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## President's Corner

It is fall and the weather is changing, the wind is blowing and the leaves are beginning to fall. It is also election time and the winds of change are all over the place. We had a wonderful luncheon in September with Pete Adolph and Chris DiPetto speaking about the Defense Science Board study on T&E in the Acquisition Process. Their recommendations for change are already being implemented across the community. It was a very interesting discussion.



"Chas" McKee, President

Our October speaker will be John Bolino, an old friend of the GW Chapter, who currently resides in the Tidewater area as the Liaison to Joint Forces Command from DOT&E. John will be speaking to us about "What is new at Joint Forces Command". Please note that that this luncheon will be held on WEDNESDAY the 15<sup>th</sup> at the same time (1130) and place (Army-Navy CC). We look forward to seeing you all there.

-Chas McKee

## Chapter Website

On our chapter website you can see chapter information and reserve and pay for meetings and events online by PayPal. Check it out at: <http://www.gw-itea.org>

## New Members

Joining our chapter during September were:

- Mr Dave Gewertz
- Mr Kevin Layton of SRA International
- Ms Allison Patrick of SRA Int'l
- Mr Damian Taylor of ARES Corp

Be sure to welcome them to the Chapter when you see them.

The membership committee reminds you that if you bring someone to a luncheon meeting and he or she joins ITEA there, both of you will receive a future luncheon free.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 16 – Luncheon, Mr John V. Bolino

Nov 6 – Business Meeting

Nov 20 – Luncheon, MG Roger Nadeau

Dec 4 – Winter Social

For time and location of business meetings, contact:

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## NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Luncheon, Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Social at 11:30 AM, Ribeye Steak at noon  
Army-Navy Country Club, 2400 18th Street South, Arlington, VA 22204

### Guest Speaker:

Mr. John V. Bolino, Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation Liaison Officer to Joint Forces Command (JFCOM)

### Topic:

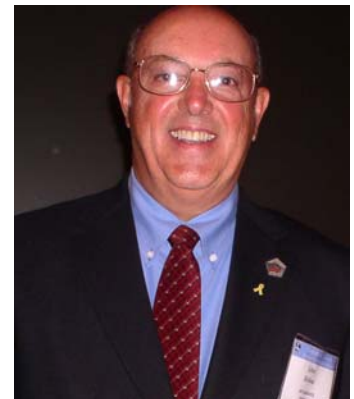
"What's New at JCOM"

### Cost:

\$15 if you reserve by Tuesday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and pay by PayPal  
at <http://www.gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>

or

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John Bolino

## September Luncheon

At its September 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Army Navy Country Club, the George Washington Chapter heard Mr. Chris DiPetto, Deputy Director for Developmental Test and Evaluation (DT&E) in the office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (AT&L) and Mr. Charles "Pete" Adolph, formerly in that position, describe the report of the Defense Science Board on DT&E. Adolph chaired the study and DiPetto served on it. DiPetto said the study was formed because half the systems entering operational T&E are not effective or suitable, mainly because of unsuitable reliability. He described the formation of the task force and implementation of its recommendations, which is already underway.

Mr Adolph discussed the findings of study, starting with the fact that changes in defense acquisition policy and funding in the past 15 years led to different approaches by the three Services but all saw test results showing decreases in system reliability. Low reliability impacts operational effectiveness but the greatest impact is in life cycle costs. Adolph said the problem is in early development and testing. Test readiness reviews shows that systems are not reliable but they enter operational testing anyway, so one fix is to strengthen the readiness process, including AT&L.

Adolph went on to say that the study found that DT&E influence at the OSD level organization should be increased by raising its reporting level, including it in T&E Master Plan approval, and possibly future reorganization. In a lively Q&A session Adolph and DiPetto outlined some initiatives underway to improve system reliability such as involvement in Requests for Proposal and Preliminary Design Reviews, and cited increased high level emphasis.



Chris DiPetto and Pete Adolph

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