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## *TASC Luncheon Speaker for December*

TASC is honored to have Major General David M. Edgington Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), Norfolk, Va. As our guest speaker for December. Major General Edgington is responsible for managing the command's warfighting initiatives and providing guidance to the command's executive staff on day-to-day matters. Additionally, he supervises all matters pertaining to manpower and personnel, financial management, programming and budgeting, security, knowledge management, protocol and administration.



**Major General David M. Edgington**

General Edgington entered military service after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1977. A distinguished graduate of undergraduate navigator training, Air Command and Staff College, and Naval War College, he has flown the F-111 and F-15E in operational assignments, and the T-43 as an instructor. He served in staff positions on the Air Staff, Joint Staff and as special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe during NATO's Operation Allied Force in Kosovo.

The general has commanded the 4th Operations Group and 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB. He served as Deputy Commander of the Air Armament Center at Eglin AFB, and as Deputy Commander of Combined Air Operations Center 6, Turkey, where he led NATO's first Article 4 defensive operation, defending Turkey during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as Director, Global Power Programs for Air Force Acquisition managing all Air Force fighter, bomber and weapons programs. Prior to his current assignment, he briefly served as USJFCOM J8 upon return from his deployment as Director, Air Component Coordination Element, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq.

## President's Corner

I'm really excited about this newsletter because it reminds me of all the great speakers, events, and most importantly all the good times I've enjoyed with you at TASC throughout the year. I hope you enjoy it as well, and we look forward to sharing 2010 with you!

Don't forget to join us for our monthly TGIC meetings which are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at UNISYS, 600 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 101, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-7319 at 8:00. No reservations are required to attend.

As always, I encourage all members of TASC to recommend membership to your business associates and colleagues that are active in the service contracting community. As you know, as a non-profit, volunteer organization, we are totally dependent on the dues we receive from memberships to sustain our activities in the local community. For more information, please contact the TASC Membership Chairperson, Mary White at [mary.b.white@saic.com](mailto:mary.b.white@saic.com). As always, we are looking for feedback on what you want to hear about at our monthly luncheons, on our website, or in our newsletters. Please send feedback to our TASC Publicity Chairperson, Triffy Erickson at [terickson@zenetex.com](mailto:terickson@zenetex.com).

Thank you for supporting TASC, and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Beverly Arviso

# TASC Year in Review

As the year comes to an end, I wanted to reflect on the great things that TASC has accomplished this year. Each month TASC and TGIC work very hard to keep members and participant informed of events that are beneficial in this fast pace life. It has been my pleasure to work on the newsletter and to work with such dedicated, professional, and caring people. I have truly appreciated the opportunity.

Triffy

## JANUARY

TASC started the year with a terrific speaker, Mike McGinnis, Ph.D and Executive Director for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC). He provided us with an update of the significant growth that VMASC has experienced and a glimpse of what is in store for the future. TASC also started its campaign for the March Election of Officers and gave a glimpse into the TGIC Exchange Brief scheduled in February.

## FEBRUARY

In February, TASC really gets rockin'. TGIC hosted the first Exchange Brief of the year on Ethics and Organizational Conflicts of Interest. This event was a huge success with a powerhouse panel made up of Ms. Sandra Patterson-Jackson, Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official and Mr. Damien Walsh, Government Contracts Counsel – both from USJFCOM, as well as Mr. Patrick H. O'Donnell, Partner, Kaufman and Canoles, and Dr. Nancy Bagranoff, Dean, College of Business and Public Administration at ODU.

The TASC guest speaker with Captain Bruce C. Urbon, USN Commanding Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic. Captain Urbon gave us a very in-depth overview of SSC Atlantic and a glimpse of what the future will have in store for that organization. Following the lunch hour presentation, TASC hosted a workshop featuring Mr. William Paggi, the SSC Atlantic Contracts Competency Lead and the Senior Contracting Official. Mr. Paggi gave a comprehensive briefing on the Contracts Department view of "Team Atlantic" and how the new SSC Atlantic Competency Aligned Organization would interface with his business model. He described how proud he was of the Command's Small and Medium- sized business contract award record, and his dedication to government workforce development. Our own Jeff Brunner, USJFCOM coordinated the event and co-moderated it as well. All in all, a very busy month.

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## MARCH

March was Election Month. TASC and TGIC had several opening and TASC members voted and the new administration was born. TASC elected the following:

President: Beverly Arviso

Vice President: Mary White

Secretary: Joan Grippo

Treasurer: Kevin Camp

Openings for TGIC Representatives are: two (2) at-large, one (1) large.

TGIC selectees included Industry Representatives:

At Large:	Terry Murphy (Kaufman and Canoles)
	Steve Liberman (Liberman & Associates)
	Joe Yurso (Q.E.D. Systems)
Large Business:	Terry Mansfield, Unisys Corporation
Small Business:	David Spanka (The Phoenix Group)
8(a)/SDB:	Steve Waddell (Reed Integration Inc)
Education:	Cindy Walters (ODU)

TASC presented the previous President, Dennis Garcia with a plaque showing their appreciation for the hard work he had done over the past two years. TASC also presented Joe Yurso with a Meritorious Service Award for his long time dedication to TASC and TGIC. This award has only been given out to five recipients and is only given to truly deserving individuals.

Joe was an naval engineering officer before becoming the Director of Technical Development for Q.E.D. Systems Incorporated. Joe was a founding member of TASC and has been the driving force and expert in the drafting and periodic updates to the TASC Bylaws. Joe continuously and vigorously promotes the TASC objective of ensuring the highest standards of excellence in service contracting. He has also been an active participant in TGIC, promoting the improvement of government-contractor relations.

As well as being a member of TASC, Joe is a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) and the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations. Joe has received the ASNE Harold E. Saunders Award, which is given in recognition of lifetime achievement in naval engineering. Yurso has spent more than 50 years dedicated to naval engineering.

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## APRIL

The new TASC administration was getting their feet wet and acclimating to their new positions. The TASC April speaker was Josh Jackson, a member of HRTC and the Hampton Security Consortium. Mr. Jackson addressed TASC members about both organizations regarding what they do, and their involvement with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in local schools. He will also provide information about how local companies and contractors can help. TASC also started gearing up for the Joint Warfighting Conference in May.

## MAY

There was no featured speaker in May because of the Joint Warfighting Conference which was held May 12-14 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. TASC did however sponsor lunch for members on Wednesday, May 13th. The speaker was ADM Eric T. Olson, USN Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command. This is a great benefit for TASC members.

TASC also starting informing the membership of the next TGIC Exchange Brief, to be held June 2nd. The topic for this quarterly Exchange Brief was the result of recurring discussion at TGIC meetings the past several months led by TGIC's Acquisition Workforce Working Group co-chaired by Mr. Al Diaz, Director of Corporate Contracts at NEXCOM, and Mr. Don Remy, a professor at Tidewater Community College, both of whom have extensive Government contracting backgrounds.

As if that wasn't enough, TASC President Beverly Arviso and TASC member Jeff Brunner delivered a training module entitled "Preparing for a DCAA Audit and FAR Part 31 Cost Principles" on May 13, 2009. Their presentation was given at the 3rd Annual Navy Blue Coast Conference conducted in conjunction with the Joint Warfighting Conference.

## JUNE

June was a regenerating month for TASC. Let's face it, the first five months of the year were slammed full of great activities/events. TASC was honored to have Captain Bret K. McGough, Deputy Commander, U.S. Coast Guard as the guest speaker in June. Captain McGough gave an informative presentation on the Coast Guard Modernization efforts.

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JULY

After resting up in June, TASC gets right back to it with a great Guest Speaker, Mayor, William D. Sessoms Jr. His presentation was extremely informative as he touched on the City of Virginia Beach's strong partnership with the military, supporting defense contractors, the Hampton roads area, and overall business growth. TASC was privileged to include in the newsletter for July an article by our own Joe Yurso entitled, "It is up to each of us to be Vigilant". Thanks Joe.

TASC presented Jeffrey Brunner with the Meritorious Service Award. Jeff Brunner has been a long time member of TASC and TGIC. Jeff is a "plank holder" with TASC, becoming a member in 1987 and continuing to make significant contributions since. He has been instrumental in the growth and success of both TASC and TGIC serving both as an industry member and as a Government member.

He has served TASC as our Government Liaison for many years and as the TGIC Government Co-Moderator for the last two years. His enthusiasm and desire to foster a better understanding between Government and Industry and solve problems of mutual interest has gained the TGIC a reputation as a valued contributor to contracting issues and policies. Additionally, Mr. Brunner's willingness to "reach out" to industry by assisting TASC in arranging luncheon speakers from Government organizations such as the SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic and the Air Combat Command's Acquisition Management and Integration Center has increased TASC membership and enhanced the organization's value to its members.

Jeff has also been the principal architect of a revived TGIC Exchange Brief program by his ability to bring well known members of both Government and Industry together for the education and enlightenment of the acquisition community. His contributions to both TASC and TGIC have earned him the reputation as a highly respected member of the professional community known for his desire to serve both Industry and Government for the common good.

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## AUGUST

The TASC August speaker was Congressman Glenn Nye. Congressman Glenn Nye represents Virginia's 2nd District, which includes the communities of Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore. A fifth-generation resident of the district, Nye is a former Foreign Service officer who spent more than ten years overseas, volunteering to serve in conflict zones around the world including Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Congressman Glenn Nye addressed the August 2009 TASC Luncheon Meeting and touched upon Defense, Government Insourcing, Small Business, and Health Care. It was very apparent that Congressman Nye is taking a measured, moderate approach to all of these issues as he stressed the importance of a strong Defense and its budget, the balance that must be maintained between new Government jobs and preserving small business ideas and innovation, and the need to look for savings in current health care programs before any drastic overhauls or new programs are undertaken.

Congressman Nye has certainly acted consistent with his comments as a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition, his votes against all eight non-defense related appropriations bills, and his vote for the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009 that mandates Congress and the Administration to create new Government spending only with savings from elsewhere in the budget.

TASC has invited Congressman Nye and his staff to stay in touch with TASC and the Tidewater Government Industry Council for continuing deckplate feedback on Defense industry issues.

TASC informed members about the next TGIC Exchange Brief in November and the USJFCOM Industry Outreach and SPAWAR Atlantic Contracts Update scheduled for October 21st.

TASC also informed Small Business about the release of the 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services (STARS) II RFP. This RFP was reserved exclusively for qualifying certified 8(a) small business concerns as the prime contractors. The STARS II Contract promotes the use of performance-based contracting.

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## SEPTEMBER

TASC Remembered and Honored 9/11 with our Luncheon Speaker – Lt. Col. Robert J. Darling, USMC (Ret). Lt. Col. Darling was assigned to the White House to serve as the White House Military Office Airlift Operations liaison officer during 9/11 and gave a dynamic account of the 24 hours following the terrorist attacks. There wasn't a sound in the room as Lt. Darling made his presentation. I've heard the presentation three times and each time it makes me reflect a little more.

TASC also decided to make an annual donation to the Wounded Warriors charity as an additional reminder of 9/11.

With the start of schools and colleges in session, TASC shared with members what we've done with membership dues collected over the years. In 2006, we created a \$25,000 endowment with Old Dominion University for students enrolled in the Frank Batten College of Engineering or the College of Business and Public Administration. The recipient of this endowment must be in an undergraduate/graduate program or a Masters Certification in Government Contracting Program, or any other certificate program supporting government contracting within the continuing education departments and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. We are pleased to announce that the recipient of the endowment during the 2008-2009 school year was Jamarr Whitted. We are looking forward to the 2009-2010 recipient announcement and will pass this information along to members as soon as it is unveiled by ODU.

## OCTOBER

October was a very busy month. We had a dynamic luncheon speaker, William M. Paggi Head, Contracts Department Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston as our guest speaker. Mr. Paggi spoke about SPAWAR Atlantic and what is currently happening in Charleston, SC from the contracting perspective and how the future is shaping up. He was accompanied by some additional contracting SMEs who discussed potential contracts here in the Tidewater/Hampton Roads region. The October luncheon was followed by a combined event featuring USJFCOM and SPAWAR Atlantic Contracts Department. These events are designed for all Industry members interested in USJFCOM business opportunities and networking, and will feature presentations and opportunity updates by the Business Management Officer, CAPT John Polowczyk;

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## OCTOBER, Cont.

the Contract and Acquisition Management Officer (CAMO), Mr. Jeff Brunner; and Mr. Dan Judy, Director of the Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA). The program also included detailed briefings on Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (CWID) 2010 opportunities presented by Mr. Bob Hartling, USJFCOM J8.

SPAWAR Atlantic presented a Contracts Update along the lines of the SPAWAR presentation that is a regular feature of the quarterly Small Business Symposiums conducted by the Charleston Defense Contractors Association. Mr. Paggi outlined recent contract awards and upcoming RFP's.

TASC was also gearing up for the next TGIC Exchange Brief on Government Insourcing. Presentations on SECDEF and Secretary Gates was posted to the TASC Website.

TASC announced that the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Council was established here in Tidewater (<http://www.sdvosb-council.org>). Their mission is to advocate on behalf of SDVOSB's on the federal, state and local levels and with large and mid-sized companies. I believe they will accomplish very important things. They held a meeting on Tuesday 10/13 featuring Jack Beecher, the USACOE Director of Small Business, as the speaker.

The TASC Newsletter gave a step-by-step instruction on using certain features of our website and specifically how to change your profile on the TASC web site.

## NOVEMBER

November was one of our busiest month. It started out with over 140 individuals from the Government and Industry contracts and human resources communities attending the TGIC Exchange Brief on November 4th. The TGIC Exchange Brief topic, Government Insourcing, was clearly a topic of significant interest to services contractors who are the core of TASC membership and its Government customers balancing workforce mix for mission support. Panelist, Mr. Ron Higham, Deputy Chief of Staff for Integration and Insourcing Lead for the United States Joint Forces Command, explained the policy and associated processes first presented in the DEPSECDEF memorandum of 28 May 2009, as well as ongoing implementation at USJFCOM.

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## NOVEMBER, Cont

Industry viewpoints and concerns were presented by Mr. Keith Beavers, Vice-President, Northrop Grumman Mission Systems, and Mr. John McNally, Senior Vice-President, Capstone Corporation. All three panelists' presentations are posted at the TASC-TGIC website along with the policy memorandum. Please participate in the TGIC where you can help determine the topic for the next Exchange Briefing tentatively planned for late January 2010.

The TASC luncheon speaker was Mr. Daniel Weckstein, a Partner with Vandeventer Black as our guest speaker. The topic presented was on Government Contracts Ethics and the New Mandatory Disclosure Rules. Mr. Weckstein briefly addressed the current requirements placed on Government contractors for having ethics programs and training and concentrate on the December 2008 addition of Mandatory Disclosures to the Government of actual and suspected legal and ethical violations by the company or its employees. This requirement adds a significant burden on the covered Government contractors to affirmative monitor, investigate, report and cooperate with the Government regarding certain potential legal or ethical violations.

TASC informed members on legislative updates on Proposed Rules on Additional Procedures for COs to Submit Information to PPIRS and on GSA Mentor Protégé Regulations.

## DECEMBER

As the year wraps up, TASC is busy Co-Sponsoring the CDCA Symposium in Charleston, SC from December 1-4. Steve Kelley and Kevin Camp attended on behalf of TASC as well as helped in the overall organization of the event. The Conference was centered around C5ISR Innovations, Initiatives and Technology Insertion in Support of Global Netcentric Operations.

TASC also has a great speaker to finish the year, Major General David M. Edgington Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), Norfolk, VA. It was a great year and next year is gearing up to be just as impressive.

# ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

## Welcome New Members

### CORPORATE MEMBERS

#### ARINC Engineering Services, LLC

Kelly Bose	John Tennant
David Desimone	Bob Teufel

#### Intelligent Decision Systems, Inc.

Joe Collins	Kerry Kelso
Carolyn Delk	Kevin Shelton

#### PESystems, Inc.

Pat Casey	Bill Marshall
Denny Dwyer	David Zivich
Donald Freeman	

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

John Germanos, Germanos Defense Services Inc  
 Tanyeil General, Perfecting Saints  
 Ellen Keeter, Towne Bank

## Upcoming Speakers

**January:** MajGen Wilson - U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command, Deputy Commanding General

## TASC/TGIC Positions Open

TASC is looking for volunteers to assist Steve Liberman with our **Market Assessment Plan**. If interested contact Steve at [mnclib2@gmail.com](mailto:mnclib2@gmail.com).

## TASC Officers/Committee Chairs

President	Beverly Arviso	Membership	Mary White
Vice President	Mary White	Programs	Jon Gallinetti
Treasurer	Kevin Camp	Newsletter	Triffy Erickson
Secretary	Joan Grippo	Speakers Bureau	Beverly Arviso
Councilor/TGIC Co-Chair	Dennis Garcia	Publicity	Triffy Erickson
Councilor/Nominations	Steve Kelley	TGIC Government Liaison	Jeff Brunner
Councilor/Strategic Planning	Don Remy	Bylaws/Financial Assessment	Joe Yurso
Information Systems	Steve Kelley	Arrangements	Butch Bondoc
		Organization Liaison	Fenton Priest III