

JUNE 2007

TASC Luncheon Guest Speaker

Wednesday, June 27

Kenneth D. Williams

Director, Systems Engineering & Integrated Architectures Division

US Joint Forces Command - Joint Capability Development Directorate

Mr. Williams is the Director, Systems Engineering and Integrated Architectures Division (J89) for United States Joint Forces Command's Joint Capability Development Directorate. He is a former military officer, retiring from the United States Marine Corps in 1996. A distinguished Naval Graduate of Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, he holds a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Mr. Williams' has more than 31 years of experience in Department of Defense Command and Control (C2), Communications, Computers, and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems. His primary expertise is in planning, integrating, installing, operating, and maintaining information technology infrastructures, both in the tactical and garrison environment, for large-scale military commands. His current responsibilities include the development of systems engineering procedures and integrated architectures for Joint Battle Management Command and Control, including the fusion of joint doctrine, concepts, and requirements for the Combatant Commanders, Military Services, Defense Agencies, and Coalition partners in the joint warfighting operational environment.

Mr. Williams' previous military assignments include serving as a communications operations officer to Joint

Task Forces in Somalia, Southwest Asia, Kuwait, and Haiti. Additionally, he was assigned to the Defense Information Systems Agency as the Program Manager Liaison for all Defense information technology networks and systems in the Southwest Asia area of operations. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, and Joint Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters).

Upon retirement from active duty, Mr. Williams accepted a position at United States Joint Forces Command as a Senior Communications Engineer with the Command and Control, Communications, and Computers Directorate (J6) in support of the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Command Information Superiority Architecture Program, where he became involved in the development of integrated architectures for joint warfighting. Mr. Williams was then assigned as a United States Joint Forces Command Liaison Officer to the Defense Information Systems Agency, Joint Interoperability Test Command, where he served as the Deputy Information Manager for the Command's Homeland Security Directorate. In this capacity, he coordinated the acquisition and installation of the Homeland Security infrastructure following the attacks of September 11, 2001, providing internal connectivity, as well as interoperability to key Defense, National, State and Interagency departments.

Mr. Williams is married to the former Pamela Wright of Richmond, Virginia. He is active in the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and National Defense Industrial Association. He is an avid wildlife conservationist, and enjoys world travel.

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 (Fee is still due if you make reservations but do not attend.)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last month's TASC luncheon featured a presentation by Mr. Ron Higham, Deputy Chief of Staff for Integration at the U.S. Joint Forces Command. For those who attended, we were the recipients of a very informative presentation. Mr. Higham's presentation slides are posted to the TASC website and are available to be downloaded. Please note that this month's luncheon will be on June 27 so that it does not conflict with the AFCEA Transformation Warfare 2007 event. Our speaker is Mr. Ken Williams, Director, Systems Engineering and Integrated Architectures Division (J89) for United States Joint Forces Command's Joint Capability Development Directorate. We expect a large attendance, so early registration is encouraged.

I hope that you received an e-mail notification regarding a very important vote that will take place during our July 2007 luncheon. The TASC membership will be asked to vote for the acceptance of an Amended and Restated Version of the TASC BYLAWS. The BYLAWS are the governing precepts that TASC complies with and which we are charged to follow as an organization. I encourage all voting members to read the draft bylaws posted to the TASC web site and vote for the recommended changes.

Voting instructions will be promulgated via e-mail to the membership and be posted to the TASC website in the near future.

The summer is upon us and there are a number of events taking place in the Hampton Roads area that are related to our industry. As previously mentioned, AFCEA's Transformation Warfare 2007 event takes place June 19-21 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. TASC will have a booth at the AFCEA event and I encourage you to come by and see us. The Greater Hampton Roads Chapter of NDIA is co-sponsoring with the U.S. Joint Forces Command their Industry Symposium 2007 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center July 31 – August 1. The MODSIM World Conference and Exposition takes place at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, September 11 – 13. The ASNE Fleet Maintenance Symposium takes place at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, September 18-19. Our TASC Luncheon for September will be held in conjunction with the ASNE event at the convention center on September 19. I encourage you to take advantage of these events as they are important to the sustainment and growth of our industry in the area.

Dennis Garcia
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TGIC EXCHANGE BRIEFING

The next TGIC Exchange Briefing will be held Tuesday, June 26, at the COMOPTVFOR Conference Room. The topic will be Strategic Sourcing, and the briefing will feature panelists from ASN RD&A, TRACDOC, FISC Norfolk Detachment Philadelphia, and Industry.

Reservations may be made by e-mailing Steve Kelley at skelley@dcscorp.com

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.