

# SO/LIC SPECIAL OPERATIONS/ LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT DIVISION NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION CHAIRMAN

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**Ms. Irene H. Sanders**  
**Chairman**  
**SO/LIC Division**

To all members, friends and staff of the NDIA SO/LIC Board:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and you're all raring to go in 2011!

We finished up 2010 with a large number of participants joining us at our December 7th Executive Briefing. Our guest speaker, Col Jim Gfrerer, USMC, Director, Marine Corps IO Command, gave a compelling presentation on the enormous challenges our service members face in the Cyber world. We were able to host over a hundred colleagues at Lockheed Martin's Global Vision Center in Crystal City, and we are grateful for the corporate hospitality extended.

Our Outreach Committee is working on a January 27 social with Wounded Warriors as special guests. Plan on joining us at the Rock Bottom Brewery (Ballston) from 5:00PM - 8:00PM.

Needless to say, there has been a flurry of continued planning to make our Symposium the best ever. We will hold a final planning meeting at 4:00PM on February 7, to be followed by a no-host welcome social for those in town and registering Monday afternoon/early evening.

As we look to the future, we have activated our Senior Council, under the leadership of Wade Ishimoto. Ish is working on gathering sage advice on venues for the 2012 symposium, corporate representation, and a two year plan for a substantive Division role particularly regarding legislative support and operating in a declining fiscal environment. Please give him a hand if he asks for it. We cannot thank him enough for his wisdom and support.

These will be challenging years for all SO/LIC missions, be it the active duty military, civilian government workforce, or industry partners. Our country faces huge demands. Let us continue to join together as supporters for those at the pointy end of the spear and do all we can to ensure their operational success and safety.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the SO/LIC Symposium!

Many thanks,  
Irene  
Chairman  
SO/LIC Division

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### SO/LIC DIVISION SOCIAL

JANUARY 27, 2011  
ROCK BOTTOM BREWERY - BALLSTON MALL  
ARLINGTON, VA  
5:00PM - 8:00PM

### QUESTIONS?

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### 22nd ANNUAL SO/LIC SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION

FEBRUARY 8 - 9, 2011  
MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK  
WASHINGTON, DC

### DETAILS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

[HTTP://WWW.NDIA.ORG/MEETINGS/1880](http://www.ndia.org/meetings/1880)

## SO/LIC DIVISION ANNUAL AWARDS

The Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) Division of NDIA is pleased to announce this year's winners of the Rylander and DeProspero Awards. Awards will be presented at the annual Awards Banquet in conjunction with this year's SO/LIC Symposium on February 8, 2011 at the Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, D.C.

General Pete Schoomaker, USA (Ret) will be presented the Rylander Award for 2010. Named for one of the earliest fathers of our nation's current Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict capabilities, the award is the highest honor which can be bestowed by the SO/LIC Division. It recognizes an individual who has made significant and lasting contributions to the SO/LIC Community and furthered the goals of the SO/LIC Division. Chief Master Sergeant Wayne G. Norrad, USAF (Ret) will be presented the DeProspero Award for 2010, named after Colonel Al DeProspero, USA (Ret) and an honor which recognizes a single individual whose distinctive lifetime achievements in the areas of Special Operations or Low Intensity Conflict cause him or her to stand out from this crowd of elite warriors.



General Schoomaker spent over 35 years in a variety of command and staff assignments with both conventional and special operations forces. He was recalled from retirement to be the 35th Army Chief of Staff from 2003 until 2007. Prior to his first retirement, he served as the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command from 1997 to 2000. General Schoomaker continues to serve the nation and the Special Operations community as a Director of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

Chief Master Sergeant Norrad entered the USAF Special Tactics Combat Controller field in 1971. From combat missions over Cambodia through his experiences in OPERATION Just Cause (Panama) and Desert Storm (Kuwait/Iraq), he participated in multiple special missions and developed standardized tactics for future airfield seizures. His distinguished career culminated in selection as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command and as the first enlisted member of the Board of Directors for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Though retired from active duty, Chief Norrad continues to serve as an Air Force civilian and is widely sought out as a mentor across the Special Tactics community.

Individual Achievement Awards will be presented to:

Maj Andrew R. Christian, USMC; SOCS Daniel E. Gearhart, USN; Maj Melissa A. Johnson, USAF; MSG Jaraan N. Little, USA; Mr. Daniel Ray Lane; and LT Aaron J. Renschler, USCG.

## 22nd ANNUAL SO/LIC SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION

The 22nd Annual NDIA SO/LIC (Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict) Symposium & Exhibition will examine the operational constructs required to implement a comprehensive, whole-of-government approach to national security by considering the relationships and interaction of defense, diplomacy, and development in light of current and future engagements. The symposium asserts that accomplishing national security objectives increasingly requires multidimensional special operations forces capable of fusing defense, diplomacy, and development activities. Further, the present complex environments demand integration of these components to flow from policy through operations to industry to meet the needs of the defense and interagency actors addressing the challenges of our times. Speakers will discuss how to translate policy into the right balance and mix of defense, diplomacy, development, and ultimately, requirements.

Visit the event website for additional details, and register today at: <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/1880>

### CURRENT AGENDA

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

- 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM**      **Registration Open**  
*Atrium - Exhibit Hall Foyer*
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Exhibit Hall Move-in**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**      **Networking Reception (Cash Bar)**  
*Atrium - Exhibit Hall Foyer*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

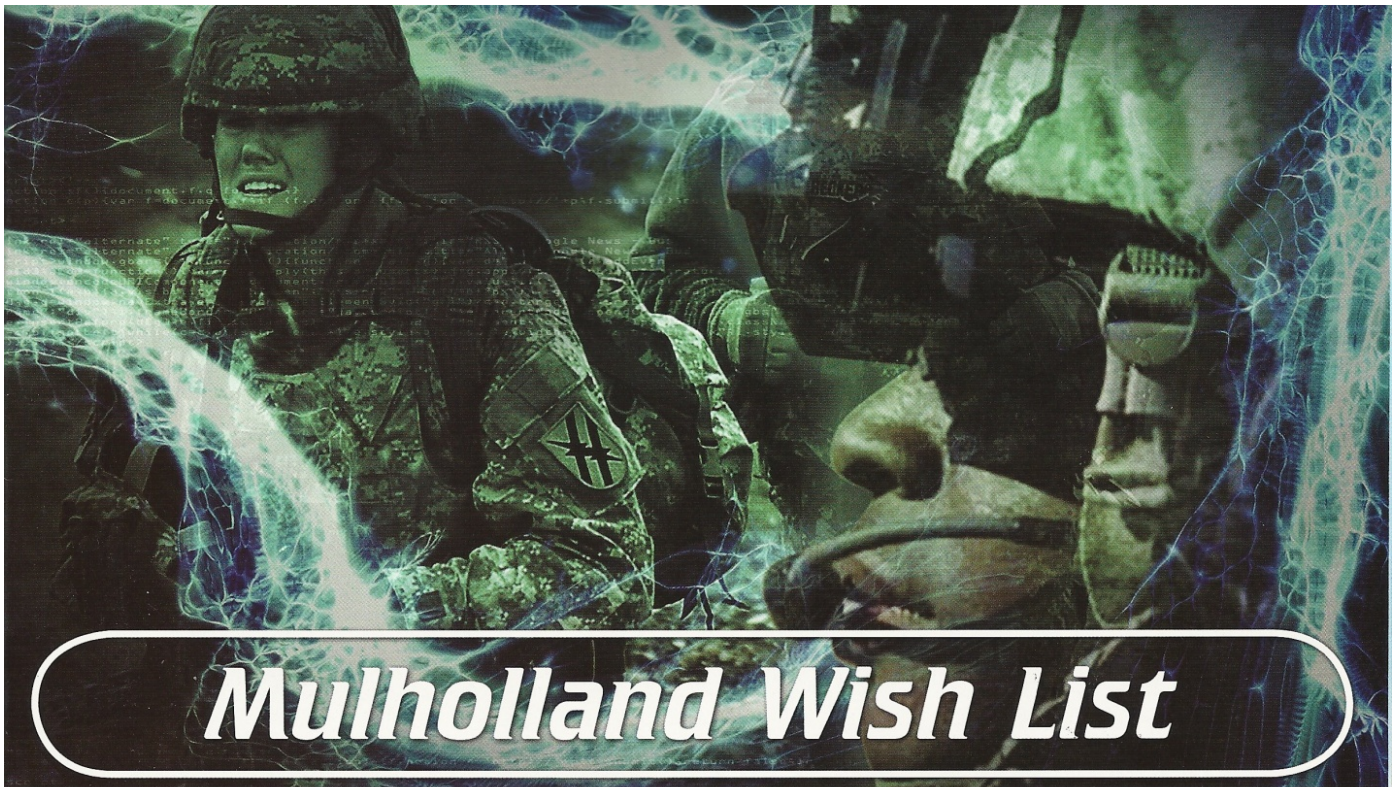
- 7:00 AM - 6:45 PM**      **Registration Open**  
*Atrium - Exhibit Hall Foyer*
- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM**      **Continental Breakfast**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom Foyer*
- 8:00 AM - 8:15 AM**      **Welcome Remarks**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ MG Barry D. Bates, USA (Ret), Vice President, Operations, NDIA
  - ▶ Ms. Irene H. Sanders, Director, Intelligence, National Security Programs, Washington Operations, Lockheed Martin Corporation; NDIA SO/LIC Division Chair
- 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM**      **Keynote Address: Defense, Diplomacy, Development, and Special Operations Forces**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ ADM Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command
- 9:00 AM - 6:45 PM**      **Exhibit Hall Open**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Networking Break**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*

- 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM**     **Panel 1: Training and Employing SOF in Defense, Diplomacy, and Development Operations: Lessons from the Field**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ COL William Coultrup, USA, Former Commander, Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines
  - ▶ Col Daniel Masur, USMC, G-3, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command
  - ▶ COL Joe Osborne, USA, Director, Irregular Warfare Directorate, U.S. Special Operations Command Central
  - ▶ CAPT Bill Wilson, USN, Commander, Naval Special Warfare Center
  - ▶ U.S. Army Special Operations Command/SWCS Representative
- 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**     **Networking Lunch**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM**     **Keynote Address: Joint, Interagency, and Multi-National Integration of SOF for Defense, Diplomacy, and Development**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ Brig Simon Hutchinson, UK, Deputy Commander, NATO Special Operations Forces Headquarters
- 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM**     **Networking Break**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM**     **Panel 2: Interagency Integration of SOF for Defense, Diplomacy, and Development: Lessons from the Field**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ Mr. Robert Cassilly, Senior Iraq Training Coordinator, U.S. Department of State
  - ▶ Special Agent Richard Dobrich, Section Chief, Drug Enforcement Administration Foreign-deployed Advisory Support Team (DEA FAST)
  - ▶ Mr. Bill Flavin, Directing Professor Doctrine, Concepts, Education Training, U.S. Army Peacekeeping Stability Operations Institute, U.S. Army War College
  - ▶ Mr. Bernard V. Moore, II, Chief, USSOCOM Special Operations Support Teams, National Capitol Region, U.S. Special Operations Command Crystal City
  - ▶ ASC/GS-15 Arthur J. Zarone, Deputy Commander, FBI Tactical Section/Hostage Rescue Team
- 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM**     **Networking Reception (Hosted Beer & Wine)**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 6:45 PM - 9:45 PM**     **Awards Banquet with Guest Speaker**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ ADM Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM**     **Registration Open**  
*Atrium - Exhibit Hall Foyer*
- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM**     **Continental Breakfast**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom Foyer*

- 8:00 AM - 8:15 AM**      **Administrative Remarks**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ Ms. Irene H. Sanders, Director, Intelligence, National Security Programs, Washington Operations, Lockheed Martin Corporation; NDIA SO/LIC Division Chair
- 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM**      **Keynote Address: Information Operations in Defense, Diplomacy, and Development**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ Gen Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
- 9:00 AM - 2:45 PM**      **Exhibit Hall Open**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Networking Break**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM**      **Panel 3: SOF Roles in Information Operations in Defense, Diplomacy, and Development**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ COL Reginald Bostick, USA, Senior Army Fellow, The Institute of World Politics
  - ▶ Ms. Kimberly Dozier, Correspondent, Intelligence & CT, Associated Press
  - ▶ Dr. Daniel Kuehl, Professor of Systems Management, School of Information Warfare and Strategy, National Defense University
  - ▶ Mr. Robert Petersen, Contractor, Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communication (CSCC), Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (R), U.S. Department of State
- 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**      **Networking Lunch**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM**      **Keynote Address: DoD Initiatives for SOF in Defense, Diplomacy, and Development Operations**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ Dr. Janine Davidson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans, OUSD (Policy)-OSD, U.S. Department of Defense
- 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM**      **Networking Break**  
**(Last Chance to View Exhibits)**  
*Exhibit Hall C & B South*
- 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM**      **Panel 4: Adapting SOF for Defense, Diplomacy, and Development Operations**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ Ms. Sherri Goodman, Sr. Vice President and General Counsel, Center for Naval Analyses
  - ▶ BG Christopher K. Haas, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command Africa
  - ▶ Mr. Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations & Combating Terrorism, U.S. Department of Defense
  - ▶ Mr. Mark I. Thompson, Deputy Coordinator, Operations, U.S. Department of State (S/CT)
- 4:45 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Concluding Remarks**  
*Thurgood Marshall Ballroom*
- ▶ Ms. Irene H. Sanders, Director, Intelligence, National Security Programs, Washington Operations, Lockheed Martin Corporation; NDIA SO/LIC Division Chair



## Mulholland Wish List

### COMMANDER EYES TRANSLATION GEAR, BETTER ISR, HANDHELD IED DETECTORS.

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Special operations forces could use advanced language translation gear, smaller and lighter intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, and handheld IED detectors, according to Lieutenant General John F. Mulholland Jr., commander of the Special Operations Command.

Mulholland made his comments in responding to a question from *Special Operations Technology* as he led a panel discussion focused on SOF during the recent Association of the United States Army annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

He added that he wishes to make any systems acquired be non-specific to special operations troops, saying he wishes as much as possible to acquire items that can be shared across the Army. Further, he would like technology that can be shared with international partners.

Language translators that can permit American troops to communicate with those speaking another language are a critical asset, Mulholland said, noting that when U.S. forces first arrived in Afghanistan after the September 11 bombings, there were

no linguists with them speaking Arabic or Farsi.

Mulholland said he wants to see long-lasting, high powered battery systems, wishing for “the most powerful, long-lasting Energizer Bunny” to power soldiers’ gear.

Another important need is a means of reducing the weight of all the batteries that soldiers now must carry to power their gear, added Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey J. Mellinger, of the Army Materiel Command. While an individual battery may not seem to weigh all that much, when there are a dozen different kinds of batteries carried simultaneously, it can impose a heavy strain on troops, he said.

“When you talk about putting it on your back, traipsing up and down mountains,” the burden can be difficult, he said. He urged contractors to consider how to improve commonality in battery-powered systems, how to reduce power consumption by soldier-portable hardware, and how batteries can be recharged “when you’re on the side of a mountain.” Solar arrays, which aren’t mobile, may not be

the answer here, he said. And anything using fuel, which can weigh six pounds per gallon, may not be the answer either.

Mulholland said he doesn’t want the typical troop to be forced to carry 15 batteries.

Similarly, Mellinger too is concerned that every time a new capability is added, the capability may be contained in a new, additional device that each soldier must carry. He cited the addition of devices being mounted on the M4 carbine, noting that sooner or later the Army will run out of rail on the weapon that can be used to mount extra systems.

What may be another special operations need is at a higher level: in the air.

“There isn’t enough aviation” capacity for special operations personnel, said Brigadier General Kevin W. Mangum, commanding general of the Army Special Operations Aviation Division. That often leaves SOF missions dependent on non-SOF air, he added. ★

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## SAVE THE DATE - NDIA SOF RELATED EVENT

While the SO/LIC Symposium brings together much of the key leadership team in USSOCOM and many of the policy makers in the D.C. area, the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC) complements this effort by combining a focus on industry support of SOF and targeted participation by senior USSOCOM acquisition officials. Its purpose is to identify and address emerging requirements with material solutions.

Built around the theme of, "Special Operations Forces: Setting the Course," this year's SOFIC will be held May 17-19, 2011 at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL. For additional information, please visit the event website: <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/1890>



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## GENERAL OFFICER NOMINATION

The President has nominated to the Senate the following general officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general with assignment, as indicated:

LT GEN ERIC E. FIEL, USAF

FROM: Vice Commander, United States Special Operations Command, Pentagon, Washington, DC

TO: Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL

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## GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

As a service to the community, we would like to include an events calendar in this Newsletter. If you know of a Change of Command, event or other function and would like to get the word out to our various components, please send the date, location and particulars to NDIA SO/LIC Board Members, Mr. Jim Diehl or Mr. Gene Russell. We will work to include your information in the next Newsletter.

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