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All members and friends of Polish-American Engineers Association are cordially invited to attend our upcoming meeting.

DATE: Friday, September 16th, 2011

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Polish National Alliance
6100 North Cicero Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

SPEAKER: Colonel Frederic Drummond PE
US Army Corps of Engineers

TOPIC: Mission of the Chicago District
US Army Corps of Engineers

Colonel Frederic Drummond Biography

Colonel Drummond enlisted in the Army in 1980 after graduating from Hastings High School, Hastings, Nebraska. Following Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO he served with 1/509th Airborne Battalion Combat Team in Italy, 618th Engineer Company (LE), 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC and participated in Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada). Colonel Drummond was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in the Nebraska National Guard upon graduation from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He was commissioned into the Army Corps of Engineers in 1989.

Colonel Drummond has served with the 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division in Operation Desert Shield/Storm as an Engineer Platoon Leader in 4-325 Infantry Battalion (Gold Falcons) (82d), and Alpha Company, 16th Engineer Battalion, "Outlaws" where he spent one year in support of Task Force Eagle in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 2001, Colonel Drummond was assigned to the 20th Engineer Brigade as an XVIII Airborne Corps Engineer Planner. He has also served with the 82nd Airborne Division, deployed to Afghanistan where he established Provisional Reconstruction Teams and ARSOF Base Camps, then he was assigned to the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) as the Deputy Director of Ground Operations and as Executive Officer to the J3 Directorate. Colonel Drummond stood up and commanded the 1st Brigade Combat Team Special Troops Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division (Devil Strike). He deployed to Southern Iraq where he oversaw combat operations in Dhi-Qar, Muthanna, and Diwanyah provinces for 14 months. Following Battalion Command he served as the XVIII Airborne Corps G3 Rear before being assigned to United States Special Operations Command.

Colonel Drummond is a graduate of the Naval War College and holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, a Master's in Business Administration, and a BA in industrial and construction

management. His Awards include; Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (3), Army Commendation Medal (3), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (4), Army Superior Unit Award (2), Sapper Tab, Ranger Tab, and Master Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Drummond is married to Christine (Hansen) formerly from Grand-Island Nebraska. They have five children, Aaron (attending East Carolina University) (21), Jessica (attending Florida Gulf Coast University) (19), Matthew (12), Joshua (12), and Nicholas (12).

Colonel Drummond will provide an overview of the projects managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Events of the past spring and summer vis-à-vis flood control measures will be discussed.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

We are very happy and also very proud that **Mr. Louis Koncza**, a long time member of PAEA and at the same time a highly distinguished member of the Chicago engineering community **was selected by Polish American Congress to be the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award**. Mr. Koncza held a prestigious and very responsible position of the Chief Engineer of City of Chicago. He was instrumental in founding of the Copernicus Center and was involved in numerous activities aimed at enhancing the image of Polonia in the Chicago area. Copernicus and Kosciuszko monuments at Solidarity Drive are just a few of the examples. Foremost he was instrumental in placing numerous fellow Polish American engineers in various engineering firms located in Chicago. He will be honored during an October 16th PACIL banquet. We are hoping that PAEA will be represented at this event. We are hoping that at minimum we will be able to guarantee one table of ten.

One of the main projects that Board of Directors (“BOD”) is currently tackling is **History of PAEA**. Any documents pertaining to the last 76 years will be very welcome. Dr. Plachta met with historian Marian Burtan to discuss strategy for the development of the above publication.

Mr. Roman Korczak revised guidelines and language of the **scholarship** application. Document was adopted and posted on the scholarship link. Site became available at the end of March. Scholarship Committee reviewed applications received for 2011 Ralph Modjeski Stipends and finalized their decision. Four **recipients were identified**. In alphabetical order they are: Maurice Chojecki (University of Illinois at Chicago), Andrew Czyszczoń (University of Michigan Ann Arbor), Emilia Czyszczoń (Purdue University) and Krzysztof Lukasik (Rutgers University). Each of the finalists will receive a \$600 one-time stipend. We are hoping that recipients can attend our October meeting to receive the awards. This is not mandatory but desirable.

Messer’s Roman Korczak, Tad Hofkin and Mirek Noyszewski have been selected to review our Constitution and By-laws to make them current. Dr. Ron Wolosewicz will support this effort as consultant.

PAEA approved \$250 renewal of our membership in **Polish Museum of America**.

Our sister organization **Polonia Technica celebrated their 70th anniversary**. PAEA participated in the festivities which took place May 13th thru 15th at Polish consulate in New York. Dr. Jan Plachta and Michael Niedzinski represented our organization. Dr. Plachta provided an overview of the contributions made by Ralph Modjeski to Bridge building in USA.

Our Social Director Rene Pietrzyk emceed a very successful **July 30th picnic** at Fourth Lake resort. Close to 90 members with friends and families participated.

Administration met several times during the past three months and finalized details of the **November 12th, 2011 PAEA Banquet**. Banquet will be held at the European Crystal. We expect a number of guests from Polish Academia and sister US and Canadian organizations. Preceding the banquet there will be meeting at Polish Consulate in Chicago. More details are forthcoming

P.A.E.A. MEMBERSHIP DUES. PAEA fiscal year began in January. **Please plan to pay your 2011 dues during the next meeting.** Dues remain unchanged for 2011 and are \$50 per year; senior citizens (over 65 years of age) and students \$25 per year. Questions? You may send an email to: paea.info@gmail.com

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