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President's Corner

Happy April, ITEA! Lots of activity going on within our Chapter right now, which corresponds to lots of opportunities for you to get involved! Your participation has been and continues to be the key to the success of our Chapter.

On the FUN side, sign up now for our First Annual GW ITEA Charity Golf Tournament, which will benefit our T&E Scholarship Fund. It will be held Monday, May 7th at Fort Belvoir starting with lunch at 1300. See more details further in this newsletter.

We have just announced the theme for our October 2007 Open Forum: "Test and Training Investments." This Forum will be a two-day conference on October 3-4. We Specifically need Committee Chairs

including Technical / Speaker Tracks (4), Finance, and Registration. We are also seeking your great ideas for speakers and panels. Mr Jim Sebolka is our Chapter Special Events Chair and is heading up this event which will be held at the Northrop Grumman Fair Lakes site. Contact Jim for more information or to help out.

There may still be room for you to sign up to attend our Annual Scholarship and Corporate Sponsor Breakfast. It will be Tuesday, April 17th at the Army Navy Country Club from 0800-0930. All members are welcome to attend as we recognize our sponsors and present scholarship checks to local colleges at this popular breakfast event. For the first 20 to respond, the Chapter will pick up the cost of your breakfast. RSVP to todd.stevenson@sparta.com.

....Our next luncheon is April 19th at the Army Navy Club in Arlington. Our guest speaker will be Rick Lockhart, DOT&E, speaking on the JMETC program. Please join us for another great luncheon... and bring a guest!

- Cathy Cordova, President



March Luncheon

At its monthly luncheon on March 15th, the George Washington Chapter heard Mr. Tracy V. Sheppard of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Director, Operational

Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) discuss "The Live Fire T&E Process." Sheppard said his earlier career included live fire testing. While a technician at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground, he took part in such efforts as the Bradley and Abrams live fire programs, while studying engineering at John Hopkins University. He completed a developmental assignment at DOT&E in 1997/98 and since 2000 has been at the DOT&E office, now headed by Dr. "Chuck" McQueary.

Sheppard said that Live Fire Testing and Evaluation is a combination of developmental and operational testing, and can leverage already planned contractor and government testing

. The new Deputy Director of DOT&E for Live Fire since February is Mr. Richard Sayre, with substantial Army T&E Sheppard went on to say that program managers are concerned about impact of live fire testing on budget and schedule, but he believes that early planning can make savings, as for example in the Army's Landmine Alternative Protection program where contractor testing was modified at very low cost to satisfy live fire requirements.

He reviewed the requirement in law for survivability and lethality testing, and said the DOT&E mission regarding Live Fire testing is to oversee its planning, execution, and funding, and to ensure realistic testing.

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr 17 - Chapter Corporate Breakfast

Apr 19 - Lunch – **Rick Lockhart**
TRMC

May 2 - Chapter business meeting

May 7 – Chapter Golf Tournament

May 17 – Lunch – **Brian Simmons**
USAEC

June 21 – 3rd Annual Chapter BBQ
For business meeting locations
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March Luncheon (Continued)

Sheppard noted that the Services execute Live Fire Test and Evaluation differently, indicating that the Army is the only Service that places Live Fire responsibility within their operational test agency rather than with program offices

. Sheppard commented on the importance of full-up system level testing, noting that the Army discovered a failure in the Paladin artillery program that had not been detected during component testing or modeling and simulation.

Sheppard mentioned some additional considerations within the Live Fire T&E Office beyond the statutory objectives, including a new requirement for DOT&E input to early fielding decisions, DOT&E involvement in force protection and non-lethal weapons programs, Joint Live Fire testing of already fielded systems, oversight of the Joint Technical Coordinating Group for Munitions Effectiveness who produce Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manuals, oversight of the Joint Aircraft Survivability program, and involvement with body armor programs.

In a brisk Q&A period, Sheppard said that he highly favors embedded instrumentation, new statues will involve DOT&E in rapid equipping, and that physics-based modeling is still critical to live fire evaluation, but does not replace testing.

After the talk chapter president Cathy Cordova presented Tracy Sheppard with a three dimensional jigsaw puzzle of the world globe as a memento of the occasion.

Corporate Breakfast

Each year the chapter invites representatives of each of our corporate sponsors to be guest at a breakfast where they hear a distinguished speaker and see the chapter award scholarship checks to local universities.

This year the breakfast will be on April 17th at 7:45 AM at the Army navy Country Club. To attend, contact Committee Chair Todd Stevenson at Sparta, Inc. at todd.stevenson@sparta.com or 703 697 4655.

Our current chapter corporate members are:

- Advanced Systems Development
- Applied Resources, Inc
- Electronic Warfare Associates Inc
- Enlighteneering Inc
- L3 Communications – SY Coleman
- Sparta Inc
- Science Applications Int'l Corp

New Members

Since December, we welcome 16 new chapter members:

- Debra D Bednorz, HQAF T&E
- Carol Booth, Data Research&Analysis Crp
- Khoung T Dinh, The MITEE Corp
- Edward P Donovan, SAIC
- Steven Dwyer, SAIC
- John Kisko, Transportation Security Administration
- Steve Lunsford, HART Technologies
- Leslie Machdo, Survice Engineering
- Joshua Messner, Applied Resources Inc
- Teddie L Outland, Fusion Branch Lead
- Gilbert Perez, Northrop Grumman
- Debra Ridgeway, FCS CTO
- Jerry Thomas, HART Technologies
- Patrick Valentia
- Eric Veigel, Survice Engineering
- Willis Wilson, Computer Science Corp

The Membership Committee reminds you that if you bring a guest potential member to a luncheon meeting and he or she joins ITEA there, you both receive a future luncheon free.



At last year's Corporate Breakfast, Irv Boyles of the Education Committee presents a scholarship check made possible by the chapter's corporate sponsors to Dr Mike Myers of George Washington University

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Announcing...

The FIRST ANNUAL ITEA – GW Chapter GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday May 7th – 1300 Start/Lunch Time - Fort Belvoir Golf Course

Proceeds to benefit the ITEA-GW Scholarship Fund

Come out and join us for an afternoon of sun and sport

All levels of play welcome – Up to 24 teams – Singles welcome too

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin

\$60 includes greens fees, cart, and box lunch

Participation in the event is open to all ITEA members, corporate sponsors, and their guests.

Paypal your spot at www.gw-itea.org Or email your reservation to iteagw@yahoo.com

Corporate Sponsorship of Golf Tournament Funds received from corporations sponsoring a hole at the event for \$500 will go directly to our Educational Assistance Program fund to provide scholarships for college students in T&E-related fields of study. Sponsoring corporations will be appropriately recognized at the tee of their sponsored hole, and in the GW ITEA Newsletter. If you wish to sponsor a hole at the event, please contact Todd Stevenson at 443 512 0694, or 443 655 0531, or at todd.stevenson@sparta.com or <http://www.gw-itea.org>

NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

Luncheon Thursday, April 19th, 11:30 AM, Army-Navy Country Club

Guest Speaker: Mr. Richard L. Lockhart, Principal Deputy Director,
Test Resources Management Agency

Topic: "Joint Mission Environment Test Capability (JMETC)"

Cost \$20

Reserve by Tuesday, April 17th at <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>
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