



DIAA Log

January 2014

The DIAA Board of Directors wishes you and yours a Happy New Year! We invite you to join us for the following events we have scheduled for the first quarter of 2014.

21 January - Defense Intel Forum Pulcinella Restaurant in McLean VA

Our Forums resume in January. This month's event will feature **Allen Keiswetter**, a noted Mid-East expert, speaking on Iran. We have been honored to have Allen speak at our DIAA Forums twice in the past.

Allen is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs. His responsibilities included Iraq, Iran, the Arab Peninsula and North Africa. He served in six Arab countries including Iraq and Saudi Arabia. As a Scholar at the Middle East Institute, he made more than 200 media appearances on CNN, BBC, Fox News, and other news outlets. He taught courses on the Persian Gulf, Islam and the Middle East at the National Defense Intelligence College, the National War College, and the University of Maryland. His degrees are from Dartmouth College, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is fluent in Arabic and French.

18 February - Defense Intel Forum Pulcinella Restaurant in Mclean VA

Dr. Elizabeth Colton will speak on Hot Spots in the Middle East with a concentration on Israel and Egypt. Dr. Colton is the President and CEO of EO Colton and Associates specializing in Global Collaboration in Diplomacy, Politics, Journalism & News Media. Her career bridging journalism, politics, academia, international development and education was gained by "boots on the ground" traveling and working in 110 countries and 6 continents and residing in 12 nations in Africa, America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Specifically, she worked as a Foreign Service Officer as well as an editor, advisor, global reporter, and producer in all news media. She is currently completing a book on "Global Hot Spots." Dr. Colton received two MA's from Vanderbilt University. She received her Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

13 March - Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting Ft. Myer's Officer's Club

Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Lani Kass**, Corporate Strategic Advisor and Senior Vice President for CACI International Inc. Prior to joining CACI, Dr. Kass served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) for three years. In this position, she was responsible for assessment and analysis supporting the development and execution of integrated strategies, programs, and plans essential to America's security. Her foresight, expertise, and cross-cultural multi-lingual skills played a key part in successful interactions and international negotiations with Russia, China, and NATO. Prior to her JCS position, Dr. Kass was the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force (USAF) for three years and served as Director of the USAF Cyber Task Force.

Dr. Kass was the first woman to serve as Professor of Military Strategy and Operations at the National War College (NWC), National Defense University where she taught for 20 years. She served the U.S. government with great distinction for 27 years and retired in September 2011. Dr. Kass has authored two books and many scholarly articles, and developed, directed, and taught graduate-level courses on subjects such as U.S. national security, international relations, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, proliferation, and Russian and European security issues. She is a graduate of the National War College, National Defense University, and holds a PhD from the Kaplan School of Economics and Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Columbia University's School of International Affairs.

AND MOVING ON TO THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2014. . .

Mike Mumford will speak on Cyber Warfare at our Forum on **15 April**. Details will be provided in an upcoming DIAA Log.

OUR PERSON OF THE YEAR

The DIAA Board of Directors names **Ms. Lillie Downs** as their person of the year. As a DIA liaison officer, Lillie closely interacted with the Board. Her three years of service to DIAA was characterized by impeccable professionalism and dedication. We relied on Lillie to handle countless administrative details which facilitated our monthly meetings and Homecoming events at DIA Headquarters. Her working on our behalf enabled DIAA to implement our "give back" programs and to interface with DIA on a variety of levels. Lillie is now on assignment overseas. Lillie, we miss you, wish you the best in your new assignment, and look forward to your return.

UPDATE ON BILL WETZEL

DIAA Board Member, Bill Wetzel remains in critical condition at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

PATRIOT'S CORNER



Capt. Robert Edwin Pyle passed away on 21 December in Springfield, VA. He served as an intelligence officer in the US Navy for 30 years, including tours in Vietnam and Japan. He concluded his career as a division chief at DIA. For more information see <http://www.diaalumni.org/patriotscorner/robertepyle.html>



Three new Torch Bearers – Helen Allgeyer, Dr. Robert DeGross and Bruce Rossing – were honored on 7 November

Next to LTG Flynn is Marge Munson accepting the award for Ms. Allgeyer and Mr. Bill Mills accepting the award for Mr. Rossing. On the far right, surround by his wife, daughter and son, is Dr. Robert DeGross.



DIA DR, LTG Michael Flynn with "Honoring Those Who Served Day" Attendees, 7 November 2013