

NOVEMBER 2007

**TASC Luncheon Guest Speaker
Wednesday, November 21, 2007
Bob Sharak
Vice President
Hampton Roads Partnership**



Robert Sharak is a Vice President for the Hampton Roads Partnership. Bob administers many of the Partnership's economic strategy initiatives – particularly those relating to technology-based economic development, workforce development and tourism. He is also actively involved in HRP's regional citizenship and workforce development efforts.

Bob has written or co-written many successful grants for the Partnership and its subsidiary organizations. He also represents the Partnership on the Board of the Hampton Roads Technology Council.

Prior to working for the Hampton Roads Partnership, Bob served as Chief of Staff to the Deputy General Manager for Development at the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). At NYCHA he was responsible for managing multi-departmental troubleshooting teams relating to its then \$300+ million annual capital improvements program, monitoring departmental production goals and preparing occasional whitepapers. Early in his career he was a stockbroker and advertising executive.

Bob graduated Magna Cum Laude from Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications in 1985 and earned an MBA in Finance from Pace University in 1993. He is a native of Binghamton, NY and resides in Chesapeake with his wife Susan and son Stefan.

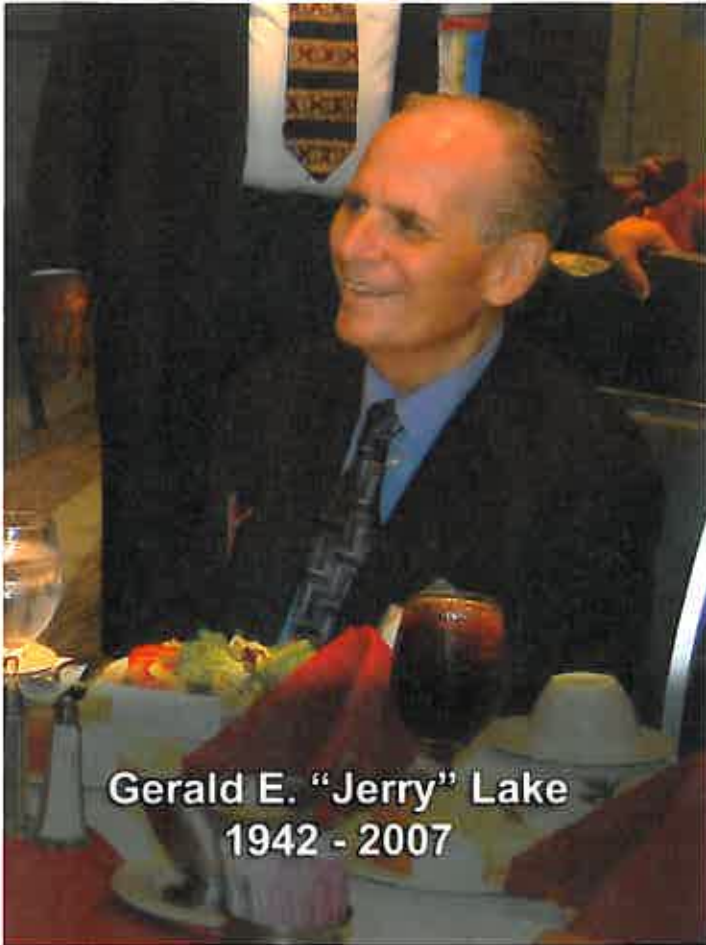
TGIC Exchange Briefing

The TGIC Exchange Briefing, "Acquisition Transformation" was held on 30 October at OPTEVFOR Auditorium in Norfolk. The group listened to presentations by Ms. Joann Langston, Director, Army Contracting Agency - Northern Region (ACA-NR); Ms. Mary Davie, Assistant Commissioner for Assisted Acquisition Services, General Services Administration Federal Acquisition Services; COL David Glowacki, Chief, Contracting Division, Directorate of Installations and Mission Support ACC; Mr Al Diaz, Vice-President Corporate Contracts of the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM); and Mr. David S. Burgess, Chief of the Contracting Office, USCG Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (ARSC), Elizabeth City.

There were more than 140 persons pre-registered and 110 in attendance. Seventy-two government employees received 2.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for participating.

The next Exchange Briefing is scheduled for 29 January, 2008 at OPTEVFOR. The topic will be "How To Do Business With State and Local Governments."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Gerald E. "Jerry" Lake
1942 - 2007

Last month, TASC lost a dear friend and a founding member of both TASC and TGIC. Lt Cdr Gerald (Jerry) E. Lake, USN Retired, passed away on October 18, 2007. Fortunately for TASC, Jerry was able to attend our 20th Anniversary luncheon in September and visit with many of his friends and colleagues. Jerry will be remembered by all of us who have followed in his footsteps, and his life and work are honored in an article in this edition of the newsletter. The Board of Directors has approved a donation to Biz Net Village in his honor.

Last month's luncheon featured a very in-depth presentation by Col. Pete Maunz, USAF, Deputy Director of the Air Combat Command's Acquisition Management and Integration Center (AMIC). Col. Maunz presentation was thorough and well received. A copy of his slides is posted to the TASC website and can be downloaded. This month's luncheon features a presentation by Mr. Robert Sharak, Vice President of the Hampton Roads Partnership. In keeping with feedback we have received from our members, we are featuring speakers from all sectors of the Hampton Roads community, both private and government. We hope that you will join us on Wednesday November 21, 2007 to hear Bob's remarks.

Next month's speaker will be Capt. John P. Polowczyk, USN, USJFCOM Business Manager. Capt. Polowczyk will speak to us about USJFCOM's new Enterprisewide Acquisition Strategy (EAS). Please reserve early via the website to ensure a place at the table.

The Board of Directors wishes all of our members a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels for the holiday.

Dennis Garcia
November 2007

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In Memoriam Gerald E. "Jerry" Lake 1942-2007



On 18 October 2007 TASC lost a long-time member, a true friend and one of our "Founding Fathers". Jerry was that extra special person who made each of us feel we were that special person in his life. Jerry was a leader full of genuine ideas. He was respected by all he touched and worked with over many years.

Jerry became TASC President in March 1993. His time as President 1993 to 1994 does not really represent his true impact on TASC. Jerry and a few others had a dream of creating an organization that would provide an opportunity for professional networking and an opportunity to have excellent speakers on topic of interest to service contractors. Jerry had the ability to anticipate future concerns and challenges.

Early on in the life of TASC, Jerry recognized many of the organization's needs and requirements. Although TASC has been functioning since 1987, Jerry knew that TASC would have to become an official organization recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Internal Revenue Service. Jack Gibson (another Founding Father) and Jerry decided there would be a

need for Legal Advice to steer TASC through the system to obtain a Certificate of Incorporation.

Jack and Jerry decided to visit a local law firm by the name of Kaufman and Canoles where, just by chance, they met Terence "Terry" Murphy. They explained to Terry that they represented this organization that was really new and did not have sufficient assets to retain legal counsel. They explained what they needed and what they expected from Kaufman and Canoles - to take care of all the details to obtain recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the IRS.

They left making it clear they did not have any resources to pay for this service. Terry relays the story that when they left, he wondered who in the world were these two who expected legal counsel. Needless to say, Terry Murphy of Kaufman and Canoles continues to serve TASC in many ways, in addition to providing all of our legal advice. Terry Murphy became President of TASC in 1995.

Before Jerry became President of TASC he took on the challenge of leading our second symposium. His insight influenced the Board to accept the theme, "Meeting the Challenge of DOD Downsizing". This symposium became one of our most successful. Jerry's insight was on target for anticipating what was to become the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. We experienced significant attendance, and Jerry was successful in bringing many senior DOD personnel to speak and share their thoughts and concerns. The year was 1993, and Jerry Lake was now President of TASC and the symposium chairman of a great event. Only someone like Jerry with all his talents could take on this significant dual responsibility.

The following year was a perfect fit for our next symposium "Partnering for Success-Anticipating BRAC '95". Jerry's influence continued for many years following his Presidency. His personality and character helped in many ways to establish the current culture of TASC; an organization that continues to have dedicated volunteers serving the needs of members representing the service contract industry. Jerry's founding vision is something we all are grateful for and we are better

off for knowing him. We all owe Jerry Lake an inestimable debt for creating the foundation of this organization we all know today as TASC.

Jerry was also active in other organizations and served those extremely well. He was a multifaceted individual. He received prestigious awards from the American Society of Naval Engineers for his many contributions to that organization. He loved automobiles and especially his Alpha Romeo. He was a solid family man who loved his wife and children with great passion and understanding.

The capstone of his life was his philanthropic work with BizNet Village. BizNet's goal is to develop residential facilities and support services for mentally retarded adults in our community. This not-for-profit corporation is dedicated to assisting children and adults with developmental disabilities to live and work as independently as possible. As secretary, he was tireless in his efforts to motivate others to give their time and resources to help create this wonderful place. Jerry inspired others at BizNet to turn the dreams of many into a collective reality. Jerry had asked his friends to please consider making a donation to:

BizNet Village
P.O. Box 6192
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Of his many roles in life, Jerry always thought of himself first as a family man. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Christine; son, Gerald and wife Suzanne; son, Jason and wife Erin; grandchildren, Jacob and Isabella; siblings, Jim, Joe, John and Angie; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Jerry Lake was the very special person who did so very much for all those who knew him and for the many who enjoy his numerous contributions to society.

God bless Jerry.

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.

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.)

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.