



DIAA Log

March 2014

SPRING LUNCHEON AND MEETING

The annual DIAA Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 March at 1130 in the Lamplighter Room of the Ft. Myer Officer's Club. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Lani Kass. Dr. Kass is the Corporate Strategic Advisor and Senior Vice President for CACI International Inc. Her resume includes serving as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force (USAF), and Director of the USAF Cyber Task Force. Dr. Kass was the first woman to serve as a professor of Military Strategy and Operations at the National War College (NWC). During 20 years at NWC, she developed, directed, and taught graduate level courses on 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, and a joint PhD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs.

TORCH-BEARER AWARDS UPDATE

As the 2014 Torch Bearer awards program gets underway the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) has published a comprehensive Torch Bearers Award Timeline to manage the process. The important "Mark Your Calendar Dates" for Defense Intel Alumni Association (DIAA) members are as follows: Nomination packages must be received no later than 1 May and the Torch Bearers Award Presentation Ceremony will be held on 26 September at the DIA Headquarters Building.

A redesign of the application package is being considered by DIA to make the process more "user friendly" and provide a more comprehensive description of the selection criteria. Not only will these modifications be useful for those individuals putting together nomination packages but also for the selection board to ensure the packages actually meet the threshold of excellence this prestigious award upholds. It is expected that the updated forms will be made available shortly. DIAA members will be notified immediately by email when the new guidance is made available.

As you may know, DIAA has two members on the Torch Bearers Award selection committee, therefore, we do not

submit nomination packages as an organization because of the perception of a conflict of interest. However, members of the association are encouraged to nominate distinguished fellow alumnus or well deserving former DIA co-workers. Keep in mind that nominees must be retired from DIA for at least 3 years to be eligible for consideration. The Board of Directors has members with experience with the Torch Bearers process who can, as individuals, assist other members with the construction and submission of nomination packages. Please send question or concerns to president@diaalumni.org.

FEBRUARY DEFENSE INTEL FORUM

On Tuesday 18 February a group of 26 Alumni, their guests and members of other intelligence organizations gathered to hear Dr. Elizabeth Colton speak from her vast experiences as a diplomat and journalist on Middle East issues, especially as relating to US foreign policy. She focused her remarks on the interconnection of the media, diplomacy and foreign policy. For the media to cover these areas properly, she pointed out that journalists need to sift through their sources and seek the truth, but to avoid becoming pundits. She also acknowledged that there are a number of domestic issues impacting the conduct of American Foreign Policy. In addition to the normal bi-partisan disagreements she agrees the American populace has little or no interest in a "Grand US Strategy" and that this apathy has an influence on US foreign policy decisions.

DIAA WEB PAGE - WHAT'S NEW?

— Know your Association:

At our Annual Fall Luncheon and Meeting, held at the Ft. Myer Officer's Club on 18 October 2013, the general

SAVE THE DATE

- 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)

membership elected two new members to the Board of Directors and confirmed the selection of two other individuals previously appointed by the President to fill vacancies on the board.

During the DIA hosted Homecoming event on 7 November the Board reelected the President, Treasurer, Secretary and 1st Vice President to serve for another year. Another Vice President was also elected to fill a Board vacancy. To see the details of these elections, the names of individuals serving as officers and Board members, and to learn more about your association please go to <http://www.diaalumni.com>.

MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

Meet the Authors events are held at the John T Hughes Library in the DIA Headquarters Building from 11:00–13:00. Sign up information for each event will be forthcoming.

20 March – Sandra Grimes/*Circle of Treason: a CIA Account of Traitor Aldrich Ames and the Men He Betrayed*

15 April – CDR Youssef Aboul-Enein/*The Secret War for the Middle East: the Influence of Axis and Allied Intelligence Operations during World War II*

20 May – Dr. Anne Speckhard/*Talking to Terrorist: Understanding the Psycho-Social Motivations of Militant Jihadi Terrorists, Mass Hostage Takers, Suicide Bombers & “Martyrs”*

10 June- Capt. Bernard D. Cole, USN (Ret.)/*Asian Maritime Strategies: Navigating Troubled Waters*

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

... The Beat Goes On

In our monthly newsletter you are routinely given news about upcoming events and reviews of recent events hosted or attended by members of the DIAA. In addition to these “formal” events, some DIA retirees make a concerted effort to stay in touch with friends made during their careers at DIA. One of these groups is the “Applebee’s Luncheon Group” which was started with a few members 17 years ago. Currently the group has about 60 members on its mailing list. Sixteen members attended their group luncheon in February. While all participants in this group are not members of DIAA their efforts dovetail nicely with the mission and goals of the Alumni Association. For additional information on the “Applebee’s Luncheon Group” please go to <http://www.diaalumni.org/itemsofinterest/wherearetheynow.html>.

PATRIOT’S CORNER

Al Manners passed away on 13 February following a heart attack. Al spent his career at DIA from the ’70s through the early 2000s. After the end of the Vietnam War, his work focused on Soviet/Warsaw Pact force structure and Russian strategic forces. His last assignment was in the JCS J2. He was a beloved husband, father and manager. Cards can be sent to Penny Manners, 9508 Watts Road, Great Falls, VA 22066.



Daniel E. Kilcullen, Jr., passed away suddenly in a car accident due to heart failure on 11 February in Alexandria, VA. After a 22-year career as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Dan worked for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service for five years and at DIA for the past two years. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, and three children. Additional information is available on the DIAA Patriot’s Corner website at <http://www.diaalumni.org/patriotcorner/danielkilcullenjr.html>.

Vaughn Galen Hillgren, age 75, of Great Cacapon, WV, died on 20 February. He served with the US Air Force and then the US Army, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer. His military awards include the Bronze Star and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. Following his military career, Vaughn worked as an Intelligence Analyst in DX at DIA. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, four children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery. For further information see the DIAA Patriot’s Corner website at <http://www.diaalumni.org/patriotcorner/vaughngalenhillgren.html>.



