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OUR VISION & MISSION

Vision: As a professional fastener association, we will create the most valuable experience for our membership, continually striving for improvement and advancement. We will uphold the image of the industry through professionalism and integrity.

Mission: To facilitate increased engagement with individuals and companies in the fastener industry through charitable giving, educational programs, and strengthened industry partnerships.

President's Notes

As we begin a new fiscal year and I step into my second year as President, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your continued dedication and support.

Over the past year, our industry has faced both significant opportunities and complex challenges—from evolving regulatory landscapes to the rapid emergence of new technologies. Throughout it all, the NEFDA has remained a steadfast resource, committed to guiding and supporting our members every step of the way.

Your involvement and engagement is what makes our organization strong. As we look ahead, I'm confident that together we will continue to grow, adapt, and thrive.

Thank you again for your commitment to the NEFDA. I look forward to what our organization will accomplish in the year ahead.

Frank Hand

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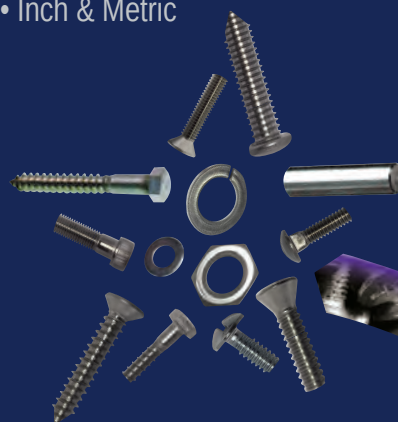
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NEFDA members, your support has been a cornerstone of our journey. Together, we've weathered change, built trust, and strengthened an industry we all believe in.

Thank you for supporting us, for pushing the industry forward, and for proving that the best connections aren't just threaded - they're earned.

Here's to the next hundred years, together - Tested, Tried and True and built to last.

With gratitude, The BBI Team



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SETKO Press Release

Kelly Poholarz Assumes Full Ownership of Setko Fasteners & Distribution

Hampshire, IL – Setko Fasteners & Distribution is pleased to announce that after more than a decade of dedication to the company, Kelly Poholarz has acquired full ownership and now serves as the sole proprietor and CEO.

Kelly has been a cornerstone of the Setko team with over 30 years in the fastener industry, guiding growth and innovation across a wide range of fastener products. This includes socket head cap screws, set screws, shoulder bolts, hex and 6-lobe keys, dowel pins, and much more. Setko has expanded its specialty product offerings to include items like brass and nylon tipped set screws while also enhancing service capabilities with options such as blanket orders and custom finishes – all reinforcing their role as both a domestic and import supplier.



“I’m honored to lead Setko into its next chapter,” Kelly said. “Our unwavering focus on quality, custom solutions, and personal service has defined us for many years, and I’m excited to build on that legacy.”

Founded in Hampshire, Illinois, Setko Fasteners has grown into a trusted partner within the industrial fastener sector, serving North American markets with both domestic manufactured and imported products tailored to exact print specifications. As sole owner, Kelly is committed to building on Setko’s strengths in customized socket products, rapid fulfillment, and client-focused supply chain solutions.

With Kelly at the helm, Setko Fasteners looks forward to continuing its tradition of reliability, innovation, and excellence for existing and future customers across industries.

Kelly continued, “I’m incredibly proud of my team at Setko! Their unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional service ensures that every customer receives a top-tier experience. Each member of the Setko family goes above and beyond to guarantee complete satisfaction, making customer care one of our highest priorities.”

About Setko Fasteners & Distribution

Setko Fasteners & Distribution is an importing & manufacturing fastener distributor based in Hampshire, Illinois. Setko provides a comprehensive line of socket products from standard to custom sizes and other specialty fasteners delivering tailored solutions to a diverse base of industrial and commercial clients.

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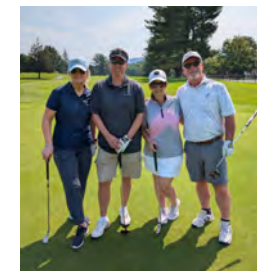
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Scholarship Golf Outing

The NEFDA hosted their annual Scholarship Golf Outing and Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Southington Country Club in Plantsville, CT.

Eighteen groups teed off and in all, over 70 industry professionals attended.

This outing provides us the important opportunity to connect in person and enjoy a day together to celebrate our industry, partnerships, and strengthen our connections. Thanks to our generous sponsors for making this event come to life.



Thank you to our Scholarship Outing Sponsors!

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Congratulations to our 2025 Scholarship Recipients!

The New England Fastener Distributors Association's Annual Scholarship Awards is the most significant effort the association makes annually. Over the past seven years, the NEFDA has awarded an incredible \$107,500 in scholarship funds to member students and this year we're adding another \$15,000 to that amount!

This program makes a significant financial impact for member-students and it is only possible through the generous contributions, donations, and participation of our membership.

New this year was the first Bill Donahue Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Bill was a fierce ally in the Fastener Industry and he would have been proud of the recipient of this scholarship.

The NEFDA Scholarship Committee received a record number of applications this year and selected 14 recipients in total. Congratulations to the 2025 recipients! We wish you the very best in the coming school year and your future educational endeavors.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

\$7,050 Bill Donahue, Sr. Scholarship

Joshua Monteiro - *Fall River Manufacturing*

\$4,000 NEFDA Scholarship

Maria Ines Ulloa - *DB Roberts*

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McKayla Orvis - *Atlantic Fasteners*

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Mia Silverman - *Dialogic Fasteners Corp.*

\$500 Award Recipients

Lauren Barr - *Stelfast*

Ellie Shaw - *Brighton Best International*

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Josephine Davies - *DB Roberts*

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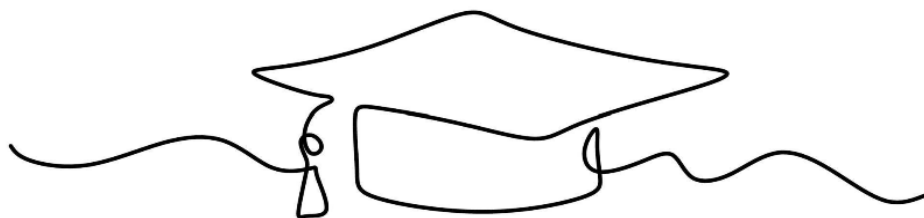
Emerson Hren - *DB Roberts*

Hanna Lentini - *Spirol*

Lindsay Weaver - *Ken Forging*

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Bill Donahue, Sr. Scholarship



Joshua Monteiro - Fall River Manufacturing

We are proud to announce the creation of the Bill Donahue Sr. Memorial Scholarship, established this year in honor of Bill Donahue Sr. of Arnold Supply Inc. (CT), whose lifelong dedication to the fastener industry left a lasting legacy.

This scholarship recognizes individuals who embody the qualities Bill Sr. valued most: a strong commitment to education, a deep dedication to the fastener industry, and the value of a forward-thinking employer. The Donahue family was particularly moved by Joshua Monteiro of Fall River Manufacturing, who reflects these values—hallmarks of Bill Sr.'s own life and career.

We look forward to continuing his legacy by supporting the next generation of industry leaders.

Katie Hogan, NEFDA Board Member and granddaughter of Bill Donahue Sr., along with the Donahue family, are pleased to award Joshua the 2025 Bill Donahue Sr. Scholarship as he pursues his degree and a career in the fastener industry.

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NEFDA Bowling Event

Did you join the fun this year for our March Madness Bowling Event? The NEFDA held the annual Bowling Event on Thursday, March 6th, at High Rollers Luxury Lanes at Foxwoods Resort & Casino. Over 60 members and guests attended to bowl, network, and try their luck at Foxwoods Casino. We'll be back at it in 2026 with new activities! Save the date!



Fastener Fair USA 2025 - Nashville, TN

Fastener Fair USA is the premier exhibition in the U.S. dedicated to the full supply chain—distributors, mechanical and design engineers, purchasers, wholesalers and OEMs. From automotive to aerospace, construction to HVAC, furniture to appliances, fastener professionals from every segment of the market find the latest products they need at Fastener Fair USA.

Members who attended:

Rob White - SBW

Frank Hand - Fall River Manufacturers

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Dan Bielefield - Crescent Manufacturing

Lisa Breton - DB Roberts

Mike Lentini - Spirol

Corey Magyar - Smith Associates, Inc.

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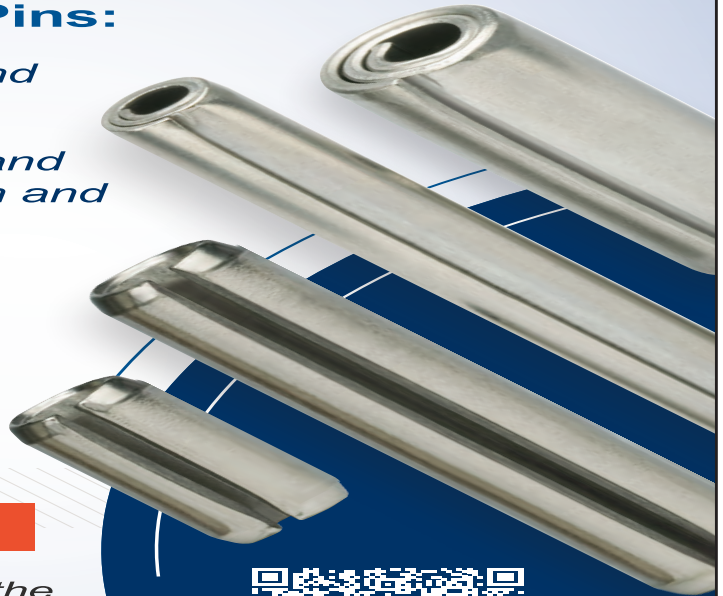
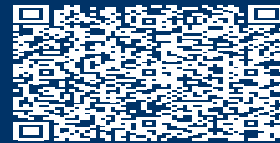
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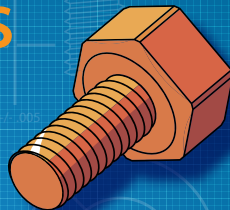
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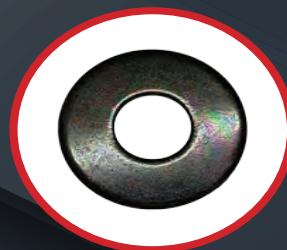
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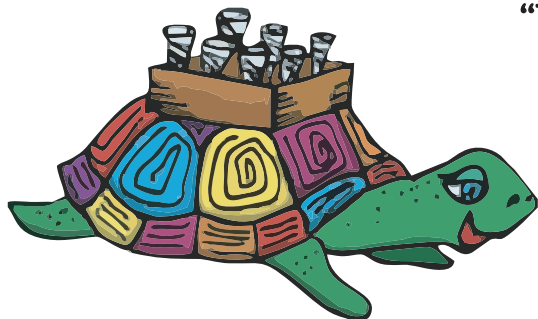
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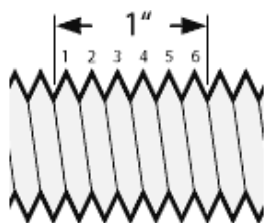
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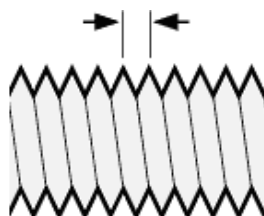
TPI stands for Threads Per Inch. This is simply a count of the number of threads per inch measured along the length of a fastener. TPI is used only with American fasteners. Metric Fasteners use a thread Pitch (see below). In general smaller fasteners have finer threads, so the thread count is higher.



US - Threads Per Inch (TPI)

Thread Pitch

Metric fasteners are specified with a thread pitch instead of a thread count. The thread pitch is the distance between threads expressed in millimeters (measured along the length of the fastener). For example a thread pitch of 1.5 means that the distance between one thread and the next is 1.5mm. In general smaller fasteners have finer thread so they have lower thread pitch.



Metric - Thread pitch

Measuring Thread Count and Thread Pitch

Thread count or pitch is normally measured using a Thread Gauge. If you will be measuring fasteners frequently, it is recommended that you use some type of thread gauge. There are low cost plastic gauges for every day use up to more high end go-no-go gauges used at manufacturing or testing facilities.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

2025

Monday, September 15th

International Fastener Expo Welcome Party

2026

Thursday, March 5th

Bowling Event
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Thursday, June 4th

Scholarship Golf Outing
Southington Country Club, CT



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Rick Rudolph
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