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### President's Corner

....The GW chapter is fortunate to have 12 to 15 individuals who are willing to give up a couple hours a month to keep us going. But we are one deep at most positions and several vacancies exist, including our Awards and Nominations Committee and our Special Events Committee. We can always use more help to keep the chapter running. Please call one of the officers to talk about opportunities – it is a great resume builder and a great way to get connected in our local T&E community.

Dr. Ernie Seglie was the featured speaker at our annual Corporate Sponsors Breakfast on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Todd Stevenson, our corporate committee chair, did a great job



in setting up and coordinating this event. Our education committee, headed by Jim Tedeschi, is not sitting on its laurels after this event. They are setting up a student paper contest, with the winner being invited to present the winning paper at the Annual ITEA Symposium in Albuquerque, NM in September, with expenses paid by the chapter.

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### This Month's Featured Corporate Sponsor-

Since SPARTA's inception in 1979, the company vision has been to apply the best intellectual talent to help solve major national challenges. It is focused on problems requiring critical technical analysis, innovative engineering solutions, and expert acquisition support.



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Jim Snaman presents Sparta's annual sponsor check to Bob Molepske

. Although SPARTA's roots are in missile defense, a prime new focus is national intelligence, including advanced ation  
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### April Luncheon

The chapter heard Mr. Robert Pryor of the Transportation Security Agency describe test and evaluation of equipment for passenger and baggage screening. Pryor is the operational test director and evaluator for the Transit and Rail Inspection Pilot (TRIP) test conducted at the New Carrollton and District of Columbia railroad stations and aboard a modified rail car in Connecticut.



Bob Pryor addresses luncheon

Equipment tested included an explosives trace detector, x-ray for baggage, radiation detector, and a walk-through metal detector. Tested procedures included waiting room observation and canine patrol, and baggage search  
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## President's Corner (continued)

Additionally, they are looking for another recipient college, and are exploring methods for involving local high schools in our T&E scholarship program for involving local high schools in our scholarship program.

At our April chapter luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Robert Pryor provided some insights into the testing challenges facing the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) while they work on making our airline and train trips safer for all.

Learn about our featured corporate sponsor in the new feature called "FOCUS ON SPONSORS." These sponsors are the backbone of our Scholarship program, and we are trying to let them know how much we appreciate their contributions to the chapter.

This month we will have Mr. Rick Cozby as our luncheon speaker. Mr. Cozby is the Chief, Technology Management Division, of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, located in Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

We are planning a Membership Appreciation Barbecue for our June Luncheon, catered by Red Hot & Blue, at a local park to be announced. To express our appreciation for your support of the chapter, we will be buying down your luncheon cost to less than 1/2 price! ! Networking is one of the prime benefits of membership in ITEA – come on out and meet the chapter officers, committee chairs, and other chapter members.

See you on the 19th at the Army Navy Club for our May luncheon.

## Corporate Sponsor (continued)-

SPARTA is the prime contractor for science and engineering technical assistance to the test and evaluation function of the Missile Defense Agency, providing engineering expertise to in the planning, execution, and reporting for flight and ground tests of the elements in the Ballistic Missile Defense System. SPARTA also provides engineering and technical support to the planning and conduct of testing at major DoD test ranges. SPARTA's website is at [www.sparta.com](http://www.sparta.com).

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- Electronic Warfare Assoc(ARI)
- Northrop Grumman
- SAIC
- SYColeman, Inc.

Each of these sponsors will be featured in future chapter newsletters.

## April Luncheon (continued)

Data was collected on thousands of passengers and their baggage during the test and analysis showed a high rate of success in speed of screening, reliability of equipment, alarm rates, and public acceptance. .... The TRIP evaluation showed that inspection of rail passengers with modern detectors and procedures is feasible.

After the talk, president Bob Molepske presented Bob Pryor a framed print of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate as a memento of the occasion



Passenger and baggage screening on board AMTRAK in modified railcar

## Chapter Corporate Breakfast

Our chapter held its annual Chapter Corporate Breakfast at the Mark Center Hilton at 7:45 AM, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker Dr Ernest Seglie, Science Advisor to the DOT&E described current intellectual challenges to T&E meriting research



Dr Seglie addresses the breakfast

Representatives of all eight chapter sponsors attended and presented to Bob Molepske enlarged versions of their annual contribution checks, which make possible chapter

scholarships to students pursuing T&E-related studies at George Mason University, George Washington University, University of Virginia and Virginia Tech.



Dr White of GMU, Dr Jones of GWU, and Mr Lentz of UVa accept \$1,500 scholarship checks for their students



### CHAPTER SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING BREAKFAST

Left to right: Jim Snaman of Sparta, Bob Fuller of EWA, Kennon Wilson of ARI, John Wiles of Enlighteneering, Jim Ussery of SYColeman, Chip Ferguson of SAIC, Richard Bennett of ASD, and Jim McCormack of Northrup Grumman

## LOOKING AHEAD

**May 19th** – Chapter Luncheon  
Speaker: Mr Rick Cozby of USATEC  
**Jun 1st** – Chapter Business Meeting  
**Jun 16th** – Chapter Barbeque

( No meetings in July and August )

**Aug 31st** – Chapter Business meeting  
**Sep 15th** – Chapter Luncheon

## NEXT CHAPTER LUNCHEON

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, at the Army Navy Country Club**

**Speaker:** Mr. Richard S. “Rick” Cozby, Chief of the Technology Division, US Army Developmental Test Command, Aberdeen, MD

**Topic:** “Distributed Testing: A Collaboration Enabler”

**Cost of lunch: \$20**

To make a reservation to attend, contact Mrs. Sondra Spalding by noon Tuesday, April 19th at [sondra.spalding@ngc.com](mailto:sondra.spalding@ngc.com) or (703) 648-0123

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