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TASC Luncheon Speaker for July

TASC is honored to have Ed Merkle, Director of Port Security and Emergency Operations of the Virginia Port Authority for the Commonwealth of Virginia as our guest speaker for July 2010.

Mr. Merkle, is the Director of Port Security and Emergency Operations, and is the senior most security professional within the Virginia Port Authority. He administers the Virginia Port Authority Police Department, comprising 80 sworn police officers. He is accountable for the comprehensive Port Security Plan that includes all port properties and ensures port tenants comply with all federal, state and local security laws and regulations. He serves as an executive member of the Area Maritime Security Committee and administers the federal security grants. Additionally, he leads the Port Emergency Management and Response Program.

Mr. Merkle is a retired Coast Guard Captain having completed over twenty-five years of active military service. He is a 1979 graduate of the U. S Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. Additionally, he holds a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree from The George Washington University.

We look forward to hearing his presentation on the Port Authority and their plans for the future in Hampton Roads.



Ed Merkle
Director of Port Security
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President's Corner

It's my sincerest wish everyone had a safe and festive holiday weekend and reflected compassionately about those who are serving us on the frontlines. Summer is here and TASC is preparing for the Hampton Roads Small Business Forum sponsored by Senator Mark Warner; July 14th, 9-12, Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center, Portsmouth. Please register and attend this informative event offered in lieu of our traditional summer exchange briefing.

At our July 21st luncheon, we will present a brief overview of our 2010/2011 strategy and offer members an opportunity to select beneficiaries of our community service initiatives and gifts. Please join us and hear Mr. Ed Merkle, Director of Port Security and Emergency Operations at the Virginia Port Authority.

The TASC Board voted to focus on two Strategic Focus Areas in 2010/2011:

- 1) Manage & enhance the TASC value proposition
- 2) Enhance community service.

Specific sub-areas include actions to enhance communications, increase TASC/TGIC government involvement, survey members, consider a formal industry outreach portal, hold fund raising events, and expand charitable community support. TASC and TGIC run entirely via generosity of our members, officers and board members. Thank you in advance for supporting our ambitious new strategy and for your continued participation.

See you on the 14th and the 21st, Mary

Cheers, Mary

Special Memorandum for Acquisition Professionals

Recently (June 28, 2010) a Memorandum was sent down from Under Secretary of Defense, Ashton Carter, on the subject on “Better Buying Power: Mandate for Restoring Affordability and Productivity in Defense Spending”. The memo outlines the objectives, incentives for creating greater efficiency, and practices that encourage efficiency in how the Government does business.

The memo reaches out to acquisition professionals to find savings within their department by eliminating excessive cost and unproductive overhead. Mr. Carter wants the acquisition professionals to start with new contracts as they are awarded to reflect new efficiencies.

The memo also solicits input from industry with support and ideas for improvement within the system.

The entire memo can be read on the TASC-TGIC website:

[http://www.tasc-tgic.org/downloads/attachments/Carter Memo on Defense Spending 28 Jun 2010.pdf](http://www.tasc-tgic.org/downloads/attachments/Carter%20Memo%20on%20Defense%20Spending%2028%20Jun%202010.pdf)

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TASC and TGIC Help Sponsor

Small Business Forum featuring Senator Mark Warner

The Tidewater Association of Service Contractors (TASC) and the Tidewater Government Industry Council (TGIC) sponsor quarterly Exchange Briefings, free and open to the public, as education and training events to benefit Government and Industry partners engaged in Federal acquisition and contracting. In lieu of our traditional Exchange Briefing program for this summer, we encourage you to consider registering for the upcoming Hampton Roads Small Business Forum sponsored by Senator Mark Warner and the City of Portsmouth on July 14th, 9:00 AM to Noon, at The Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center. Program information and registration are available at the following link:

<http://warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=SmallBusinessForum>

- The event is also being supported by the National Ombudsman of the Small Business Administration who has invited U.S. Joint Forces Command, TASC, and TGIC to participate along with several other Federal agencies. In addition to information at the link, TASC and TGIC members involved in the planning indicate there will be opening remarks by Senator Warner and senior SBA officials, followed by two consecutive and duplicative one-hour presentations by the involved agencies and organizations which will allow attendees to attend two different session of their choice. Box lunches will then be distributed to allow additional informal discussions and networking after the regular program.