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President's Corner

At the February luncheon Col Palmer provided a very informative presentation on the Ballistic Missile Defense System and its testing.

Dr. John Foulkes, the director of the new Defense Test Resource Management Center, will be our guest speaker on March 17th. The DTRMC oversees proposed DoD budgets and expenditures for the MRTFB facilities and resources, administers the CTEIP and the DoD T&E S&T programs, and certifies Service and Defense agency T&E budgets. Here is your chance to learn about the DTRMC from the source.



Then at our April luncheon, we will have Robert Pryor talk about the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) testing of equipment in airline, train, and port facilities across the country.

Also in April we will hold our annual Corporate Sponsors Breakfast on the morning of the 13th. We invite our sponsors and schools as guests and other members are welcome at cost. We present scholarship award checks to local universities. Our guest speaker for this event will be Dr. Ernest Seglie of ODOT^E.

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New Members

The Chapter welcomes seven new members since the last newsletter:

- Ms **Laurice Brooks**
- Ms **Norma Draper** of Northrup Grumman
- Mr **Steve Jayjock** of Maui High Performance Computing Ctr
- Mr **Doug Jones** of Dynamic Science Inc
- Ms **Linda Rapp** of Linda Rapp Design
- Mr **Charles Reinholz** of Va Tech
- Mr **L J Winter, Jr** of Radix

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

Corporate Sponsors

Among ITEA corporate members, we have seven chapter sponsors:

- **Anteon Corporation**
- **ASD**
- **Applied Resources Inc**
- **Enlightening Inc**
- **Electronic Warfare Associates**
- **SAIC**
- **Northrop Grumman**

Chapter Website

Check out our chapter website at <http://www.gw-itea.org>

GWC members may now pay for monthly luncheons online through PayPal using a major credit card.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 17 – Chapter Luncheon

Speaker: Dr John Foulkes, TRMC

Apr 6 – Chapter Business Meeting

Apr 13 – Annual Corporate Breakfast

Apr 21 – Chapter Luncheon

Speaker: Mr Robert Pryor, TSA

May 4 – Chapter Business Meeting

February Luncheon

On February 17th, the Chapter was fortunate to have as its guest to its monthly luncheon Colonel Linda Palmer, Assistant Deputy Test and Assessment for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA).



Colonel Palmer provided an overview of the national policy on ballistic missile defense and how the systems it comprises will be tested. She outlined how \$52 billion in funding will be allocated over the space of six years in the ambitious program to protect the United States from the threat of ballistic missiles.

This program will consolidate all major acquisition programs pertaining to missile defense under a single-payer program and will be based upon the tenets of capability-based acquisition instead of requirement-based.

Colonel Palmer described the specific systems and components of the missile defense system that are designed to intercept and destroy incoming ballistic missiles at various phases of their flight, ie, boost, midcourse, and terminal.

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President's Corner (Con't)

A couple of years ago we started switching our chapter newsletter and meeting notices from postal mail to email. This not only enables us to get them out faster and in color, but also saves over a dollar per copy in postage and reproduction. Our newsletter editor and membership chair have been working hard to convert everyone to email. Currently we put out over 400 electronic copies each month, and only about 70 paper copies by snail mail, which results in significant cost savings.

See you on March 17th at the March Luncheon

- Bob Molepske, President

February Luncheon (Con't)

These systems will be tested through a unique test process that combines developmental and operational testing and does not rely upon the development of TEMP's and Operational Requirements Documents like the Services and other Defense agencies, but rather upon the development of objectives in a Master Test Plan, which is constantly under revision as the system matures.

After her talk, Chapter president Bob Molepske presented Linda Palmer a framed print of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate as a memento of her talk



NEXT CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 17th at the Army Navy Country Club

Speaker: Dr. John B. Foulkes, Director,
Defense Test Resources Management Center

Topic: "Transitioning the T&E Ranges"

Cost of lunch: \$20

To make a reservation to attend, contact Mrs. Sondra Spalding
by noon Tuesday, March 15th at: sondra.spalding@ngc.com

or

By PayPal at the chapter website: <http://www.gw-itea.org>



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