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President's Corner

Happy holidays. It's that time of the year again. Time, that is, for our chapter annual December Social at Clydes of Mark Center. We'll gather after work Wednesday, December 5th, starting at 5:15. The Chapter buys the first round.

Our October forum on Testing and Training last month was a success and led to the production of a white paper for senior policy makers in both communities.



Some of last year's December revelers.

.....Based on the brainstorming session led by John Wiles at the close of the forum, a hard-working team of volunteers put together the white paper. It will be submitted to four senior government policy makers: Dr Paul W Mayberry, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Dr John Foulkes, Director of the Test Resources Management Agency, Mr. Michael D. Crisp, Deputy Director of OT&E, and Mr Chris DiPetto, Deputy Director for DT&E, who said they will consider its findings and conclusions.

The paper assessed where we have been, where we are, and where we want to be in 2020 with test and training facilities. It showed differences between the two missions and then went on to identify two key points in bridging the separation: singular management of both, and incentives to share investment. These and other organizational, cost,

state of technology, and time factors led to the paper's conclusion that Defense T&E and training must converge.

We owe our thanks to the principal authors of the white paper: Jim Sebolka, Dave Grow, and Count "Bo" Tye, and to several others who have contributed, or are now reviewing the draft.

We still need chapter committee members and chairs, especially for Education and Membership. Would love to have your volunteer help for just a few hours each month.

We'll start the new year with guest speaker Brian Simmons, Director of the Army Evaluation Center, at our January 17th luncheon.



Hope to see you there and at our Dec 5th Social.
 - Cathy Cordova, President

November Luncheon

At its monthly luncheon on November 8th at the Army Navy Country Club, the George Washington Chapter heard Mr. George Ryan, Director of T&E for the Homeland Security Department discuss their organization and procedures.



George Ryan

....Ryan said that when he went from the Department of Defense to establish T&E in the Department of Homeland Defense (DHS) Science and Technology, he saw contrasts such as a law enforcement mentality and the military mind.

Although areas of interest are similar to military (e.g., explosives, robotics, counter-MANPADS, chem.-bio, communications, UAV, interoperability) allowing carry over of some DoD approaches, basic standards for DHS came from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. In addition to the interests shared with the military, their Integrated Product Teams also address DHS unique issues such as tunnel resilience, cargo security, first responder communications, position location in a smoke filled interior, and quick levee repair. Technical efforts range from urgent near term solutions through innovative R&D, to basic research

Ryan described four DHS labs, and said they also sometimes use DoD test facilities. He said that unlike DoD's single buyer acquisition, a major DHS product is an approved products list for use by local agencies. Ryan mentioned that DHS needs from industry are available in a brochure on the web.



George Ryan receives an ITEA clock from chapter vice president Chas McKee as a memento of the occasion.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 5 – Chapter Social

Jan 2- Chapter business meeting

Jan 17 – Luncheon: **Brian Simmons**,
Director, US Army Evaluation Center

Feb 6 – Chapter business meeting

Feb 21 – Luncheon

For time and location of business meetings, contact Cathy Cordova at catherine.cordova@mda.mil

New Members

Joining our chapter recently were:

- **Mr William Keegan**, SAIC
- **Mr Wayne Taylor**, Telesis
- **MG Jeffrey Reimer**, Air Force PEO F-22
- **Mr Kirk Johnson**, ODOT&E
- **Dr Gerald Garfinkel**, Army T&E Command
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- **BG Fred Castle**, Scientific Research Corp
- **Dr Robin Baughman**

NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

Wednesday, December 5th, 5:15 PM

Clyde's of Mark Center, 1700 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA

Chapter Social Gathering

No need to make reservations; just join us at 5:15 or later



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