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President's Corner

At our luncheon this month we will hear from Major General Roger Nadeau, commander of the Army Test and Evaluation Command, headquartered in Alexandria. In anticipation of Spring, our April luncheon will be transformed into our annual chapter golf tournament. It is tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of the month (April 16th). The location and start time will soon be announced in a flyer. For now, please reserve April 16th for Golf! Last year the team of Trevor Hazen, Bill Keller, Eddie Papczun, and John Rose won first prize, but the second place team of Mike Bell, Phyllis Davis, Chas McKee, and Sergio Sanchez said "Wait until next year!" I hope to see as many of you as possible for a wonderful day of fun and sun!



Chas McKee,
President

In May, we will be looking forward to the annual Corporate Appreciation Luncheon (previously Corporate Breakfast) where we recognize the support of our chapter sponsors, meet representatives of the local universities, and present this year's scholarship grants to some very deserving students.

Planning is well underway for the Test and Training Workshop in Virginia Beach in June, which we will co-host with Tidewater Chapter of ITEA. Our Special Events Chair(s), Jim Sebolka and Dave Grow, are inviting key figures in the test and training communities of government and industry, and also Congress to participate.

If you have ideas to help, get in touch with me or the officers listed in the box on the next page.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 19 – Luncheon **MG Nadeau ATEC**

Apr 2 – Business meeting

Apr 16 – Golf Tournament (tentative)

May 7 – Business meeting

May 21- Corporate Luncheon

Jun 23-25 – Test & Training Forum

For time and location of business meetings, contact:

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New Member

We welcome new chapter member:

Mr Lee Schonenberg of the Navy

who joined our chapter during February.

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

Chapter Website

Check out our web page for chapter news, and to pay for monthly luncheons online.

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

NEXT LUNCHEON

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

Guest Speaker:

**Major General Roger A. Nadeau, Commander
US Army Test and Evaluation Command**

Topic:

**"How ATEC will Address Initiatives Outlined
In the OSD 231 Report"**

Cost:

\$15 if you reserve by Tuesday, Mar 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



February Meeting

At its monthly luncheon on February 19th at the Army Navy Country Club, the George Washington Chapter heard Mr. David Grimm, Deputy Director of the Department of the Army Test and Evaluation Office and Mr. Larry Leiby, Special Assistant for T&E Policy and Education give an "Army Test and Evaluation Overview".

Mr Grimm started by describing the newly formed T&E Office (TEO) in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army which consolidated former elements of the secretariat and the office of the Chief of Staff of the Army. He said the Director of TEO is the Army T&E Executive, a position is currently held by Mr James E Cooke, who is charged with oversight of all Army T&E including funding, policy and regulations, and approval of key documents such as T&E Master Plans. Mr Grimm noted that the Army T&E Strategic Plan is working toward establishing metrics on the effectiveness of T&E and establishing an Army Reliability Center of Excellence.

Mr Leiby described the impact upon the Army of the recent revision of the Department of Defense Directive 5000.2. He noted that most changes were in the early phases of materiel acquisition He said improvements in T&E can be expected from policy favoring embedded instrumentation, joint operations evaluation, test readiness reviews, integrated testing, and a revised TEMP.



After their talk, Larry Leiby (left) and Dave Grimm (middle) received thanks from chapter president Chas McKee

During a lively Q&A period Grimm and Lieby said that testers will need to be involved at the time of Analysis of Alternatives, that the program managers will fund competing prototypes, modeling is aimed more toward technology then system evaluation, and fixes to problems should be made and materiel release decided at a milestone decision.

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