



DIAA Log

March 2015

SPRING LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING PLANS FINALIZED



Lt. Gen. Vincent Stewart, USMC.

The Annual DIAA Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting will be held on 10 March at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. We are honored to have the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Lt. Gen. Vincent Stewart, USMC as our Keynote Speaker. Lt. Gen. Vincent Stewart assumed directorship from Acting Director David Shedd 23 January.

Elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors will occur during the business meeting portion of the Luncheon. When checking in at the registration desk each DIAA member in good standing will receive an envelope containing the Treasurer's annual financial report, bios of candidates vying for election, or re-election, to the Board of Directors and a ballot. Completed ballots (anonymous) can be turned in to the election official at the registration desk at any time during the event.

Order of Events

11:00 Arrival/Registration/Social w/Cash Bar

11:30 - 12:30 Keynote Speaker

12:30 - 1400 Luncheon

Registration information maybe found at the [Spring Luncheon webpage](#).

CANDIDATES FOR PRESTIGIOUS TORCH BEARER'S AWARD SOUGHT

DIA is seeking the Alumni Associations assistance in nominating candidates for this years Torch Bearer's Awards. The Torch Bearer's Award honors former Agency employees who distinguished themselves during their careers with extraordinary achievements and demonstrated an exceptional

level of commitment that had significant impact upon DIA and the Intelligence Community. Completed nomination packages can be submitted at any time but NLT COB 3 June 2015. A nomination package is available for download [here](#). Questions may be sent to the Program Manager, Victoria Vidos, victoria.vidos@dodiiis.mil.

MENTORING

As reported in last months Newsletter a new mentoring program with the Council of Employees is scheduled to kick-off in mid-March. The Council of Employees is advertising the program to all DIA employees (DC area, CONUS and overseas) and will ask them for background info that will be provided to the mentor. In addition, they will be asked to identify what kind of mentoring they want. Examples include: assistance in fine-tuning a resume for a new job; assistance in developing tools to influence change; guidance in tackling a project that takes the employee out of his/her comfort zone; assistance in identifying positions that will make them more competitive; assistance in interview preparation; assistance with identifying training.

Once the mentor and mentee are matched, they will work out the specific details. The agreement will be for 3-hours of mentoring. Depending upon the topic, this could occur in one session or over a couple of months. The time, location and method of meeting, i.e, phone, e-mail or in person, will be agreed upon by both parties. If you are interested in participating in this initiative, or would like additional information, please send an email to mentoring@diaalumni.org.

SAVE THE DATE

NOTICE: February DIForum with Mr. Russell C. Rochte, NIU was cancelled due to inclement weather ... every effort will be made to reschedule his presentation "Doing Business with China" at a later date.

10 Mar DIAA Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting

21 April DIForum Mr. Ralph Winnie, Jr. Eurasia Center and Eurasian Business Coalition

DIAA SUPPORT TO DIA HISTORY PROJECTS

The DIA History Office is seeking alumni who worked with, or knew, any of our DIA Patriots for an upcoming project honoring their service and sacrifice. Names of the fallen DIA members can be found on the [Patriot's Memorial](#).

Additionally, the History Office would also like to speak with alumni who contributed to the research, production and dissemination of the Soviet Military Power books, have contact information on other key contributors, or can talk about feedback from customers who received the Soviet Military Power book(s).

Alumni who have relevant information on either of these projects can contact Ms. Victoria Vidos, DIA Historian Office, at Victoria.Vidos@dodiis.mil.

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System (JWICS) the History office, on behalf of the DIA, Chief Information Officer, will be reaching out to the alumni to obtain background information, anecdotal stories and memorabilia associated with the September 1990 JWICS standup. More information on this project can be obtained by contacting Paul Isakson at paul.Isakson@dodiis.mil.

PATRIOT'S CORNER



Carroll Duane Swenson 85, of Richmond, passed away peacefully on 22 June 2014. From 1978 until he retired in 1993, he served in various high-level positions within DIA at the Pentagon, where he was responsible for studies, plans, and Congressional responses regarding Human Intelligence activities for DIA and CIA. Carroll is survived by his sons, Eric and Carroll Swenson, and his brother, Gerald Werth.



Michael Leon Wardinski, COL, USA (Ret.) of Alexandria passed away on 24 October 2014 at the age of 86. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, retiring as a Colonel after 33 years and going “green to gold.” He served abroad in Japan and Germany, fought in wars in Korea and Vietnam, and was active in intelligence during the Cold War with the Pentagon and Defense Intelligence Agency. Interment with Full Military Honors will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Note: Often we find out about the passing of former DIA employees months after the fact. Such is the case with the two death notices contained in this month's issue of the newsletter. Complete obituaries can be found on our Webpage under the [Patriot's Corner link](#).



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

[FAOA Distinguished Speaker & Reception](#)

*BG (Ret) Peter Zwack, former Defense Attaché (DATT) to Russia
11 March 2015*

[NMIA Spring Symposium](#)

18-19 March 2015

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