



International Test and Evaluation Association George Washington Chapter NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

On behalf of the George Washington chapter officers and committee chairs, I wish each and everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

After regenerating our spirits over the holidays, we are working hard to forge into 2005 with vigor and spirit. And to start us off on the proper foot, the **Honorable Thomas Christie**, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, will be our guest speaker for our January luncheon, discussing the latest trends and developments in Defense testing.

Note that this luncheon has been moved to the 27th of January instead of the usual day of the month, to avoid a conflict with the inauguration. We have reserved a larger room at the Army Navy Club with room for all who would like to attend. Unfortunately, in November our chapter had to pay for six unused lunches for those who reserved a place but did not attend, so in the future we ask you to cancel in advance, send a substitute, or pay for any unused reservations.

When you attend the luncheon, please join me in welcoming our new Corporate



Committee Chair, Mr. **Todd Stevenson** of Sparta, Inc. He brings the experience of being a past president of the Francis Scott Key chapter. He replaces our former



Chairs **Chip Ferguson** and **Jack Roach**, who arranged the popular Corporate breakfasts the past several years.

We also welcome our new Program



Chair, Mr. **Charles "Chas" McKee** of Northrop Grumman Corporation.

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Attendees enjoy the December combined business meeting and happy hour

December Meeting

Officers, committee chairs, and other interested members met December 1st at CLYDES on Beauregard Street in a combination business meeting / happy hour. Chapter business meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, in the tenth floor Mark Center offices of the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation. If you would like to see what goes on behind the scenes, get in touch with one of the officers to confirm time and place of the next meeting:

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New Members

George Washington Chapter welcomes eleven new members this month:

Mr. **Robert D. Beasley**, Ga Tech Res Inst

Mr. **Anthony Oakes**, Mitretek Systems

Mr. **Patrick D. Duma**, SAIC

Mrs. **Kathy Callahan**, USATEC

Mr. **Chris Schueler**, Survice Engineering

Mr. **Michael Van**, PM Solider Equipment

Colonel **W. Wisdom**, IDA

Dr. **Elliot Parkin**, IDA

Mr. **Tom Hurt**, US Army REDCOM/SOSI

Mr. **John W. Snyder**, Northrop Grumman

The Membership Committee announces that if you bring a guest to a luncheon and the guest joins ITEA at that same luncheon both you and the new member receive the next one free.

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November Luncheon

The ITEA George Washington Chapter heard Brigadier General (Promotable) **James Myles** give an overview of the mission and philosophy of the US Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) at its November luncheon at the Army Navy Country Club.

He described the Army T&E organization, noting the advantages of a combined command responsible for both developmental and operational testing as well as evaluation. He showed a chart of its locations about the country, noting that ATEC has a fourth of all the land area controlled by the Army.



One of the points **BG(P) Myles** made was that ATEC has formed a new outlook in the last two years "giving every system a chance to succeed" and focusing on weapons' capabilities and limitations, rather than pass or fail. He said ATEC serves "an Army at war" and one of his examples was the rapid testing of new kinds of armor for vehicles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Other ATEC trends he discussed were operational testing with fewer troops, greater use of developmental testing, and use of a system-of-systems approach.

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President's Corner (Continued)

Chas McKee replaces former Program



Chairs **Lou Husser** and **Skip Vibert**.

Lou served this chapter and arranged speakers for several years until recently, and then former chapter president Skip took over the job in the interim.

We are also pleased to welcome new



Public Relations Chair, Mr. **Mark Rieland**.

Mark is an ASD Inc program manager supporting DOT&E. He replaces former Webmaster and PR Chair **Rik Forgo**, who did a great job the last couple of years establishing and maintaining our chapter web page and PayPal account.



President's Corner (Continued)

Last but not least, we welcome our new



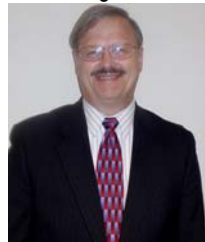
Membership Chair, Mrs. **Debi Denney**, who also works for ASD Inc supporting DOT&E. She has prior experience as a membership chair in another professional organization, which will prove to be



beneficial for us. She replaces our former Membership Chair **Mike Wetzl** who was doing a great job, but can now concentrate on his duties as the new chapter treasurer.

Please join me in welcoming all of our new committee chairs and thanking the former chairs for a job well done.

See you at our January 27th luncheon.



– President **Bob Molepske**

November Luncheon (Con't)

General Myles mentioned the excellent working relationship between ATEC and the Missile Defense Agency, which is also developing unique new test and evaluation procedures.

In a robust Q&A period, BG(P) Myles answered several questions, including his assessment that the ongoing Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) may affect ATEC but will not harm its mission capability.



Following the talk, chapter president **Bob Molepske** presented **BG Myles** with a framed print of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, as a memento of the occasion.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 2 – Chapter Business Meeting

Feb 17 – Chapter Luncheon
Speaker: COL Linda Palmer of MDA

Mar 2 – Chapter Business Meeting

Mar 17 – Chapter Luncheon

NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

Thursday, January 27th
Army Navy Country Club

Speaker: The Honorable Thomas P. Christie, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation
Topic: "Trends in Defense Test and Evaluation"

Cost of lunch: \$20

To make a reservation to attend, contact **Kristin Hasselbrack** by noon Tuesday, Jan 25th at:
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