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with Riki Ellison, MDAA

**March 6 - 7:30 - 9 a.m. - Roby Lee's, 425 Ridge Road, Newton Falls - \$10**

Riki Ellison is the founder and chairman of the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance (MDAA) a non-profit organization launched in 2002 with a singular purpose and mission to drive for the deployment, development and evolution of missile defense.

Since its founding, the organization has grown to over 15,000 members across the world and has emerged as the top lay expert voice on missile defense in the world.

Ellison has been involved with missile defense since 1980, being introduced to it by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan's Senior Defense Adviser, Dr. William R. Van Cleave. Since its founding, the organization has grown to more than 15,000 members across the world and has emerged as the top lay expert voice on missile defense in the world.

Ellison has attended more than 241 missile defense tests, visited more than 500 U.S. and allied missile defense bases and platforms and has advocated for missile defense in all 50 states and 26 countries.

Among Ellison's achievements is the creation and building of two historic missile defense and veteran public memorials. One memorial is located at Vandenberg AFB in California honoring President Ronald Reagan and the other located at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii, dedicated with the late Sen. Daniel Inouye.



Ellison was awarded the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara in December 2011 and the German Air Force Air Defense Missile Badge in October 2018. Ellison also established the annual "Missile Defender of the Year Award Ceremony." These awards are given to the best United States missile defense soldier, sailor, airman and national guardsmen from each of the military services involved with missile defense.

Earlier in his career, Ellison played professional football for 10 years as a starting middle linebacker with the San Francisco 49ers and Oakland Raiders, winning three Super Bowl championships. Ellison played college football at the University of Southern California, winning a national championship and two Rose Bowls.

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