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Jack Bacastow, legendary ASSE/ASSP member, passed away in September 2020. If his name doesn't ring a bell, you would know him immediately by his ever-present attendance at Tech Meetings and PDCs.

Jack, in his nineties, would participate in the ASSP assisted Science Fair at UNM and moderate presentations during PDCs. His wide-brimmed, felt hat would give him away in an instant. For his years of service and contributions, we awarded Jack with a 40-Year ASSP

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Member Achievement award a few years ago.

He and I became friends while talking about WWII battles in the Pacific, in which he fought. I asked him how he got started in occupational safety. He described his ship being struck by a Japanese Kamikaze plane armed with a torpedo.

Miraculously, the torpedo did not detonate! He was asked to lead a group of sailors to rid the ship of the wreckage and the live torpedo! The safety of his crew was critical then, and it inspired him to make Safety his profession.

A midwestern-born engineer, Jack worked at Los Alamos until he retired.

Having not seen him for a few months, I sent Jack a letter to which I did not hear back. A brief internet search revealed his obituary (linked below).

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obituary?pid=196807282](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/chicagotribune/name/jack-bacastow-obituary?pid=196807282)

Hats off to you, Jack. You are remembered for your loyalty to the Chapter, community, and workplace safety.

Chuck Atwood, CSP



45TH ANNUAL PDC – SAVE THE DATE:

This year's Annual Professional Development Conference is being held virtually. We are now accepting presentation abstracts through Friday, February 28th, 2021.

Date: April 12th through 14th, 2021

Location: Virtual Conference, managed by EXHIB-IT

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ASSP NM Chapter Monthly Technical Meeting -- Thursday, February 11th

Date: February 11, 2021

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Via Zoom (see login details at the end of this communication)

Speaker: Pat Siek, Cintas Corporation, Training & Compliance Supervisor

Subject: First Aid Compliance

Pat will be discussing several topics of interest, including:

- Various trainings available through Cintas
- First aid and safety offerings

- Rental options

Zoom Meeting Details:

Topic: ASSP Technical Meeting - February 2021

Time: Feb 11, 2021 11:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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