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MINWARA SPRING 2009 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Mine Warfare – “Home” and “Away” Game Challenges

MAY 18-21, 2009
BAY POINT MARRIOTT RESORT
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

9th SYMPOSIUM ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINE PROBLEM

Dates: Spring/Summer 2010

Discussions are underway to formulate an agenda that will address the most challenging problems posed by issues and programs and provide a valuable and dynamic forum for technical, scientific, and operational dialog in the complex areas of currently focused national interest.

Are you interested in assisting with the 9th Symposium program development?

Please contact Suzanne Wyatt
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and include your specific area of interest.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This Minelines issue provides registration and logistics details for the upcoming mine warfare conference in Panama City, FL on 18-21 May 2009. The theme for this year's conference is: **Mine Warfare – “Home” and “Away” Game Challenges.**

This biannual conference focuses on current and future mine warfare vision, concepts, operations, acquisition, and forces. For example, the significant changes in mine warfare (both current and future), associated with LCS and mine warfare mission package introduction, new/potential foreign and domestic mine/underwater IED threats, and U. S. mines as a Sea Shield force multiplier will be subjects of great interest to attendees. The homeland security/homeland defense aspects of mine warfare will be addressed by several speakers in response to the growing interest in the potential for a domestic mining or underwater IED event.

We are pleased to announce that several key speakers have already accepted our invitations, including: ADM Jon Greenert, Commander US Fleet Forces Command, who will provide an overview of the Fleet's requirements for mine warfare capability; MG Tom Benes, OPNAV N85; RADM Frank Drennan, Commander Navy Mine and ASW Command; and Ms. Ann Sandel, PEO Littoral and Mine Warfare. In addition, we've arranged for domestic and international threat briefs from the National Maritime Intelligence Center.

In an attempt to hold down cost, we'll be having a welcome aboard social Monday evening in lieu of a sit-down dinner. This will provide an enhanced ability to socialize with other attendees and explore the many fine restaurants in the area.

The draft agenda is displayed on pages 6 and 7 of this Minelines issue. Presentations by senior Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps leaders and the opportunity for interaction with these leaders should provide attendees with a highly informative conference.

Hope to see you in Panama City!

Paul Ryan
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret)
President, MINWARA

MINWARA NEWS

MINWARA SPRING 2009 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2009 MINWARA Conference on sea mine warfare will be held at the Bay Point Marriott Resort in Panama City FL on May 18-21. The theme for the conference will be: ***Mine Warfare – “Home” and “Away” Game Challenges.***

The conference theme is reflective of a number of changes since our last conference in May 2007, such as:

- Transition to theater level mine warfare concepts/vision.
- Continued development of the Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR) concept for use in U. S. ports by USN/USCG forces.
- Two years of new mine warfare leadership from the NAVAL MINE AND ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE COMMAND (NMAWC).
- Near term introduction of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and associated Mine Warfare Mission Packages.
- Updated environmental knowledge in theaters of potential conflict and homeland waters (plus a number of wargames on the homeland subject).
- Continuing development of Assault Breaching Systems.

These changes provide a robust menu of presentation topics and issues for discussion at the conference.

As in all previous conferences in Panama City, we plan to attract a significant number of presenters from the senior leadership of the U. S. Navy and U. S. Marine Corps. Speaker invitations have already been confirmed by **Commander, Fleet Forces Command, the Commander and Vice Commander of NMAWC, the Chief of Naval Research (CNR), and the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC)** among other senior leaders.

As indicated in the Letter from the President and considering the rising costs of food and beverage in the last year, Minwara has decided to cancel the usual banquet, associated with this conference in years past. We considered this to be a prudent measure to keep registration fees as low as possible as we have done, traditionally. However, we have retained the Hosted Reception on Monday afternoon, 18 March, as a continuing feature of the agenda. This economic measure has allowed us to use the same registration fees as in 2007.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Mine Warfare Association

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- Student \$25
- Annual Membership \$50
- Life Membership \$500

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(Life/Annual)

- Bronze \$500 (0/2)
- Silver \$1000 (0/4)
- Gold \$2000 (1/2)
- Platinum \$5000 or Greater (2/2)

The level of membership (Bronze, etc.) selected by a prospective corporate member determines the number of Life and Annual memberships awarded upon application for a particular calendar year (January 1 through December 31). The Bronze level would be awarded zero life memberships and two annual memberships for the year of membership. The Platinum level would be awarded 2 life memberships and 2 annual memberships for the year of membership.

The new membership recipients (life and annual) for the corporation should be designated upon corporate membership application. They will be added, in our database, to prior life membership recipients (where applicable) for the corporation. Life and annual membership recipients may be individuals by name and/or corporate position.

Corporate membership should not be confused with event corporate sponsorship. We, separately invite corporations to be event sponsors for our conferences and symposia. This may include exhibits, receptions, banquet tables, etc. offered at varying prices for the event. Platinum corporate members are not charged a fee for one exhibit space at an event.

The corporate membership benefits for the various membership levels are listed at www.minwara.org. Hopefully, this clarifies any confusion on these issues.

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Operational:

- Naval
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- Field Work
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- Research and Development
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- Beach
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PANAMA CITY 2009 EXHIBITOR & SPONSOR PROGRAM

Corporations and agencies are once again invited to participate as partners in presenting MINWARA's Spring 2009 Regional Conference. The conference is an excellent opportunity to connect with continuing clients as well as develop new markets. It is an exceptional venue to highlight services, products and capabilities. As with previous MINWARA conferences and workshops, the focus remains...the need for a much higher level of communication, integration, and shared information between users and producers of systems associated with all aspects of the mine warfare program.

MINWARA Platinum Members are entitled to a complimentary tabletop exhibit including one individual registration to the conference.

Investment

For a one-time fee of \$1,500.00 US paid in advance of April 15, 2009 sponsors will receive:

- Prominent listing on the conference website.
- Recognition from the podium.
- Exhibit space: one 6' dressed table for tabletop exhibit.
- One individual registration to the conference including daily breakfast and lunch, and the Shrimp Boil.
- Your promotional item included in the attendance packets.
- Recognition in MINELINES following the conference.

A limited number of adjacent exhibit spaces are available @ \$1,000 each (increasing exhibit space to 12')

Additional sponsor opportunities with event specific acknowledgements (suggestions listed)

1. Hosted Reception: \$1,000 (2 sponsors). Suggest: printed cocktail napkins.
2. Golf Tournament Prizes: \$150 (3 sponsors). Suggest printed emblem on gift item.
3. Morning & Afternoon Breaks (5): \$300 (3 sponsors each break). Suggest printed napkins.
4. Lunch (2): \$500 (3 sponsors each lunch). Suggest printed napkin rings or menu cards.

COMMUNICATION: Suzanne Wyatt
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EXHIBITOR CONFIRMATION

Fax to 831-373-0460 to confirm space

Company _____

Contact (person to receive all exhibitor communication) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

On-site representative _____

- We are a MINWARA Platinum Member and will exhibit.
 Yes, we accept your invitation to exhibit @ \$1500 including one company representative.
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MINWARA SPRING 2009 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

MEETING DATES

Mon, 18 May – Thurs, 21 May 2009

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: : 1-866-234-5362

GROUP NAME: MINWARA

MEETING LOCATION

Marriott Bay Point Golf Resort & Spa
4200 Marriott Drive
Panama City Beach, Florida 32408

RESERVATIONS

- **Before April 26, 2009, 5:00PM.**
- After April 26, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis only.
- After April 26, conference rates will not be available.
- Based on availability, group rates are available 3 days prior and 3 days after meeting.

Reservations Phone: 1-866-234-5362

Group Name: MINWARA

All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

RATES

Government: \$125.00
Single or Double Occupancy
Contractor: \$149.00
Single or Double Occupancy

Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 10%) in effect at the time of check-in.

CANCELLATIONS

The reservation deposit is refundable if notice is received 3 days prior to the day of arrival and a cancellation number is received.

CHECK-IN: 4:00 PM

CHECK-OUT: 11:00 AM

ATTIRE

Meeting:
USN Summer Khaki
USMC Service "C"
USA Army Green/Class B
USAF Service Dress
USCG Tropical Blue Long
Civilian Business Casual

Golf Tournament, Reception
& Shrimp Boil: Civilian Casual

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: Monday, May 18, 2009
Location: Meadows Course
Bay Point Golf Resort & Spa
Time: Tee-times begin at 9:58 AM
Cost: \$80 per person including box lunch
Contact: Mike Plitman
michael.l.plitman@saic.com
Register: Include fee with your meeting registration.
Play: Pairings will be available at 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse on Monday, May 18.

If you have put together a foursome or wish to make other teaming arrangements, please coordinate with Mike Plitman - michael.l.plitman@saic.com

*OUR THANKS TO
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MINWARA with on-site funding.*

Draft Conference Agenda - May 2009 (Revised 10 March 2009)

Theme – Mine Warfare – “Home” and “Away” Game Challenges

Monday, 18 May

- 0945-1600 Golf Tournament, Bay Point Meadows Course
1400 Attendee registration opens at Bay Point Marriott Hotel
1800-1900 Hosted Welcome Reception-Bay Point Marriott Hotel

Tuesday, 19 May – Mine Warfare “Away” Game Challenges

- 0800 Welcome/Theme Setting-RADM Paul Ryan, USN (Ret), President, Mine Warfare Association (MINWARA)*
0810 Welcome Remarks-CAPT Andy Buduo III, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Surface Warfare Center-Panama City (NSWC-PC)*
0815 Keynote Speaker - ADM Jon Greenert, USN, Commander, Fleet Forces Command (CFFC)/Commander, U. S. Atlantic Fleet (COMLANTFLT)/Commander, Naval Forces, U. S. Northern Command (COMNAVNORTHCOM)*
0900 Brief on Emerging Threats – Mr. Wayne Mason, Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) Scientific and Technical Center, Chief Scientist*
0945 Break
1015 MCM Role/Requirements in Major Combat Operations and Contingencies- RADM Frank Drennan, USN, Commander, Naval Mine and Antisubmarine Warfare Command (NMAWC)*
1100 MCM Role/Requirements in Expeditionary and Sea Base Operations-BGEN Ronald L. Johnson, USMC – Director, Operations Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps*
1145 Buffet Lunch-Guest Speakers available for discussion
1315 Current MCM force readiness - RDML Bob Girrier, Vice Commander, NMAWC*
1400 NAVOCEANO Environmental Support Initiatives for Mine Warfare - RDML David Titley, USN, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC)*
1445 Potential Naval Mining Operations (Defensive, Protective, and/or Offensive or “what’s the requirement”) RADM Frank Drennan, USN, Commander, NMAWC*
1530 Break
1600 USN/USMC Senior Leadership Panel on Mine Warfare Requirements
Panel Moderator: RADM Paul Ryan, USN (Ret) (former Commander, Mine Warfare Command)*
Panel Members: RADM Frank Drennan, USN*
RDML David Titley, USN*
BGEN Ronald L. Johnson, USMC*
1730 Adjourn

Wednesday, 20 May – Mine Warfare “Home” Game Challenges

- 0800 U. S. Coast Guard Perspective on Port Security – ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard (Invited)
0845 U. S. Ports Mine/Underwater IED Threat – Mr. Jason Willhide, National Maritime Intelligence Center*

Wednesday, 20 May – Mine Warfare “Home” Game Challenges (continued)

- 0930 U. S. Port Approaches and Inner Harbors Environmental Surveys –
Ms. Mary Glackin, Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Deputy Administrator*
- 1015 Break
- 1045 Maritime Homeland Defense and Implementation of the MOTR Concept after a Mining Incident–
Commander, Second Fleet (COMSECONDFLT) Speaker TBD
- 1130 USCG Captain of the Port Perspective on Maritime IEDs –
Capt Steve Poulin, USCG, Captain of the Port-Mobile*
- 1215 Lunch – Luncheon Speaker on Economic Impact of Major U. S. Ports Closure –
Professor Jeff Werling, University of Maryland*
- 1330 Office of Naval Research (ONR) Mine Warfare Future Naval Capabilities Programs Status/Issues –
RADM Nevin Carr, USN, Chief of Naval Research*
- 1415 Mine Warfare Requirements and Resource Priorities-MGEN Tom Benes, USMC, Director,
Expeditionary Warfare Division, OPNAV Staff (OPNAV N85) and N852 staff*
- 1500 Break
- 1530 Mine Warfare Acquisition/Modernization Programs Status/Issues – Ms. E. Anne Sandel (SES)
(PEO LMW), Ms. Donna Carson-Jelley (PMS 495), CAPT Mike Good, USN (PMS 420),
and CAPT Paul Siegrist, USN (PMS-403)*
- 1700 Adjourn
- 1730 Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City (NSWC-PC) Open House-Shrimp Boil

Thursday, 21 May

- 0730 Assault Breaching Technologies Update – Mr. Brian Almquist, ONR*
- 0815 Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Program Status/Issues-RADM Vic Guillory, USN, Director, Surface
Warfare Division, OPNAV staff (OPNAV N86) (Flag speaker support confirmed, speaker TBD)*
- 0900 Break
- 0930 Air MCM Forces Readiness and Requirements – RADM Rich O’Hanlon, USN, Commander,
Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CNAL)*
- 1015 Surface MCM Forces Readiness and Requirements - VADM D. C. Curtis, USN, Commander,
Naval Surface Forces (COMNAVSURFOR) (Invited)
- 1100 Panel Discussion on Mine Warfare Alignment/Requirements/Acquisition Processes: Are They Working?
Panel Moderator: CAPT Tom Davilli, USN (Ret) (former OPNAV N852)*
Panel Members: VADM D. C. Curtis (COMNAVSURFOR)
RADM Rich O’Hanlon (CNAL)*
MGEN Tom Benes (OPNAV N85)*
Ms. E. Anne Sandel (PEO LMW)*
- 1200 Conference Wrapup - RADM Paul Ryan, USN (Ret), President, Mine Warfare Association
(MINWARA)*

Optional No Host Lunch

* - Indicates speaker confirmed

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