



DIAA Log

August 2013

DIAA HOMECOMING UPDATE

DIA will host the annual Homecoming for DIAA members on Thursday, 7 November. Association members will have the opportunity to meet with the Director, senior staff, as well as the Former Directors. The full homecoming agenda is being developed. We anticipate that briefings will be provided on current world hot spots, and time will be allowed to question functional and area subject matter analysts on topics within their expertise. In addition to the latest information on DIA's current focus and priorities, we will gain a sense of the challenges DIA is facing and a preview of the Agency's "way ahead".

Homecoming events will take place in the DIA Headquarters Building starting at 0715. A continental breakfast will be available prior to the start of the morning's briefings. LTG Flynn, will provide the keynote address, and will also be available for the DIAA Homecoming photo, along with the Deputy Director, Mr David Shedd.

The Torchbearer's Award Ceremony is scheduled for the same day as Homecoming. All DIAA members are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception following.

TORCH BEARER'S AWARD

The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency seeks to honor former Agency employees who distinguished themselves during their careers with extraordinary achievements in leadership and who demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment that had significant impacts upon DIA and the Intelligence Community.

The DIA Torch Bearers Award was created in 2010 to recognize outstanding achievements and long-term contributions to defense intelligence, and whose performance embodied the Agency's core values and principles. Any person who served in DIA as a civilian or a military professional, or who has a combination of both civilian and military service, is eligible for consideration.

KEEPING MEMBERSHIP INFORMED

The new "monthly" DIAA Log is part of an overall effort to improve DIAA communications. The monthly newsletter is designed to provide a preview of upcoming events, Items of Interest, the Patriots' Corner information, volunteer opportunities to serve DIA, and an overview of items on the website. The website, which will be integrated with the newsletter, is presently being updated and will become the repository of DIAA articles, reviews, and information of interest to the DIAA membership.

The DIAA website is located at <http://www.diaalumni.org>. To access the member's only area you will need a password. If you can't recall your password or did not receive one, please email admin@diaalumni.org to request a new password.

We are open to feedback on the DIAA Log along with the DIAA website, it is our goal to have both meet the needs of the DIAA membership.

OUR GATEWAY TO DIA

The Defense Intel Alumni Association (DIAA) was founded on 14 December 1998 after a small group of Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) employees approached the then Director, DIA, LTG Patrick M. Hughes, USA with a proposal to charter an organization for employees, retirees, and prospective retirees who are or have been associated with DIA. The Director, in signing the DIAA Charter, authorized DIAA to use selected Agency facilities for the educational and social benefit of DIAA members. In addition, current agency personal were authorized to serve along side former DIA personnel to foster the success of the DIA - DIAA partnership. To this end two current full-time DIA employees are appointed as members of the DIAA Board of Directors (BOD). The two DIA employees presently serving in this capacity, Mr. James (Jim) Brown and Ms. Lillie Downs from the office of (OCC-4), share our passion for cultivating and sustaining this important relationship. It is through their diligent efforts that all collaboration between the two organizations is coordinated. For example, they arrange space in DIA Headquarters for the DIAA Board of Directors (BOD) to conduct their monthly business meetings, thus allowing for direct and timely contact with various DIA points of contacts on

SECURITY NOTE

*Attendance at DIA's classified events (such as the Annual Homecoming) depends on retiree's having an up-to-date SF 86-Security Questionnaire on file with DIA. The SF-86 must be current within the past 10 years and its data must meet DIA's satisfaction in order to gain entry to events that involve Secret level information. **If you do not want to attend such events, you do not have to do anything.** If your investigation is out-of-date and you want to attend, you will have to fill-out a Questionnaire for National Security Positions (SF-86) and give it to DIA Personnel Security. You can access the SF-86 form on-line at: http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF86.pdf. For additional information please contact admin@diaalumni.org.*

subjects of mutual interest. Perhaps their most visible effort is the generation and coordinating of the Annual DIAA Homecoming — normally held in the fall — where DIA opens its doors to the Alumni for a full day of restricted briefings on global and functional topics, and the Director, DIA’s address to the Association informing us of DIA’s “Way Forward”. It would be an understatement to say that without Jim’s and Lillie’s enthusiastic support, and those who preceded them, we would not be able to accomplish the goals set forth in the DIAA Charter drafted some 15 years ago.

20 AUGUST 2013 - DEFENSE INTEL FORUM - “RED EAGLES”

Mr. Jack Manclark, retired Air Force SES and former Director of Air Force Test and Evaluation, will speak about the *Red Eagles: America’s Secret MiGs*. He was the Commander of the 4477th Test and Evaluation Squadron, aka the Red Eagles in the mid’80’s. The Air Force *Constant Peg* program was declassified in 2006, and Steve Davies’ book “Red Eagles” was published in 2008. Mr. Manclark will provide an overview of the Foreign Materiel Program, the exploitation of the aircraft, and the formation of the Aggressor Squadron. For more information visit <http://www.diaalumni.org/upcomingevents/defenseintelforum.html>

23 AUGUST 2013 AFIO SUMMER LUNCHEON

Ms. Tish Long, Director, NGA will be the Keynote speaker at this event. Also speaking will be Luke Bencie, author of “Among Enemies- Counter-Espionage for the Business traveler”.

DIAA normally fills two tables at the AFIO lunches. For more information or to register go to: <https://www.afio.com/2013LuncheonRegistration.htm> . Please designate that you wish to sit at a DIAA table.

PATRIOT’S CORNER

CDR (USN, Ret) William S. Kosar, Jr.

CDR William Kosar passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at his residence in Vienna, VA. He was born in Peckville, PA on March 6, 1930. After graduation with an electrical engineering degree from the University of Southern California 1951 he entered the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School in Rhode Island in 1952. In 1970 he transferred to Washington, DC to the Defense Intelligence Agency in the office responsible for DoD reporting and analysis on foreign aircraft and missiles, notably from the USSR and PRC.

Kosar is survived by his beloved wife Lydia (nee Pokrovsky) Kosar of Vienna, VA; sons William V. Kosar of Bradenton, FL, Nicholas A. Kosar of Oakton, VA, and George T. Kosar of Medford, MA; sister-in-law Larisa (nee Pokrovsky) Looby of Great Falls, VA and brother-in-law George Pokrovsky of

Yokohama, Japan; as well as five granddaughters and one grandson. Funeral services were held on July 8 at St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Monastery in South Canaan, PA.

Mr. James Williamson

Mr. James “Will” Williamson died on July 5, 2013. He began his civilian career at DIA in June 2006, and was assigned as a Logistics Management Specialist in the Office of Logistics and Global Readiness, Directorate for Mission Services.

Mr. Williamson retired from the United States Air Force in 2001 after serving 23 years of active duty. He served in many critical roles during his tenure to include his last assignment at Langley Air Force Base, VA where he was responsible for ensuring worldwide preparation of Air Force expeditionary operations. From 2001 to 2006, Mr. Williamson served as a senior analyst for SYNERGY Inc. and Camber Corporation where he provided analysis and oversight of the Joint Transformation Integration system.

Mr. Williamson is survived by his wife, Lauri Williamson. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Williamson, 10313 Tulip Tree Drive, Bowie, MD 20721. Mr. Williamson’s interment will be held in Geneva, Alabama at a date to be announced.



SAVE THE DATE

20 August 2013 - [Defense Intel Forum](#)
2013 - Annual Business Meeting - TBD
7 November 2013 - [DIA Homecoming](#)

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Some of the following links may take you to non DIAA affiliated websites.

[Statement for the Record](#)
[Worldwide Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Community - Senate Select Committee on Intelligence](#)

[Mentoring Information](#)