



DIAA Log

April 2014

15 APRIL - DEFENSE INTEL FORUM PULCINELLA RESTAURANT, MCLEAN, VA

This month's event will feature Mr. Russell G. J. Breighner speaking on "Putin's Agenda: Where will he go? How will he get there?" Mr. Breighner's extensive Russian expertise was gained from a wide variety of assignments involving Russia and his graduate Russian Studies program at Georgetown University. Some of these assignments were: (1) determining how Strategy and Doctrine influenced Soviet acquisition of major weapon systems, (2) investigating Soviet Inland Waterways and Ports, and (3) drafting a chapter for the largest NIE (over 400 pages) ever: "Soviet Military Research and Development." He received a personal note of congratulations from the NIC Chairman, Robert Gates. A further example of his understanding of complex weapon system was demonstrated when he advised Senator Warner that the use of Electromagnetic weapons would degrade the Serbian electrical and electronic systems. This use reduced the Serbian power by 70% in some cases. For this he received the Senatorial Republican Medal of Freedom. His undergraduate degree in Russian Language and Literature is from the University of Maryland. He has a PhD (ABD) in Russian Studies from Georgetown University and is the author of two books.

2014 SPRING LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Those attending the Spring Luncheon on 18 March heard Dr. Lani Kass give a brilliant and masterful presentation of the historical underpinnings of the current Ukrainian - Crimean crisis. Setting the stage for recent events, Dr. Kass pointed out how Crimea, captured by Russia from the Ottomans, has been Russian since time of Catherine the Great. In 1954, Khrushchev gave Crimea to Ukraine, but its boundary remained within the USSR. The view from Moscow is, and has always been, that Crimea is Russian territory and to this end has maintained an extensive military presence in Crimea with the Black Sea Fleet. The West's seemingly lukewarm reaction to the Ukrainian - Crimean situation is the result, in part, of continental economic dynamics. For example, during the past 12 years Germany has entered into a robust energy relationship with Russia resulting in natural gas dependency on Berlin's part. Dr. Kass believes Russia's aggressive position on Crimea could be the result of a strong ideology similar to the American Manifest Destiny and views Ukraine as a buffer against western encroachment. She noted that Poland has been predicting this type of Russian threat for some time. As a backdrop to the US reaction to the crisis, Kass pointed out that Washington is in midst of the largest de-militarization in recent history.

Dr. Kass noted recent US policy focus has been on Libya, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, and she questioned whether these countries are really in our strategic interest? Although US

foreign policy has begun a pivot to the Far East, ostensibly to address the Chinese challenge, she wondered about Russia and opined are we back to the Cold War? Dr. Kass kindly extended her time with us to briefly address on going Middle East developments. She skillfully provided the historical context of Islam starting with the fall of the Ottoman Empire and its influence on modern groups such as Al Qaeda and the formation of their goals. One thing that concerns her is the lack of strategic warning of events like the onset of the Arab Summer, and that no one anticipated the violent developments in Syria and Egypt. When asked about the prospects for stability in Egypt, she noted that she thought only a return of military rule would bring stability. Dr. Kass' extensive knowledge and experience, witty antidotal comments, and occasional "off the record" remarks provided for an entertaining and educational occasion.

TORCH-BEARER AWARDS

This year DIA will confer the DIA Torch Bearers Award to a select group of distinguished individuals, who have not only demonstrated extraordinary achievements throughout their careers but have also had a substantial and lasting impact upon the Agency and the Intelligence Community.

Any current or former Department of Defense or Intelligence Community employee may submit a nomination for consideration by the selection board for this prestigious award that is presented annually to men and women whose extraordinary performance personifies the Agency's core values and principles.

Eligibility requirements for this highly-selective honor include being a civilian or military professional, or a person with combined military-civilian service. Nominees must have completed their service to DIA on or before 1 June 2011, and former DIA Directors and DIA Deputy Directors are ineligible. Nomination packages must be forwarded to Ms. Michelle Sinnott in the Office for Congressional and Public Affairs before 1 May 2013. The selection board will convene shortly thereafter. Please contact Ms. Sinnott at 202-231-0824 with questions or to submit an award nomination package.

SAVE THE DATE

- 15 Apr** Mr. Russell G. J. Breighner
Putin's Agenda: Where will he go? How will he get there?
- 20 May** Dr. Anne Speckhard: Talking to Terrorist: Understanding the Psycho-Social Motivations of Militant Jihadi Terrorists, Mass Hostage Takers, Suicide Bombers & "Martyrs"
- 10 June** CAPTAIN Bernard "Bud" Cole, USN (RET.):
Asian Maritime Strategies: Navigating Troubled Waters

MENTORING

DIAA members were invited to participate in the graduation ceremony for the first PACE class on 14 March 2014. We participated in the program alongside LTG Flynn, Director; Ms. Cathy Johnston, Director of Analysis; and Mr. Michael Higgins, USDI. The cohort was comprised of 21 students from DIA, the Commands and the Services and it was clear from their enthusiasm that they had achieved one of the course objectives of networking! Barbara Duckworth presented three awards on behalf of DIAA: for Excellence in Analytic Written Communication, Excellence in Analytic Verbal Communication and Excellence in Critical Thinking. The presentation included a certificate, a small gift and the highly coveted DIAA coin! Upon conclusion of the ceremony, LTG Flynn expressed his thanks for DIAA's participation and support and said this gave him ideas of other ways we can participate.

The next mentoring panel will be in September. We will be asking for volunteers at a future date. Thanks to those who volunteered the last time – we have fixed the technical issues with our email!

Regarding the mentoring to new employees, the speed mentoring has been in hiatus. The program leadership has changed and civilian hiring has been minimal. However, we have expressed our interest in contributing and have had recent discussions with several people in the program office. Look for future updates on this program.

ATTACHE SCHOOL AWARDS

The Alumni Association sponsors both the Outstanding Graduate Award and the Ken Hobson Silver Pen Award presented to the top students in the Attaché Staff Training Class. The current class will graduate on 11 April at a ceremony to be held in the Tighe Auditorium in the DIA Headquarters Building. Proud family and friends of the graduates will be in attendance. The graduating warrant officers and NCOs will be posted at U.S. Embassy's throughout the world where they will be responsible for running the day-to-day administration of DoD's Defense Attaché Offices. The Outstanding Graduate will have his/her name listed on a plaque that will hang permanently in the Joint Military Attaché School spaces and receive a DIAA coin. The winner of the Ken Hobson Silver Pen Award for the best area study paper submitted by a student in the class will, appropriately, receive a silver pen in recognition of his/her achievement. Winners have yet to be announced.

DIAC HISTORY PROJECT

The DIA Historian Office is in the process of planning a 30th anniversary commemoration of the completion of the DIAC. Historians are reaching out to DIAA alumni members who were involved in the planning, design, construction and move-in of DIA to the new building. They are also seeking artifacts, pictures, diagrams, moving instructions, anything at all related to the stand-up of the DIAC. In addition, the Historians hope to conduct audio-record interviews with current and former DIA employees, for the

record, about their experiences 30 years ago. If you are interested in participation in this project please provide your name, contact information, and what roll or function you may have played in the planning, design, construction and/or move-in to the DIAC. Contact history@diaalumni.org for additional information.

The project will culminate on 22 May 2014 with a program in the Leadership Hall, DIA Headquarters Building, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the completion of the DIAC. Current DIAA members desiring to attend this event should contact Mr. Paul Isakson, DIA History Office at Paul.Isakson@dodis.mil.

20 MARCH - MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

Ms. Sandra Grimes, co-author of *Circle of Treason: A CIA account of the Traitor Aldrich Ames and the Men He Betrayed*, presented a CIA insider's account of the decade long hunt for, who is without a doubt, the most notorious and damaging CIA officer to ever work as a KGB agent inside Langley. Ms. Grimes' and her co-author Jeanne Vertefeuille's (who passed away about 18 months ago) credibility was evident from the start because they both knew and worked with "Rich" Ames for over 20 years; Grimes actually shared a car pool with Ames at one time. The book is dedicated to those identified in the title; "... the Men he betrayed," those Soviet assets working for the US who were arrested, jailed and executed. Grimes and Vertefeuille also identified the assets' families as victims of Ames' treachery. Grimes skillfully presented the details of the 1985-86 role-up of at least 8 of CIA's most valuable Soviet assets. There was a lot of uncertainty because nothing of this scope and magnitude had happen before. The working theories were "maybe" there was a mole or "perhaps" our communications were compromised. To further complicate the situation CIA was being played-by the KGB, with guidance from Ames, and was sending in controlled agents to provide false leads. Additionally, about the same time as Ames was active, FBI Special Agent Robert Hanssen was also providing information to the KGB on FBI and CIA assets. It took another 10 years before Ames was under suspicion, investigated and arrested for his betrayal. In the *Circle of Treason* the authors provide insight into the reasons for Ames' volunteering to provide information to the KGB, as well as providing a glimpse into the sometime contentious counter-intelligence "cooperation" between CIA and the FBI during the Ames investigation. DIAA is presently in negotiations with the author's publisher for Ms. Grimes to speak at an upcoming Defense Intel Forum.

O'SOVS LUNCH BUNCH HONORS AL MANNERS

A month after his death, a group of two dozen or more DIA alumni gathered at the Four Provinces Restaurant in Falls Church to honor their deceased comrade, Al Manners. (See Obit in March DIAA Log) Al was remembered as a great boss, a gentleman, a friend, and an ideal leader. During most of his 38-year career at DIA (1967 – 2005) Al worked in the old Soviet Division. There he became head of the Soviet/Warsaw Pact Eastern European Ground Forces unit that prepared Ground Order of Battle assessments. Al led many teams and delegations to NATO's Military Committee meetings. Following the

collapse of the Soviet Union, Al became Chief of the Eurasian Military Forces division, and then Chief of the Russian Strategic Forces division, overseeing analysis and support to strategic arms control talks. After 9/11, he became the DI's liaison to the Joint Chief's of Staff/J2. So it was quite fitting that so many came out to honor Al and to toast his memory.

PATRIOT'S CORNER

(To view additional information on the below individuals please go to the Patriot Corner page on the DIAA Web Site <http://www.diaalumni.org/patriotscorner.html>)



Jean Knighten's 15 year heroic battle with cancer ended on 15 March. Jean worked in DT, CMO, and as the DIA Rep to SPACECOM during her 30 years of federal service. Following her retirement from DIA, she worked for four years at the Battelle Institute. A graduate of the University of Dayton, Jean began her career with the Air Force Foreign Technology Division when few women held positions in the Defense field. While working full-time and raising two children, Jean earned her master's degree from Central Michigan University. She is survived by her husband, Larry, two children and two grandchildren as well as three step-children. Jean's funeral was held on 29 March at St Mark Catholic Church in Vienna, VA. Donations in her memory can be sent to: Life with Cancer Center, 8411 Pennell Street, Fairfax, VA. 22031 or call 703-698-2526



Colonel Peter Frederick Kalitka, USA, Retired, 84, of Paeonian Springs, Virginia, died 14 February. Pete was a career US Army intelligence officer. He was assigned to the DIA's Collection Directorate until he retired from military service in 1982 and founded Delta Four Associates, a private investigation and corporate counter-espionage practice. He is the recipient of numerous military honors and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Meritorious Service medals. He served in Korea, Japan, Vietnam and West Germany. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, a son, three grandchildren. Service will be at the Post Chapel at Ft. Myer on 13 May at 0845 hours followed by burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ms. Lacey Bradley-Storey, passed away unexpectedly on 6 March. She joined the DIA in July 2013 and was a member of the Defense Clandestine Service's East Asian Division. Ms. Bradley-Storey is survived by her father and her sister. Expressions of sympathy

should be sent to the family home: Michael Bradley, 59 Danube Dr. Maumelle, AR 72113.

Ms. DeAnne C. Belcourt died on 13 March. She was assigned as a Government Information Specialist in the Office of Facilities and Services, Record Management and Information Services Branch, FOIA and Declassification Services Office. She began her career with DIA in March 1986 and worked in several offices supporting the Chief Information Officer. She is survived by her three children, four grandchildren, and one great grandson. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 20360. Online condolences can be made at www.donaldsonfuneralhome.com



William (Bill) Thewes, 91, of Grand Rapids, Michigan passed away suddenly on 16 March. Tragically his wife Katherine Ann passed just three days before, on 13 March, after a brief illness. Bill was a Naval officer before joining the DIA. He served as Chief, China Branch (JSI-3) in DIA/J2 in the Pentagon before retiring in 1982. He is survived by 10 children, 31 grand-children and 37 great-grand-children. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, 21 March at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Mr. Michael L. Shiffer, Passed away on 18 March. He was assigned as an Information Technology Acquisition Specialist in the Requirements and Research Group, Office of Innovation and Coordination. He began his career with DIA in August 1990 and worked in the Chief Information Office in Information Technology Acquisition. Mr. Shiffer is survived by three children, a brother, and his parents. Service and internment will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to either the American Diabetes Association, 1025 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036, or to Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, NE Washington DC 20002.

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