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## President's Corner

Hi local Testers!

I am Cathy Cordova, your new Chapter President for the next two years, and I am very excited to get started and build upon the Bob Molepske legacy!

We had a fantastic start to the new season last month with Mr. Pete Christensen, MCOTEA Technical Director. We had over 40 people in attendance and 3 new members signed up at the luncheon. Remember, if a guest you bring joins ITEA at a luncheon both you and the guest get a future luncheon for free! I encourage you to take advantage of this great offer.

I and the new Board welcome any and all new ideas that you might have for the T&E Community. We hope to be able to sponsor several dedicated T&E events in the upcoming year and we are

always looking for folks to help us out. Right now our Education Chair position is vacant. This one in particular is one of the most rewarding positions on the Board. The Education Chair leads the committee which formulates the budget and awards the annual GW Chapter student scholarships. You get the benefit of direct contact with the college administrators and student winners. The function only takes a couple of hours a month, but it is extremely important to the life of this chapter. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the chapter officers. Remember, our volunteers are the lifeblood of our chapter.

Our October luncheon is on the 19th at the Army Navy Club in Arlington. Our guest speaker will be Bob Aaron of the Army T&E Command. Join us for another great luncheon... and bring a guest!

Also mark your calendar as our November speaker is Mr Walt Hollis from the Army.

Thanks to all of you for your support as the new Board has begun its journey. I especially thank Bob Molepske and his Board for leaving us in a fantastic position to continue the great work of this chapter.

- Cathy Cordova, President



Newly elected officers: President Cathy Cordova, Vice President Chas McKee, Secretary Dave Grow, and Treasurer Mike Wetzl

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## September Luncheon

At its monthly luncheon September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, the George Washington Chapter heard Mr. Pete Christensen, Scientific Advisor to the Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity describe that organization's role in "USMC Testing Challenges in Support of Joint Interoperability Evaluations".



Pete Christensen

After describing MCOTEAs mission, organization, and interfaces, Christensen quoted Vice Admiral Herb Browne (USN, Ret)'s list of priorities for the warfighter (1) Keep self alive, (2) Keep buddy alive, (3) Accomplish mission, and (4) Follow prescribed policy and procedures. He noted these are also the priorities for an acquisition program.

The Joint Vision 2020 program looks to achieve air, land, sea, and space full spectrum dominance and information superiority by then. In compliance with Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 6212.01D we need netcentric joint operations capability. The four pillars in getting there are integrated architecture, key interface profiles, Net Centric Operations and Warfare Reference Model, and information assurance.

Christensen said this is not only a challenge to the Program but challenges to testing. He named five challenges to T&E: lack of rigor in stating capabilities

requirements,, uneven netcentric interface touch points between using forces, insufficient net ready key performance parameter influence on program development contracts, complex coordination in developing Test and Evaluation Master Plans, and lack of joint and interservice test facilities.

He offered his recommendations for improvements in all of these areas, and entertained a Q&A period.



After the talk, President Cathy Cordova presented him an ITEA clock as a memento.

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## 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 reserve and pay for this month's luncheon online through PayPal using their Visa or MasterCard.

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 19 - Luncheon

Bob Aaron, Net Centric Analyst

Nov 1- Business Meeting

Nov 16 – Luncheon

Walt Hollis, Prior Army T&E Exec

Dec 6 – Happy Hour Social

at Clydes on Beaumont Blvd

Jan 4 – Business Meeting

Jan 18 – Luncheon

BG Davis, PM Joint Strike Fighter

For business meeting locations:

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## New Members

Our chapter welcomes nine new members:

- Jackie Desrosiers of Integral Systems, Inc
  - Lana McGlynn of McGlynn Consulting
  - Michael Roberts of DTRA
  - Ron Rolph of IDA
  - Vince Root of Stanley Associates
  - Bruce Simon of SAIC
  - Terrance Westerfield of Northrup Grumman
  - Steve Wilcox of Booz Allen Hamilton
  - Dr Sangil Yoon of the Korean Embassy
- three of whom joined during the September luncheon, earning themselves and the person who brought them a free future luncheon.

## **NEXT CHAPTER EVENT**

**October Luncheon**

**Thursday, October 19th, 11:30 AM, Army-Navy Country Club**

**Guest Speaker: Mr Robert D. Aaron, Senior Analyst, US Army Test and Evaluation Command**

**Topic: "Net Ready Key Performance Parameters"**

**Cost \$20**

**Reserve by Tuesday, Oct 17th at  
the website: <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>  
or by email to: [George\\_Washington-ITEA@yahoo.com](mailto:George_Washington-ITEA@yahoo.com)**



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