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Decker and Henderson Named as DEPS Newest Directors Emeritus

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., April 18 – The Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS) conferred Emeritus Director status on the Defense Acquisition University's Dr. William Decker, and the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Mark Henderson at Tuesday night's Board meeting for their long-standing and significant contributions to DEPS and its Board of Directors.

Decker is a Professor of Engineering Management and the acting Director of the Technology Transition Learning Center of Excellence at the Defense Acquisition University in Huntsville, Alabama. His experience includes over 35 years in electro-optics, with ten years focused in high energy laser systems; including work on the THEL, ABL, ATL, HELLADS and HELTD programs. Decker continues to support DEPS by instructing professional development short courses at their Annual symposia.

Henderson, Program Analyst and Manager of the Physics Division at the NAWCWD, has more than 27 years of experience in the DE field. In addition to providing subject matter expertise as a technical authority throughout the Department of the Navy (DoN) and NAVAIR, Henderson has received numerous letters of commendation and performance awards including the highly regarded Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Achievement Medal, for excellence in advancing test and evaluation of Directed Energy applications with USA CECOM. Henderson's ongoing support of DEPS includes his upcoming role as Program Chair for the 2018 Annual Science and Technology Symposium.

"We are honored by their six plus years of service to the Board of Directors, and their efforts directly contributed to the long term viability of the Professional Society," said Mark Neice, Executive Director of the Directed Energy Professional Society.

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