecuador and Colombia, where he attended high school. As a result, Dan is fluent in Spanish. In 2006, Dan graduated from Tufts University, where he earned his Naval officer commission through Navy ROTC. Following graduation, he immediately reported to SEAL training in Coronado, CA, where he met his future wife, Tara. After graduating SEAL training, Dan deployed to Fallujah, Iraq to join SEAL Team Three, his first of five deployments overseas.

On Dan's third deployment in 2012, his life changed forever. After six months of combat operations, he was hit by an IED blast during a mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was evacuated and awoke from his medically induced coma learning that his right eye had been destroyed in the blast and his left eye was badly damaged. Dan was completely blind and the doctors did not believe he would ever see again. Tara stood by him every day and night, keeping faith and praying he would see again. After several difficult surgeries and months of fighting a tough diagnosis, Dan eventually regained sight in his left eye, a miracle according to the head surgeon. Dan refused to quit and went on to deploy twice more, first back to the Middle East in 2014 and then South Korea in 2016.

Dan was medically retired in September of 2016 as a Lieutenant Commander after serving ten years in the SEAL Teams. He left service with two Bronze Stars (one with Valor), the Purple Heart, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Valor, among others. Soon after, Dan completed his Master's in Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Dan then returned to Houston, where his community was hit by Hurricane Harvey. The storm brought devastation the region had never seen. He spent his time volunteering in areas of Katy, helping his neighbors recover from the damage. He saw firsthand the unthinkable losses that Texas suffered, but he also saw Texan grit and resilience. This inspired him to do more for his community. Dan and Tara decided that the best way to serve the people of Texas would be in elected office.

In November 2018, Dan was elected to represent the people of Texas's Second Congressional District. In Congress, he was appointed to the Homeland Security Committee and the Budget Committee. He was also named Ranking Member of the Oversight, Management, and Accountability Subcommittee of the Homeland Security Committee. Through his work on these committees he is focused on border security, disaster relief funding, port security, cutting frivolous spending and implementing fiscally responsible policies.

Dan believes in service before self and understands that there is no higher calling than service to the American people. Although he can no longer fight on the battlefield, the integrity, leadership, vision, and tenacity he learned in the SEAL teams are present every day in his fight for common sense solutions in Congress.

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**Dr. Heather Domjan (June Meeting)** - has had the pleasure of working in the roles as Associate Director and Executive Director of the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston since 2014. This program is a nonprofit organization that is recognized as one of the largest science fairs in Texas which encompasses 23 counties/117 school districts providing 7-12 grade students opportunities to present their STEM research. Dr. Domjan also is the interim Executive Director of the University of Houston STEM Center whose mission is to attract, retain, and inspire K-16 students in STEM degrees and careers. Furthermore, Dr. Domjan has been in education for over 20 years in various roles and now for the past six years serves as University of Houston College of Education Faculty as Associate Clinical Professor teaching pre-service educators about science education and STEM. She also is the mother of a high school sophomore who is her pride and joy.

**Eric Miller (September Meeting)** - Government Resources to Expand Your International Sales  
Join the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) to learn how to finance and grow your international sales. At this gathering, we will discuss how your business can access vital capital to fulfill your sales orders, reduce the risk of buyer nonpayment, and extend credit to buyers to beat foreign competition.

Mr. Eric Miller is a Texas native and experienced international trader. Prior to joining EXIM Bank, he spent over a decade in the private sector financing & exporting capital equipment to buyers in 33 countries. Mr. Miller attended the University of Houston's Bauer School of Business where he earned a B.B.A. in Operations Management in 2007 and continued his post-baccalaureate MBA studies at U of H with a major in Finance. Eric is also designated as a Certified Global Business Professional ("CGBP") – a distinguished certificate issued by NASBITE International.

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