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President's Corner

Col **Ed Martin**, Chief of Strategic Communications for the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) provided an excellent overview of the JIEDDO program to 80 appreciative members of ITEA's GW Chapter and the AOC's Capitol Club Chapter at our March joint luncheon.

Mr. **Larry Miller**, DOT&E's Live Fire T&E Deputy Director, will not be able to be our speaker at this month's luncheon. However, Mr. **Michael Crisp**, DOT&E's Air Warfare Deputy Director, will replace him. Mr. Crisp will present an update on implementation of the DoD testing in a joint environment roadmap. This is a very timely and important topic for anyone in the T&E business.

New Members

The Chapter welcomes twelve new members:

- **Dr Richard A Adams, IDA**
- **Mr Dennis A Cappel, Northrup Grum**
- **Mr Carl Deans, Survive Engineering**
- **Mr Janney Dorsey, USATEC**
- **Mr Gary Gray, Alion Sci & Tech**
- **Mr Mitchell J Hallstone**
- **Mr David Havron, USMCOTEA**
- **Ms N Dianne Luna, USATEC**
- **Mr Bruce Samuelson, Alion Sci & T**
- **Mr Patrick Sul, USAEC**
- **Mr Willam F Tanner, AOC**
- **Ms Patricia L Wilson, DISA**

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.

Our 18 May luncheon speaker will be Col Bohn, Commander, Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Agency (MCOTEA). We will present the Dr. Robert Bell scholarship to a deserving local college student pursuing an education leading to a career in Test and Evaluation. This scholarship will serve as a lasting testimony to the life and work of Dr. Bell, long time Technical Director of MCOTEA.

The chapter will elect new officers this summer to lead the chapter for the next two years. A nominating committee has been formed and is working toward a recommended slate of officers. In the mean time, 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 someone will talk to everyone 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 20th at our April luncheon. – Bob Molepske

Chapter Honors Plishker

Upon his retirement as Executive Director of ITEA Alan Plishker received a framed print from chapter president Bob Molepske at the chapter's March Luncheon.



Molepske noted that Al has been a member of the chapter for 17 years and provided much help during that time both to ITEA at large and to the chapter.

After a quick glance at the drawing, and then a second look, Plishker commented that at first he thought it was a picture of a retirement home, but then realized it was a rendering of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate mansion.

March Luncheon

The George Washington Chapter heard Colonel Edward F. Martin, Chief of Strategic Communications for the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) describe its program against improvised explosive devices (IEDs) March 16th at the Army Navy Country Club. The chapter met jointly with the local chapter of the Association of Old Crows (AOC).



Martin said the organization's mission is to coordinate all Defense efforts to defeat IEDs.

Bell Scholarship

The George Washington Chapter has established a scholarship in honor of Dr. Robert S. Bell, longtime Technical Director of the US Marine Corps OT&E Activity and member of our chapter. Contributors to date are:

- Pete Christensen
 - Lee & Pauline Nathanson
 - Support Division, Milwaukee Police Dept
 - Employees of the MITRE Corporation.
- Mail your donation to Treasurer Mike Wetzel ODOT&E, SAIC, Suite 0209, 4850 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria VA, 22311

. It has field elements in Iraq and Afghanistan, researchers at Fort Belvoir, VA, and trainers at Fort Leavenworth, KS, in addition to headquarters in Arlington, VA

JIEDDO is tasked by Department of Defense Directive 2000.19, Joint IED of Defense and reports directly to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. It rapidly implements anti-IED efforts by providing a single point of contact and forum for government, industry, and academic work as well as international partners. The organization is headed by retired Army General Montgomery C. Miegs.

Martin went on to say there are six field teams of military and civilian members that rotate duty between field sites and the training site at Fort Leavenworth. Material requirements come directly from the warfighters. The organization has a test board, a labs element, and a technical review board to examine relevant technology solutions from industry and academia.

Countermeasures include detection of IEDs by various means, destruction of them by conventional weapons, and protection provided by armored vehicles.

In addition to defeating wired and remote ambushes and suicide vehicles, the JIEDDO also works to overcome the process of building IEDs.

After a robust Q&A period ITEA chapter president Bob Molepske and AOC chapter president Linda Palmer presented Colonel Martin with mementos of the occasion.



Call for Nominations

The chapter's new officers will be elected for two-year terms this coming summer. The Nominating Committee is now seeking candidates for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. If you know of someone who would be dedicated to conducting the business of the chapter, please contact a committee member: Tony Nelson at robert.nelson.ctr@mda.mil, Fred McCoy at fred.mccoy@verizon.net, Skip Vibert at (703) 614-9524, or Bob Molepske at robert.molepske@L-3com.com

Chapter Website

Check out our chapter website. Upcoming events are shown, all officers and committee chairs are listed, chapter corporate sponsors are described, newsletters are archived, and minutes of business meetings are published.

Also, GWC members may now pay for monthly luncheons online through PayPal using their Visa or MasterCard.

<http://www.gw-itea.org>

NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

April Luncheon

Thursday, April 20th, 11:30 AM, Army-Navy Country Club

Guest Speaker: Mr. Mike Crisp, DOT&E, Deputy Director

Topic: "An Update on Implementation of the DoD Testing in a Joint Environment Roadmap"

Cost \$20

Reserve by Tuesday, Apr 18th at

<http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>

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Looking Ahead

20 Apr – Luncheon

[Mike Crisp, Deputy DOT&E](#)

3 May – Business Meeting

18 May – Luncheon

[COL Bohn, Cdr, USMCOTEA](#)

7 Jun – Business Meeting

15 Jun – Annual Barbeque

(Rain date : 22 Jun)

30 Aug – Business Meeting

21 Sep - Luncheon

For location of business meetings,
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