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President's Corner

Happy February, ITEA! Since we should have all recovered from making (and breaking) our New Years Resolutions already, please take a moment and give some thought to this question: What is the biggest challenge that you see right now for the T&E Community? I would love to hear your answers. Drop them to us in an email (ITEAGW@yahoo.com). The best challenges may find their way into a session at our next conference. We are working right now to line up a Fall date with ITEA corporate headquarters.

Other upcoming events include our Annual Scholarship and Corporate Sponsor Breakfast which will be Wednesday, April 18th at the Army Navy Country Club from 0800-0930.

This is our chance to thank our sponsors again, as well as to show them the benefit of sponsoring ITEA. We present the scholarships to the local colleges and their student winners at this popular breakfast event. All members are welcome to attend, and for the first 20 to respond, the Chapter will pick up the cost of your breakfast! Please contact Todd Stevenson (todd.stevenson@sparta.com) to RSVP.

Also in the works is the First Annual GW ITEA Charity Golf Tournament, which will benefit our T&E Scholarship Fund. We plan to hold this event on a Friday in May. We will send out a "Save the Date" email as soon as we have the course and date to be determined.

Our next luncheon of 2007 is on February 15th at the Army Navy Club in Arlington.

Our guest speaker will be ADM McCarthy, USN, COMOPTEVFOR, speaking on the Navy Test and Evaluation. Please join us for another great luncheon... and bring a guest! Remember that anyone that joins ITEA at one of our luncheons gets a coupon for a free future luncheon.

- Cathy Cordova, President



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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.

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

NEXT CHAPTER EVENT
February Luncheon
 Thursday, February 15th, 11:30 AM
 Army-Navy Country Club

Guest Speaker: Rear Admiral William J. McCarthy
 Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force

Topic: "Unique Challenges in Navy Testing"

Cost \$20

Reserve by Tuesday, Feb 13th at
 the chapter website: <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>
 or by email to: ITEAGW@Yahoo.com



January Luncheon

At its luncheon meeting on January 18th at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA, the George Washington Chapter heard Colonel Gary G. Preshun, USAF, the Director of Verification and Test for the F-85 Lightning program describe "The Joint Strike Fighter Test Program".



He said this program to deliver and sustain the most advanced affordable strike fighter aircraft in the world is the largest Defense program ever.

It is now moving from design into the execution phase with 11 aircraft in production and one plane already flying. It will produce 3 variants (conventional, carrier landing, and short takeoff and landing) for 3 US services and 8 other nations, that will replace several current aircraft.

.....Preshun went on to say that two test bed aircraft, adapted from Boeing 737's to be flying laboratories, have been used to test several subsystems including the radar. Testing of 20 million lines of software code will utilize the training simulator, which has the same software as the actual aircraft. The next 10 aircraft in the low rate initial production will be used for testing of advanced capabilities including stealth, sensors, heads-up imagery, weaponry, continental class range, built in self diagnosis, logistics, and most challenging, interoperability. Testing will be aided by about 1,400 embedded test measures. A pair of each of the variants will be available for contractor testing at Fort Worth, and government testing at Patuxent River

and Edwards Air Force base. Each single-seat plane will fly about 12 sorties a month during testing. About 20% of the test flights will be operational testing while the plane is still in development.

During a spirited Q&A period Preshun said there is a fully integrated test team of contractors, developmental, and operational testers from all three services and the results are shared with all nine nation partners.

After his talk chapter president Cathy Cordova presented Gary Preshun a handsome ITEA clock as a memento of the occasion.



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LOOKING AHEAD

- Feb 7** - Chapter business meeting
- Feb 15** - Luncheon, **ADM McCarthy**, OPTEVFOR
- 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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