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President's Corner

Although he was scheduled for the November luncheon, we rescheduled **Mr. Harry Pasini** of the Army's IED Task Force to speak next spring because of his recent operation. However, we are fortunate to have **LtCol Paul Schreck** from United States Joint Forces Command to speak on "*Joint Battlefield Management Testing in a Joint Training Environment: Meeting the Challenges of Competing Mission Objectives*" at our November luncheon.

The GW Chapter does not host a luncheon in December.

We will start 2006 with **Mr. Don Means** as our January luncheon speaker to tell us about T&E in Polo Hat Exercises.

We will conduct our December business + social meeting at Clyde's Restaurant just off Beauregard Blvd near the Mark Center at 1715 hours on Wednesday 7 December. All are invited to join the chapter officers and committee chairs for a socializing business meeting.

As most of you already know, ITEA's executive director, **Al Plishker**, is retiring in the spring of 2006. The GW chapter thanks him for his many years of dedicated service and wishes him the best in retirement. For those of you who know someone who might be interested in becoming the next executive director, information on the position requirements and application instructions are posted on the ITEA website, <http://www.itea.org/>.

Recently I have been asked, "What is ITEA?" So for those who may have forgotten, and the new members who may not be fully aware, I thought it would be a good time to answer the question for everybody. ITEA is a not-for-profit educational organization founded in 1980 to further the exchange of technical information in the field of test and evaluation. Its members include professionals from industry, government, and academia, who are involved in the development and application of policy and techniques used to assess the effectiveness, reliability, and safety of new and existing systems and products.

New Members

The Chapter welcomes three new members since the October newsletter:

- **John Glaeser** of ICI, LLC
- **Tim Lane** of JMIS
- **Stephen D. MacLeod** of HQ USAF/TEP

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 17 – Chapter Luncheon

[LtCol Paul Schreck](#)

Dec 7 – Chapter Business & Social

Jan 4 – Chapter Business Meeting

Jan 19 - Chapter Luncheon

[Mr. Don Means](#)

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To accomplish this mission, the association provides an ongoing program of workshops, symposia, short courses, awards, and scholarships and produces a quarterly publication, *The ITEA Journal of Test and Evaluation*. The George Washington Chapter helps in the fulfillment of ITEA's goals by promoting the exchange of technical information in the T&E field at our monthly luncheons and special events. The GW Chapter also provides scholarships to local universities which are awarded to deserving students who are pursuing education in the T&E career field.

See you on 17th at the Army Navy Club for our November luncheon and let me be the first to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a very Happy Holidays!

- President Bob Molepske



October Luncheon

At its October 15th luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, the George Washington Chapter heard Dr. Steven J. Hutchison, Director for Test and Evaluation of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) tell about T&E at that agency.



Dr Hutchison

Hutchison said that as the premier Defense tester and evaluator of net-centric warfighting defense systems the DISA T&E mission is to enable the successful transition of joint acquisition systems from developmental testing through operational testing to fielding. DISA has been designated an operational test agency (OTA). It has headquarters in the National Capital Region and test facilities at Indian Head, MD, Fort Huachuca, AZ, and Slidell, LA totaling 1,353 personnel.

DISA accomplishes its mission by tailoring the Defense 5000-series regulations on acquisition and testing, creating an integrated test team (ITT), identifying strategic partnerships, championing a certification-based progression process via risk management events, and creating a test, evaluation, and certification (TEC) framework.

Examples of tailoring the 5000 series requirements include recognizing the difference between Major Defense Acquisition Programs and Major Acquisition Information Systems,

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modifying Defense guidance documents, maintaining a Best Practices repository, and using the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) to support other test activities.

An example of an Integrated Test Team is one that includes developmental testing (DT), interoperability testing (IOP), information assurance testing (IA), and operational testing (OT) communities.

Strategic T&E partnerships include the Joint Systems Integration Center, the Joint National Training Capability (JNTC), the OTA Forum, the Industry Test Panel, and liaison to service test organizations, among others.

Hutchison said DISA encourages Program Manager involvement to build affordable confidence and ensure operational capability,

He said challenges include the fast track acquisition process, individual service versus joint acquisition, and replication of the distributed operational environment.

Looking ahead, Hutchison said that DISA will capture systems that escaped the acquisition process, and will continue to validate and verify interoperability certifications and to provide support in the field.

Many of his slides displayed the DISA motto "Never Accept Mediocrity".



After the talk, chapter president Bob Molepske presented Steve Hutchison an engraved clock as a memento of the occasion.

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NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

November Luncheon

Thursday, November 17th, 11:30 AM - Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington

Guest Speaker: LtCol Paul C. Shreck, Jr., USMC
Chief, Advanced Concepts and Strategic Development
Joint Fires Integration and Interoperability Team,
United States Joint Forces Command

Topic: "Joint Battlefield Management Testing in a
Joint Training Environment"

Cost \$20

Reserve by Tuesday Nov 15th at <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>

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