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George Washington Chapter

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## President's Corner

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Membership Appreciation Barbeque will be held on 15 June. I sent a flyer to all with the details which are also on another last page of this newsletter. Last year was a great success, and this year will be even better.

At our 18 May luncheon, Col **Mike Bohn**, Director Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Agency (MCOTEA), provided us with some great information on MCOTEA. Some details of his talk are on page 2. Additionally, the GW chapter and Col Bohn presented the first Dr. Robert S. Bell memorial scholarship to an ex-marine, **Ahmed Ferozपुरi**, a George Mason University junior. We were honored to have Dr. Bell's three children in the audience for this inaugural event.

Ms. **Debi Denney** has moved on to other pursuits and will no longer be able to be our membership chair. Debi has done a great job over the past couple of years and her contributions are greatly appreciated. Among other things, everyone should

recognize that she was also the focal point for distribution of chapter newsletters and flyers. Thank you Debi!!

Of course we now have to replace her. I am looking for a volunteer to take her place. The function only takes a couple of hours a month, but they are very important to the life of this chapter. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the chapter officers.

Our public relations chair, aka, webmaster, Mr. **Mark Rieland**, has also decided to step aside for a while. Mark's efforts in maintaining the GW website are also very important to the life of the chapter. Thank you Mark!! However, we are fortunate to have Mr. **John Rose** step up and take his place. This will be a seamless transition, because John has been working with Mark on the website. Having said that, John would welcome someone with website manipulation experience to join him in maintaining the GW website.

The GW chapter nomination committee is still working on a slate of officers to be elected to lead the chapter for the next two years. In early July we will email ballots, with mini-bios, from the new chapter email address. Voting will be accomplished by clicking on the reply button and indicating your choices. This will be the easiest ballot that you have ever dealt with! Watch for it!

- Bob Molpeske



## New Members

The chapter welcomes four new members since the last newsletter:

- Ms **Kristine A Burnell** of Raytheon
- Mr **Larry A Cooney** of Wyle Labs
- Mr **Dennis P Mischel**
- Ms **Laura Taylor** of Booz Allen

The Membership Committee reminds you that if you bring a prospective new member to a luncheon and that person joins ITEA at the luncheon (\$45 dues), both of you receive a future luncheon free of charge.

## Looking Ahead

**15 Jun** – Annual Barbeque  
(Rain date: 22 Jun)

**30 Aug** – Business Meeting

**21 Sep** – Luncheon

**4 Oct** – Business Meeting

For location of business meetings,  
email: [robert.molpeske@L3-com.com](mailto:robert.molpeske@L3-com.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 this month's BBQ online through PayPal using their Visa or MasterCard.

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

## May Luncheon

The chapter heard Colonel Michael S Bohn, Commander of the US Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity (MCOTEA), describe that organization at its May 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Army Navy Country Club.



. Bohn said that as one of the Defense department's four operational test activities (OTAs), MCOTEA's mission is to support materiel acquisition by operationally testing all proposed materiel in all acquisition categories except aircraft. He sees his command as a "risk mitigation" tool to get the best gear possible for the warfighter.

It is an independent tester, reporting directly to the Assistant Commandant. MCOTEA is currently evaluating about 90 programs, including 28 multiservice and joint tests. This includes working with the Navy's Operational Test and Evaluation Force in its operational evaluations concerning Marines, such as amphibious ships like the LPD 17, and multiservice and joint testing of items being acquired by more than one service, such as the Army and Marine Corps Lightweight 155mm Howitzer. It also has interfaces with the Joint Information Test Center, Special Operations Command, ranges, and several navy and marine commands.

The organization has 27 Marines and 30 civilians to do the job, which is about 20% the size of the other three services' OTAs. It is organized into functional branches: ground combat, C4ISR, MAFTF2, CSS, and NBC.

Bohn sees several challenges such as less time to report while demand is increasing and resources decreasing. Another challenge is doing "science projects" in operational conditions.

There is also the need for more joint testing and emphasis on "upfront and early" testing in the continuum from contractor testing through operational testing, which ideally should be limited to testing only in realistic mission profiles.

In a robust question and answer period, Bohn said that MCOTEA is also supporting nonconventional rapid acquisition for the war effort.

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



## Bell Scholarship

The chapter has established a new additional annual scholarship in honor of the late Dr Robert S Bell, former Technical Director of MCOTEA at Quantico, VA and long-time member of this ITEA chapter.

The first award of the Bell Scholarship was made at the May luncheon by chapter president Bob Molepske and MCOTEA commander Colonel Michael

The grant went to George Mason University junior Ahmed Ferozpuri, who is studying computer engineering which may lead to a career in test and evaluation. Coincidentally, he is an ex-Marine.



Bohn

The idea for the scholarship was suggested by Pete Christensen, current MCOTEA Technical Director. Initial contributors were himself, Lee & Pauline Nathanson, .Support Division of the Milwaukee Police Dept, and employees of MITRE Corporation.

Bell's three children attended the luncheon and observed presentation of the first annual Bell Scholarship. They are (left to right) Chris, Katie and Mike.

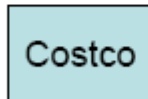


**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
International Test and Evaluation Association  
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Membership Appreciation Barbecue**

**At Virginia Highlands Park**  
Walk from the Pentagon  
or the PC Metro



Army Navy Dr



15<sup>th</sup> Street South



Hayes



**On June 15<sup>th</sup> \***  
**Lunch will be served at 11:30am**  
**Catered by Red Hot and Blue!**

Pulled Chicken  
Pulled Pork and Rolls  
Potato Salad  
Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw

**Cookies and Beverages**

\$5 for members, \$15 for non-members of GW-ITEA

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SEE: below web site on June 14<sup>th</sup> at noon for any changes

Reservations Through Pay Pal on our Website

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

Or contact Mrs. Sondra Spalding by email: [sondra.spalding@ngc.com](mailto:sondra.spalding@ngc.com)

***Because this is an offsite catered event, we need early reservations...  
Please make your reservations NLT 4PM Monday, June 12, 2006***



Scenes from last year's chapter barbecue

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THANKS to outgoing Membership Committee Chair Debi Denney



THANKS to outgoing Public Relations Committee Chair Mark Rieland



WELCOME to new Special Events Committee Member Lou Husser



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