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## TASC August Luncheon Guest Speaker

TASC is honored to have Mr. Frank Roberts as our guest speaker for August. Mr. Roberts is the Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA). The HRMFFA was established to collectively focus area efforts on preserving and growing Federal capabilities within the Hampton Roads region. HRMFFA also acts to retain and attract organizations, capabilities, and investments owned, operated or funded by the Federal government to our region. Mr. Roberts will address concerns of the local community, specifically the Outlying Landing Field (OLF) and the SPAWAR BRAC issues.



**Mr. Frank Roberts**

Mr. Roberts is a native of Chicago, IL, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree. Frank retired as a Captain in 1996 after a 27 year active duty career. During his career he accumulated over 4200 flight hours in tactical jet aircraft - primarily flying the F-4 Phantom II and F-14 Tomcat. Frank is one of less than 300 naval aviators to surpass 1000 carrier arrested landings.

During his Navy career Frank served at sea with Fighter Squadron 31 (VF-31); Carrier Air Wing 8 (CVW-8); Fighter Squadron 84 (VF-84); Fighter Squadron 21 (VF-21) - which he commanded - and Carrier Group 8 (CARGRU 8) staff. He served ashore with Training Squadron 9 (VT-9); Fighter Squadron 101 (VF-101); Naval Air Forces Atlantic (NAVAIRLANT) fleet staff; Fighter Wing 1 (FITWING 1) staff; the Joint Staff; and the Atlantic Fleet (LANTFLT) staff. He is a graduate of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and the Naval War College.

While still on active duty, Frank received a Master of Science degree in Education from Old Dominion University. His extensive resume starts with first being employed by OC, Incorporated, where he provided military analytical support to the Joint Warfighting Center. For six years, Frank was employed by Battlespace, Inc. as Vice President and Director of Hampton Roads operations. He supported the Joint Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) experimentation at U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM). From 2003 until 2006 Frank was employed by Old Dominion University Research Foundation and was assigned to USJFCOM. He led the Joint Operational Test Bed System (JOTBS) UAV experimentation program which focused on transforming Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities. He was hired as the first Executive Director of HRMFFA in August 2006.

## President's Corner

At our last TASC meeting in July, we were addressed by SPC Nathan Short, U.S. Army (ret) who represented the Ability One Program whose mission is to provide employment opportunities for people, who are blind or have other severe disabilities, in the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the federal government. This was something "new" that we offered our membership because we have the responsibility as a community focused organization to be aware of and support programs that benefit those in our community that need some extra "help" in their daily pursuits. The Ability One Program, which has partnered with the VA, has assisted over 700 severely disabled veterans in securing employment since 2003. TASC was pleased to highlight this program to our membership and we plan to do more in the future to sponsor speakers that heighten our awareness of the needs of the community we serve. For more information on the Ability One Program and its sponsoring organization, you may access NISH at [www.nish.org](http://www.nish.org).

This month we focus on the community in a different manner. One of TASC's responsibilities is to make our membership aware of issues within the Tidewater geographic area that affect our business as service contractors. Additionally, TASC interacts with other local organizations within our community to foster increased cooperation and coordination of activities in which we have similar interests. Our featured speaker this month is Mr. Frank Roberts, Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA). Frank is working with TASC in a couple of areas to gain background information regarding two very important issues to our local business membership. The HRMFFA is an initiative of the Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs Caucus. The Alliance was established to collectively focus area efforts on preserving and growing Federal capabilities within the Hampton Roads region. I hope that you will attend our meeting on August 20, 2008 to hear what Mr. Roberts has to say about his organization and issues that the defense community faces in Hampton Roads..

In closing, I want to "welcome aboard" two new committee chairs to the TASC board. Our new Programs Chairperson, is MajGen Jon Gallinetti USMC (ret), a Vice President of SRA International, Inc. and the chair of our Organization Liaison Committee, RADM Fenton Priest, III USNR (ret), a Senior Program Manager with SAIC. If you have any recommendations for future speakers, please contact Jon at [Jon\\_Gallinetti@sra.com](mailto:Jon_Gallinetti@sra.com). If you wish to assist in working with other organizations in the area to increase TASC interaction and "footprint" in the Tidewater community, contact Fenton at [FENTON.F.PRIEST.III@saic.com](mailto:FENTON.F.PRIEST.III@saic.com).

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July Recap  
of Guest  
Speaker,  
Nathan Short

In July, TASC had the privilege of hosting SPC Nathan Short (Army ret.) who gave a very informative and compelling presentation on the Ability One Program. TASC members worked tirelessly to bring Nathan and his family to VA Beach so that he could relay his story and provide information on the Ability One program. Nathan's presentation made all who attended realize that not only is employment among the severely disabled veterans a real area that needs to be addressed, but also that being disabled does not, in many cases, limit the work being performed. Nathan stated that he did not consider himself disabled, but rather, enabled, in a country that supports its troops during and after their deployment. Through this program, Nathan is currently managing and shipping military vehicles, the same type he received and drove in-theater for the Army. TASC received media coverage from the Virginian Pilot, (link below) Channel 13 News, and senior officials of the Ability One Program attended to promote the hiring of disabled veterans. Ability One is a nonprofit program that matches people who have severe disabilities with jobs providing goods and services to the government and advocates the award of Government contracts to such workshops and companies.

Virginia Pilot

<http://hamptonroads.com/2008/07/disabled-veteran-promotes-job-program-met-his-needs>



## Monthly Meetings at a Glance

TASC Board Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:30 A.M.
TGIC Exec. Committee Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	8:00 A.M.
TASC Luncheon Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	11:30 A.M.

Town Point Club  
PROSOFT  
Registration,  
Meeting begins  
at Noon  
Airport Hilton – Reservations

## Membership

Membership Total	204
New Members	3

*"Charleston and Tidewater along with SPAWAR Systems Center Charleston combine to bring the 2nd Annual Government and Industry Show"*

## CDCA Government & Industry Conference

The Charleston Defense Contractors Association (CDCA) and the Tidewater Association of Service Contractors (TASC) in cooperation with SPAWAR Systems Center Charleston are jointly sponsoring the 2nd Annual Government and Industry Conference, "Advancing the Government-Industry Enterprise" Nov 18-20, 2008 in Charleston, SC. The conference will be held at the North Charleston Sheraton Hotel and at

SPAWAR Systems Center Charleston. A block of rooms have been reserved for conference attendees. Sponsorships are now available for those desiring to participate. Sponsorships are limited in number and going quickly. Information and details regarding sponsorships and advertising opportunities are attached to this announcement and posted on the CDCA website at

[www.charlestdca.org](http://www.charlestdca.org). This is a superb opportunity for TASC members to become more engaged with the SPAWAR community, especially in light of the anticipated standup of SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic at NAB Little Creek, VA on October 1, 2008. Additional details are available on the CDCA website and updates will be posted to both the TASC and CDCA websites as they become available.



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November 18-20, 2008



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