



DIAA Log

July 2014

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your Board has had a busy spring working separately and with DIA to provide our annual “Flagship” events, the Fall Luncheon and Homecoming (currently called *DIA Day* at DIA), and to offer four consecutive months of “*Meet the Author*” events at DIA HQ. We have also had very well-attended Forum Luncheons at Pulcinella’s Restaurant every month and have had some of our own alumni provide their valuable expertise on current international issues. We currently have speakers scheduled all the way through January. The Forum schedule is posted on our website at <http://www.diaalumni.org/upcomingevents.html>.

Working with DIA, we have begun to sponsor awards to graduating students from some of DIA’s professional training classes. We provided three awards to members of the first Professional Analyst Career Education (PACE) graduating class and two awards to Attaché School OpsCo Course graduates. These awards were highly appreciated by the recipients and by the DIA leadership. DIAA will continue to award students in these recurring programs. Regarding the *Meet the Author* sessions, there will be a short hiatus as NIU conducts graduation ceremonies and processes in new classes. The series will resume in early September. The same applies to mentoring as there will not another PACE class until Fall. For the homecoming event, we have just received a date of 20 November as DIA no longer anticipates a change-of-command in the fall, so we are looking at early October to schedule our Annual Fall Luncheon. Stay tuned for those announcements.

Now that we have instituted a monthly newsletter, we have turned to social media, Facebook to be specific, and we hope to be able to connect with and provide more timely information to our members. As another part of our outreach effort, several Board members manned a booth at the recent DIA Innovation Day symposium at the DIA HQ building and we recruited 17 new members.

Throughout the summer months we will again have the opportunity to donate food, health and home products to the annual Feds Feeds Families (FFF) project. See below how you can help.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events. We really do welcome your comments on any of our initiatives and seek suggestions for programs or events you might like us to pursue. And if you have ideas and would like to be part of our outreach initiative please contact me at President@diaalumni.org.

*Your President,
Judi Demulling*

17 JUNE- DEFENSE INTEL FORUM

Mr. Russell G. J. Breighner spoke on “Putin’s Capability for Power Projection: Does China have his back?” To frame this issue, he considered four main issues: strategic upgrades, expansion, sanctions, and ultimate goals. The strategic upgrades are necessary because most of their strategic systems were built in the 1990s. Presently, the money for these upgrades are being taken from the health sector of their budget. Also, some in Russia want to use external sources to help them with these upgrades, but some do not want external sources participating in these upgrades. The modernizations and upgrades should be 70% completed by 2017.

The problems from the situation in the Ukraine were not initially on Putin’s agenda and they are causing problems for his power projections and weapon modernization because of the sanctions imposed by the West. These sanctions will prevent Russia’s income from climbing, eliminate the right-of-way for some gas pipelines, reduce EU gas imports, and make business contracts more difficult to implement. Russian behavior toward the Ukraine has met with mixed reactions from its allies and made some countries more susceptible to joining the EU or NATO, which is now fully aware of what must be done to counter this Russian threat.

Russia has indicated that it wants to expand in the Far East and Mediterranean. Evidence of this is the Russia-China naval exercise in 2014, Russian Far East Commander’s forecast for Russian garrisons on Japanese-claimed Island by 2017, Chinese lands taken by Russia, and Chinese-Russian Taiwan Campaign. Although China has supported Russia in many situation, most experts feel that China will not continue to play second fiddle to Russia. Mr. Breighner stated Putin wanted to return Russia to its previous role as a major power, prevent expansion by NATO and the EU, to establish a buffer zone between Russia and the West, and eliminate the inferiority complex Russia has toward the United States.

SAVE THE DATE

- 15 July** Defense Intel Forum, Cal Carnes - “Insider Threat.”
- 19 Aug** Defense Intel Forum, Mr. John Moore - “Issues in the Middle East”
- Oct** DIAA Fall Luncheon (Date TBD)
- 18 Nov** Defense Intel Forum, Dr. Dan Burghart - “Putin 2.0, What’s Changed and What Hasn’t” (Tentative Date)
- 20 Nov** DIA Hosted Homecoming event/ Torch Bearers Award Ceremony at DIA HQ

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lee Carrigan, Sy Frenkel, James Mault, Yvette Wooley, Jerome Makowka, Mary Brennan, Matthew Freedman, Andy Stewart, Lowell Boyd, Gary Hill, Mark Greer, Wayne Stone, Ronald Corsetti, Kevin Logan, Marianne Brogdale, Christopher Lehrer, Michael Archuleta, Mark Ward, Kris Marchant, John Pellicchia, Joanne Davenport.

PATRIOT'S CORNER

Gerald Joseph Butkus passed away peacefully on June 7, 2014 at his home in Chantilly, VA. Jerry was 67 years old. He is survived by his wife of 41 years Valerie, and children Christopher and Timothy Butkus, and Elizabeth DuBose. Jerry recently retired from the Defense Intelligence Agency. He had previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserve. Funeral service was held on June 14 at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church in Chantilly, VA.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In a concerted effort to provide you with more timely information, we have created a Defense Intel Alumni Association Facebook page. It is up and running and we hope in this way to better connect with all our members, both within the National Capital region and those in the far corners of the globe. We are just in to our first weeks of our DIAA Facebook page and it has been warmly received. It is our hope that it will complement articles in our monthly newsletter and on our web page. Hopefully, you will "like" it, and we welcome your input and photos of interest to other DIA alumni. Soon we will be providing our members access to a DIAA private group on Facebook. Our group is called *DIAA Member Group*. This group page is exclusive to current DIAA members. Everything about the group is hidden from nonmembers so it cannot be searched on Facebook and will allow members to communicate in a closed Forum. Finally, we do not plan to stop there. We are exploring other social media tools, such as *LinkedIn*, to see if they are a good fit for DIAA objectives and for outreach. So stay tuned!

DIAA OUTREACH INITIATIVE/MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

DIAA members manned a booth at DIA's second annual Innovation Day symposium at DIA HQ. The two-day event turned out to be a great success. Not only did we reconnect with old friends and colleagues, but we became more visible to the DIA workforce. At the event, volunteers handed out dozens of DIAA information/membership application tri-folds and added 17 new members, four from the current workforce. Our membership team will be considering new initiatives and revisiting some of the former recruitment programs that might not have worked before but might still have promise.

FEDS FEEDS FAMILIES

For the third consecutive year DIAA is supporting DIA's "Feds Feeds Families" food drive. This program allows underprivileged families to access local food banks and pantries. DIA collected 6500 pounds of food and non-perishable items in support of the 2013

"Feds Feeds Families" food drive. DIAA's collection effort in support of "Feds Feeds Families" is making a difference. Please consider bringing a bag containing some of the desired items listed on our web site at <http://www.diaalumni.org/volunteer/fedfeedsfamilies.html> to the Defense Intelligence Forums at 11:30, on 15 July and 19 August to Pulcinella Restaurant, 6852 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA. All items donated at the Forums will be delivered to DIA for processing. If you live in the Washington Metro area and would like to make a donation, but are unable to drop it off at Pulcinella's, please email diforum@diaalumni.org and perhaps we can arrange for a pick up.

COMBINED STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE TRAINING PROGRAM (CSITP) SPONSORS SOUGHT

The Combined Strategic Intelligence Training Program (CSITP) program managers are looking for volunteers to sponsor students during a seven-week program for international military officers and defense civilians assigned to intelligence duties in their respective countries. A list of the list of countries that are currently scheduled to participate in CSITP 3-14 can be found below. The country names with an * indicates the student is a female. The student's first day at DIA Headquarters will be 11 July 2014 at a no-host lunch in the cafeteria with available sponsors. A welcome cocktail reception for the class is scheduled for 15 July 2014 in the Bolling's Club Spaatz Room. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please send your top three country choices from the list to Miss Alphinia Walker CSITP Staff Officer Alphinia.Walker@dodis.mil, 202-231-3360.

CSITP 3-14 COUNTRY LIST: Australia *, Belgium*, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Brunei*, Czech Republic, Germany X2, Italy*, Japan*, Korea*, Lebanon, Montenegro, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, Ukraine



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

**FAO Association "FAOs on Tap"
Networking Happy Hour! AFRICA
16 Jul 2014
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
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