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Presidents Corner

This month we will have a joint luncheon with the Association of Old Crows at the Army Navy Club. Our guest speaker is Col **Ed Martin**, 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. Our April luncheon will feature Mr. **Larry Miller**, DOT&E's chief of Live Fire T&E.

We will host the George Washington Chapter's Corporate Sponsorship Appreciation Breakfast at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center on Wednesday, April 12th. Breakfast will begin at 0730, and is complimentary for up to thirty ITEA George Washington Chapter members, scholarship school representatives, and Corporate Sponsors.

If you would like to attend this year, please contact our Corporate Committee chair, Todd Stevenson at

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to reserve your place at this annual event.

The chapter will elect new officers this summer to lead the chapter for the next two years. A nominating committee is being formed and will present a recommended slate of officers to be voted on. In the meantime, if you are interested in becoming an officer of the chapter or know of someone who would be a good officer, please contact me. I promise that the nomination committee will talk to everyone nominated prior to publication of the ballot this summer. As you know, volunteers are the keys to success of the GW chapter. Why not volunteer to be a committee member or officer today?



See you on the 16th at our March luncheon. - President Bob Molepske

February Luncheon

The George Washington Chapter heard Mr. Brian Barr, Technical Director of the US Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) discuss "ATEC: The First 6 Years; the Next 6 Years" at its February 23rd luncheon meeting at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington.



After some memorial words for the late Dr. Bob Bell, until recently Technical Director of the US Marine Corps OT&E

Activity, Barr told an experience of a fellow combatant in Viet Nam. His colleague in arms unexpectedly found himself running alone into a Viet Cong platoon size encampment, which required him to kill 22 awakening foes to survive. Barr noted the effectiveness and reliability of the tested and evaluated combat rifle involved.

Barr said that ATEC is alone among the four services in having developmental testing, operational testing, and evaluation combined in a single command, and six years of experience have smoothed the coordination of the three differing cultures, profiting by the synergy attained. He went on to say the command gained something from the varying backgrounds and styles of its four commanders during the six years, and the vision of the two Army chiefs of staff and their vice chiefs during that time. For example, former commander Major General Armbruster brought to ATEC an in-depth knowledge of materiel acquisition and a penchant for detailed planning, while

current commander Major General Myles successfully restructured a portion of the command's operations to provide urgent support to an Army at war.

Looking toward the next six years, Barr predicted that some, but not all, of the test and evaluation techniques developed for rapidly fielding materiel to the war will help the organization operate under increasingly tighter resources. He also foresaw less emphasis on trying to integrate all elements of the command into a single culture, because the varying skills and viewpoints of the different cultures consolidated in the reorganization 6 years ago are useful. He did not see current management campaigns such as Lean Six Sigma and Netcentric nearly as important as continued good leadership and management.

He concluded his remarks telling of hearing a recent briefing from an intelligence organization. The briefer described a complex plan with

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sophisticated technology and flawless weapons performance. Barr reflected that the whole plan sounded unrealistically sterile. It gave no evidence of considering such action in actual combat.

During a robust Q&A period, Barr expressed his opinion that small unmanned aerial vehicles pose a new challenge to Army air defense.

After the talk, chapter vice president Cathy Cordova presented Brian Barr an ITEA clock as a memento of the occasion.



New Members

The Chapter welcomes three new members:

- **Janney A. Dorsey** of USATEC
- **Diane N. Luna** of USATEC
- **Patricia L. Wilson** of DISA/TE

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.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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
[Cdr, Marine Corps OT&E Activity \(invited\)](#)
7 Jun – Business Meeting
June – Annual Barbeque
30 Aug – Business Meeting
For location of business meetings, call
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: <http://www.gw-itea.org>

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Bell Scholarship

We have begun collection for a scholarship in honor of the late Robert S. Bell, recent Technical Director of the US Marine Corps OT&E Activity at Quantico, VA, and longtime member of our chapter. It will be presented to a deserving student at the chapter luncheon in May. Donors to date are Peter Christensen of Woodbridge, VA; Lee & Pauline Nathanson of Purcellville, VA; members of the MITRE Corporation; and the Milwaukee, WI Police Dept (where Bob's bother Dan works).

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NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

Joint Luncheon with the Association of Old Crows

Thursday, March 16th, 11:30 AM

Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington

Guest Speaker: Colonel Edward Martin,
Chief, STRATCOM for the Joint IED Defeat Organization
US Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC)

Topic: "Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) Defeat"

Cost \$20

Reserve by Tuesday Mar 14th at <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>
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