



# DIAA Log

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*Déjà vu*, (n) from the French, literally “already seen”, is the phenomenon of having the strong sensation that an event or experience currently being experienced has been experienced in the past, whether it has actually happened or not. Transiting to a monthly newsletter with a shortened production cycle has had its challenges. Especially over the recent period during which the date of our “Flagship” event, the DIAA Homecoming, has fluctuated thereby impacting the scheduling of our other two Fall events. So bear with us if some of the items in this issue seem familiar.

Your DIAA Log editors,  
Don, Emmy, and John

## WEB PAGE - READY FOR PRIME TIME

We urge you to take a look at our improved Website at <http://www.diaalumni.org/>. If you spend a little time perusing the website pages we believe you will be pleasantly surprised with the wide range of postings, the currency of information and its pleasing appearance. For example:

- The just added “**What’s New at DIA**” page provides the latest information about the agency we retired from. <http://www.diaalumni.org/whatsnewatdia.html>
- The “**Items of Interest**” link provides information of a public service nature, such as travel safety and senior discounts.
- Current and past editions of the *DIAALog* are posted.
- The “**Where Are They Now**” page is under construction. This new initiative will contain audio/video interviews with fellow DIAA members and will feature multimedia history segments.

We welcome your feedback and comments via [newsletter@diaalumni.org](mailto:newsletter@diaalumni.org). We also seek contributions and suggestions from our readers. Articles sought include: Your life post-DIA; book, movie, or restaurant reviews; upcoming events of interest; volunteer opportunities; recommended websites; financial tips for retirees, etc. Book reviews on relevant topics are especially sought (intelligence, foreign and military affairs, etc.). PLEASE keep DIAA Admin ([admin@diaalumni.org](mailto:admin@diaalumni.org)) informed of any changes to your email address, as well as your regular address and phone numbers.

## ANNUAL DIAA MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) ELECTIONS

DIAA’s Annual Meeting will take place on **Friday 18 October** in the Lamplighter Room of the **Ft. Myer Officer’s Club**. In addition, the BOD elections will be held starting at 11:15 in conjunction with registering. As previously announced there are seven vacancies on the Board. All current DIAA members (except BOD members who

have exceeded term limits as sitting Board members) are eligible to run. Only current members present on 18 October may vote. There are no provisions for proxies. Lapsed members can renew at that time and receive a ballot. Note: [Full backgrounds](#) for the DIAA Board candidates are located on the DIAA website at <http://www.diaalumni.org/>

## Board members running for re-election are:

**Lance Burton**  
**Judi Demulling**  
**Michele Platt**

## Newly appointed Board members seeking official election by membership:

**Cal Carnes**  
**Barbara Sanderson**

## New candidates for Board vacancies are:

**James Beirne**  
**James Riggins**

## FALL LUNCHEON

*This event is open to all DIAA Members, their guests, and current DIA employees.*

Those wishing to attend DIAA’s Fall Luncheon on **Friday 18 October** must register by 8 October. The event will take place in the Lamplighter Room of the Ft. Myer Officer’s Club. The Keynote Speaker will be **General Michael V. Hayden, USAF (Ret)** former Director, Central Intelligence (DCI). Prior to assuming his duties at Langley, Gen Hayden served as the country’s first Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence and was the highest-ranking intelligence officer in the armed forces. Earlier, he served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Intelligence Agency, Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center, and Chief of the Central Security Service. Earlier in his career he served DIA as an Air Attaché in Sofia, Bulgaria. Gen Hayden is currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor at George Mason University.

## HOMECOMING: HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED DIA

*This event is open to all DIAA Members in good standing. A current SF-86 is **not** required to be on record with DIA Personnel Security to attend these events.*

On **Thursday 7 November**, DIA will host “*Honoring Those Who Served DIA.*” Our DIA hosts have put forth significant effort to develop a meaningful agenda with representation from the Director as well as other senior DIA leaders and substantive experts. Given the current environment of furloughs and increasing and complex

# SAVE THE DATE

18 Oct - [Fall Luncheon and Elections](#)  
7 Nov - [DIA Homecoming](#)

mission requirements, we are grateful to participate in this special day. For Alumni, the schedule will generally follow the pattern of previous Homecomings. We will arrive at **DIA Hqrs 0700** for registration and a continental breakfast. Former Leaders (DR,DDR) will join us for the day's activities. The morning session will begin with remarks by the Director. Before lunch we will attend the Patriots Memorial Induction Ceremony honoring four service members who lost their lives in Iraq providing security for the Iraq Survey Group. During lunch a DIA senior will discuss recent developments in the Agency, and there will be additional briefings during the afternoon session. At 1400, we are invited to attend the Torch Bearers Induction Ceremony and a reception afterwards.

### **SEPTEMBER DIF - AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS**

MajGen Michael E. Ennis, USMC (ret) spoke on "Intelligence Contributions to DIA and the Intelligence Community by the U.S. Military Liaison Mission (US-MLM) Collecting on the Group of Soviet Forces Germany" at the DIAA hosted Defense Intelligence Forum (DIF) on 17 September. Several attendees commented that Mike Ennis' talk was one of the more interesting and entertaining DIF presentations in recent memory. While the DIF's adherence to Chatham House rules prevents the disclosure of MajGen Ennis' "sensitive" comments, the following scene setter provides the historical context of his talk.

After the defeat of Germany at the end of WWII, the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union formed the *European Advisory Commission*. France later joined as the 4th commission member. The Commission remained in effect until German unification on 3 October 1990. The missions were initially first tasked to monitor the implementation of the Potsdam Conference agreements, which included the disarming and demilitarization of Germany. Another task was to establish communications between the 4-party commanders.

The primary task of the US-MLM evolved into surveillance and reconnaissance of the Soviet Forces on the ground and by air. The estimation of Soviet troop strength, observation of new equipment and military exercises became the daily routine. The importance of the MLM can't be over estimated as they were the first to distinguish a large maneuver from a buildup of troops which could have potentially resulted in a nuclear conflict. Members of the mission enjoyed a de facto diplomatic status which became priceless with the building of the iron curtain dividing the western zones from the Soviet zone.

MajGen Ennis was one of the few Marine officers selected for the Army's Russian Foreign Area Officer program where he became a Russian linguist, a Soviet specialist and a member of the MLM.

*Editors' Note: The All-Source Analysts working the Soviet/Warsaw Pact threat used MLM reporting and photography regularly in DIA reports and briefings. The MLM reports provided a collateral source of invaluable information on Soviet threat capabilities, and especially their tactics, strategy and doctrine. In addition, MLM photography allowed further analysis of new and unique Soviet capabilities that were subsequently used to address US/NATO vulnerabilities.*

### **FEDS FEEDS FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE**

The 2013 "Feds Feeds Families" program just closed out with over 6,500 lbs. of food contributed by current and retired DIA employees to feed less fortunate families. This is the second consecutive year that DIAA played a role in supporting the "Feds Feeds Families" food drive. This year we asked attendees at the DIAA hosted June, July and August DIFs to bring a bag containing food and household items on the list provided by DIA. DIAA donations easily filled the cargo area of an SUV. At the conclusion of the collection effort DIAA received a hearty "THANK YOU and WELL DONE" note from DIA.

### **DIA-DIAA PARTNERSHIP: PROFESSIONAL ANALYST CAREER EDUCATION (PACE)**

Last month we reported that DIA is developing a new analytic training program called Professional Analyst Career Education (PACE). This DI and Training and Education Directorate (TED) partnership will provide immersive and rigorous training over the course of 16 weeks to 25 analysts (GS-11 and below) from across the Defense Intelligence enterprise. DIA will run two pilots this fiscal year, with the first one starting on 28 October. The PACE curriculum focuses on critical and creative thinking, communication, teamwork, and customer engagement. The PACE team has expressed interest in having at least one alumni panel / brown bag lunch during each of the pilots. DIA welcomes DIAA member's willingness to share their wisdom with these analysts as they move up the career ladder. The PACE team will be providing two dates for these informal brown bag lunches as soon as they are scheduled. For additional information please contact Barbara Duckworth at [mentoring@diaalumni.org](mailto:mentoring@diaalumni.org).

#### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **AFIO Luncheon on Friday, 15 Nov**

**Keynote - Walter Pincus**, National Security Reporter for *The Washington Post*, speaks on "45 Years Covering National Security."

11 a.m. speaker is **Martha [Martij] D. Peterson**, author of *The Widow Spy: MY CIA Journey from the Jungles of Laos to Prison in Moscow*.

**For more information and registration:** <http://afio.com>