

FEBRUARY 2008

**TASC LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
FRANCIS A. "SKIP" HISER, III
ASST. DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
GLOBAL FORCE MANAGEMENT AND JOINT OPERATIONS
U.S. FLEET FORCES COMMAND**



In July 2007, Skip Hiser entered the Senior Executive Service (SES) as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Global Force Management and Joint Operations for Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va.

In June 2006, Mr. Hiser was selected to be the Technical Director for the Joint Innovation and Experimentation Directorate at Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Va. In that capacity he was directly responsible for assessing rapid prototype systems for fielding in direct support of Combatant Commander near term warfighting requirements. Additionally, he was the lead technical advisor for Multinational Experiment Five, a multiyear program designed to enhance information sharing between defense agencies, coalition partners and non-government organizations.

In June 2004, Mr. Hiser was selected to be the Executive Director, Requirements and Assessments for Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command, in Norfolk, Va. In that

capacity, he directed the assessment of the Navy's requirements for Command & Control, Computers, Communications and Intelligence (C4I) totaling over \$6 billion per year, including the direct development of the NNWC claimancy annual budget of over \$520 million. During this assignment he was the key architect for developing the Fleet's C4I capability assessment and gap analysis, metrics development and program development with resource sponsors, acquisition community and operational Fleet constituents.

Mr. Hiser served 26 years in the U.S. Navy as a Naval Flight Officer and Information Professional, culminating his career as a Captain. As a Mission Commander in the P-3C Orion Maritime Patrol Aircraft, he served tours in Patrol Squadrons Four, Sixteen and Nineteen, as well as serving on the staffs for Commander, Patrol Wing Two and Commander, Patrol Wing Pacific. Additionally, he served two carrier tours, as Tactical Action Officer in USS America (CV-66), and as Combat Systems Officer in USS George Washington (CVN-73). As an Information Professional, he was the Commanding Officer of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Iceland, and served as the Deputy for the Chief of Naval Operations' Task Force Web, chartered to transform the Navy's legacy

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OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

For those TASC members who would like to participate in setting policy and the distribution of funds you have the chance to put your name on the ballot for one of the following positions.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Various committee chairpersons (Call Don Remy 339-7243 for further information)

For any person who might be interested being a representative on the Tidewater Government/ Industry Council, the following positions are up for election in March 2008:

Small Business Representative
8A/Small Disadvantaged Business Representative
Large Business Representative
(2) At-Large Business Representatives
Education Representative

Since the election is at the TASC meeting in March (3/19/08) it is important to make your intention known by February 2008. Please contact Don Remy at 339-7243 or email me at dremy@tcc.edu.

DHSC SPONSORS MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

The federal government has a Mentor-Protégé Program to help small businesses grow into successful contractors. Only three companies are currently protégés under this program in Hampton Roads. Based on the size of our local industry, we would expect to see higher participation.

The Hampton Roads Defense and Homeland Security-Mentor Protégé Program has established a goal to add two additional protégés over the next year. Below is an outline of the government programs, followed by the Action Plan of the DHSC to accomplish this goal.

The Mentor-Protégé Program is designed to provide incentives for Prime Contractors to assist Small Disadvantaged business (SDB), Woman-owned (WO), Hub Zone (HZ) and Service Disabled Veteran Owned (SDVO) businesses to enhance their business and technical capabilities and to increase their participation as subcontractors and suppliers.

The Mentor-Protégé Program objectives include:

- Provide incentives to major federal agency contractors performing under at least one active approved subcontracting plan
- Enhance protégé capabilities
- Increase the overall participation of SDBs, WOBs, HZs, SDVOs as Primes and Subcontractors on Federal contracts
- Foster the establishment of long term, mutually beneficial business relationships between protégés and mentors

TASC Officers/Committee Chairs

President	Dennis Garcia
Vice President	Glenda Bluhm
Treasurer	Bill Shelton
Secretary	Joan Grippo
Councilor/ TGIC Industry Co-Chair	Steve Kelley
Councilor/Nominations	Don Remy
Councilor/ Strategic Planning	Steve Liberman
Information Systems	Beverly Arviso
Membership	Mary White
Newsletter	Emile Husson
Speakers Bureau/ Publicity	Rachel Blair
FACT Liason	Jeff Bruner
Bylaws/ Financial Assessment	Joe Yurso
Arrangements	Butch Bondoc

Monthly Meetings at a Glance

TASC Board Meeting	1st Wednesday	7:30 A.M.	Town Point Club
TGIC Exec. Committee Meeting	2nd Thursday	8:00 A.M.	PROSOFT
TASC Luncheon Meeting	3rd Wednesday	11:30 A.M.	Registration, Meeting begins at Noon Airport Hilton - Reservations Suggested

Luncheon Fee: \$25.00. Lunch reservations are now able to be paid by Visa, MasterCard and American Express, and can be made online at <http://tasc-tgic.org/reservations.htm>.

To ensure a reserved seat, registration must be made online and before Noon on Monday the week of the luncheon. Remittance is due regardless of attendance.

SPEAKERS ARE STANDING BY

Do you know a group of people who could benefit from membership in TASC? If so, let me know. As the chairperson of our Speakers' Bureau, I am always looking for ways to get the word out that TASC exists and what the benefits of membership are. We have speakers who are ready, willing and able to make a brief presentation at your service club, school or professional organization. Please contact Rachel Blair at Progressive Graphics at 368-3321 or rachel@progressivegraphics.com.

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information technologies to web based information systems.

Mr. Hiser has a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina, and a Masters of Science in Information Systems Management from Hawaii Pacific University. Additionally, he has completed the Senior Executive Fellows Program at Harvard's JFK School of Government.

Mr. Hiser is a recipient of the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award (2007), and was recognized with the FOSE DOD Award (2004) and DON e-GOV Award (2003).

RECENT "HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS" EXCHANGE BRIEFING A BIG SUCCESS

The TGIC recent Exchange Briefing held on 29 January at OPTEVFOR was informative and well attended. We had Purchasing and Small business representatives from the State of Virginia, The City of Norfolk, and the City of Virginia Beach speak to the group and outline the myriad business opportunities that exist within those government entities. They also laid out the processes that must be followed using their respective e-commerce web sites. The attendance statistics are below:

	Total	Government	Industry
1. Attended Pre-Registered	80	30	50
2. Pre-Registered No-Show or Canceled	29	13	16
3. Walk-ins	16	2	14
Total Attendance	125	45	80
Total Marketed	126	58	68