



DIAA Log

April 2015

SPRING LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING



LtGen Vincent Stewart, USMC. addresses the crowd at the DIAA Spring Luncheon

LtGen Vincent Stewart, Keynote speaker at the 2015 DIAA Spring luncheon held at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, addressed the assembled agency alumni about his priorities as DIA director. LtGen Stewart opened his remarks by commenting on the immense value and legacy of DIAA. He mentioned that DIAA provides a mechanism to learn from the knowledge and experience of those who had come before him. The Director framed his opening comments with a quote from former Director Lt. Gen. Perroots on meeting obstacles: "We will meet the obstacles before us, work past them, and continue our commitment to excellence."

LtGen Stewart advised DIAA members that a significant priority of his is to improve relationships with Capitol Hill. He mentioned he was off to a great start and he had been in formal open testimony within the first two weeks of his arrival. The DIA relationship with Congress will continue to be a priority, and LtGen Stewart said that he welcomes tough but fair oversight in an era of constrained resources.

The Director then discussed DIA's "integrated centers," which contain both analytic and operations personnel and are organized across four regions and one functional (counterterrorism) issue. Continuing, LtGen Stewart said the regional center concept would remain in place and be strengthened during his tenure as Director, citing lessons learned from integrated intelligence units in the field during the past 14 years. He also pointed out that CIA was reorganizing along a similar track!

Further, LtGen Stewart discussed the DIA workforce, mentioning he intended to move to a "rank-in-person" system of management. He said that implementation details are still being worked out, but rank-in-person generally is a personnel system similar to those in the military or foreign service. Rank-in-Person involves evaluating the

"whole person's" readiness for promotion, instead of selecting individuals for promotion based on vacancy announcements. The Director did not mince words about the challenges involved in moving to such a system, but he was clear that DIA's future workforce needs and deserves a different means of human capital selection and development.

Finally, the Director asked for the DIAA's assistance in two areas. As members of the DIA family he requested DIAA's support as he works to strengthen the corporate culture of DIA. He requested that DIAA members provide input and advice toward that end when they feel it is necessary or warranted. He also asked DIAA to spread the word about the good progress DIA is making in delivering military intelligence-DIA's core competency-to the rest of DoD, warfighters and others in U.S. policy making circles. LtGen Stewart promised to stay in touch and thanked the association for its work and support. It was a great session, and the DIA-DIAA relationship, under a new Director, is off to a terrific start!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Elections to fill a vacant seat on the DIAA Board of Directors (BOD), and to re-elect or replace three current BOD members, were held concurrently with the Spring Luncheon. Ms. Sharon Houy was elected to the vacant position from a field of three highly qualified candidates. The three incumbent BOD members, Don Mathis, Fred King, and Bill Huntington, were returned to the BOD for a second term. A complete list of DIAA Board Members can be found at <http://diaalumni.org/aboutdiaa/membersoftheboard.html>

FINANCIAL REPORT

On the last page of the newsletter you will find the Annual DIAA Treasurer's report for the calendar year 2014 presented at the Annual Business Meeting. Also included is a list of members who made donations to support DIAA. A huge thanks for your generosity! Questions and/or comments can be sent to the Treasurer at ljb@rcn.com.

SAVE THE DATE

21 April DIForum Mr. Ralph Winnie, Jr. Eurasia Center and Eurasian Business Coalition

17 May Annual Intelligence Awards Banquet NMIA/NMIF
<http://www.nmia.org/?page=Banquet2015>

MEET THE AUTHOR

Timothy R. Heath, a Senior International and Defense Analyst at the RAND Corporation, and a recognized expert on Chinese strategy and political-military topics, spoke at the John Hughes Library on 26 March about a new paradigm adopted by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for its role in governing China. Abandoning its former identity as a ‘revolutionary party,’ the CCP now regards itself as a ‘governing party’ committed to meeting the diverse needs of its people and realizing China’s revitalization as a great power. To enhance its ability to realize these aims, the CCP has enacted extensive political and ideological reforms. Central to that effort are changes to how the party develops an overseas strategy and policy.

Few studies are available on the CCP’s adoption of this new identity and of its political implications. Heath remedied that oversight by explaining the historic context, drivers, and meaning of the governing party paradigm. He also explained how adoption of this paradigm is transforming the processes through which the CCP develops strategy and policy and the potential impact on U.S. policies in Asia.

COMBINED STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE TRAINING PROGRAM (CSITP 2-15)

The second iteration of the 2015 CSITP program is being conducted 6 April – 22 May. The CSITP courses are designed for coalition military and civilian intelligence officers to become familiar with the basics of coalition intelligence analysis at the strategic and operational levels, as well as exposure to various aspects of American culture.

CSITP course managers are still looking for volunteers to sponsor students. Countries sending students to CSITP 2-15 are: Bangladesh, Colombia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Jordan, Macedonia, Malawi, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Ukraine. (If you are interested in sponsoring a student or need more information, contact Ms. Alphinia A. Walker by email at Alphinia.Walker@dodis.mil)

DIAA NETWORKING

If you need proof that DIAA is an excellent professional networking tool, look no further than the connection of retirees Yvette Wooley and Brad Knopp at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami. Yvette has served as an adjunct professor at FIU since she retired last year. She is part of the Jack Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies, teaching both on-line and in person undergraduate classes in Analytic Writing, Fundamentals of National Security, and Effective Communication. When Dr. David Twigg, Director of the Gordon Institute planned an analytic techniques module in the new Managing National Security project, Yvette thought of the considerable expertise of DIA retirees and contacted Barbara Duckworth. Within weeks, Brad Knopp, with the support of RAND, agreed to join the project!

The Gordon Institute has been at FIU since the mid-1980s and became part of the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence in 2005. The IC-CAE Program Office is part of the ODNI, with DIA serving as Executive Agent, on behalf of the Intelligence

Community. The Gordon Institute’s signature endeavor is the Program in National Security Studies, established under the IC-CAE. The Institute offers Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates in National Security Studies, an internship with the U.S. Southern Command, a high school outreach program, as well as sponsoring an annual colloquium on national security issues.

PATRIOT’S CORNER



William J. Wetzel, Colonel, USA (Ret.), a career soldier and a founding member of DIAA, passed away peacefully at the Washington DC VA Medical Center on 6 March, after a long and courageous battle with heart disease. He was 68.

Originally from New Brunswick, New Jersey, he earned a BA in English and German from Ohio University in 1969, an MA in Police Science and Administration from San Houston State University in 1976, and an MA in International Relations – Soviet Studies from the University of Southern California in 1982. Bill is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

Bill’s final tour of duty with the Army was with the DIA, where he served successively as Chief of the Russia/Eurasia Forces Branch, Chief of the Europe Division, and Deputy Director of Combat Support. Upon retirement from the Army in 1997, Bill joined Zel Technologies, Inc. where he excelled as Chief of Intelligence Programs and Operations for over 16 years.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Judy who was a constant presence by his side throughout his long illness, his son Billy, daughter Theresa, son-in-law Tony, two cherished grandchildren, and sister, Mrs. Deborah Galliar.

A Mass of Christian Burial at Fort Meyer and interment at Arlington National Cemetery will take place at a date yet to be determined. A comprehensive obituary can be found on our website.

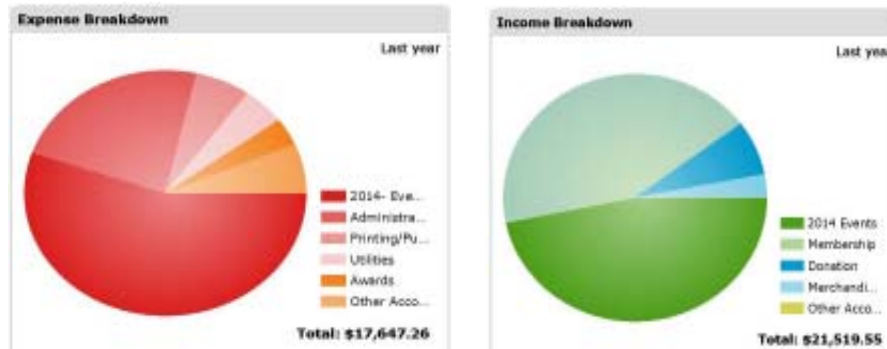


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Fort Myer Officers' Club - 10 March 2015

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL INCOME: \$21,520
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$17,648
NET INCOME: \$ 3,872

Treasurer's Comment As you can see, Fiscal Year 2014 was a rather successful one. This is especially true when considering the policy adopted by the Board of Directors to price the three main events (Annual Meeting/Spring Luncheon, Homecoming/DIA Day and Fall Luncheon) at below cost to encourage attendance and reward members. In addition, DIAA continued to support recognition of outstanding achievements by DIA personnel. DIAA sponsors the tri-annual "SSG Hobson Silver Pen" award to a graduate of the Attaché Staff Training Class at the Joint Military Attaché Schools and presents awards to the distinguished graduates of the PACE (Professional Analyst Career Education) program. DIAA's income was augmented by (1) generous, unsolicited donations by members (\$1,500); (2) profits from the popular Defense Intelligence Forums (\$900) and (3) the sale of DIAA merchandise (\$400). While Membership Dues (\$35/year) have remained the same for over a decade, ten cents a day from members still covers the organization's administrative costs.



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