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### President's Corner

On behalf of the ITEA George Washington chapter officers and committee chairs I wish each and everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! We will start 2006 with Mr. **Don Means** of the **Defense Information Systems Agency** as our January luncheon speaker who will inform us about T&E in Polo Hat Exercises.

For our 16 February luncheon, we are fortunate to have Mr. **Brian Barr**, the Technical Director of ATEC as our speaker. And in March, we will have a joint luncheon with the Association of Old Crows with a speaker from the Army's Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Task Force who will cover both the influence of electronic warfare and the required testing in this very important area.

At our January meeting of the officers and committee chairs, we presented **Joseph "Skip" Vibert** with a framed print of the Washington Monument as a memento to thank him for his service as the president of the GW chapter from September 2003 to September 2004. Not only did Skip do a great job for two years as chapter president, he continued to work with us to fill the committee chair jobs vacated because of job changes. Thanks Skip!



We have had two recent job changes among our committee chairs. Jim Sebolka has accepted the position of Special Events Chair and has started working on our next significant chapter-sponsored workshop. Mr. Jim Tedeschi, who has been our education committee chair for the past year is moving to a new position out of our area. While the chapter publicly thanks Jim for his hard work, I am asking for a volunteer to replace him as the education committee chair. If you are interested in that position, or as a member of any committee, please contact me. You can mark your calendar now for the annual chapter Corporate Sponsor Breakfast on April 12<sup>th</sup>, where we'll hand out scholarship checks and honor our sponsors. See you at lunch Thursday  
- Bob Molepske, President

### LOOKING AHEAD

Jan 19 - Chapter Luncheon  
**Polo Hat Exercise - Don Means**  
Feb 1 - Chapter Business Meeting  
Feb 16 - Chapter Luncheon  
**USATEC - Brian Barr**  
Mar 1 - Chapter Business Meeting  
Mar 16 - Chapter Luncheon  
**IED Task Force Representative**  
Apr 5 - Chapter Business Meeting  
Apr 12 - Corporate Breakfast  
Apr 20 - Chapter Luncheon  
**DOT&E Live Fire - Larry Miller**  
May 3 - Chapter Business Meeting  
May 18 - Chapter Luncheon  
Jun 15 - Chapter Annual BBQ

### This Month's Featured Corporate Sponsor



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### December Meeting

Among attendees at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter combined business meeting and social at Clyde's restaurant were (left to right) Skip Vibert, Cathy Cordova, Jim Sebolka, Bob Molepske, and Todd Stevenson. Most of the business talk concerned food and drink.



### New Members

The Chapter welcomes four new members:

- Jonathan D. Addelston
- Brian R. Gattoni
- William F Hecker
- Albert Rios

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.

## November Luncheon

At its October 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, the George Washington Chapter heard **Lieutenant Colonel Paul C. Schreck, Jr, USMC** discuss “Joint Battlefield Management Testing in a Joint Training Environment”. He is Chief, of the Advanced Concepts and Strategic Development Joint Fires Integration and Interoperability Team, of the US Joint Forces Command. Prior to his present assignment he has had substantial test experience including tours as a test pilot.



Schreck said testing in a joint training environment is a matter of meeting the challenges of the competing mission

objectives of both testing and training. While costs require test and evaluation T&E in conjunction with live, virtual, and constructive joint training activities, satisfying the rigorous constraints of the T&E community in test design and instrumentation presents unique challenges during service-sponsored joint training events. The U. S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) and the Joint National Training Capability (JNTC) facilitate joint training by enhancing existing service training venues through a combination of joint task analysis, technology, and robust threat representation. The JNTC is the centerpiece of U. S. Department of Defense training “transformation.”

Schreck went on to describe the recent experiences at the Combined Joint Task Force Exercise (CJTFFEX) 04-2 in June 2004 and the Joint Red Flag in March 2005 by members of the USJFCOM, which showed strengths and weaknesses of combined joint testing and training.

Those exercises showed that transforming US forces, coalitions, and interagency entities is central to planning and executing a common battlespace, which is necessary for combined testing and training.

Schreck said that in the future his team will conduct initial assessment of Joint Battle Management Command and Control (JBMC2) capabilities. Beginning in 2006, his Joint Fires Integration and Interoperability Team will conduct a field assessment of the Joint Close Air Support Joint Mission Thread (JCAS JMT) using the joint terminal attack controller (JTAC) for close air support aircraft in lieu of standard voice. Measures of effectiveness will be assessed in a multi-event, building-block schedule to leverage Joint exercises, events, and venues within the JNTC framework



After the talk, chapter president Bob Molepske presented Paul Schreck an engraved ITEA clock as a memento.

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## NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

January Luncheon

Thursday, January 19th, 11:30 AM - Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Llewellyn “Don” Means, Jr., Chief, Operations Assessment Team, Nuclear C3 Engineering Branch, GIG Enterprise Services Engineering, Defense Information Systems Agency**

**Topic: “Operational Assessments – Testing a System of Systems”**

**Cost \$20**

Reserve by Tuesday Jan 17th at <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>

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