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President's Corner

At our luncheon this month we will hear about the new Test and Evaluation Office in the Department of the Army. Deputy Director Dave Grimm and Special Assistant Larry Leiby will describe this major reorganization of Army T&E oversight in the Pentagon. In March we will hear from Major General Roger Nadeau, commander of the Army Test and Evaluation Command, headquartered in Alexandria.



Chas McKee, President

We are also looking forward to the annual Corporate Breakfast where we recognize the support of our chapter sponsors and they meet representatives of the local universities, as we hand out this year's scholarship grants.

Also, planning is well underway for the Test and Training Workshop in Virginia Beach this Spring, which we will co-host with Tidewater Chapter of ITEA. Our Special Events Chair, Jim Sebolka, is inviting key figures in the test and training communities of government and industry, and also Congress to participate.

We can use ideas and volunteers for chapter activities. If you would like to help, get in touch with me or the officers listed in the box on the next page.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 19 – Luncheon **Mr Grimm, TEO**
Mar 5 – Business meeting
Mar 19 – Luncheon **MG Nadeau ATEC**
Apr 2 – Business meeting
Apr ? – Chapter Golf Tournament
For time and location of business meetings, contact:
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New Members

We welcome seven new chapter members:

- **Mr Francis Bausch** of Data R & A Corporation
- **Mr Ken Collins** of Fairfax, VA
- **Mr Jim Dominy** of IDA
- **Ms Celeste Kenamer** of Army T&E Command
- **Mr Martin Mansir** of ODOT&E
- **Ms Anne Radcliff** of CUBRC Corporation
- **Mr Andre Slaughter** of DISA

all of whom joined our chapter during January.

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.

NEXT LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 19th, 2009 - Social at 11:30, Steak dinner at noon
Army-Navy Country Club, 2400 18th Street South, Arlington, VA 22204



Mr Grimm at ITEA 2008 Symposium

Guest Speakers:

**Mr David K Grimm, Deputy Director and
Mr Larry D Leiby, Special Assistant
Deputy Under Secretary of the Army,
Army Test & Evaluation Office (TEO),
Topic: "Army T&E Overview"**



Mr Leiby at ITEA 2004 Symposium

Cost:

\$15 if you reserve by Tuesday, Feb 17th and pay by PayPal at <http://www.gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>

or

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

January Meeting

At its monthly luncheon on January 15th at the Army navy Country Club, the George Washington Chapter heard Dr. Charles McQueary, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, discuss "Life Cycle Cost Savings by Improving Reliability," which described a study performed by his office to investigate the contribution that improving reliability could make the overall ownership costs of military systems. He noted that to have an impact on improving the overall acquisition process, the Department of Defense (DoD) needs to focus on operating and support costs. His research by his office showed that over the past 25 years approximately 92% of DoD acquisition programs were effective in meeting their operational mission requirements at the time the program was to proceed beyond low rate initial production and into full production

But at the same point in the acquisition life cycle, his office found that roughly 20% of the DoD acquisition programs did not meet their suitability requirements, and that the trend over 25 years is getting worse rather than better

.. He noted that research into the operating and support costs for various types of DoD acquisition programs shows that about 2/3 of these costs are attributable to maintenance, and that unreliability is the biggest contributor to maintenance costs. The details of his research included quantitative analysis of the effects of improved reliability on lowering the maintenance costs. It determined that small cost increases for reliability improvement yield large increases in operations and sustainment cost savings. Based on these results, the Defense Business Board adopted Dr McQueary's recommendation to increase focus on reliability during the DoD acquisition process.



After his talk, Dr McQueary received an ITEA memento of the occasion from chapter treasurer Dave Grow

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