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ANNOUNCING

8th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINE PROBLEM

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL
MONTEREY, CA
May 6-8, 2008

REGISTRATION ISSUE

DETAILS FOR ACCESS
TO THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL
AND A REMINDER FOR
NON-US PARTICIPANTS APPEAR ON PAGE 4.

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<www.8thsymposium.com>
for additional information

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 8th International Symposium on Technology and the Mine Problem is 6-8 May 2008 and provides an outstanding opportunity to join with other military and industry personnel who are concerned with the mine threat and our ability to cope with it. The scope of this symposium has grown over the years, so that it now includes threats to port and river infrastructure. Additionally, we will offer a unique opportunity for attendees to participate in workshops at the end of the symposium plenary and parallel sessions. These three workshop opportunities are expressly intended to provide expert attendee input to satisfy a senior operational commander's statement of need. More information is available on page 3 of this newsletter and at the 8th Symposium website <www.8thsymposium.com>.

The Congressional Naval Mine Warfare Caucus (CNMWC) reception was held at the U. S. House of Representatives Office Building on January 28, 2008. Along with a number of MINWARA corporate members, Congressman Alan Boyd (D-FL) hosted the reception for Congressional members of the CNMWC. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-CA) attended and offered a few minutes of comments in support of mine warfare programs. Additionally, Congressman Boyd agreed to re-institute the CNMWC Senior Advisory Group, which consists of a number of mine warfare community leaders. This group would be used to provide the CNMWC members with an annual agenda of mine warfare objectives for the Congress.

I'm pleased to inform our membership that the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is sponsoring/conducting a study on Methods and Techniques for the Defeat of Underwater Improvised Explosive Devices (U-IED) in Port and Harbor Environments. The study will be conducted in three phases: Assessment of Current Capability, Exploration of Alternative Applications of Technology, and Conclusions and Recommendations. The study is scheduled for completion in mid- to late 2008. Many of the participants are from the MINWARA membership.

MINWARA is still investigating the production of a mine warfare documentary for presentation on the History Channel and similar documentary media outlets. The intent, in pursuing this enterprise, is to convince the Congress and the American public of the critical need for effective mine warfare capability and the potential impact of failing to do so.

Hope to see you in Monterey in May!

Paul Ryan
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret)
President

**8th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN THE
“TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINE PROBLEM” SERIES**

**TECHNOLOGIES FOR MINE WARFARE,
EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE AND PORT SECURITY**

6-8 MAY 2008

Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California

The 8th SYMPOSIUM in this series focuses on the concepts, technologies, and applications needed to address current, emerging, and evolving needs across a broad spectrum of warfare. We will not only continue to consider the environmental and technological foundations for conducting mine and counter-mine warfare, but we will also consider technologies and concepts that apply to the growing concerns for maritime IED's and other possible threats in US Port and Homeland Security scenarios, as well as a growing list of needed technological applications and capabilities for the US Navy's newly constituted Expeditionary Combat Forces.

Leading Commanders and experts will set the stage, and our technical session chairs will focus our discussions in selected areas of interest.

Warfare Workshops on the last morning will provide opportunities for more meaningful dialog as we make this first attempt to harness the considerable expertise of Symposium attendees for frank and structured discussions on selected aspects of current warfare issues and provide a mechanism to capture these discussions for consideration by appropriate agents. **Your attendance and participation are enthusiastically anticipated!**

Attendees are urged to note the Registration on Monday, May 5, 2008, at the Quarterdeck in Herrmann Hall at NPS. That will be accompanied by a no host reception. Members of SCOT are advised that the meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday evening will be on Monday evening instead. This change is necessitated by our scheduling the MINWARA reception at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on Wednesday evening.

We promise early posting on the web-site <www.8thsymposium.com> as details and participants become firm; and we believe you will not be disappointed.

From the Organizing Committee
Clyde Scandrett, Rick Williams, Albert M. Bottoms

8th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITY

Exhibitors are invited to purchase tabletop display space at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Reception on Wednesday, May 7. The cost is \$1000. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with the conference attendees in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you are interested, please contact

John Pearson

757-480-0510

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or

Carol Long, DMC Companies

831-373-0508

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ACCESS TO NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

U.S. CITIZENS

U.S. citizens, who register as an attendee for the symposium, will be placed on the Naval Postgraduate School access list for the May 5-8, 2008 period. Since entry requires your name on the access list, it will be necessary to register at least one week prior to the symposium. Although it is possible to register on site, this will potentially delay your entry to the conference for a period of time while we obtain approval for access to the Naval Postgraduate School. You are strongly encouraged to register prior to arrival.

PARKING

Parking is NOT available at the Naval Postgraduate School.

REMINDER TO NON-US PARTICIPANTS

Foreign visitors/non-US citizens who are attending the symposium as representatives of their government are considered to be "official visitors". Their attendance must be approved in accordance with the paragraph titled "Official International Visitors".

Non-US citizens attending on a personal/professional basis, not on behalf of their government will need to provide the information below along with their symposium registration forms. You may print a form at the website www.8thsymposium.com.

- Name
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- Estimated Date of Arrival
- Estimated Date of Departure

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ENTRY POINT

All attendees (U.S. and non-U.S.) should enter the Naval Postgraduate School at the 10th Street gate on Sloat Avenue.

OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Official visits to the Naval Postgraduate School by Foreign National Visitors must be approved through the Navy International Programs Office. The visitor should contact the Defense Attache at their Embassy in Washington and ask that they submit a request to visit the Naval Postgraduate School. Advise the defense attache's office to reference "The Guide to Foreign Attaches Accredited to the Department of the Navy". Procedures for submissions of visit requests to the Naval Postgraduate School are included in that manual.

Your request to the Defense Attache's office should indicate "To attend the 8th International Symposium on Technology and the Mine Problem" as the purpose of the visit. The points of contact (POC's) at the Naval Postgraduate School are:

Mr. Andy Andersen, Security Manager
831-656-2450
and
RADM (Ret) Rick Williams,
Chair of Mine Warfare
831-656-7702

To ensure timely visit request approval, you should submit your visit request to your defense attache's office by March 17, 2008. To verify visit approval by the Naval Postgraduate School, send your inquiry to Mandersen@nps.edu approximately two weeks after original submission of your visit request to your defense attache's office.

LODGING

No rooms have been blocked at any hotel for this conference. The two hotels within walking distance to the Naval Postgraduate School are the Hyatt Regency and Hilton. For other options go to www.mpcc.com and www.montereyinfo.org.

8th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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I am **not** a US citizen.

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MINWARA/SCOT		
Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475
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Phone 831-373-0508 Fax 831-373-0460 email conference@DMCcompanies.com

Registrations submitted without payment will not be processed.

Make checks payable to “8th International Symposium”

Cancellations must be submitted in writing. A \$50 processing fee will be retained on all cancellations received before April 1, 2008. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after April 1, 2008.

Look for more info at <www.8thsymposium.com>

MINWARA NEWS

NDIA Study

As was mentioned in this Minelines Letter From the President, the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is conducting a study on **Methods and Techniques for the Defeat of Underwater Improvised Explosive Devices (U-IED) in Port and Harbor Environments**. The study will be conducted in three phases: Assessment of Current Capability, Exploration of Alternative Applications of Technology, and Conclusions and Recommendations.

The Phase 1 assessment will review present capabilities and operational concepts and, as the deliverable, identify capability and capacity gaps not addressed in current or planned Naval MCM systems.

Phase 2 will identify technological requirements, conventional and unconventional, necessary to address gaps identified in Phase 1, identify potential available technologies and employment concepts to meet operational requirements, and conduct an assessment of proposed systems, technologies, and CONOPS against required timelines for U-IED defeat and effective port clearance.

Phase 3 will provide Conclusions and Recommendations to the Commander, Naval Mine and Antisubmarine Warfare Command (NMAWC) with a final briefing and written report on the results of the study. For more information contact: Eric Holmes <eric.holmes@imco.com>.

Congressional Naval Mine Warfare Caucus (CNMWC) Reception

The Naval Mine Warfare Caucus hosted the Capitol Hill reception for members of the Congressional Naval Mine Warfare Caucus on January 28, 2008. Among the evening's 160 attendees were industry executives, Navy and Marine Corps personnel, and government civilians. Those in attendance included House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer; Rep. Allen Boyd (Caucus chairman); Rep. Ron Klein; RDML (sel) Rich Landolt; USN (Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division of the CNO's Staff (OPNAV N85B)); Mr. Jim Thomsen (PEO (LMW)); and congressional staff from the House Armed Services Committee and House and Senate offices.

Representatives Boyd and Hoyer spoke about the recent successes enjoyed by mine warfare, such as the Mission Package roll-out, and the challenges facing mine warfare programs. They cited the critical military and domestic importance of a robust mine warfare capability and offered their support. The reception was sponsored by Northrop Grumman; Boeing; MINWARA; ITT; Lockheed-Martin; ARINC; Whitney, Bradley and Brown; DRS-Sonar Systems; and General Dynamics-AIS.

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- Land Beach
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Language skills (Please specify):

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