



DIAA Log

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Happy Spring! I'd like to thank you for renewing your membership and give you an update on some items of interest. We are very proud that we are publishing our news monthly to keep you apprised of what's going on. I encourage you to go to our website where we post news items and provide links to activities of our sister associations.

As many of you may know, one of DIAA's original Board members, **Bill Wetzel**, is recuperating from a heart attack. We encourage you to visit Bill at the VA Hospital in Washington, D.C. where he was recently moved for further treatment. Bill tires easily, but appreciates visits from friends.

If you attend events at the DIA HQ and our annual luncheons, you probably have missed our DIA liaison officer, **Ms Lillie Downs**. During three years of service to DIAA, Lillie closely interacted with the Board of Directors and sought out opportunities for alumni participation with DIA. Her dedication to DIAA was exceptional. This past November Lillie was deployed in support of an Agency mission overseas. We were very pleased when her successor, **Ms Mercedes Sinnott** picked-up when Lillie left, and she is also providing exceptional support to the DIA-DIAA relationship.

With Mercedes's help, DIAA has held a number of "way ahead" meetings with senior DIA Management which have challenged and strengthened the relationship. Although DIAA is constrained by its charter and tax-exempt status, we have been able to assist DIA by giving awards to honor students from DIA and NIU courses and providing mentoring in a new training course for junior analysts. We continue to look for opportunities to assist DIA. As we helped with DIA's 50th Anniversary in 2011, we are now endeavoring to help with the 30 year anniversary of DIA's move to the DIAC from Arlington Hall. In fact, if you have insight and experience from this move, we ask you to contact DIAA or the DIA History Office (Paul.Isakson@dodis.mil).

Ms Sinnott also serves as our focal point for the John T. Hughes Library Meet the Author Series which several of you have attended and enjoyed. Likewise, she is our focal point for the Annual Torch Bearers Award and DIA Homecoming event, now called DIA Day. Additionally, under her watch, DIA has extended an invitation for DIAA members to attend a tribute to Colonel James "Nick" Rowe, USA, on 2 May in Charlottesville where the Rivanna Station facility will be named in his honor. Members have previously asked about an event in Charlottesville, and this an excellent opportunity to visit DIA's facility there. Lillie Downs returns from her deployment in May. We do not know what's next for her or if she will be a part of our support relationship, but we wish her luck and would certainly welcome her back!

Many members enjoy our monthly Forum luncheons on the third Tuesday of the month at the Pulcinella Restaurant in McLean. In April we had 33 attendees hear alumnus Russ Breighner talk about Russia-Ukraine. Please look at the other opportunities in this newsletter for mentoring, helping with the 30th anniversary history project, nominating someone for a Torch Bearer Award, or attending a lecture at the DIA HQ or a Forum lunch. And we are always interested in your ideas for other social events.

Your President,
Judi Demulling

20 MAY- DEFENSE INTEL FORUM PULCINELLA RESTAURANT, MCLEAN, VA

This month's event on 20 May will feature Dr. Peter Bythrow, MASINT Chief Scientist at DIA/National MASIINT Office discussing the question: "On the future of MASINT; Independence or Annexation?" Before assuming his present position in 2000, Dr. Bythrow was the Principle Staff Scientist at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physical Laboratory (1981 - 2000). He has a PhD in Physics from the University of Texas Dallas and a BS in Physics from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. He served as pilot in the United States Air Force (1970 - 1975) and has been an aerobatic flight instructor since 1992.

SAVE THE DATE

- 2 May** Dedication Ceremony of DIA's Charlottesville Facility
- 20 May** Defense Intel Forum, Dr. Peter Bythrow discussing the question: "On the future of MASINT; Independence or Annexation?"
- 22 May** Dr. Anne Speckhard: Talking to Terrorist: Understanding the Psycho-Social Motivations of Militant Jihadi Terrorists, Mass Hostage Takers, Suicide Bombers & "Martyrs" at DIA HQ
- 22 May** DIAC 30th Anniversary Event at DIA HQ
- 10 June** CAPTAIN Bernard "Bud" Cole, USN (RET.): Asian Maritime Strategies: Navigating Troubled Waters at DIA HQ
- 17 June** Defense Intel Forum, Russ Breighner will continue his discussion on Putin's Russia.
- 15 July** Defense Intel Forum, Forum - Cal Carnes will discuss the "Insider Threat."
- 22 Sept** DIA Hosted Homecoming event/ Torch Bears Award Ceremony at DIA HQ
- Oct** DIAA Fall Luncheon (Date TBD)

15 APRIL - DEFENSE INTEL FORUM

At our 15 April Forum, DIAA member Mr. Russell G. J. Breighner, a Russian/Soviet Union expert, spoke about Putin's agenda for Russian military resurgence and his objectives in Ukraine. Breighner postulates that Putin wants to rebuild Russia in the Soviet mold - both economically and politically, and that Moscow wants Ukraine to be at least a defacto province of Russia. Breighner points out that economically Russia is far from sound, exemplified by the steady out-flow of the Ruble from Russia. This situation leads him to question whether the military activity we are seeing on the Ukrainian frontier is a means to deflect attention from Russia's economic woes. Or is it a ploy to gain access to valuable Ukrainian industries? Since "Putin is no economist" Breighner thinks the likelihood of him coming up with the right political decisions to correct Russian economic woes is slim. The 44% military build-up called for in Putin's overall agenda is actually a large part of Russia's economic failing and is not sustainable.

Russia has initiated a well orchestrated plan to keep the Ukrainian situation on the front burner. Although Russia entered into negotiations with the U.S. and the European Union to mediate the situation, Breighner suggests that it is only a ploy to buy time to improve its military posture in the region. Breighner further suggests that preventing the 25 May elections from occurring in Ukraine is Moscow's primary short term goal. To stabilize the Ukrainian situation the U.S., the EU, Japan and the World Bank have promised substantial amounts of financial support; some funds with conditions. Moscow's promises of support to the ailing Crimean economy has generated support among ethnic Russians in the Eastern Ukraine. It is easy to understand why the U.S. believes that unrest in the Eastern Ukraine is result of trouble-making by Russian Special Forces. There are those who believe the use of force by Ukrainian authorities to put down the unrest will be used as a pretext for Russian aggression to protect minority Russian populations and the Black Sea Fleet in Crimea. While the situation is presently a regional crisis it could escalate to other former Soviet Union countries. The Russian military exercises held in Kaliningrad portray offensive action against Poland and the Baltics, and include a scenario calling for the use of nuclear weapons against Warsaw.

Russ will continue his discussion on Putin, at the 17 June DIFORUM, with emphasis on his power base at home and military upgrades. Also, he will briefly discuss Putin's actions in Latin America, Russian issues with China, and an historical comparison of "Russia vs America", a major factor in the Russian inferiority complex.

15 APRIL - MEET THE AUTHOR

On 15 April CDR Youssef H. Aboul-Enein discussed his book "*The Secret War for the Middle East: The Influence of Axis and Allied Intelligence Operations During World War II*" as Part Of The John T. Hughes Library Meet the Author program. A conflict in scheduling precluded a BOD member from attending the session and generating a review. However, a member of the NIU Staff reportedly took notes and will provide DIAA with a copy of the book review once completed. In the mean time a commercial review of *The Secret War*

for the Middle East: *The Influence of Axis and Allied Intelligence Operations During World War II* is available on our website at <http://www.diaalumni.org/itemsofinterest/bookreviews.html>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you given any thought to participating in the professional development of new DIA employees? Or perhaps you are willing to share your vast experience, and lessons learned over your career, to help with on-going intelligence related studies? If the answer to either of these questions is yes please take a look at the volunteering opportunities below:

— **Mentoring:** The next DIAA mentoring panel in support of the Professional Analyst Career Education (PACE) program will be held in September, date TBD. Once the date has have been confirmed we will seek volunteer panelists from the DIAA membership. Other mentoring programs DIAA routinely supports, such as the speed - mentoring program for new employees, remain on hold in part due to a reduction in civilian hires.

— **New History Project:** DIAA members are needed to assist in a historical project conducted by an organization within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to identify lessons learned from an analytic "experiment" the DIA conducted in 1976 and then applied to its Defense Intelligence Notices (DINs) in at least 1976 and 1977. It is believed the lessons learned from DIA's experience nearly four decades ago may be of considerable value to the Intelligence Community today as it seeks better ways to convey analytic uncertainty in the Community's intelligence products. The project lead would like to make contact with and interview any DIA alumni who might have been involved with the project or were involved with writing DINs in this time period. Should you have information that could assist in the *Probability Assessment Study*, and are interested in participating in this project, please contact James (Jim) D. Marchio at Jamesdm4@dni.gov

TORCH BEARERS AWARDS

DIA has completed a comprehensive review of the selection process and nomination criterion for the Torch Bearers Award program. Consideration has been given to assign a theme to this year's annual event organized around a "generations to generations" (G2G?) concept. The objective is to link the four generations of personnel currently at DIA with DIAA members and other alumni. On 28 September DIA will again honor a select group of distinguished individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary achievements throughout their careers, and have had a substantial and lasting impact upon the Agency and the the Intelligence Community, by conferring upon them the DIA Torch Bearers Award. A Torch Bearers program overview, nomination information and forms, as well as a program timeline graphic can be found on our website at <http://www.diaalumni.org/awards/torchbearer.html>. Please contact Ms. Sinnott at 202-231-0824 with questions.

ATTACHE AWARD CEREMONY

DIAA sponsored and presented for the first time both the Ken Hobson Silver Pen and the Distinguished Graduate Awards at the 11 April graduation ceremony for graduates of the 2014-01 class of the Attache Support Training Program (ASTP). ASTP is taught by the faculty of the Joint Military Attache School (JMAS) and is required training for all administrative personnel, primarily warrant officers and senior NCOs), manning Defense Attache Offices (DAOs) in over 130 foreign capitals.

The Ken Hobson Silver Pen Award, which is a silver pen, is presented to the ASTP student who writes the best country study paper. This award is given in memory of SSG Ken Hobson, USA, who was the operations NCO in the DAO Nairobi, Kenya, and was killed in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy Nairobi in 1998. The Distinguished Graduate Award is given to the ASTP student with the best overall performance in the class. That individual has his/her name inscribed on a plaque, provided by DIAA, which is on permanent display in the JMAS spaces at the DIA Headquarters Building. The DG also receives the "much sought after, rarely seen and even more rarely given" DIAA challenge coin.

ASTP graduation ceremonies were held jointly with officers graduating from the Attache Training Program. The commencement speaker was DIA's Deputy Director, David Shedd. DIAA was represented by Bill Huntington, former head of the Defense Human Intelligence Directorate. He presented the Ken Hobson Silver pen award to SFC Scott P. Lewis, USA, OPSCO Djibouti. And the Distinguished Graduate Award to HMCS Matthew R. Bonnett, USN, OPSCO Netherlands.

PATRIOT'S CORNER UPDATE

The interment service for long time DIAA member Jean Knighten will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 June 2014 at 2:00 PM.

Note: When more specific details become available on an individuals service they will be posted on the appropriate Patriot's Corner obituary on the DIAA Web Page. Please check back occasionally.

DIAA WEB PAGE - WHAT'S NEW?

The hardcopy version of the 2014 DIAA Membership Directory is back from the printer and will be mailed shortly along with 2014 membership cards. In the meantime the WEB Version of the new Membership directory has been posted on the Member Only page of the web site. To compliment the digital membership directory, and make it convent for members to change their contact or personal information and/or leave a message for DIAA Admin, a "change of information" form has been inserted under the Directory tab. This will preclude members from generating and email or make a phone call to make such changes. For additional information or to comment please contact admin@diaalumni.org.

DoD RETIREE CARDS

Several new members, recently retired from DIA, have expressed interest in obtaining the DoD Retiree Card and sought information on the process from DIAA. Below is the guidance successfully used by a number of members to acquire the DoD Retiree Card. If you are having problems or need assistance with acquiring the card please contact admin@diaalumni.org.

The Department of Defense has authorized retired DoD civilian employees an identification card. Those members desiring to get a DoD Retiree Card can do so by taking your retirement Notification of Personnel Action (SF50) and two forms of identification to a RAPIDS site near you. (You need your SF50 if you want your pay grade printed on your ID Card.) Visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/ to find the RAPIDS location nearest you and view the "Required Documents" tab that will give you all of acceptable forms of identification you can use to obtain the DoD cards.

This card provides retired DoD civilians with a uniform DoD identification card that can be easily recognized at any DoD base or facility within the US and its territories or possessions. Those eligible for the card are civilians who retire from any DoD Service Component or Agency. A sample DoD civilian retiree card is A sample DoD civilian retiree card is displayed below.



Note: Military commanders retain the authority to restrict access to their own facilities, so while you are entitled to the card, you may find restrictions on where you can use it to access MWR activities.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

DACOR

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DIAA members are eligible for membership.

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