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### Presidents Corner

This month the chapter will be hosting David Duma from DOT&E on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Army Navy Country Club. Mr. Duma will speak on T&E initiatives for 2012. Please come and join us!

This month we've sent out a survey to our membership and we've started getting some great responses! Please, if you have not already, go to our website and complete the survey. It's a valuable tool in helping us direct the year's events. Please follow this link below to take the survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GW-ITEA\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GW-ITEA_Survey).

We're excited about our upcoming February 21-22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 Test and Training Forum in Destin, Florida. For more details this event, please read up on the event in this newsletter! I hope to see you all there!

The board is currently looking for volunteers to fill a few positions. If you are interested in becoming a board member or not sure what it would entail, please contact me and we can discuss how rewarding volunteering for the chapter can be.

As always, please contact me or any of your board members if you'd like to attend the monthly ITEA board meetings, the next is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012. . . . ~ Mike Wetzl, GW-ITEA President



**New Members** The chapter welcomes nine new or returning members joining during November:

**Natalie Apuzzo** of JMETC

**Lauren McIlvenny** of Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab

**John Boylan** of Cassidy & Associates

**Steven Slater** of Booz Allen Hamilton

**Margaret Dvorak** of Roundtable Defense

**John Thomas** of Booz Allen Hamilton

**Stephen Dvornick** of Stafford, VA

**Catherine Warner** of the Office of the Secretary of Defense

**Robert Lee** of Roundtable Defense

**\* \* \* NEXT MEETING \* \* \***

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**- Social at 11:30 AM and lunch at noon - Army Navy Country Club, 2400 18th Street South, Arlington, VA 22204**

**Speaker: David W. Duma, Principal Deputy Director,**  
**Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense**



**Topic: "DOT&E initiatives for 2012"**

**Cost of lunch: \$20**

Reserve online and pay by PayPal at <http://www.gw-itea.org/information/luncheons.cfm>

**or**

Reserve by email at [iteagw@yahoo.com](mailto:iteagw@yahoo.com) and pay upon arrival at the luncheon

**In either case, reserve by Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Chapter Website** - The chapter has a website with information on all luncheons and other events and copies of newsletters. Check it out at <http://www.gw-itea.org>

**November Luncheon** At its monthly luncheon November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA, the George Washington Chapter heard a three member panel discuss “Test and Training Collaboration”.



Panelists (from left) Mark Rindle, Frank Diovanni, and Steve Hutchison

Mr. Mark Rindle of Chesapeake Synergy, Inc., Operational Liaison to the Joint Atlantic Range Cooperative said the Cooperative is looking for synergies between ranges. The 13 members of the Cooperative have surveyed the range users for needs and are matching them to capabilities. He noted that there have been some successes, for example, the Navy’s fleet target service provides to both training and testing. He estimated that about 20% of Navy training is done on test ranges, but a major flaw in greater cooperation is that a unit funding for training does not include funding for range instrumentation.

Dr. Steve Hutchison, Principal Deputy Director of Developmental Test and Evaluation for the Defense Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, questioned why there should be tension between the testing and training communities, saying that in 1998 he was a test evaluator at the Army National Training Center and saw tension there. He observed that every test is also a training event, which should be appealing to both communities.



ITEA Executive Director James Gaidry was among luncheon attendees

Mr. Frank DiGiovanni, Director of Training Readiness and Strategy for the Defense Assistant Deputy Secretary for Readiness, showed slides illustrating potential areas for training and testing partnership. He said there have some success in cooperation. For example Eglin Air Force Base and China Lake Research Center have collaborated, particularly in instrumentation development. He commented that test and training cooperation has been an issue for a long time, showing a slide from a 1996 ITEA briefing slide. He commented that much more remains to be done and that the testers and trainers should look to the same operational warfare community they both serve.

In a lively Q&A session it was noted that one obstacle to more partnership is neither side wants to jeopardize its mission to the other side, but both get their funding to

support the same operational warfare owner of the requirements both. Perhaps upcoming funding cuts will encourage the requirements community to force test and training mission consolidation because forces in testing are getting some training and forces in training could benefit from test measures of force performance. Also, in Q&A it was noted that embedded instrumentation in systems is valuable to both tests and training, and when testers develop new range capabilities for advanced technology such as cyber warfare, it is likely to attract trainers. After discussion, chapter president Mike Wetzl thanked all three panelists in turn and presented them gift mementos of the occasion.



Chapter president Mike Wetzl thanks panelist Steve Hutchison.

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# MAXIMIZING TEST & TRAINING COLLABORATION ON SHARING OF RANGE RESOURCES

## *A Testing & Training Cross Talk Forum* **21 to 23 February, 2012** *Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin, Florida*

*The Forum will spotlight ways we might refocus our two community's efforts to maximize the benefits of programs we may be independently pursuing in areas of overlapping concern*

### **Presented by:**

George Washington and Emerald Coast Chapters of the International Test & Evaluation Association *in partnership with* The National Training and Simulation Association

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As a Washington Test & Evaluation professional engaged in addressing and advancing the knowledge and capabilities of our community, this is a forum that is well worth your attending and participation.

As you should be aware, our chapter has been and continues to be a longtime supporter of encouraging the test and training professionals, whether from the government, industry or from a professional association aspect, to increase their collaboration on range and instrumentation usage and development. As such, the GW Chapter is broadening its efforts by partnering with the Emerald Coast Chapter and the National Training & Simulations Association to sponsor a focused Cross Talk Forum that will both critique what progress has been made over the past decade, and to also explore where new opportunities may be presenting themselves.

So why conduct it at Fort Walton instead of Washington you say? Well..., Eglin Air Force Base which is located close to Destin, FL has been undergoing a major revamping of its mission set. Once thought of almost exclusively as a vital test activity; a key component of the Nation's Major Range & Test Facility Base, it has since been transformed into an activity that is now as critically important to the training community for its support of multiple Services' training needs. Thus for our purposes it can serve as a poster child of an activity that to one degree or another has doubled its utility to the greater good of DoD. So in reviewing the issues that are challenging our communities' ability to collaborate we can use Eglin in context as a primary case study. Has it worked in every case? If not what missions suffered and can they be effectively mitigated? How have they or how can we/they balance competing needs not just across test and training but also across multiple Services with often very divergent mission sets. In effect, has Eglin been able to deconflict and integrate Testing and Training missions into a seamless process that ensures overlapping needs for space, time and spectrum with minimal disruption to either's needs? The Cross Talk Forum will include in its program, leaders from DoD in Washington, senior range operators, and industry experts missions across the Services from both the Testing and Training communities. Here are some highlights from the program.

**Note:** Go to our website at: <http://www.gw-itea.org> to see the latest update to the program agenda.

### **TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

**Keynote Speaker** (invited) - ADM William H. McRaven, Commander, U.S. Special Forces Command  
Presentation – *Test and Training Challenges for Joint Special Forces*

**Eglin Developments** - Maj Gen Ken Merchant, USAF  
Presentation - *Overview of test and training activities at Eglin AFB, including F-35 training integration, bed-down of Army Seventh Special Forces Group, AFSOC exercise Emerald Warrior, recent USAF realignments, Eglin's Joint Test & Training Operations Control Center*

### **Test & Training Infrastructure Outlook Panel**

Panel Description - *Major issues and outlook in test and training policy, ranges, infrastructure, test-training integration/collaboration, and funding. Also, how do we test for Joint/Coalition KPPs and interoperability and who pays for it?*

### **1300 Distributed Test & Training Enabling Programs Panel**

Panel Description - *Status and accomplishments of selected Test & Training related programs*

### **1400 Information Assurance/Network Security for Test & Training Events Panel**

Panel Description - *Industry and government views on Information Assurance, the Interim Authorization to Operate (IATO) processes, outlook and challenges, including National infrastructure.*

### **1530 Spectrum Issues/Outlook – Mr. Daryl Ernst**

Presentation - *Overview of spectrum challenges, policy, and outlook for test and training activities from government and industry perspectives*

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEB 2012

**Featured Speakers – Mr. Tom Irwin and Mr. Greg Knapp, Joint Staff Hampton Roads**

Presentation – The disestablishment of JFCOM and subsequent functional realignments in Hampton Roads and the Pentagon; *The impact on Joint Training and Testing with regard to joint capability development, and joint concept development and experimentation*

**Cyberwar Testing & Training Panel**

Panel Description - *Given that basic joint/coalition interoperability for net-war remains a challenge, how do we test during acquisition to ensure weapon and C4I system functionality under cyber-attack, and how do we train to ensure human ability to cope with system degradation under cyber-attack?*

**Test and Training Range Users Panel**

Panel Description - Successes, issues, and outlook from government and industry test and training customer perspectives, especially with respect to training and testing integration/collaboration. Selected live, virtual, and constructive test and training range users invited, including acquisition program managers.

**1245 Test and Training Range Operators Panel**

Panel Description - *Successes, issues, and outlook from the range operators' perspectives, particularly test-training event de-confliction and integration lessons learned.*

On Thursday for those that can stay, participants can either participate in Forum golf tournament or take a tour of Eglin AFB to include some of its unique test and training capabilities.

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**Looking Ahead**

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon **David Duma, Deputy DOT&E**

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - Business Meeting

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon

Feb 21-23 – Test & Training Forum in Florida

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - Business Meeting

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Luncheon

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting

Apr 26<sup>th</sup> - Town Hall Forum: **Rapid Acquisition T&E**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Business Meeting

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Luncheon

Jun 7<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting

Jun 21<sup>st</sup> - Corporate & Scholarships Luncheon

For the time and place of a business meeting, contact chapter president Mike Wetzl: 703-298-3922 or [mwetzl@gmail.com](mailto:mwetzl@gmail.com)

