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Trip Report for DOCA 71st Annual Meeting—Washington DC October 30 – November 2, 2022

Fellow DOCA Members:

For this quarterly newsletter, we want to report on the DOCA's 71st Annual Meeting, which was held October 30 – November 2, 2022, at the InterContinental Washington DC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

We held our Board of Director's meeting at which our Nominating Committee, made up of Garry Hubert, Robert Jans, William Floyd, Geoffrey Dunlevie, and Richard Lieberman proposed Cheryl Ball, Region 4 for a 1-year extension, and Scott Glaze, Region 2 and Lynn Boughey, Region 3 as Vice Presidents for the 2023-2024 term. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the nominations. DOCA thanked outgoing VP's Jeff Yundt and Linda Hogg for jobs well done!

Douglas Lempereur, DOCA Chairman and Sec/Treasurer of the investment committee, was renewed for a three-year term. Johnna Grant who has been serving as DOCA's Sec/Treasurer agreed to a one-year extension.

The Board of Directors also voted to accept the operating budget proposed for 2023.

After which, we retired to our annual meeting reception to enjoy good food, spirits and renew relationships with other DOCA members, the highlight of which was to welcome two new DOCA members Julia Sabin/sponsor Tim Smucker and Bill Floyd/sponsor Charles Steinmann. Jewel-Lee Kenley sponsored Lukas Wolter as a prospect, and he submitted his application while at the annual meeting. He has since been unanimously accepted as DOCA's newest member.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

We were welcomed at the National Defense University by their President Lt. Gen. Michael T. Plehn, USAF, and representatives from the National War College. We received briefings on Russian, Turkish, and Indo-Pacific foreign policy issues and strategies. We were briefed on the war in Ukraine and all that is being done to assist them.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

We held the Members Annual Meeting at which our Nominating Committee proposed Directors for the 2023-2024 term: Region 1 -- George Lange and Paul Martin; Region 2 -- Catherine Kane and James Auffman and Tom Ellis for a one-year extension; and Region 4 -- Scott DeYoung and Lori Rudin. (Region 3 directors have not yet been chosen.) The Membership unanimously approved the nominations.

DOCA thanked outgoing Directors Bob Hamill and Ed Pilpel of Region 1, Thomas Kane of Region 2, Jewel-Lee Kenley and Lynn Boughey of Region 3, and John Curci and Tom Roddel of Region 4.

After the membership meetings, we met with representatives of the State Department at our hotel. We were briefed on the State Department's role in National Security, and security issues for the EU in Russia-Ukraine. Final briefings were by the Japan-Korea Country Desk Representatives.

We then finished the day with a tour of the International Spy Museum and a presentation from Ms. Jonna Mendez, former Chief of Disguise of the CIA's Office of Technical Services.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

DOCA members went to Capitol Hill where we were briefed by the Chief of Staff and staff on the House Armed Services from Congressman Blake Moore's Utah Congressional District Office who gave a briefing on DOD budget issues, from their perspective.

Members returned to the hotel and received a presentation from former FBI agent and founder of the Centre for Counterintelligence & Security Studies.

At the Annual Banquet, a moment of silence was held for Robert Currie, past President and Chairman of DOCA and tireless supporter of DOCA, who recently passed.

DOCA awarded Dr. Cynthia A. Watson PhD, Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs at the National War College with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in DOCA and a plaque. Dr. Watson has provided many incitive briefings to DOCA members over the years and has traveled with DOCA on some trips.

Four DOCA members were given a Membership Recognition Award in honor of the work they have done for DOCA in 2022: Cheryl Ball, Ann Jackson, Ed Pilpel, and Lynn Reed.

Garry Hubert, outgoing DOCA President, was given the Gavel Plaque. He also received the Eagle Award for his tireless efforts for the past two years serving as DOCA President and Executive President.

After dinner, the key-note speaker was Lt. Gen. S. Clinton Hinote who is the Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategy, Integration and Requirements serving at the Pentagon. General Hinote gave a serious speech intended to give the audience his current view of what is facing the armed services. His presentation was entitled The Good, The Bad and the Ugly. The General reported that the Air Force has good people, offers good opportunities, has strong support systems and presents good defense strategy. Unfortunately, the nation has not kept up with enlistment goals as only 20% of those seeking to enlist can meet the physical and mental requirements of the services. Modern weapon systems are becoming outdated. Housing for the military currently fails to meet expectations because private contractors are allowed to provide subprime results. The current challenge and main challenge for the ranks is the overspill of domestic extremism, both left and right, in the American culture. The identity politics taking place in the Nation is adversely affecting the military who are expected to serve without any polarization. General Hinote's candid comments demonstrated current and future issues facing the armed services.