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President's Corner

Happy February, ITEA! Our February luncheon speaker is Chip Ferguson who will be giving us more details on JMETC. Please join us, and bring a friend.

Other upcoming events that we have planned include our annual Joint Luncheon with the Old Crows in March, and our Second Annual Golf Tournament Charity Event which we will combine with our Membership Appreciation Barbecue in June. We will have the selected golf course and cost available shortly.

Our PayPal registration discount was a big hit last month and greatly assisted us with preparation and a correct count to the Club. If you register for this month's luncheon and pay using PayPal, your luncheon will be discounted to \$15! Cost at the door remains \$20. Note: If you were unable to attend last month due to weather, we are "rolling" your PayPal forward to this month's luncheon if you are able to attend.



Chapter president Cathy Cordova and veep Chas McKee at the January luncheon.

President's Corner (continued)

We are always looking for help in our committees. Why not stop by a business meeting or talk to one of the officers or committee chairs listed in this newsletter and volunteer! These positions require only a few hours a month and have a lot of rewards both professional and personal.

– Cathy Cordova, President

Chapter Website

Our chapter has a website where you can see chapter events, organization, and copies of previous newsletters, and reserve and pay for luncheons online by PayPal.. Check it out at

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 21 – Luncheon

Chip Ferguson, JMETC

Mar 6 – Chapter business meeting

Mar 20 – Luncheon

Al Shaeffer, DDR&E

Apr 3 – Chapter business meeting

Apr 20 – Luncheon

Frank DiGiovanni, OSD

Apr 29 – Corporate Breakfast

May 1 – Chapter business meeting

May 15 – Luncheon

John Bolino, ODOT&E

Jun 5 – Chapter business meeting

Jun 19 – BBQ and Golf Tournament

For time and location of business meetings, contact :

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New Members

Joining our chapter recently were:

- **Patrick Duma**, Fulcrum Defense
- **Darrell Ernst**, MITRE
- **Jay Harrison**, ARES Sys Grp
- **Jerome Holton**, ARES Sys Grp
- **Kenneth Landie**, MCOTEA
- **Greg Letendre**, ARES Sys Grp
- **Hayley Smith**, ARES Sys Grp
- **Jennifer Tecson**, SAIC

.....The membership Committee reminds you that if you bring a potential new member to a luncheon, and he or she joins ITEA there, both of you receive a future luncheon free of charge.

January Luncheon

...The George Washington Chapter heard Mr Brian M Simmons, Director of the Army Evaluation Center discuss "The 4-Element Framework: The ATEC Approach to Mission-Based Test and Evaluation" at its monthly luncheon at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington.



Brian Simmons

Simmons said Army T&E evaluates mission accomplishment by asking three questions:

- Is the mission being accomplished with the system?
- Are the soldiers able to accomplish their tasks with the system?
- Is the system performing as required?"

This approach shifts evaluation focus from system capabilities to mission capabilities.

Simmons said the four elements in the approach are:

- System issues, functions, and characteristics;
 - Evaluation measures;
 - Test data sources and products;
 - Mission tasks and subtasks;
- and went on to further elaborate these four elements in his talk.

He said the 4-element concept was verified in a case study of the CH-47 F helicopter T&E, and is now

being validated in a study of the Joint Cargo Aircraft evaluation. Looking ahead, Simmons said the Army T&E Command will complete the Joint Cargo Aircraft study and continue to develop the process for use in the Army's Future Combat System, including coordination with the Army modeling community and other services' test agencies to develop tools and incorporate lessons learned.



Chapter president Cathy Cordova presents Brian Simmons a silver three-dimensional globe puzzle as a memento .

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NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, February 21st

Army-Navy Country Club, 2400 18th Street South, Arlington, VA 22204, Phone: (703) 521-6800

**Guest Speaker: Bernard F. "Chip" Ferguson, Director,
Joint Mission Environmental Test Capability (JMETC)**



Topic: "JMETC: Its Status and Way Forward"

Cost:

**\$15 if you make reservations by Tuesday, February 19th through
PayPal on our website <http://gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>**

or

\$20 if you reserve by email at iteagw@yahoo.com and pay at the door



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