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President's Corner

In my final column as your GWC chapter president I am proud to announce that we won the annual Superior Chapter award again this year. It was presented at the ITEA symposium in Huntsville earlier this month and I gladly accepted it on behalf of the chapter and the many members whose hard work earned this honor.



ITEA Chapters Chair Roger Offerdahl presents the 2004 Superior Chapter Award to GWC president Skip Vibert

Among those contributing to this award are four outgoing chapter committee chairs: Lou Husser (Programs), Wynn Atterbury (Education), John Wiles (Awards), and Jack Roach (Corporate). I value the contributions they made to our chapter before moving on, and of course we all appreciate the chapter committee chairs who helped earn the award and are continuing in their jobs: Mike Wetzl (Membership), Rik Forgo (Public Relations), and Fred McCoy (Publications).

Another big factor in our chapter's success is outgoing officer Bill Smith, who was one of the founding members of the chapter 23 years ago and our treasurer for the past six years.

I am honored that you chose me as your president two years ago and happy to have served with so many able volunteers. The chapter elections were held during the summer and I have great confidence in the new officers whom I will announce at the September luncheon

- Skip Vibert

Local Winners

Members of our chapter won a prestigious award from ITEA this year. At the annual symposium awards ceremony in Huntsville earlier this month the US Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) won the Richard G. Cross Award for excellence in T&E education for its Test and Evaluation Basic Course (TEBC). The award was Given to the command's TEBC Technical Oversight Council which developed the course, maintains it, and oversees all instruction.



ITEA president Gary Bridgewater presents the 2004 Cross Award to Gary Bates, chair of the Army T&E Command oversight council.

Local Member Elected

Bob Fuller, member and former president of the GWC chapter, was elected president of ITEA at the international level by its Board of Directors.



New ITEA president Bob Fuller accepts the gavel from outgoing president Gary Bridgewater

Bob was elected to the ITEA Board of Directors two years ago after completing four years as vice president and president of our George Washington Chapter.

June Luncheon

Mr. Tim Tate, Director of the DoD Job Performance Technology Center, addressed the chapter at our June 17th luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. He said he is "evangelizing" Defense transformation, the third of Secretary Rumsford's ten initiatives.

The Center's objectives are testing proposed technology for job training and performance, showcasing innovations, and focusing Defense efforts concerning job performance technology, including development of standards. In a review of the principles of transformation, he pointed out that technology was formerly considered expensive but is now cheap and flexible, while personnel are expensive. Cost of people is now the biggest component in life cycle cost. Defense acquisition directives call for attention to Human-System Interface during development and Human Performance during operations. Improving human performance is done by observing the behavior of excellent performers and training it to lower levels, thus moving the normal distribution curve upward. In improving human performance the Center notes that DoD has 2.8 civilians for each uniformed member.



Mr. Tim Tate

He gave several examples of technology advancing job performance inside and outside the Defense Department.

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Membership News

Our chapter welcomes twenty-two new members since the last newsletter:

Mr. Justin Anderson, Booz Allen Hamilton
Mr. Franklin D. Arbeiter, Anteon Corporation
Mr. Ryan P. Boyle, Booz Allen Hamilton
Dr. John Claxton, Defense Acquisition University (DAU)
Ms. Phyllis L. Ferguson, OUSD(AT&L)
Mr. Ronald J Green, Survice Engineering Company
LTC David C. Grimm, ODUSA(OR)
Mr. Norman E. Haack
Mr. Dwayne T. Hill, SAIC
Melody A. Johnson, OUSD (AT&L)/DTRMC
Mr. Thomas R. Kaupas, DCS Corporation
Mr. Todd B. Kersh, Battelle
Mr. Michael McGuire, Northrop Grumman
Mr. William J. Molino, OUSD
Neal D. Ortego, Missile Defense Agency/TER
Mr. Robin B. Sellers, Institute for Defense Analyses
Mr. Dale Shrader, Defense Acquisition University (DAU)
MAJ Victor S. Stephenson, Army Evaluation Center
Mr. Donald H. Tompkins, SRA International
Ms. Amanda Walker, San Diego Research Center
Ms. Laura White, VRC Corporation
Mr. Gregory D. Zeberlein, Booz Allen Hamilton

The Membership Committee reminds you that if you bring a potential new member to a luncheon, and he or she joins ITEA at that luncheon, both of you receive a future luncheon free.

June Luncheon (con't)

One example was the use of handheld electronic devices to replace clipboard recording in aircraft carrier landings notation, which was initiated from the bottom up and spread throughout Naval flight operations informally before becoming official.

Mr. Tate said one of the main areas of focus now is converting technical publications, such as maintenance manuals, to more technologically advanced forms. In a robust Q&A period Mr. Tate expressed his opinion that the biggest challenge to job performance technology is the cultural change it requires for long-time practitioners

After the talk, President Skip Vibert presented Tim Tate a framed engraving of a Washington landmark as a memento of his talk



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NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

Thursday, September 16th, 1130 AM
Army Navy Country Club

Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Ken Francher, US Marine Corps

Topic: “High Performance Team Approach to Training With Test Methodology”

LtCol Francher will discuss the successful program that the Osprey has for crew and maintenance training and how testing processes were used to provide this most positive outcome for the program.

Cost of lunch: \$20

To make a reservation to attend, contact Kristin Hasselbrack by noon Tuesday, June 14th at:

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