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President's Corner

Mr. **Brian Barr**, ATEC Technical Director, will be our February luncheon speaker. Note that this month we have changed the date from the usual third Thursday to the fourth Thursday, 23 February. In March, we will have a joint luncheon with the Association of Old Crows with Colonel **Ed Martin** as our guest speaker. Col Martin is a member of the Army's Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization who will cover both the influence of electronic warfare and the required testing in this very important area.

We are planning to hold the annual corporate breakfast on 12 April at the Mark Center Hilton. While we will have an interesting speaker at this event, we also invite our sponsors and schools as guests

and present our scholarship award checks to local universities in accordance with the ITEA mission. All chapter members are invited to join us for this event. Please contact our Corporate committee chair, Mr. **Todd Stevenson** for more details.

Our Awards and Nominations Chair, Mr. **Tony Nelson** has worked with the officers to establish the **Dr. Robert Bell Memorial Scholarship** presented by the GW chapter. In honor of chapter member Bob Bell, the MCOTEA technical director, who recently died. He was a long time supporter of ITEA and has contributed to the success of ITEA in many ways.

At the urging of many members, we have created the first GW ITEA Chapter coin to be given in recognition of members who provide special help to our chapter.

help to the chapter and will available for purchase at our luncheons.

Volunteers are the keys to success of the GW chapter. The more we have, the more the workload is spread and the more successful we will become. Right now we need a chairman for our important Education Committee. Will someone please take over? If you are interested in that position, or as a member of any other committee, please contact me.

See you on the 23rd at our February luncheon.

- Bob Molepske



Corporate Sponsor of the Month

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January Luncheon

At its January 19thth luncheon at the Army Navy Country Club, the chapter heard Mr Llewellyn "Don" Means Jr, Chief of the Operational Assessment Team in the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), tell of "Operational Assessments – Testing a System of Systems".



Means said that the DISA mission includes T&E of deployed nuclear command, control and communications systems' performance, reliability, and procedures. These are the systems that support the president and SECDEF plans, monitoring, and decision making.

The methodology is to collect data during exercises by combatant commands with test scenarios going all the way from detection and warning, through execution, to reports. Measures of effectiveness are predetermined and are derived from Department of Defense publications concerning the systems and their operators and users. Because most systems don't allow automated data collection, collection includes knowledgeable observers, self reporting, and results of exercises.

He went on to say that reporting assessments is based on a process that goes from debriefing the involved units, through a results conference, writing of an actions required message and executive summary, to a report of final results to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Later a detailed technical annex is added to the report. Means emphasized the candor and intensity of the results conferences, which include both the participating units and senior leaders. -

During a Q&A session, Means said that these operational assessments are not combined with training exercises to avoid conflict in objectives. He also said that feedback about performance is provided to users and system developers of equipment, procedures, and personnel. [CONTINUED]

January Luncheon (continued)

After the talk, chapter president Bob Molepske presented Don Means an ITEA clock as a memento of the occasion.



LOOKING AHEAD

23 Feb - Luncheon
[Brian Barr, Army T&E Command](#)
1 Mar – Business Meeting
16 Mar – Joint Lunch with Old Crows
[COL Ed Martin, Joint IED Defeat Org](#)
5 Apr – Business Meeting
12 Apr – Annual Corporate Breakfast
20 Apr – Luncheon
[Larry Miller, Live Fire T&E](#)
3 May – Business Meeting
18 May – Luncheon
[Marine Corps OT&E Activity \(invited\)](#)
7 Jun – Business Meeting
June – Annual Barbeque
 For location of annual meeting, email
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New Members

The Chapter welcomes three new members:
 - **LtCol Gregory Chesterton, MCOTEA**
 - **Mrs Kristi Irvin, ATEC**
 - **Mr Albert Tios, SAIC**
 - 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. Please encourage a colleague to join.

Chapter Website

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

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NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

February Luncheon

Thursday, February 23rd, 11:30 AM - Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington

(A week later in the month than usual)

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Brian Barr, Technical Director
 US Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC)
 Topic: "ATEC: The First 6 Years, The Next 6 Years"**

Cost \$20

Reserve by Tuesday Feb 21st at <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>

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