



DIAA Log

December 2013

Greetings Fellow Alumni: This issue commemorates the 15th Anniversary of the founding of DIAA. On 14 December 1998, the then Director of DIA, LTG Patrick M. Hughes, USA, at the request of a small group of dedicated DIA employees, approved the charter for an organization dedicated to the continued educational and social benefit of former DIA military and civilian personnel. Their vision was to create an organization that would help prolong friendships and interests acquired over many years and offer guidance in the development of interests, skills, and mental outlooks that make retirement years a most rewarding experience. Thanks to the time and dedication of our founding members as well as those who have been officers and Board members over the years, your DIA alumni organization continues to provide a venue to stay in contact with fellow DIA retirees, the DIA organization and its employees. For an article on the DIA-DIAA partnership see <http://www.diaalumni.org/diadiaapartnership.html>.

We owe a great deal of thanks to our founding members: Wynfred Joshua, Andrea Arntsen, Bill Wetzel, Peggy Oliver, Leonard Pinkney, Bernie Braun, Bernie Grundy, and Betty Hall, as well as then DIA officials Joe Lamoglia (Personnel) and Kathy Turner (DR/Administration) and of course, Pat Hughes for getting our organization underway. From its early days in the late 1990s, when DIAA maintained an office within the DIAC, and Board members met to stuff envelopes of correspondence for the membership, DIAA has evolved into an organization that sponsors almost monthly gatherings (luncheons and Forums), attends annual homecomings and other events at DIA, and gives back to DIA with various support activities. We also are greatly indebted to our Administrator, Ms. Deb Davis, who faithfully and tirelessly assists the board with the web, newsletter, membership, dues, and numerous other details. With members' support the Board will continue to enhance DIAA for the betterment of all concerned.

*DIAA Board member and founding member, **Bill Wetzel** suffered a heart attack in NYC on 25 October. He has been hospitalized in NY ever since and is under the care of a cardiologist. His wife, Judy, is by his side and hopes that he can be transferred to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center- Bethesda in a few weeks. Bill, Judy and family can use all the prayers and positive energy we can send them.*

As we reported previously, Board members were elected or re-elected at our Fall Luncheon and annual meeting adding two new faces to the group – James Bierne and James Riggins. At the November meeting, the Board elected the following slate of officers for 2014: Judi Demulling - President, Michele Platt and Don Mathis - Vice-Presidents, Lance Burton - Treasurer, and Emmy Combs - Secretary.

The Officers and Board of Directors wish all DIAA members and their families a peaceful, safe and happy holiday season as we celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza and look forward to the New Year.

AWARD FOR ATTACHÉ SUPPORT AND OPSCO CLASSES

DIAA has agreed to sponsor the tri-annual SSG Hobson Silver Pen Award to the graduate of the Attaché Staff Training Class in the Joint Military Attaché School (JMAS), who submits the best operations plan, as selected by the JMAS faculty. The awardee will receive a silver pen and a coin from DIAA in recognition of this honor. In discussions with the JMAS leadership DIAA has also agreed to present a plaque to the OPSCO course Distinguished Graduate. The presentation of both awards will begin with the first OPSCO class of 2014.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DIAA has an opportunity to support the new employee analyst program, **PACE** (Professional Analyst Career Education) on 24 January 2014. We continue to support the **Speed Mentoring** for new employees. Both programs present opportunities to interact with DIA employees and share experiences to help them navigate the DIA organization and guide their career planning. For additional information on either of these programs please go to <http://www.diaalumni.org/volunteer/mentoring.html>.

WEBPAGE DEVELOPMENTS

On the DIAA Home Page we are working to include vignette's describing events and activities of some of our members since they left DIA. We are supported in this effort by the multi-media skills of one of our members - Dennis Dalpino. Through Dennis's organization, "Killer Crab Productions" we will be able to present "Where Are They Now" oral and/or video personal histories. DIAA members interested in participating in this project should contact newsletter@diaalumni.org with a brief description of your activities since retirement. Killer Crab Productions has also generously offered to produce a short public relations CD about DIAA which can be used in retirement seminars and other outreach efforts.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED DAY

DIA hosted "Honoring Those Who Served Day" on 7 November when several events were held. Guests included families of four

SAVE THE DATE

- 21 Jan** Defense Intel Forum w. Allen Keiswetter (Middle East)
- 18 Feb** Defense Intel Forum w. Dr. Elizabeth Colton (Global Hot Spots)
- 13 Mar** DIAA Spring Luncheon at Ft. Myer's Officer's Club w. Dr. Lani Kass (Middle East)
- 15 Apr** Defense Intel Forum w. Mike Mumford (Cyber Warfare)

fallen soldiers, three new DIA Torch Bearers, members of DIAA, and several former directors and deputy directors.

- **Patriots Memorial** DIA Director Lt. General Michael Flynn added four individuals to the agency's [Patriots Memorial](#) at DIA Headquarters, which commemorates personnel who have died in service to the United States. The four fallen soldiers honored during the ceremony were: Sgt. Sherwood Baker, Pennsylvania Army National Guard (ARNG); Sgt. Don Clary, Kansas ARNG; Sgt. Lawrence Roukey, U.S. Army Reserve; and Sgt. First Class Clinton Wisdom, Kansas ARNG. They were all killed in action in 2004 while providing security support for DIA personnel involved in the Iraq Survey Group. "We are blessed to have had people such as these four heroes serve in our midst and we, as Americans, are better off for their service and sacrifice," said Flynn. "We can never repay them or their families enough for their sacrifice to our nation."

- **Torch Bearers Award** is the highest honor DIA bestows on a former employee and recognizes individuals whose contributions directly impacted the agency's success and accomplishments. Three new Torch Bearers were honored during the ceremony for their commitment to DIA's values of teamwork, integrity, excellence and service.

Helen Allgeyer was one of the first 250 civilians transferred from the military services to DIA. Her contributions to intelligence production, integrating DIA's capabilities with the military services and combatant commands, and identifying the role of technology to produce accurate and accessible information for the customer remain as relevant today as they were when she established the framework.

Robert DeGross was the first civilian deputy commandant and provost of what is now the National Intelligence University. He led the effort to revise the institution's curriculum and obtain congressional degree-granting authorization and accreditation. He also established Regional Joint Intelligence Training Facilities at five combatant commands; developed the first strategic plan for general intelligence training; started an online training center; and expanded career development opportunities for DIA personnel.

Bruce Rossing's leadership was the driving force behind much of DIA's support to deployed military forces. Having served at DIA both as an active duty Navy commander and a civilian, Rossing increased the agency's ability to directly support combat operations and laid the groundwork for the agency's current role as a combat support agency. Through Rossing's strong advocacy for operational forces in the mid-1980s, operational commanders came to rely on DIA's expertise.

- **DIAA Homecoming and Former Leaders Day** Throughout the day, 48 members of the DIAA and former retired DRs including LTG Ronald Burgess, LTG Patrick Hughes, Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, LTG Michael Maples, LTG Harry Soyster and LTG James Williams received briefings on the state of the agency today. DIA leaders discussed moving into a centers-based model with the integrated

intelligence centers and spoke about how the agency is preparing for a rapidly changing and complex environment by modernizing analysis with a focus on integration, flexibility, efficiency and customer support.

- **LTG Ronald Burgess Portrait Unveiling** The official portrait of former DR Burgess was unveiled in an evening ceremony in the Missile Lobby. Painted by artist Doug Short, the portrait is the most recent addition to the hallway that displays the portraits, biographies and quotes of former DIA directors. As DIA/DR, Burgess maintained DIA's intense operational focus in support of civilian policymakers and forward-deployed military commanders through the formal end of U.S. combat operations in Iraq and during the surge of combat troops into Afghanistan. Burgess retired in 2012 after three years as DIA/DR and 38 years of service to the nation.

PATRIOT'S CORNER



LTG Charles Allen Corcoran, (USA/Ret), Age 99, died on 24 Sept in McLean VA. Corcoran's 42 year military career included service in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. He served on the Board of Visitors of the Defense Intelligence School. He will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 20 January 2014. For more information see <http://www.diaalumni.org/patriotscorner/charlesallencorcoran.html>



Mrs. Margaret D. Banks died on 17 October in Tampa, Florida. She retired from DIA in February after 37 years of federal service. She served most of her DIA career with the US Special Operations Command and received numerous awards. For more information see <http://www.diaalumni.org/patriotscorner/margaretbanks.html>

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Foreign Area Officer Association's (FAOA)
Distinguished Speaker Breakfast
Thursday 12 December at 8 am
at Ft. McNair Officer's Club
Speaker: VAdm J. W. Rixey
<http://www.faoa.org>