



DIAA Log

January 2015



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin our 17th year as an alumni association, I would like to wish a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all our members, old and new. We on the Board of Directors have tried hard over the past year to forge new initiatives such as a monthly newsletter, an enhanced website, the Daily Early Bird Brief, and new social media pages in order to bring you the most current news and make you aware of DIA and DIAA events and help you connect with other alumni. We have maintained an excellent relationship with DIA and began mentoring at their new professional analyst training classes (PACE), as well as presenting awards to outstanding students in the PACE class and the Ops Co Attaché training program. Our recognition of these students has been greatly appreciated.

DIA, in turn, provided us with an excellent Homecoming experience in November which many members said was the most interesting they had attended. It was also the first year that spouses of DIAA members were invited to attend. We are convinced that we have more exciting times ahead. We will initiate a new outreach effort to both current members to glean ideas for new initiatives and to newer retirees in hopes of bringing them in to our activities. So far for 2015 we have speakers assigned through May for our Forums at Pulcinella's, and we begin in January with a relevant talk on "Enhanced Interrogation" or Torture from a distinguished policy advisor. We are working on plans for our Spring Luncheon in March at the Ft. Myer Officers' Club. New this year is the election of board members at the spring luncheon, and we will likely have openings on our BOD if you care to serve with us and help steer the association. More information will be sent out

prior to the event. If you are interested please email me at president@diaalumni.org I invite you to partake in some of our events, and I am sure you will be rewarded by finding a former colleague to talk to. As we try to encompass more opportunities to stimulate our minds and to reconnect with former colleagues, I personally feel that we lack only one type of event and that is something where we just come to gather and socialize. We really would like some feedback on what type of event you might like such as a DIAA-hosted happy hour or other evening event that would be open to spouses and friends. Please let me know your thoughts. I truly look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Your President, Judi Demulling

20 JANUARY DIFORUM AT PULCINELLA'S

Mr. Daniel J. Gallington will speak on "Enhanced Interrogation" or Torture at our first Forum of 2015. He writes a popular column on national security, foreign policy and intelligence matters for the US NEWS & World Report, and is the Senior Policy & Program Advisor at The George C. Marshall Institute in Arlington, Virginia, where he consults on projects relating to cyber security, intelligence policy and privacy. From 2003 to 2011 Mr. Gallington was a Senior Fellow and Member of the Board of Regents at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. While at Potomac he led PROJECT GUARDIAN- "Maintaining Civil Liberties in the Information Age," a DARPA funded study that established the basic policy choices for the post 9/11 realignment of threat-related information categories for more effective situational awareness. Also, he has served at the Assistant Secretary of Defense level for several organizations at the Pentagon. In other government assignments, he served as: Chief Counsel

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| 20 Jan | DIForum Mr. Daniel J. Gallington of US NEWS & World Report - "Enhanced Interrogation" or Torture? |
| 17 Feb | DIForum Mr. Russell C. Rochte, a NIU Faculty member - "Media War." |
| March | DIAA Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting at Ft. Myer Officers' Club |
| 21 Apr | DIForum Mr. Ralph Winnie, Jr. Eurasia Center and Eurasian Business Coalition - "Doing Business with China." |

to the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office and Bi-partisan General Counsel to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. More information is available [here](#).

NEW MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

The DIA Council of Employees has asked DIAA to help establish a mentoring program for DIA employees. The idea is to have a group of mentors who would be interested in meeting and talking with DIA employees to address various aspects of their career. For example:

- Assistance in fine-tuning a resume or job application
- Advice on developing tools to help influence change
- Guidance on how to tackle a project that takes them out of their comfort zone (and helps them succeed)
- Ideas about what career moves/professional development would make them more competitive
- Suggestions for someone who is just not succeeding and can't figure out why

These would be informal mentoring relationships and the conversations would be scheduled by mutual agreement between the mentor and mentoree. DIAA and the Council of Employees will be discussing the program in more detail in

early January. If you'd like to be a mentor for this new opportunity, please send an email to mentoring@diaalumni.org and keep an eye out for more information via email or in the newsletter.

ELECTION TO THE DIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As required by our by-laws, elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors occur during the annual business meeting which will now be held in mid March at the Spring Luncheon. At this time it appears we will have vacancies on the Board because of tenure rules and members vacating their positions and for personal reasons.

Any member of DIAA in good standing can run for a vacant seat on the BOD. The general membership will be notified of vacancies on the BOD at least 30 days before the election. At that time interested DIAA members will have the opportunity to express interest in being placed on the election ballot. For those who might be interested in serving on the BOD, additional information on the election process, or related issues can be requested at president@diaalumni.org.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Friday, 30 January 2015

AFIO National's first luncheon of 2015

features **Robert T. Cardillo**, the new Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and **Robert L. Grenier**, former CIA Station Chief Islamabad and head of CIA's Counterterrorism Center

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