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View from the President

Dear Fellow DIAA Members,

We have gotten off to a good start this spring with a very successful and well-attended luncheon at the Mt. Vernon Inn on 18 March. LTG Ronald Burgess, USA, Director of the Intelligence Staff, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), was an inspiring and informative key speaker and Laurie Kelly brought us up to date on what was going on at DIA. National Intelligence Forums have been held monthly with good turnouts and will continue with fascinating topics in upcoming months. As you can see in the listing of upcoming and past events, DIAA is sponsoring an event nearly every month.

We have some dates for you to save on your fall calendars. DIA and LTG Maples will host us for Homecoming on Tuesday 23 September. If you want any special topics or tours featured at this event, let us know as we are starting to work on the particulars of the day with DIA. We have reserved Tuesday 18 November for our fall luncheon/annual meeting at the Mt. Vernon Inn. We will be celebrating DIAA's tenth anniversary at both events.

As I indicated in my previous letter, expenses have increased significantly over the year due to stagnant revenue and increasing administrative support, web site, and postage costs. We are studying data pertaining to our financial status and are making adjustments as necessary. We are attempting to make all DIAA-sponsored events self-sufficient and cut postage costs wherever possible. We are exploring other non-postal options (i.e. the web) to distribute information and publications to our membership. As a result of increased costs our fiscal reserve has significantly declined over the past year during which we have sponsored more activities and thus required more administrative support. Please bear with us. This is an agenda topic at our monthly board meetings as we search for ways to continue operations at realistic and reasonable costs without resorting to raising dues to balance income and expenses. We know similar issues face many small, volunteer organizations.

Within DIAA and with related organizations, we are offering a busy schedule of intelligence-related topical events. Please participate in as many of these events as possible and check the website often. We urge your feedback and suggestions for upcoming events. Remember, this is YOUR organization. The Board is trying to present programs that reflect the interests of members so your commentary is valued. Have a great summer.

Andrea Arntsen
President, DIAA

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Upcoming Events

15 July - National Intelligence Forum

A National Intelligence Forum will be held on 15 July at Dan and Brad's at the Arlington Hilton, located at the Ballston METRO station. Sponsored jointly by DIAA and the National Intelligence Education Foundation, this Forum will feature Stan Koryta speaking on S&T Intelligence and counter-intelligence aspects of protecting technology.

8 August - National Intelligence Forum

A joint National Intelligence Forum will be held on 8 August at the DACOR-Bacon House at 1801 F Street N.W. in Washington D.C. This Forum will be sponsored by DIAA, the National Intelligence Education Foundation, and DACOR-Bacon House. Russell Rochte will speak on Information/Media Warfare.

23 September - Defense Intelligence Agency Alumni Homecoming

DIA will host the DIAA Homecoming on Tuesday 23 September at the DIAC on Bolling Air Force Base. The DIA Office of Historical Research will exhibit historic DIA photos and seek identification of DIA employees and activities. Early registration for this event is required, as clearances need to be processed by DIA. The event offers briefings up to and including the Secret level. Watch your email and our website for more information and a registration form.

18 November - Fall Luncheon

DIAA's Fall Luncheon and Annual Business meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 November at Mount Vernon Inn at the southern end of the George Washington Parkway. Watch your email for more information and a registration form for this important event.



LTG Patrick Hughes, USA (Ret), LTG Ronald Burgess, USA and DIAA President Andrea Arnsten at 18 March spring luncheon.

Photo Courtesy of Mr. Dana Sweet

Past Events

19 February - Defense Intelligence Forum

On Tuesday 19 February the Defense Intelligence Forum featured Rear Admiral Moira N. Flanders speaking on the *Inter-American Defense College (IADC) and Hemispheric Security: Current Issues Facing the Americas*. The IADC, located on Fort Lesley J. McNair, is one of the foremost institutes of learning for senior-level military, police, and diplomatic officials with an interest in security and defense issues facing Latin America. An entity of the Organization of American States, the IADC offers approximately 60 students a year from member states of the OAS an unparalleled educational and research experience. Former IADC students include two presidents, 31 ministers, and 539 generals or admirals. Rear Admiral Flanders is the first female director of the IADC.

18 March - Spring Luncheon

The annual Spring Luncheon was held at the Mt. Vernon Inn on Tuesday 18 March. The guest speaker for this event was LTG Ronald Burgess, USA, Director of the Intelligence Staff, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI). LTG Burgess has been with the DNI's office for three years. He commented that over the years, 41 studies of the Intelligence Community (IC) have been conducted. Some of these studies concluded that the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) should not serve adequately as both head of CIA and of the IC. Thus the Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 established the office of the DNI with authority over all 16 component agencies within the IC and freeing the DCI to run CIA without the extra burden of managing the IC. The DNI has oversight over CIA and the authority to conduct all foreign intelligence relationships.

In addition, there are now domestic intelligence-related organizations in each of the 50 states, within 17,000 to 21,000 local government entities, and associated with 519 recognized tribal groups. Coordinating and transmitting intelligence data among these various levels is a complicated business. The 2004 Intelligence Reform Act does not stipulate how all these interactions should occur. Despite this lack of specificity, the IC needs to continue to move forward, as the current political environment is not conducive for yet another law. In the meanwhile,

Executive Order 12333, which originated in 1981, is being rewritten to provide more legal guidance to the IC. This is a huge task, because of the many changes within the IC that have occurred since 1981. For example, until more recent years there was no DNI, no Department of Homeland Security, and no Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USDI). (As the current USDI, LTG (R) Clapper is the de facto Director of Defense Intelligence and Director of Military Intelligence.) LTG Burgess stated that the White House is supporting this further amplification of the legal underpinnings of the IC. General Burgess thinks a replacement for Ex. Order 12333 will be in place before the November elections.



LTG Burgess (USA) addresses spring luncheon attendees, 18 March at Mt. Vernon Inn. *Photo Courtesy of Mr. Dana Sweet*

Burgess explained that “*Intelligence Community 2015*” is the DNI’s vision for the future of the IC. For example, should there continue to be 16 separate entities within the IC? Or should there be more, or fewer IC organizations? While the business of foreign intelligence is fairly-well understood and practiced, the issues associated with domestic intelligence remain untested and undefined. Burgess said that the DNI’s mission statement is to “create decision advantage for the nation.” Three all source agencies: DIA, CIA, and State’s INR focus on foreign intelligence. There is an unclassified version of IC 2015 available at www.dni.gov Burgess said that comments are welcome!

Questions and Answers:

1. Why is the DNI’s staff so large?

Burgess pointed out that the CIA’s Community Management Staff (CMS) had 500 billets. The DNI’s staff is now composed of 539 people. The DNI is going to cap his staff at 800 billets.

2. What about budgetary constraints?

The National Intelligence program has a \$44 billion budget. With supplementals, the budget goes up to about \$70 billion. It is likely that in the next administration these supplementals will go away. This will impact DIA. Thus the DNI controls a \$44 billion budget. The DNI staff is given 2% of that amount for its priorities: cyber protection; creation of a single integrated operating environment, and education and training. The DNI wants the IC to focus on the education and training of its workforce, in much the same way the military has committed to education and training.

3. What can you tell us about Department of Homeland Security (DHS)?

Charlie Allen has the job of chief intelligence officer within DHS. The scope of DHS’s mission is extremely difficult. Integrating intelligence with law enforcement is a challenge, but one that the community is taking on.

15 April - National Intelligence Forum

The 15 April National Intelligence Forum (NIF) featured Robert Slate speaking on *China’s National Intellectual Property Strategy: Implications for U.S. National Security*. Mr. Slate is a lead Multi-Discipline Systems Engineer at The MITRE Corporation. He formerly served as a Captain in the US Army and was a faculty member at the National Defense Intelligence College, Post-Graduate Intelligence Program-Reserves. Prior to obtaining his Juris Doctorate, Mr. State received his M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and his B.A. from Oberlin College. He has a special interest in Chinese military, strategic, and legal issues.



Audience listens to Robert Slate at 15 April NIF. *Photo Courtesy of Mr. Dana Sweet.*

Slate pointed to recent news articles on Chinese espionage cases which all focused on science and technology (S&T) issues. He said the US Intelligence Community needs to enhance its understanding of Chinese S&T priorities. All Chinese national defense and S&T agencies have as their strategic goal the acquisition of foreign S&T advances. Their strategy forces US companies to forfeit their technical know-how in exchange for trade opportunities with China. Slate pointed out that 40 per cent of the US economy is based on intellectual property. US companies devote many millions of dollars to research and development, but through skillful and sometimes underhanded business practices, the Chinese acquire our R&D and thus by-pass this expensive step in developing their new technologies and industries. Slate opined that efforts to counter-act Chinese stealing of our intellectual property need to become one of our top national security priorities.

20 May - National Intelligence Forum

The 20 May National Intelligence Forum (NIF) featured Professor Sadik Al-Azm whose topic was “*Islam, Secularization, and the Latitudes of Intellectual Freedom.*” Sadik Al-Azm (born in Damascus, Syria, in 1934) is the Honorary Chairman of the Human Rights Organization in Damascus, Syria, and a Professor Emeritus of Modern European Philosophy at the University of Damascus. His area of specialization is the Islamic world and its relationship to the West. He is a human rights advocate and a champion of intellectual freedom. In 1963, after finishing a Ph.D. from Yale University, he taught at the American University of Beirut. His book *Self-Criticism After the Defeat* (1968) analyzes the impact of the Six Day War on Arabs. Many of his books are banned in Arab countries (with the exception of Lebanon). Al-Azm was jailed by the Lebanese government after publishing his 1969 book *Critique of Religious Thought* (Naqd al-Fikr al-Dini, Beirut, 1970). He won the Erasmus Prize in 2004 and in 2005 he became a Dr. Honoris Causa at Hamburg University. He has been a visiting professor at universities in Germany, Holland, Belgium, Hungary, and Japan. In the U.S. he was a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in D.C. (1992-1993) and a visiting professor at Harvard, Yale, and since 2005 at Princeton University. He has published over thirty articles and books in English and other European languages, and many more in Arabic.



Professor Sadik Al-Azm and his audience at 20 May NIF.
Photo Courtesy of Mr. Dana Sweet

Professor Al-Azm explained that there has been an on-going fight to determine the meaning or definition of “Islam” since the 1970s. Various entities are vying for supremacy in Islamic states and thus seeking the right to determine the meaning of Islam within that country. Should it have a secularist approach? Who determines what it means to be a good Islamist? Should violence be used to further the Arab cause? For example, state leadership (regime of king, monarch, or president) is fighting against military leadership to control the right to determine what it means to be Islamic within a particular Arab state. There is also the mercantile class with its own thinking on what it means to be Islamic. Al-Azm said that the Islamic world lost its public influence in the World War II timeframe and it is now re-emerging and regaining its sphere of influence. Al-Azm pointed to the Turkish state as an interesting paradox. This secular Islamic state produced a Democratic Islamic party and it is that Islamic party that is eager to join the European Union while the military is dragging its feet about joining such an alliance.

Al-Azm said that the Palestinian problem was at the core of all Islamic debate. He commented that he personally met with former President Jimmy Carter, and with John Kerry after his defeat in the Presidential campaign. He commented that they both (and also Henry Kissinger) seem to have more concern for the Palestinian and Lebanon issues after they were “out of power” than when they were active political figures in the USA.

17 June National Intelligence Forum

A National Intelligence Forum was held on 17 June at Dan and Brad's at the Arlington Hilton. Sponsored jointly by DIAA and the National Intelligence Education Foundation, this Forum featured Mr. Dan Landers, a DIA Senior Intelligence Officer for Iraq, providing an update on the Iraqi situation. His deployments include tours with Multinational Force Iraq in 2005 and 2007, the Iraq Survey Group in 2004, and the Stabilization Force in Bosnia in 2002. His early DIA assignments included J2 Cuba/Caribbean Desk officer, principal J2 analyst for Operation URGENT FURY, Senior Duty Officer in the White House Situation Room, J2 Senior Analyst for Central America, Senior Warning Officer for Latin America, and primary DIA analyst for Operation JUST CAUSE. In 1992, Mr. Landers was Director of the inter-agency National Warning Staff. As Chief of DIA's Defense Warning Policy Staff, he negotiated bilateral warning agreements with U.S. allies and represented DIA in NATO conferences and in the Defense Global Warning System. As Senior Intelligence Officer for Europe, he worked on NATO adaptation issues for the Secretary of Defense. In 1997, he opened the Defense Intelligence Support Office for NATO's Allied Forces South in anticipation of Operation ALLIED FORCE against Serbia.

Mr. Landers spoke on his perceptions of the Iraq situation over a period of time, and his tours in Iraq. Specifically, he talked about what has changed in Iraq since February 2007. At that time violence was at its peak, and there was not a lot of confidence in the government. Since then, Gen Petreus has put the complex campaign plan into action and Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki has provided some much needed strong leadership. The "Surge" is but one part of the campaign plan.



Dan Landers confers with NIF attendees on 17 June.
Photo Courtesy of Mr. Dana Sweet

Key changes since February 2007:

- 1) al Qaeda has been severely decimated, and the Iraqi people do not support them;
- 2) Gen Petreus' actions have greatly diminished the Sunni insurgency. In addition, the foreign fighter routes into Iraq have been greatly reduced.
- 3) Prime Minister Maliki has exceeded expectations – especially in the Basrah operation. Initial predications for PM Maliki and the Basrah operation were not favorable, but PM Maliki is now showing the kind of leadership needed in Iraq, and the Basrah operation was a tremendous success story.

Next key steps are the Iraqi provincial elections late this year, and national elections in 2009. There is now a "ratchet effect" in that the violence from 2005-07 has largely been eliminated, and the Iraqi people do not want to go back to that violence. Efforts are underway now to negotiate what will be left behind and the exact terms of the SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement). In addition, in the regional issues area, progress is being made quietly with Syria, Turkey, and Jordan. However, with Iran, not much progress has been made.

During a question and answer period, Mr Landers addressed the Iraqi infrastructure, the Iraqi perception of the US Presidential election, funding for Iraq post-US deployment, and the relationship between the US intelligence entities and their Iraqi counterparts.

NOTICE: Survey

We have received numerous responses to our request for retired DIA people to respond to the DIAA Survey of personal capabilities and your willingness to volunteer to help DIA and the US Government in times of need. We are extending the survey period until 1 August 2008. If you have not already done so, please provide your survey information to:

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or send input by email to: Xtra1245@aol.com.

Survey forms are available by sending an email to the Xtra1245@aol.com address or simply mailing a biographic sketch to Pat Hughes — and he will then turn that into the necessary information. Be sure to include contact data so he can get in touch with you.

Editors' Views and Reviews

Note: As former, or current, intelligence professionals, certain books and movies stand out as more accurate depictions of real history, and real people. The following books and movies are in that category.

- *Charlie Wilson's War* – the movie DVD has been released, and dramatizes the liberal Democratic Congressman from East Texas who becomes obsessed with helping the Afghan *Mujahedeen* against the Soviet invaders. Charlie Wilson is played superbly by Tom Hanks, and his lifestyle and appetites are amply portrayed. After a quick trip to Pakistan, and an Afghan refugee camp, he becomes highly committed to helping the Afghans defeat the hated enemy. Returning to Washington DC, he requests the Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency, to meet him in his Congressional office. Instead, the CIA sends a misfit covert mission expert Gust Avrakotos, played memorably by Philip Seymour Hoffman, to Charlie Wilson's office. Although very different personalities, the two bond in their mission to defeat the Soviets, and help the Afghans. The inner workings of Congress and the CIA are depicted, and not necessarily in a favorable light. This movie is not for the faint of heart or naïve as it quickly sets the lifestyle of one of Congress' most flamboyant and ethics-challenged members in his attempts to change world history – and how he accomplished this improbable journey. The movie shows that Wilson was a strong, but vengeful man — an attribute that impacted on DIA to its detriment.
- *Killing Pablo* – the book by Mark Bowden, known for his thorough research and accurate depiction of critical events, is soon to be made into a movie. In the book, Mark Bowden describes how Pablo Escobar, the notorious Colombian drug lord who became the narcotic trade's first billionaire, also became the target of a massive surveillance effort in

Colombia that was aided by U.S. government resources. The book will be made into a Joe Carnahan movie script to be released in late 2008, or early 2009. It is expected to faithfully follow the book and how Pablo Escobar was taken down despite his huge influence in money and drugs in Colombia. At the height of his power he was named one of *Fortune* magazines 10 Most Wealthy people. As his power grew he used it to murder Colombian authorities (30 judges, 457 policemen and other deaths at the rate of 20 each day for two months), or to bribe them. When he walked out of his self-imposed prison, the Colombian government with help from the US organized two efforts – the first called *Search Bloc* was a special US-trained Colombian task force, and the second was the "*Los Pepes*," a shadowy organization of Escobar's enemies. Reportedly, the Delta Force and later the Navy SEALs (from SEAL Team Six) joined in the all-out manhunt. The Colombian security forces, aided by the US technology, moved in on his Medellin home and Escobar was gunned down as he tried to escape. Mark Bowden is also the noted author of "*Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War*," and "*Guests of the Ayatollah: The First Battle in America's War with Militant Islam*."

Editors' Comments

- This is our 7th edition of DIAA Log. We welcome your feedback and suggestions via admin@diaalumni.org.
- We welcome contributions 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.).
- Our appreciation to DIAA member, Dana Sweet for providing excellent photographic coverage of our sponsored events.
- Thank you for your attention gentle readers!
Your editors, Emmy and John

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