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President's Corner

Happy New Year! 2007 is sure to be the George Washington Chapter's best year ever. We have numerous Spring activities in the works, including our Annual Scholarship and Corporate Sponsor Breakfast in April. One of the most important things that we do as a chapter is to provide numerous scholarships to local colleges to support and encourage students who are pursuing degrees and planning careers relevant to the Test and Evaluation community. Also in the works is the First Annual GW ITEA Charity Golf Tournament. We plan to hold this event in May at a course and date to be determined. Right now we have an opening for members and the Chair of our Scholarship committee and for members of our Special Events committee. Volunteering takes a minimal amount of time, but the rewards are immeasurable. Let any officer know of your interest in helping.

Our first luncheon of 2007 is January 18th at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. Our guest speaker will be BGen C. R. Davis, USAF, the Program Executive Officer for the Joint Strike Fighter. I have known Gen Davis since he was a Captain at Edwards Air Force Base flying chase/target missions. He is a dynamic leader and will have a very informative talk about the JSF Test Program. Please join us for another great luncheon... and bring a guest! This luncheon is sure to sell out, so register early.

- Cathy Cordova, President



New Members

Our chapter welcomes seven new members since October:

- Mr Tony Ansell of Global Analytic Technology Services (GAITS)
- Mr Leonard Contreras of GAITS
- Mr Mark DeVita of Army T&E Cmd
- Ms Joyce Doran of SAIC
- Mr Zac Flaherty of TRAX Tech Services
- Mr Steve Justis of TRAX Tech Svcs
- COL Count Tye, USAF

If someone you bring to an ITEA luncheon joins ITEA during that luncheon, both you and the new member earn a free future lunch.

Chapter Website

Check out our chapter website. Besides showing much information about the chapter and its activities, GWC members may now reserve and pay for luncheons online through PayPal using their Visa or MasterCard.

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Among attendees at the December 6th chapter business meeting and social at Clyde's were Cathy Callahan, Todd Stevenson, Cathy Cordova, and Fred Foster.

November Luncheon

At its monthly luncheon on November 16th, the George Washington Chapter heard Mr. Walter W. Hollis, former Army T&E Executive, discuss "The Future of Army Operational Analysis".



He said that the Army is doing two types of evaluations. One supports acquisition decisions for programs of record and addresses the degree of effectiveness, suitability, and survivability. The other type is "quick and dirty" evaluation which primarily address the safety of equipment being rapidly deployed in support of ongoing combat operations and addresses whether it is "good enough." His view was that American industry patriotically tries to support the soldier with these rapid items, but it is difficult and observers on the scene report some items are still in their boxes.

He went on to say programs of record are also getting more difficult to field. The biggest Army program is the Future Combat System (FCS). It is a system of systems which is being built and

tested in parts but is to be used as a complex whole. Hollis said he is confident we can build and test the FCS but a new issue has emerged.

The key element in its success has become the unit commander. We can provide the equipment but training and leadership are needed in how to use them. This is an issue which needs to be tested. He observed that testers up to now have been careful to test the system, not the soldier, but now the soldier is the most important element of the system. Possibly commanders need to be more experienced and higher rank than before.

Part of the answer is testing on high tech training simulations. In fact, such simulations are already necessary for training to achieve and maintain proficiency in use of the systems.

In a brisk Q&A period, Mr Hollis addressed among other things, compressing test times. He said some efficiency can be gained by better test design, but testers must not shy from stating how much time is really needed.



After the talk, chapter president Cathy Cordova presented Mr. Hollis with a GW Chapter ITEA clock as a memento of the occasion, and then the group sang and ate a decorated cake in honor of Mr. Hollis' birthday the previous day.



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NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

January Luncheon

Thursday, January 18th, 11:30 AM, Army-Navy Country Club

Guest Speaker: Brigadier General C. R. Davis, USAF,
Program Executive Officer, Joint Strike Fighter

Topic: "Test and Evaluation in the Joint Strike Fighter Program"

Cost \$20

Reserve by Tuesday, Jan 16th at
the website: <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>
or by email to: George_Washington-ITEA@yahoo.com

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan 18 - Luncheon, **BG Davis**, PM-JSF
Feb 7 - Chapter business meeting
Feb 15 - Luncheon, **ADM McCarthy**
Mar 7 - Chapter business meeting
Mar 15 - Luncheon
Apr 4 - Chapter business meeting
Apr 17 - Chapter Corporate Breakfast
Apr 19 - Luncheon - **Mr Lockhart**, TRMC
May 2 - Chapter business meeting
May 17 - Luncheon

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