

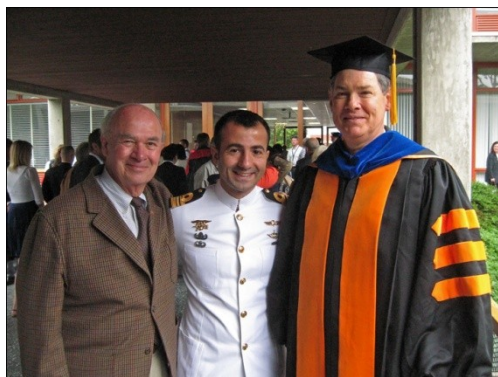
*Στιγμιότυπα από τη βράβευση του Υποπλοίαρχου Κ. Σπυρίδη ΠΝ, παρακάτω η επιστολή του Lawrence J. Reeves, πρόεδρου του Monterey Bay Chapter στον Vice Admiral Daniel T. Oliver, πρόεδρου του Naval Postgraduate School, την οποία μας κοινοποίησε και το AFCEA President's Newsletter, το οποίο αναφέρεται στο Ελληνικό Τμήμα.*



*AFCEA John McReynolds Wozencraft academic award to LT Spyridis*



*LT Spyridis leaving the platform after receiving his two degrees from Dr. Irwin Jacobs.*



*Lawrence J. Reeves, Monterey Bay Chapter Chairman, LT Spyridis and his thesis supervisor Prof Robertson, Chair of Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, following graduation*



*LT Spyridis receiving his AFCEA award from former Secretary of the Air Force, The Honorable Thomas C. Reed on June 8th, 2010*

Vice Admiral Daniel T. Oliver, US Navy (Ret)  
President  
Naval Postgraduate School

Good morning Dan

Please note the item in Kent Schneider's recent newsletter (attached) on NPS and our Monterey Bay Chapter with respect to Greece. As you may recall, the subject that started this was my email to the Athens chapter on the first presentation of the re-named AFCEA Wozencraft Award in Electrical and Computer Engineering to LT Konstantinos Spyridis, Hellenic Navy, an NPS June 2010 graduate. LT Spyridis was chosen to deliver a reading of a personal letter from Dr. Andrew Viterbi at the Wozencraft Memorial service on June 17th. Dr. Viterbi, known world-wide for his work in communications coding theory and a co-founder of Qualcomm with Irwin Jacobs, is well known by many students and faculty at NPS. LT Spyridis' thesis concerned new applications of the Reed-Solomon code.

It was my intent that the Athens chapter should be made aware of the significant achievements of LT Spyridis as he returned home to serve in next assignment in the Hellenic Navy. The Athens chapter included a member who happened to a professor as well as an NPS alumnus. Prof. Harry Athanassopoulos has been teaching a wide spectrum of courses at the School of Business Administration (Management, International Business & European Affairs and Computer Information Systems), Deree College, The American College of Greece since 1989. He holds a BSc in Marine Engineering from the Hellenic Naval Academy and an MSc in Operations Research from NPS. We were advised that LT Spyridis will be invited to deliver a talk to the Athens chapter and at meeting with the young AFCEAns associated with Prof Athanassopoulos.

Images attached of first AFCEA John McReynolds Wozencraft academic award to LT Spyridis and LT Spyridis leaving the platform after receiving his two degrees from Dr. Irwin Jacobs. Last image is my favorite with LT Spyridis and his thesis supervisor Prof Robertson, Chair of Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, following graduation.

As always, thanks for your support to the Monterey Bay chapter of AFCEA.

Larry

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President  
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## International Outreach

Leaders of AFCEA:

Periodically we remind ourselves and others that one of AFCEA's strengths is the international reach through our chapters around the globe. The sad counterpoint is that we do not leverage that advantage enough. I want to propose a new initiative that may foster stronger relationships between U.S. domestic chapters and those outside the United States.

Using a model that has been successful for governments at the federal, state and local level as well as nongovernmental organizations, I propose we establish partnerships between U.S. and international chapters. From our headquarters, we can publish chapter summaries so that chapters in the United States and internationally can identify chapters in another part of the world that have common interests or focuses. These partnerships could then be the basis for information exchange, joint initiatives, speaker and/or event participation exchanges, lessons learned, cultural exchange, etc. I envision that a chapter could develop more than one partnership as long as the proposed partners agree to participate. A couple of examples of common interests that could form the basis for partnership are:

**The Bonn, Germany, Chapter and the Northern Virginia Chapter in the National Capital Region of the United States.** Both are large, active chapters. Both are focused on an interface between local industry and the national level military establishment. Both are strongly led and open to new initiatives that will effectively support their membership. Both have strong Young AFCEAN programs and vibrant education programs.

**The Athens, Greece, Chapter and the Monterey, California, Chapter.** Both are actively aligned with a local college or university (the American College of Greece and the Naval Postgraduate School). Both have a long history of alignment with both the military and technology communities. Both have active programs with historical roots. Both are heavily oriented to young people and their education programs.

There are many more examples that could be cited, but these will provide insight into the types of exchanges that could take place through such partnerships. In each of these cases, both chapters would profit from a robust exchange of information and participation that would add value for government, industry and academic members. Such exchanges need not add significant cost because AFCEA can provide electronic means of exchange over the Internet, and chapter members already traveling for business can participate in forum exchanges.

I have asked our Member Services staff to begin assembling the summaries of the chapters, both domestic and international. I want to introduce and discuss this initiative at two forums in the next few months. First is the European Leadership Forum, which will be held in London on Tuesday, Oct. 26. This will give me an opportunity to discuss such partnerships with all of the regional vice presidents and chapter officers in Europe. On Jan. 24, 2011, we will hold our AFCEA International business meetings the day prior to the start of WEST 2011 in San Diego, California. These meetings bring together international, regional and chapter officers from around the world. I will use this forum to put this new initiative on the table for decision.

In anticipation of these two meetings, I would like all of you to discuss the feasibility and desirability of international partnerships at your regional and chapter leadership and board meetings. Come to these meetings prepared to tell me whether or not you think this is a good idea. Also, come prepared to discuss the obstacles to successful implementation so we can find solutions.

I get a chance to visit with so many of you, and because of this I know what a tremendous wealth of knowledge, experience, ideas, solutions and reach, in government, industry and academia, exists across AFCEA. We fail to fully capitalize on that because we do not communicate enough among ourselves. I see this initiative as one way we can promote increased communication and sharing. I am open to other ways to share as well. Please do not wait for the upcoming meetings to provide feedback. If you have opinions about this initiative or other ideas to improve information

sharing on a global scale, please provide input to me directly.  
As always, thanks for all you do.

Best regards,

Kent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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