



# DIAA LOG



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### View from the President

Dear Fellow DIAA Members,

As we try to keep any remaining New Year resolutions and wait for spring to arrive, I want to focus on how we managed our 2008 goals and what we want to concentrate on in 2009. Most noteworthy was the fact that DIAA sponsored an event for its members in each month of 2008. We will try to replicate that scheduling in 2009.

We began last year knowing we needed to reduce our expenses as much as possible and make events pay for themselves. Reducing expenses remains a continuing objective and our events do pay for themselves. Another goal was to redesign and update the website so that is more useful to all. While this was a separate goal, it also related to the first goal of reducing expenses. But our request to post the DIA *Communiqué* on a password-protected DIAA web site was not approved by DIA for privacy reasons. As a result, we continue to spend over \$1000 per year on *Communiqué* postage. The board voted to raise dues by \$5 per year to help offset some of the *Communiqué* mailing costs. You were queried if you wanted the *Communiqué* mailed to you and most responded yes—as this is a valued informational resource to members.

The results of the Volunteer Survey have been given to DIA. Your answers have been collated by DIAA and the board is discussing the related issues with DIA leadership and the human relations directorate. DIAA members want to give back to DIA and DIA wants retirees to assist the agency. We are working out the many details. DIA has identified additional areas of possible assistance which are discussed in this newsletter. (See p. 3) An updated survey that incorporates these new initiatives will be sent to you in the coming weeks. Your response will be appreciated.

DIAA and the National Intelligence Education Foundation (NIEF) have separated their fora. In the future, NIEF's event will be a breakfast. DIAA's Defense Intelligence Forums will be held at lunchtime. DIAA's Forums will focus more closely on topics of Defense Intelligence interest and will move to a private room at the Alpine

Restaurant. There will be a DIF in the third or fourth week of every month except the months in which DIAA schedules Homecoming or a major luncheon. The next DIF lunch will be on Wednesday 22 April at the Alpine Restaurant. You will receive email/post mail notifications of our Forums as well as the NIEF's breakfast events.

Because of administrative realignments, the NIEF may be unable to publish a winter issue of the *National Intelligence Journal*. When the Board is notified of a publication date, we will pass this information on.

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***View from the President (con't)***

You will notice some new features in the newsletter. Please provide book/media reviews that would be of interest to our members. In addition, we are starting a new section called "*Sound Off*" which will include letters to the editors or to the overall membership and give you a chance to connect with others via the newsletter. And, finally, we would love to hear about you and would like to revitalize the column about what our Alumni members are doing post-DIA. If you are willing to be a POC on the post-DIA world, please let us know.

Our Spring luncheon that was originally planned for March has been postponed until June. The March date conflicted with the the DIA change of command and our desired speaker was unavailable. Our fall luncheon with former Director Jim Williams was very well received. His excellent talk on events during his tenure as DIA Director and some of the changes that have taken place since then garnered an enthusiastic response from the audience and recalled our time in DIA during the early 1980s. The event was most interactive with many questions and comments from the audience. The members who attend these

luncheons come away most enthusiastic about their retirement organization and with rekindled friendships. The wine tasting in October was a delightful event and we will try to schedule another wine-tasting this year.

Please tell us your desires on activities and speakers. And finally, bring new members into DIAA, either retired or still serving military and civilian, who would enjoy participating in DIAA.

Andrea Arntsen  
President, DIAA

***Sound Off***

This is your chance to let DIAA and fellow members know what you are thinking. We solicit your opinions, comments, complaints, and suggestions. We'd like to hear from you regarding your life post-DIA. What are you up to? Where have you been lately? Any favorite restaurants/ books/ movies to recommend? Please send your contribution to [newsletter@diaalumni.org](mailto:newsletter@diaalumni.org)

***DIAA Calendar 2009***

<b>22-Apr-2009</b>	<b>Defense Intelligence Forum</b>	<b>Alpine Restaurant</b>
<b>20-May-2009</b>	<b>Defense Intelligence Forum</b>	<b>Alpine Restaurant</b>
<b>17-Jun-2009</b>	<b>DIAA Luncheon</b>	<b>Location TBD</b>
<b>Jul-2009</b>	<b>Defense Intelligence Forum</b>	<b>Alpine Restaurant</b>
<b>Aug-2009</b>	<b>Defense Intelligence Forum</b>	<b>Alpine Restaurant</b>
<b>Sep-2009</b>	<b>DIA Homecoming</b>	<b>DIAC-Bolling, AFB</b>
<b>Oct-2009</b>	<b>Defense Intelligence Forum</b>	<b>Alpine Restaurant</b>
<b>17-Nov-2009</b>	<b>Annual Business Luncheon</b>	<b>Mt. Vernon Inn</b>
<b>Dec-2009</b>	<b>Defense Intelligence Forum</b>	<b>Alpine Restaurant</b>

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The survey results have been compiled and given to DIA leaders. There are several tasks which DIAA volunteers can assist DIA with if administrative details can be worked out. These include:

- **Career Mentoring:** Help DIA employees prepare for interviews. Hold mock panels. Advise on interview techniques and presentation.
- **Task Consulting:** Help develop plans and procedures for projects. Advise on procedural and technical approaches. Be available for consultation, after-action reports and lessons learned.
- **Panel Discussions:** Team with DIA managers and analysts on panel presentation for the DIA workforce. Discuss continuing issues. Explain the rationals for and results of past decisions and judgments.
- **Recruiting:** Assist DIA recruiters and help identify qualified candidates.
- **History:** Help reconstruct events and identify people in old photographs.

In addition, DIAA has enumerated some additional tasks which volunteers might be able to pursue in the future. These include editing papers and publications and reviewing presentations; providing administrative backup to offices on a temporary basis; providing alternative analysis to challenge institutional judgments and positions; interpreting and translating foreign language documents; and supplementing the DIA workforce during crisis periods and on task forces.

***DIA Transition Training/Assistance:***

DIA has revitalized its Leadership Training program. Its Leadership Training for Executives is called **VanGuard**. High performers in senior payband 5 are eligible for **GemStone**. The director selects candidates for this twice yearly class that features offsites, homework, and projects. **CornerStone** is designed for branch and division chiefs and consists of two weeks of training in the local area. **SearchLight** is DIA's initial program for leadership training.

DIA's Learning and Career office encourages DIAA to review the possibility of supporting the GemStone, VanGuard, and the CornerStone programs. The value to the students would be to chat informally and candidly discuss various aspects of career development with retirees. The Learning and Career office also invites DIAA support for retirement/transition training, and for mentoring.

### ***Bereavement Support***

The DIAA Board of Directors is working with DIA/HC to initiate a capability to provide support to deceased DIA members' families. The details are being worked out but DIAA would notify its members when former DIA employees are ailing or have died. DIAA volunteers would attend visitation or memorial services as appropriate. Many of us have lost DIA comrades but have not found out until much later. This initiative would establish a notification network, coordinate attendance at a memorial, and most importantly show our respect to a comrade and his/her family. DIAA is now seeking volunteers to coordinate the notification process and representation at memorial services. Please respond to [admin@diaalumni.org](mailto:admin@diaalumni.org) and tell us what roles or responsibilities you would be willing to support.

### ***Upcoming Events***

#### **22 April 2009 - Defense Intelligence Forum**

The Wednesday 22 April DIF at the Alpine Restaurant will feature Daniel P Erikson speaking about his recent book: *The Cuba Wars: Fidel Castro, the United States, and the Next Revolution*. Erikson is a senior associate for U.S. Policy and director of Caribbean programs at the Inter-American Dialogue, where his work focuses on U.S. Foreign policy challenges in the region. His articles have appeared in numerous publications including *Current History*, *The Miami Herald*, *SAIS Review*, *The Washington Post* and *World Policy Journal*. Mr. Erikson frequently speaks on radio and television and is often cited by the U.S. And international press. His past positions include research associate at Harvard Business School and Fulbright scholar in U.S.-Mexican business relations. He has a Masters degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a BA from Brown University. You will be notified by email when it is time to sign-up for this forum.

#### **21 May 2009 - Defense Intelligence Forum**

On Thursday 21 May we will have a Defense Intelligence Forum at the Alpine Restaurant in Artington. The featured speaker will be Dr. Susan Studds, Provost of the National Defense Intelligence College. The social will begin at 1130 and the luncheon will be at noon. Please watch your email for additional details and registration for this event

### ***Past Events***

#### **18 November - DIAA Annual Business Meeting**

*significant contributions from Dana Sweet and Tom Morelli*

Nearly 50 attended the fall business meeting and luncheon that was held on 18 November at the Mt. Vernon Inn. Former DIA Director, LTG (Ret) James Williams was the speaker for the event. Gen Williams spoke about his days as DR (1981-85) and focused on how things were "then" as compared to today's defense intelligence environment.



*Photo courtesy of Dana Sweet*

*LTG Williams talks with George Souza prior to his remarks at the 18 November Luncheon.*

Gen Williams used the US invasion of Grenada as the focal point of his remarks exemplifying how DIA supported the "Operation Urgent Fury" —the name of the military operation ordered by President Regan in October 1983. The U.S. feared that the Grenada Government was being taken over by militant leftists who favored closer ties to Cuba and USSR. There was also the fear that US students attending the Grenadian Medical School were in danger because of the overthrow. The U.S. had received an urgent request from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States to intervene. There were also allegations that the lengthening of the airfield in Grenada would be used by Soviet TU-95 Bear D reconnaissance aircraft, extending their base that



the Soviets were using in Cuba. The Marine task force which was on its way to reinforce U.S. forces in Lebanon, was in the Caribbean at the time of the overthrow of Bishop, the Prime Minister of Grenada. It was diverted to Grenada for the invasion. Army forces from Ft. Bragg were also deployed. Gen Williams described major difficulties in the joint operation at all levels, including the considerable inability of the U.S. forces to communicate with each other. Joint interoperability did not exist at that time, and the “lessons learned” were an important factor in improving inter service cooperation from that point on. The U.S. forces defeated Cuban military forces who were defending the island.



*Photo courtesy of Dana Sweet*

*LTG Soyster and LTG Williams confer with Judi Demulling at the Mt. Vernon Inn.*

### **16 December 2008 – National Intelligence Forum**

The National Intelligence Education Foundation and DIAA jointly sponsored a National Intelligence Forum on Tuesday, 16 December at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Ballston. Twenty-two attendees heard Dr. Cindy L. Courville, a faculty member of the National Defense Intelligence College, speak on the situation in Zimbabwe. Dr. Courville was U.S. Ambassador to the African Union. She has been Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council, where she helped craft U.S. Policy towards Africa. Speaking from her personal experiences and contacts in Zimbabwe, Dr. Courville related her views on the 15-year armed struggle in this South-African nation, formerly known as Rhodesia.

Mr. Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe’s President, has fallen like no other. He came to power in 1982, (replacing Ian Smith) at which time he was respected for bringing liberation to his

country. Rhodesia/Zimbabwe was previously an African model of success. It boasted an educated middle-class and a very productive farming economy that was the bread basket of the region. The government took over the farms in the early 1980s and subsequently state farming failed miserably. Courville explained that the land ownership was not a black vs. white issue but rather an issue of power associated with land ownership. Mugabe was defeated in a general election last March, but has since refused to step-down. The resulting economic and social collapse has been precipitous with lack of clean water, sanitation, and health care leading to a devastating cholera outbreak. Courville said that all African heads of state realize that Mugabe has to relinquish the presidency. However, none have offered him an exit strategy. It will ultimately be up to the Zimbabweans as to how this plays out. Most citizens are ready to rebuild their country to its former status.



*Photo courtesy of Dana Sweet*

*Charlotte Gallagher of the National Intelligence Education Foundation thanks Dr. Courville for her remarks at the December Forum.*

### **25 February 2009 - Defense Intelligence Forum & Luncheon**

Ms. Sharon A. Houy, DIA’s Associate Deputy Director, spoke at the Wednesday 25 February Forum that was held in a private room at the Alpine Restaurant in Arlington. She told us about her role as DIA’s Enterprise Manager. She now leads agency and combatant command intelligence efforts to create a more agile, professional Defense Intelligence Enterprise. She chairs the Enterprise Executive Board which addresses Command transition issues and develops enterprise goals and objectives. She has spent the last 2.5 years implementing decisions from the JIC/JAC MIP Implementation Study, which she led in 2006.

Ms. Houy explained why today's DIA is not the old DIA as we remember it. DIA has grown to 16,000 billets, thanks to its 2007/2008 merger with the Combatant Commands intelligence workforce (including the Joint Intelligence Centers and Joint Analysis Center), along with other mergers and resource decisions. The Command merger, whose framework was borrowed from private industry, was the largest in DIA's history. Defense Intelligence is now one enterprise thanks to DIA's partnership with the Commands and outreach to the Military Departments and other Combat Support Agencies. The transfer of all Combatant Command intelligence resources to DIA's Military Intelligence Program includes 4,000 military and civilian billets. The civilians accrue several benefits from this merger, to include - for those qualified - robust foreign language pay and special overseas pay; increased opportunity for mobility among DIA and the Combatant Commands; and the ability to surge capability from one location to another. The Enterprise Executive Board has recently been modified to include the commands and the military departments to tackle tough enterprise challenges as a standing committee of the Military Intelligence Board. Working groups have been established to focus on a number of issues, including acquisition, personnel, security, IT transformation, analytic development, collection management, and relationships with foreign intelligence partners. Henceforward the "Enterprise Way" takes precedence over the old DIA way and/or the Command way of doing business.



*Marty Hurwitz, Sharon Huoy, Austin Grisham, and Barbara Mays enjoy lunch at the Alpine prior to Ms. Houy's talk.*

***Book Reviews***

***Ruse: Undercover with FBI Counterintelligence* by Robert Eringer. ISBN 978-59797-189-8. Reviewed by Ms Joanna Esty**

In 1985, dubbed Year of the Spy, Edward Lee Howard defected to the Soviet Union to elude capture. Defining himself as the only intelligence officer trained by both the

CIA and KGB, he sought to have his autobiography published by National Press Books in 1993. The publisher contacted Robert Eringer to see if he would be interested in working on this book. Eringer did two things. He contacted the FBI to offer to work with them to capture Howard without telling the publisher. Then he accepted the offer and began his publishing ruse.

Eringer established contact with Howard and gained his trust as he worked to reel him in to the US so he could be captured. In this real life adventure, the author meets with former KGB chairman Kryuchkov and fleshes out details about Gorbachev, Philby, Nicholas Shadrin, Yurchenko, and Aldrich Ames. Of interest in this section was what Kryuchkov and former KGB Colonel Igor Prelin had forecast about Vladimir Putin. Eringer also used his connection with Howard to connect with the Cubans in Havana and Washington DC, at one point being asked by the Cubans to spy on US citizens on their behalf.

Eringer also used the publishing ruse to reel in "the Unicorn" Ira Einhorn for extradition. While Einhorn was extradited successfully, Howard died suspiciously in Russia, with his family initially being told that drunk, Howard had tripped on concrete stairs leading to a laundry room and broke his neck. One problem: no stairs led to the laundry room which was on the ground floor.

Eringer's frustration at the FBI bureaucracy is evident as he describes his life engaged in the world's second-oldest profession for FBI foreign counterintelligence. Throughout the book he describes opportunity after opportunity lost due to widespread disconnect. He offers suggestions and intelligence lessons learned as an insider while he practices his ruse against these criminals.

***The Irregulars : Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington* by Jennet Conant 2008 ISBN: 9780743294584**

Following the exploits of young writer Roald Dahl, this book reconstructs the infamous exploits of a group of spies who served in the British Security Coordination (BSC), under the leadership of William Stephenson, aka Intrepid.

Wounded in battle, RAF Flight Lieutenant Roald Dahl was assigned as the Assistant Air Attaché to the British Embassy in Washington DC in the Spring of 1942. Dahl

quickly infiltrated the upper reaches of Washington, to include being a guest at the White House and at FDR's Hyde Park home. He and his colleagues included Ian Fleming, David Ogilvy and Ivar Bryce, who dubbed themselves the Baker Street Irregulars after the urchins that aided Sherlock Holmes. The book talks about BSC PsyOps aimed at turning US sympathy and drawing America into WWII. They exposed Nazi sympathizers, and plotted against companies and politicians that were working against British interests. They influenced FDR into creating the OSS, headed by William "Wild Bill" Donovan, and have a strong transatlantic relationship to benefit both countries. It also talks about how Britain learned about US future plans such as PanAm and global skyways and even the goal of someday planting a US flag on the moon, thanks to Roald Dahl and his cohorts.

### *Mentoring*

Retiring? New to the job market? Seeking guidance from someone who already has been down this path? DIAA is seeking volunteer mentors who are willing and able to guide new civilian and military retirees into their post-DIA career paths. If you are interested in providing such assistance, please contact [admin@alumni.org](mailto:admin@alumni.org)

### *Patriots' Corner*

#### **Col (Ret) Pasco Brown**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of DIA retiree, Pasco "Pat" Brown, Col (Ret), USAF. Pat Brown began his Air Force career in Japan. He volunteered to serve during "Operation Homecoming" when the Viet Nam POWs were repatriated. He served in DIA J-2 providing Unified Command Support, and supported the Defense Intelligence Support Office (DISO). His passion was flying, and he owned and flew a PT-26 Cornell, a flight training aircraft from WWII (provided as Lend-Lease to the RCAF).

#### **Charles Duane Swihart**

It is with deep regret that we announce the 18 January death of DIA retiree Charles D. Swihart. Duane worked for most of his career at DIA in the Latin America area and was a section chief for many years. A graduate of the Coast Guard Officer's Candidate School, Duane served on an icebreaker in the Arctic before being assigned to the

Coast Guard Auxiliary in Washington D.C. He worked for the US Army before joining DIA in January 1964.

As an expert on South America, particularly Brazil and Argentina, he was widely consulted by people throughout the Defense Department and other government agencies. He was always very helpful to his fellow workers and customers, and willingly spent many hours patiently educating, training, guiding and advising them. Duane retired from DIA in 1993.

### *DIA Colleagues*

#### **Maj Gen (Ret) Jack E. Thomas**

Gen Thomas' intelligence career spanned more than 60 years and began in the 47th Bomb Wing in WWII. He was the senior intelligence officer for two AF Chiefs of Staff – Gen Curtis E. LeMay and Gen J.P. McConnell. After his AF retirement he served on the Board of Directors for AFIO, the NMIA, and other organizations. Annually, two NMIA awards named in his honor are made to intel professionals for "Exceptional Intelligence Professionalism." Although not assigned to the DIA, many DIA members worked with him on various efforts over the years. He made his National Military Intel Association awards himself as recently as two years ago (at age 96), and was more cogent than many of us were at 3 AM in the NMJIC.

### *Editors' Comments*

- As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions via [admin@diaalumni.org](mailto:admin@diaalumni.org)
- What have you been up to lately? We'd love to hear news from fellow retirees and we welcome contributions from our readers. Articles sought include: Your life post-DIA; book, movie, or restaurant reviews; upcoming events of interest; volunteer opportunities; recommended websites; financial tips for retirees, etc. Book reviews on relevant topics are especially sought (intelligence, foreign and military affairs, etc.).
- We solicit members to send us summaries of their favorite memories of their career at DIA. Contributions will be published in future Log editions.
- Thank you for your attention gentle readers! Your editors, Emmy and John



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