



# DIAA Log

November 2014

## **DIA-DIAA HOMECOMING AND TORCH BEARER'S AWARD CEREMONY - 13 NOVEMBER**

DIA will host the annual Alumni Homecoming concurrently with the Former Leader's Day and the Torch Bearer's Award Ceremony on 13 November. Even during these trying times of budget constraints and a challenging leadership transition, DIA is making a major effort to host a meaningful event for all who attend. Acting Director David Shedd and new Deputy Director Douglas Wise, and other notables from DIA and the Intelligence Community, will be involved in the day's events. Overall the program will consist of intelligence briefings and sessions providing information to give us a better understanding of where the Agency is headed and what its priorities will be. Also, we will be honoring several of our former colleagues at the Torch Bearer's ceremony. And for the first time DIAA Members are invited to bring their spouses to Homecoming. The [full agenda](#) can be viewed at this link.

## **POSSIBLE DIAA HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

In an attempt to be true to our charter, which lists DIAA as a social organization, Association President Judi Demulling has asked several volunteers to look at the possibility of DIAA having a Holiday Social sometime in early December. Once the data is collected and evaluated the Board of Directors will determine the feasibility of planning and organizing such an event. Members will be notified by email of any decisions made on this proposed event. In the mean time if you have any ideas or comments on this proposal please respond to [president@diaalumni.org](mailto:president@diaalumni.org).

## **FALL LUNCHEON - 15 OCTOBER**



The newly appointed Defense Intelligence Agency Chief of Staff, Ms. Suzanne White was the Keynote Speaker at Defense Intel Alumni Association's Fall Luncheon held at the

Fort Myer Officer's Club. Prior to her appointment as Chief of Staff, Ms. White served as DIA's Chief Financial Officer giving her wide-ranging experience that enabled her to skillfully meet the Agency's substantive requirements. In her presentation, Ms. White focused primarily on the requirements of her new position and current issues and challenges facing DIA. Her remarks were well received by the membership and generated a robust question and answer period. She recognized the importance of the partnership with DIAA and identified some areas where she would like to have input from DIAA members. DIAA thanks Ms. White and members of the OCC Staff for their willingness to engage with DIAA at this annual fall event. Ms. White's complete Bio is available on the "[What's New at DIA](#)" link on the DIA Webpage.

## **MEET THE AUTHOR - 23 OCTOBER**



Dr. Louise Woodroffe, a historian in the Office the Historian at the U.S. Department of State, who focuses on U.S. foreign policy toward postcolonial Africa, discussed her book "Buried in the Sands of the *Ogaden: The United States, the Horn of Africa, and the Demise of Détente*". Dr. Woodroffe presented the argument that the Ogaden War between Ethiopia and Somalia involved a web of shifting loyalties, as the United States and Soviet Union alternately supported both sides at different points. When the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks

## **SAVE THE DATE**

- 13 Nov** DIA Hosted Homecoming /Torch Bearer's Award Ceremony at DIA HQ
- 18 Nov** Meet the Author - Author Richard Whittle will discuss his book: *Predator: The Secret Origins of the Drone Revolution*.
- Dec** Possible Holiday Social

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- March** Spring Luncheon and BOD Elections

(SALT) between the Soviet Union and United States faltered during the Carter administration, National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski claimed, "SALT lies buried in the sands of the Ogaden." She pointed out that the conflict and its superpower involvement turned out to be disasters for all involved, and many of the region's current difficulties trace their historic antecedents to this period. Woodroffe opined how could superpower détente survived Vietnam but stumbled in the Horn of Africa.

#### ***ELECTION TO THE DIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

Last year we shifted our annual business meeting, which had been conducted during the DIAA Annual Fall Luncheon, to the Annual Spring Luncheon. The primary reason for this change was for the treasurer to present the previous year's financial report in a timely manner. As required by our by-laws, elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors occur during the annual business meeting, which with the above change, will now occur in mid-March 2015 at the Spring Luncheon. At this time it appears we will have several vacancies on the Board because of tenure rules and members vacating their positions for personal reasons.

Any member of DIAA in good standing can run for a vacant seat on the BOD. The general membership will be notified of vacancies on the BOD at least 30 days before the election. At that time interested DIAA members will have the opportunity to express interest in being placed on the election ballot. For those who might be interested in serving on the BOD additional information on the election process, or related issues can be requested at [elections@diaalumni.org](mailto:elections@diaalumni.org).

#### ***PATRIOT'S CORNER***

**Helen M. Allgeyer**, 90, of Singer Island, Fla., passed away on 22 August. She was a former resident of McLean and Greenville. She worked for the Department of Defense in the Washington metropolitan area for 43 years. She received a number of prestigious awards, including the DIA Torch Bearer's Award for her exceptional service. One of the first 250 civilians transferred from the military services to DIA, Allgeyer's contributions to planning and directing intelligence production, integrating DIA's capabilities with the military services and combatant commands, and identifying the role of technology to produce accurate and accessible information for the customer remain as relevant today as they were when she established the framework. Helen is survived by her husband James, brother Jack Looser, sister Jane Cooper and other younger relatives. Memorial Service and burial information is not available at this time.



**August von B. Millard, Naval attaché**, 73, a retired Navy captain who had served as Naval Attaché jointly to Finland and Estonia, and earlier to India, died 27 September at his home in Alexandria of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Captain Millard was born in Portland, Maine. He had lived in the Washington area off and on since the 1960s, in Alexandria and at a farm in Charlotte Hall, Md. In 1992 he retired from the Navy after 30 years of service. Afterward, he accompanied his wife Elisabeth, a political officer in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service on assignments to Europe, Asia and Africa. He is survived by his wife Elisabeth, their five children and four grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria on 4 October. Burial information will be made available once it is received.



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