



DIAA Log

December 2014
Year in Review

DIA DAY / DIAA HOMECOMING / TORCH BEARERS AWARD

In his opening remarks at the 16th Annual Homecoming event on 13 November, Acting DIA Director David Shedd said that the word of the day was “Remembrance” of those who came before him and built the Agency. Throughout the day Mr. Shedd noted that DIA would not be the outstanding Agency it is today had it not been for the workforce and the leadership that preceded him. He was addressing his remarks to the former agency leaders and members of the Defense Intel Alumni Association in attendance. He commented that DIA’s relevance today is exemplified by DIA’s now providing over 25% of the President’s Daily Briefing. Mr. Shedd encouraged attendees to engage, talk, and ask questions, because DIA was interested in our thoughts as it is once again trying to shape the future of DIA. Many thoughtful questions rendered some outstanding dialogue.

Highlights of the morning included a panel discussion with the Center Chiefs bringing us up to date on the various challenges DIA is facing around the world, and a panel of DIA employees consisting of “Millennials”, who enthusiastically displayed their professionalism and geographic and functional knowledge. During the lunchtime session DNI, and former DIA Director, James Clapper, discussed his recent experience travelling to Pyongyang and returning home with the two American hostages who had been held in North Korean jails. He candidly answered numerous questions from the former leaders and DIAA attendees about his secret mission to the “Hermit Kingdom.” Newly arrived DIA Deputy Director Doug Wise shared his early impressions of the Agency.

An induction ceremony was held in Leadership Hall honoring this year’s Torch Bearer recipients Harry Klein, Alan Manners and Margaret Munson, before family members, friends, former colleagues and other DIA Day attendees. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held in the Missile Lobby. Nominations for next year’s awards can be submitted at anytime; instructions can be found at <http://www.diaalumni.org/awards/torchbearer.html>. More information on this year’s recipients is available [here](#).



The last event of the day was an overview presentation on DIA’s role as the Executive Agent for the Intelligence Community’s Wounded Warrior program (WWP). After hearing about opportunities made available by the WWP to help these wounded men and women it was clear that most are facing more challenges than

opportunities. DIAA volunteered to help with mentoring these young warriors who are trying to navigate a new and difficult road in life. After the formal program, several attendees stayed behind to be interviewed by the DIA History Office; DIA is looking for other alumni members willing to tell DIA’s story from their experiences.

2014 SEMI-ANNUAL DIAA LUNCHEONS

Overcoming significant scheduling obstacles, we were able to offer our Spring and Fall 2014 Luncheon programs that included two outstanding guest speakers. The Keynote speaker for the Spring Luncheon was Dr. Lani Kass, former Pentagon advisor, who gave a masterful presentation of the historical underpinnings of the current Ukrainian - Crimean crisis. Her witty antidotal and occasional “off the record” remarks provided for an entertaining and informative occasion.

For the Fall Luncheon we were extremely fortunate to have newly assigned DIA Chief of Staff, Ms. Suzanne White, formerly DIA’s Chief Financial Officer, as our Keynote Speaker. In her presentation, Ms. White focused on the requirements of her new position, current in-house issues, the impact of DIA’s recent leadership transition and the ongoing Intelligence Community financial challenges. Her remarks resonated with the alumni membership when she recognized the importance of the DIA-DIAA partnership and identified areas she would like to have input from DIAA members. NOTE: Last year we shifted our annual business meeting, which had been conducted during the Fall Luncheon, to the Spring Luncheon. As required by our by-laws, elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors must occur during the annual business meeting, which with the above change, will now occur at the Spring Luncheon in mid-March 2015. Information on the election process will be provided 60 days prior to the 2015 Business Meeting.

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE FORUM (DIFORUM)

The topics for this year’s Forum series were taken directly from the headlines of the news media. Three of the six geographic topics this season focused on Russian president Putin. Specifically, his agenda to restore Greater Russia, his involvement in the ongoing Ukraine

SAVE THE DATE

- 4 Dec** [NMIA NCR Chapter](#) - Speaker Mr. Larry Hiponia, Director, Center for International Engagement, NIU
- 12 Dec** [FAOA](#) Distinguished Speaker Event
BG (Ret) Ismael Alsodani
- 2015**
- 20 Jan** DIForum Mr. Daniel J. Gallington of US NEWS & World Report
- 17 Feb** DIForum Mr. Russell C. Rochte, a NIU
- March** DIAA Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting
- 21 Apr** DIForum Mr. Ralph Winnie, Jr. Eurasia Center and Eurasian Business Coalition

situation and his world view and power projection objectives. The other three geographic Forums centered on the Middle East and covered broad topics like “problems in the Middle East”, “Hot Spots in the Middle East” and “Dealing with Iran”. Two functional topics were also part of the Forum line-up this year. An overview of the “Insider Threat” issue, brought to the forefront by the Snowden defection, reinforced the importance of strong counter intelligence training and screening programs at agencies having employees that handle sensitive information and materials. The second functional topic, “Future of Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT)” was recommended by forum attendees. FYI, Fred King, the DIForum POC, ends each session by asking attendees to identify topics that would be appropriate for future Forums.

Generally, guest speakers are sought from the current list of professors at the National Intelligence University or subject matter experts from within The Intelligence Community. Noteworthy, Fred was able to task two highly respected and very knowledgeable DIAA Alumni members to conduct three of the sessions this year.

The goals of the forums are threefold; provide a setting where members can socialize, enjoy a satisfying educational experience, and network with professionals from the Intelligence Community and defense industry. Forums in 2014 have seen the largest turnout in recent years; Fred had already started the process to identify topics and speakers for the 2015 calendar.

JOHN T. HUGHES LIBRARY “MEET THE AUTHOR” SERIES

DIA and the National Intelligence University routinely hosts authors at the John T. Hughes Library to discuss their books. In late 2012, DIA opened the Meet the Author events to alumni membership. This year discussions included an overview of piracy off the Horn of Africa, a physiological study of how terrorist think and the hunt to identify a mole in the CIA.

Accessing Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling and the DIA Headquarters Building were not without challenges for those DIAA members not possessing proper government identification. We were also having difficulty getting advanced notice of the Meet the Author schedule in time to notify our members. This is when Librarian Jacki Hite interjected herself into the process and began providing DIAA with the schedule of events. She also escorted DIAA members, who did not possess security clearances, to and from the library. The November book review was Jackie’s last before her retirement. Don Mathis and Cal Carnes, acting on behalf of the alumni association, presented Jackie with a DIAA Coin in appreciation for her services to our membership. Attending events at the Hughes Library in 2015 should continue to be painless because Jackie briefed two of her library colleagues on our special needs.

PACE

Mentoring continues to be one of the ways that DIAA members give back to DIA. During 2014, we became one of the sponsoring partners for the new Professional Analyst Career Education program (PACE). The program is designed to provide fundamental analytical skills and knowledge to PACE participants. The class contains several blocks of instruction that address core skills, and includes practical exercises

and case studies so that the analysts can demonstrate their level of expertise. DIAA was asked to organize a mentoring panel for the students during which former analysts talked about their careers – the good, the bad and the challenges – and how they dealt with them. In the first session in January, there were only a few DIAA volunteers. But by the August session, several members offered to serve on the panel. The sessions were lively and direct. Initially the analysts were reserved, sometimes skeptical, but after they realized the purpose of the session, they asked some pretty direct questions about how to deal with challenges in their careers and sought advice on what it takes to succeed in a difficult environment. Everyone benefitted from the session – the analysts, the class sponsors and the DIAA participants.

We are also an integral part of the graduation ceremony and present the awards to the top performers of the class. The class sponsors have expressed their appreciation for DIAA’s support – both the time that the members devote to the mentoring panel and the support for the graduation ceremony.

The program will continue in 2015 and there will be opportunities for DIAA members to participate. Additional information will be provided by our PACE POC, Barbara Duckwork, when it is available.

MEMBERSHIP

During the past year the Board of Directors energized DIAA’S effort to increase membership numbers. The initial membership drive was held in June. Led by James Riggins, DIAA members manned a booth for two days during DIA’s Second Annual Innovation Day Symposium at DIA Headquarters. Jim’s team met both former and current DIA employees to discuss the benefits of membership and added 17 new members to the DIAA roles. Looking forward to 2015, the membership committee will be active at other DIA hosted events at sites within the National Capital Region. We are also considering reaching out to other DIA facilities outside the Beltway to spread the word about the Association’s social and educational activities, as well as volunteer initiatives in support of DIA programs. As always, the Board of Directors is seeking suggestions from current and former alumni on how to better meet the needs on the membership.

ATTACHE SCHOOL AWARDS

This year, DIAA began supporting the Joint Military School’s Attachee Staff Training Class (ASTP) class, which trains Operations Coordinators and Operations NCOs to work in Defense Attaché offices in U.S. embassies around the world. 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 first class graduated on 11 April and the second class graduated on 1 August. The Outstanding Graduate of each class has his/her name engraved on a plaque provided by DIAA and displayed in Joint Military Attaché School spaces. The winner of the Ken Hobson Silver Pen Award for the best area study paper submitted by a student in the class, appropriately, receives a silver pen in recognition of his/her achievement. DIAA Board of Directors member Bill Huntington officiated for DIAA at both of the graduation ceremonies. The next ASTP class graduation is scheduled to take place in Spring 2015.

FEDS FEEDS FAMILIES

2014 was the third consecutive year DIAA supported DIA's "Feds Feeds Families" food drive. DIA collects thousands of pounds of food and non-perishable items each year. The food and household items collected by DIA were delivered to Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) for distribution throughout their network of over 7000 partner organizations. This program allows underprivileged families to access local food banks and pantries to receive sufficient food during the summer months when resources are traditionally low. The DIA Council of Employees presented DIAA with a Certificate of Appreciation for its role in this year's food drive. We hope to begin our collection for the next "Feds Feeds Families" food drive in early June 2015.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Last June Jim Beirne got the DIAA Facebook page up and running. Well received from the start, we have now made over 75 posts to the page, some of which have reached nearly 14,000 people in 43 countries worldwide. If you haven't seen the page, please visit: www.facebook.com/diaalumni. You do not need a Facebook account to view our page, but if you are on Facebook, please visit and give us a "like." If you have photos or other items you would like to see posted, send them to the Social Media team at: socialmedia@diaalumni.org.

We have begun providing DIAA members access to our private Facebook group. Quite different from our Facebook page, the DIAA Member Group is exclusive to DIAA membership. Because the group is hidden, all its content is hidden from non-members and cannot be searched. Joining the group requires an invitation. By now you should have received an invitation to join the group. If you have not received one and you wish to join the group, please contact the Social Media team.

As we continue to grow and improve our presence on Facebook, we have begun planning our entrance into LinkedIn. Look for it to debut in early 2015.

PATRIOT'S CORNER



Lt. Gen. Lincoln D. Faurer, USAF (Ret), passed away on 7 November in Omaha, NE at age 86. He was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency's Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence in 1964 and served as a technical intelligence officer; development engineer; and later as chief, Space Systems Division, in the Missiles and Space Office until July 1967. In May 1974 General Faurer returned to the Defense Intelligence Agency as deputy director for intelligence, J2 and in July 1976 he became vice director for production. He became Director of the National Security Agency in April 1981. He retired from active duty in 1985. General Faurer leaves behind a daughter, twin sons and 6 grandchildren. (Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but a service will be held later at Arlington National Cemetery. Additional details will be passed along as they become available.)



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