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NCMF 20th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

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0800-0845: Registration

0845-0915: NCMF Update
Mr. Richard C. Schaeffer, Jr., NCMF President and Chairman of the Board

0915-0945: National Cryptologic Museum Update
Mr. Patrick Weadon, Curator and Mr. Larry Castro, CCEI Chief Operating Officer

0945-1000: Video Clip
Walter Cronkite reporting his assessment of the unwinnable Vietnam War

1000-1045: Keynote Speaker
Dr. Thomas R. Johnson

1045-1215: CIA Panel
Mr. Gary Keeley, CIA Staff Historian, Mr. Randy Burkett, CIA Staff Historian, Dr. Clayton Laurie, CIA Staff Historian, Dr. David Robarge, CIA Chief Historian

1215-1315: Lunch - Mr. Tim Bittinger, NSA I&L will provide an update on the NSA East Campus during lunch.

1315-1330: The Codetappers
Greg Nedved, NSA CCH historian

1330-1500: NSA Panel
Dr. David Hatch, NSA Historian and Technical Director for the Center for Cryptologic History (CCH), Mr. Greg Nedved, NSA CCH Historian, Mr. Thomas Fogarty, NSA Retired, Mr Jack Barrett, NSA Declassification Center Staff, Mr. Cassian (Cash) O’Rourke, NSA Declassification Center Staff

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Thomas R. Johnson

Tom Johnson, a professional intelligence officer and writer, was born in Longview, Washington, in 1940. After college (Willamette University and Pennsylvania State University) he entered the Air Force in 1964, was trained as a signals intelligence officer, and has remained in this profession ever since. His Air Force career of over 22 years took him to several foreign countries, including a posting in Thailand in the late stages of the Vietnam War. His home base was the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland, where he occupied various technical and supervisory positions, including division chief three times. Retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1985, he continued on as a historian, becoming chief of the history and publications division at NSA. In 1998 he finished a 4-volume history of NSA that twice won the cryptologic literary award from NSA, and has been partly declassified and released to the world-wide web, now as an Amazon book. In the year 2000 he accepted a job with the Central Intelligence Agency as a historian, where he continues to work, and has written numerous classified histories for the Agency.
CIA PANELISTS
The CIA and the Wars in Southeast Asia: A Fifty-Year Perspective

Mr. Randy Burkett, CIA Staff Historian
Randy Burkett is a career CIA Directorate of Operations (DO) officer currently on rotation to the Center for the Study of Intelligence History Staff. He previously served as the Chief of Outreach and Special Hiring Programs for the DO’s Clandestine Service Hiring Division and he has held numerous assignments at CIA headquarters and in the field working in East Asia, Counterterrorism, and Counterproliferation. In addition to operations, he has worked as an Intelligence Educator internally and taught graduate courses as the Chair for National Intelligence at the Naval Postgraduate School. He has a BA in Political Science and a MA in National Security Affairs.

Dr. Clayton Laurie, CIA Staff Historian
Dr. Clayton Laurie is a historian with the CIA History Staff, Center for the Study of Intelligence. He began his career as a historian with the US Army Center of Military History in 1986 before joining the CIA in 2000. Since that time he has served on the CIA History Staff, as Deputy and Chief Historian at the National Reconnaissance Office and as a historian at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Dr. David Robarge, CIA Chief Historian
David Robarge received his Ph.D. in American History from Columbia University. After teaching at Columbia and working for banker David Rockefeller and at the Gannett Center for Media Studies at Columbia, he joined CIA in 1989 and later became a political and leadership analyst on the Middle East. Dr. Robarge moved to the CIA History Staff in 1996 and was appointed Chief Historian of the CIA in 2005. He has published several classified works as well as unclassified monographs on the CIA’s supersonic A-12 reconnaissance aircraft and intelligence in the American Revolution. His biography of Director of Central Intelligence John McConé was recently declassified. His articles and book reviews on CIA leaders, counterintelligence, covert action, and technical collection have appeared in Studies in Intelligence, Intelligence and National Security, The Journal of Intelligence History, and The Oxford Handbook of Intelligence and National Security. Dr. Robarge has taught at George Mason University, currently teaches at Georgetown University, and also has written a biography of Chief Justice John Marshall.

Mr. Gary Keeley, CIA Staff Historian
Bio unavailable.

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Center for Cryptologic History Seminar on the Tet Offensive

Dr. David Hatch, NSA Historian and Technical Director for the Center for Cryptologic History (CCH)
David A. Hatch earned his M.A. at Indiana University in Bloomington, and his Ph.D. at American University in the District of Columbia. He entered on duty at NSA in 1973, and worked as a linguist, analyst, staffnik, and supervisor. He transferred to NSA’s Center for Cryptologic History in 1990 and, after a convoluted series of retirements and reorganizations, became the agency’s senior historian in 1993. He is the author of a number of histories of NSA and cryptology, and has lectured on these subjects in many forums.

Mr. Greg Nedved, NSA CCH Historian
Gregory J. Nedved has been a historian at NSA’s Center for Cryptologic History since 2011 where he is currently performing unique research on Chinese and Japanese cryptology at the end of the 19th century. Mr. Nedved also has extensive experience with museums and is vice president of the National Museum of Language in College Park, MD, and also works as a weekend docent at the National Cryptologic Museum. Mr. Nedved has a B.A. from Saint Vincent College (Latrobe, PA) and an M.A. from Hawaii Pacific University. He also is a graduate of the Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program and has a certificate in Advanced Translation from the University of Chicago.

Mr. Thomas Fogarty, NSA Retired
Tom Fogarty is a member of the NSA Center for Cryptologic History staff. He retired from NSA in 2004 as the Deputy Chief of the NSA Office of Foreign Relations. Other assignments included the NSA Office of Policy, various Director’s staff assignments, and other NSA Intelligence Community-related positions, including eight years as the NSA member to the DCI, now National SIGINT Committee. He started his cryptologic career at the Defense Language Institute (Russian), Syracuse University, 1963. Mr. Fogarty is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Class of 1985.
Mr. Jack Barrett, NSA Declassification Center Staff

Jack Barrett has had a career in the Intelligence Community spanning a period of more than 55 years, with assignments at various levels of responsibility at many Executive Branch agencies, Defense organizations, and Intelligence Community activities. He currently works part-time at NSA declassifying a variety of intelligence documents, including some that, ironically, he himself wrote decades ago. Jack arrived in Saigon for duty at the NSA Special Support Group in early December 1967. Jack was standing watch as the senior NSA officer on duty on 29 and 30 January 1968, the start of the Tet Offensive. This is his opportunity to tell you “the rest of the story…”

Mr. Cassian (Cash) O’Rourke, NSA Declassification Center Staff

Mr. O’Rourke is presently a volunteer in NSA’s Center for Cryptologic History. This caps off a 57-year career of cryptologic service that included overseas tours and field assignments during operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. He is the recipient of the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the IC’s highest award. His Vietnam service dates to the Gulf of Tonkin incident in Aug 1964 followed by a tour at Danang AB in 1965. After joining NSA in 1966, he was selected to serve as a member of the emergency fly-away team that was dispatched to Southeast Asia to recover critical SIGINT efforts that were put at risk by the Tet offensive in 1968. He’s here to tell that story today.

Our Vision

We are a foundation established to support the National Cryptologic Museum in its effort to inform the public about the contribution made to the national security of the United States by the signals intelligence and information assurance services, and to commemorate the men and women who have participated in these important activities. Our objective is to support Museum endeavors and help build a new world-class institution.

We will assist the Museum with advisory support and with the acquisition and display of memorabilia and artifacts that explain the role played by cryptology in peace and war. We will also aid the Museum in facilitating research into now-declassified materials about signals intelligence and information assurance.

We will provide financial support to the Museum by seeking to attract both corporate and individual members to the Foundation. We will sponsor a variety of programs to expand and inform our membership and to increase interest and participation in the Museum and its development.

In all of our activities, we will proceed in accordance with the highest ethical standards and consistent with the requirements of a not-for-profit institution.

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