

Armed Forces ISPI Update

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Membership Meeting

The Armed Forces Chapter will hold its annual membership meeting at 7:30 P.M. on April 12th during the 43rd Annual ISPI Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Tentative Agenda

- **Meet, Greet, and Welcome** **7:30 – 7:40**
- **The Value of a Virtual Chapter** **7:40 – 7:50**
 - **CAPT Matt Peters,**
ISPI Board of Directors
- **ISPI Presidential Welcome** **7:50 – 7:55**
 - **Roger Chevalier,**
Director of Certification
- **Installation of Officers** **7:55 – 8:05**
- **AFC Presidential Address** **8:05 – 8:15**
 - **Kim Williams,**
AFC President
- **Business Report** **8:15 – 8:25**
 - **Sandra Ogden**
Secretary/Treasurer
- **Wrap up and closing remarks** **8:25 – 8:30**

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AFC Member Profile

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Born and raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Jose attended New Mexico State University with three academic scholarships to study Engineering. He joined the U.S. Navy and proudly served for 19.5 years before an incident at sea forced him to be medically retired as a veteran in 1998.

After retiring from active duty, Jose started working as a Navy Training Analyst. In this role, he worked with various projects providing analysis for manpower, training, and simulator design. He also served as a technical writer for a wide variety of Navy projects. In November of 2005, Jose started working with the U.S. Navy Human Performance Center as a program analyst.

Jose joined AFC as an active member in December 2004 and made an immediate contribution to the AFC revitalization efforts. He is currently assisting Stephanie Roberts with the initial design and implementation of the new AFC website and is heading AFC membership drive initiatives.

Jose currently lives in the Orlando area where he enjoys painting, martial arts, and writing. He is a proud single parent with three sons and a lovely seven-year-old daughter. His eldest son is currently serving in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, and Jose's third book is due out later this year.

In addition to his duties with the Navy, Jose consults for a number of companies and military organizations on manpower and training analysis.

AFC TREASURY UPDATE

Arn Hegggers concluded a long and very successful tenure as the chapter secretary-treasurer by authorizing the wire transfer of all chapter funds to our new account with Wachovia.

AFC had just over \$4,000 in its checking account as of March 30, 2005. Our only expenditure in to date has been \$20 to authorize the wire transfer. Our new account with Wachovia is specially designed for non-profit organizations with no fees and free checking.

In the near future, the Executive Board will set budget priorities for 2005 and determine the most appropriate balance for checking, savings, and money market accounts to meet those priorities.

President's Corner

Working Behind the Scenes for You

My last few months as incoming President of AFC are a blur. I speak for all of the incoming officers; we were surprised by the large number of behind-the-scenes details that are necessary to coordinate a geographically dispersed chapter. Many of our fellow members are contributing to this behind-the-scenes work, and it would be easy to mistake the lack of publicity for these efforts for a lack of appreciation. Nothing could be further from the truth!



I wholeheartedly appreciate the work of everyone involved in bringing the Armed Forces Chapter back to life. The participation of our membership is the fuel that makes the Armed Forces Chapter go. The only problem is that we need more fuel to finish the trip!

Your level of activity will drive how much we accomplish this year. There are a number of opportunities to exercise your leadership talents in AFC from conference planning, to website maintenance, to newsletter production, to public relations. Please don't let your talents go to waste. Let's pull together for the common good!



COMMITTEE REPORT

Committees Forming

The Executive Board has authorized a number of committees. If you would like to get involved, send a brief note to Sandra Ogden to volunteer.

- ❑ **Website – new site coming in Apr 2005**
 - Stephanie Roberts
 - Jose Acosta
- ❑ **ISPI Conference – spring conference is done, preparing for the fall**
 - Jim Craumer
- ❑ **I/TSEC Conference – on hold till 2006**
- ❑ **USCG Conference – on hold till 2006**
 - Jim Craumer
 - Susan Whitemountain
 - Joellen Mitchell
- ❑ **Marketing and Communications – Needs volunteers**

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Teaming with GOISPI

The AFC Network in Action

The Armed Forces Chapter is teaming up with the Greater Orlando Chapter of ISPI (GOISPI). AFC members in the Orlando area are being welcomed at GOISPI meetings, and AFC will assist GOISPI in arranging future meetings and/or making presentations.

AFC President Kim Williams explained the initiative by saying, "One of the primary benefits of a virtual chapter is the fact that we are not tied to any particular geographic region. This freedom affords us the opportunity to focus on the big picture and serve as a link between communities of practice around the world."

Because people involved with the military have a tendency to move around a lot, we sometimes struggle to maintain a professional network. On the other hand, professional networks sometimes struggle to keep track of developments outside their region. AFC is optimally positioned to bridge this gap.

AFC hopes to use the AFC-GOISPI partnership as a model for other regions. We have already been in initial contact with several local chapters to build relationships and capture the emergent value that flows from multi-chapter teamwork. Initial contacts with ISPI chapters in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Florida have all been met with a positive response. In addition, plans are in place to strengthen our "link among the nodes" relationship in the central and western United States and also in Canada.

Armed Forces Chapter Meeting at ISPI 2005 Vancouver, Canada

The Armed Forces Chapter will meet at 7:30 P.M. on 12 April 2005 during the 43rd Annual ISPI Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The AFC meeting will be held directly across from the main reception area in Meeting Room 20, at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Center. So top off your drinks, eat one last bite from the conference buffet, and walk across the hall at 7:30 to the AFC gathering. We really want to meet each of you!

Cross-Border Collaboration

Canadian Forces host the U.S. Navy

Captain Peter Barrett, a training development officer in the Army of the Canadian Forces, invited representatives of the U.S. Navy Human Performance Center to give a brief at the annual meeting of the human performance technology community in the Canadian military. Janet Weisenford, executive director of the Human Performance Center, accepted the invitation and gave a brief on the history, structure, and lessons learned in applying human performance technology in the U.S. Navy. LCDR Bruce Forrester, a training development officer with the Canadian Navy, also gave a brief about the history and status of the human performance technology movement within the Canadian Forces. Following the briefs, meeting participants explored opportunities for further collaboration.

The cross-border meeting helped open a door for future collaboration that should be beneficial to all parties. The initial contact between Captain Barrett and Ms. Weisenford was made possible by the fact that both are members of the Armed Forces Chapter!

The New and Improved AFC Website

The Armed Forces Chapter website has been updated and redesigned by an AFC member. Stephanie Roberts has donated her time and excellent talents in making our website more robust and interactive. The website is currently available and still being modified and edited. An interactive message board will be available along with current AFC/ISPI related news, calendar of events, messages from the AFC staff and more attributes as the site improves weekly. You may view the website at this web address: <http://www.afc-ispi.org>. Please visit the site and send any comments or suggestions to the Webmaster email, which is provided on the site.

