



DIAA Log

February 2014

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Alumni: Looking ahead, your Board of Directors is striving to make DIAA more responsive to its members. Progress is noteworthy as we make the DIAA Newsletter and Webpage more timely and user-friendly. Other BoD top priorities are to increase membership (you can assist with this!) and improve communication by use of Facebook and other social media.

A number of outstanding speakers have been booked for the upcoming Defense Intel Forums and the annual Spring Luncheon. Our annual business meeting will now be held at the Spring Luncheon (rather than at the Fall Luncheon) in order to enable the treasure's annual report to cover the entire previous calendar year.

The DIA "Meet the Author Series" will be even more robust than in the past. Events in the series are now scheduled to take place in March, April, May and June at the Hughes Library at DIA Headquarters. We have initiated discussions with DIA concerning "Homecoming" activities for this year. Like last year, DIAA Homecoming activities will most likely be held in September and most likely held concurrently with the Former Leaders Day and perhaps with other groups that DIA may choose to honor.

As part of our effort to give back to DIA, four fellow alums (Sharon Houy, Jim Murphy, Peter Klein and Barbara Duckworth) recently talked to attendees of a new analytic training program: Professional Analyst Career Education (PACE). There is an article in this issue describing the PACE program.

Looking forward to seeing you and talking with you at our upcoming events!

Your president, Judi Demulling

2014 TORCH-BEARER NOMINATIONS

DIA is seeking our nomination candidates for this year's Torch Bearer awards. Please let us know if you would like to nominate a distinguished fellow alumnus. The Torch Bearer's Award ceremony will be held on the same day as our Homecoming in September 2014.

DIAA PARTICIPATES IN PACE PROGRAM

Four DIAA members participated in a panel on 24 January for the first iteration of the PACE program. PACE is designed to

provide 16 weeks of immersive and rigorous training to analysts from across the Defense Intelligence enterprise. At the request of the class sponsors, the alumni actively engaged with the 21 class members from DIA, ONI and the Commands on everything from their advice on what is important to have a successful career in defense intelligence, the role of managers and leaders and how to avoid politicization of intelligence products. It was a very rewarding experience for the alumni and the class expressed their thanks for the insights and perspectives we provided. The class sponsors were delighted with the panel and said they'll request DIAA participation in future classes. News about upcoming requirements will be announced through DIAA email and on the web site.

DIAA WEB PAGE - WHAT'S NEW?

Continuing our effort to alert you to changes and improved functionality to the DIAA Webpage we would like to direct you to the "Upcoming Events" tab on the DIAA Homepage. When you click on this tab you will see a list of imminent events and two drop down tabs ... one entitled "Defense Intel Forum" (DIF) and the other "Calendar of events." On the DIF page you will find a synopsis of the next scheduled DIF event. You will also be provided additional information, such as the DIFs meet monthly except in months major DIAA events are scheduled. Forum speakers include senior DIA officers, National Defense Intelligence College faculty and students, and officials who have expertise in topics of current interest. To encourage candor, speakers must approve in advance media, notes, recordings, or attribution. The DIF is open to DIAA members and members of Intelligence Community associations and their guests. You can make reservations to attend DIF sessions by emailing diforum@diaalumni.org.

On the "Calendar of Events" page will see a list of upcoming events tentatively scheduled for the next 6 months. This list will include all upcoming DIAA events, including monthly DIAA Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, and events of interest hosted by professional intelligence and alumni associations.

SAVE THE DATE

- 18 Feb** Defense Intel Forum w. Dr. Elizabeth Colton (Global Hot Spots)
- 13 Mar** DIAA Spring Luncheon at Ft. Myer Officer's Club w. Dr. Lani Kass (Middle East)
- 20 Mar** Meet the Author at DIA: Sandra Grimes
Circle of Treason: A CIA Account of Traitor Aldrich Ames and the Men He Betrayed
- 15 Apr** Defense Intel Forum w. Mike Mumford (Cyber Warfare)

Current members of DIAA may submit comments or topics that you would like for the BOD to discuss to president@diaalumni.org

As always we request that you keep DIAA Admin (admin@diaalumni.org) informed of any changes to your email address, as well as your regular address and phone numbers. Comments and suggestions related to the DIAA Homepage and/or DIAA Log can be sent to newsletter@diaalumni.org.

MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

DIA and the National Intelligence University's John T. Hughes Library routinely present Meet the Author events to bring authors to DIA and NIU to discuss their books. Retired Navy Rear Adm. Terry McKnight recently shared details of his book *Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 Off Somalia*. Also, John Wood, co-author of *From Kabul to Baghdad and Back* visited the DIA and provided insight into the key strategic decisions of the Afghan and Iraq campaigns as the US attempted to battle al-Qaeda and its affiliates. Upcoming in March, Sandra Grimes, former CIA Officer and co-author of *Circle of Treason: A CIA Account of Traitor Aldrich Ames and the Men He Betrayed* will detail her personal involvement in the hunt for and eventual identification of the Soviet mole operating in CIA throughout the 1980s and 1990s. Information concerning events scheduled for April, May and June will be published on the NIU Main Page under Upcoming Events, in the DIAA Newsletter and by email notification to DIAA Members.

JANUARY DEFENSE INTEL FORUM

An audience of more than two dozen braved the bitter cold on Wednesday 29 January to hear Allen Keiswetter speak on "Iran: Prospects for the Nuclear Negotiations" at the Pulcinella Restaurant in McLean. A retired Senior Foreign Service Officer, Keiswetter was the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs. This is the third time he has been a featured speaker at our Forums.

The negotiations are designed to give the P5+1 nations (US, China, France, UK, Russia, and Germany) verifiable assurances that Iran is halting its nuclear enrichment program and greatly reducing its nuclear infrastructure. The fact that Iran and the P5+1 nations have even agreed to the talks at this time stems from improved atmospherics following three elections: Obama's re-election to the US presidency in 2012, Ahmadinejad's loss of the Iranian Presidency in 2013, and Hassan Rouhani's election to be President of Iran in 2013. Rouhani, fluent in English, holds a PhD in Law from a Glasgow University, and has the blessing of the Supreme Leader to proceed with the negotiations. While Iran's stance in the nuclear negotiations is controlled by President Rouhani, Iran's involvement in Syria is executed by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. Keiswetter stressed that the Supreme Leader has the last say in all of Iran's foreign policy matters.

Keiswetter pointed out that the United States enjoys great popular support in Tehran. He said that the best impetus for successful negotiations is to convince the Iranian people that

they will be better off with an agreement than without. If negotiations fail, the stringent Western-imposed sanctions will continue to restrict the Iranian economy and deny its citizenry much needed medical supplies and other consumer goods. Keiswetter gives the negotiations a 50/50 chance of success, but quipped that their chance of success is realistically probably less than that.

GET SOCIAL WITH DIA

Did you know DIA has over 27,000 followers on Facebook? Social media allows DIA to reach more people all over the world than ever before, and the agency is ramping up publishing stories featuring both its history and what they are doing today. DIA invites alumni to follow the official DIA social media accounts, and especially welcomes our participation. Adding your thoughts, experiences, and perspective helps tell the DIA story more effectively and reach more people.

You can join in the conversation at:

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/DIA> ,

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/DefenseIntel>

Google+: <http://google.com/+DIAMil>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/DefenseIntel>

Instagram: <http://instagram.com/DefenseIntel>

If you have a story idea that you'd like to see featured, please drop the DIA POC a line at DIAsocial@dodis.mil

PATRIOT'S CORNER



Francis David Ruggeri, 71, of New Market, MD, died on 25 January after a courageous battle with mesothelioma. Frank retired in 1999 after a 34 year career as an intelligence analyst with DIA and the office of the Secretary of Defense. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters, and three grandchildren. For more information see <http://www.diaalumni.org/patriotscorner/francisdavidruggeri.html>

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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