

Engineers Week Dinner Meeting

Topic: "Silent War"

Speaker: Ray Misiewicz, Retired nuclear reactor designer

Date: Thursday, December 4th

Time: 6:00 PM Social Hour
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Lecture

Place: Italian American Community Center
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**RSVP (with entree choice) by Noon Monday
December 1st, 2008**

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Abstract:

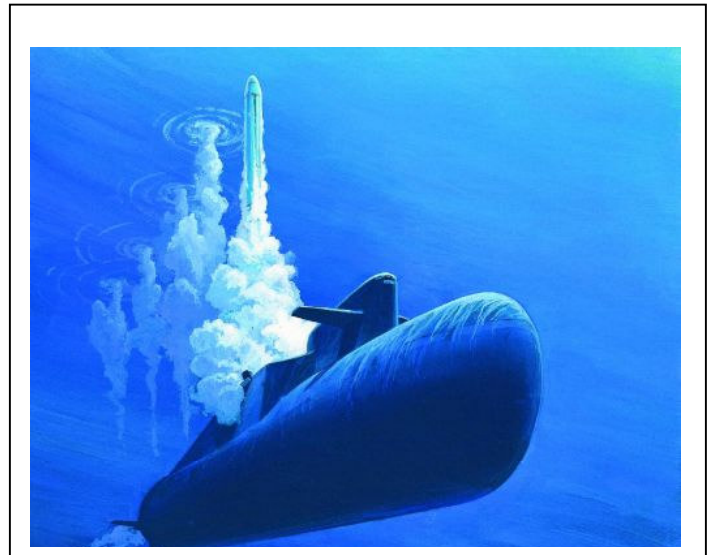
During the cold war nuclear submarines were used to conduct special operations to acquire intelligence information. During this presentation Mr. Misiewicz will discuss the exploits of the USS Halibut (SSN-587), USS Seawolf (SSN-575) and USS Parche (SSN-683) as they monitor activity in the Sea of Okhotsk and the Barents Sea during the 1970's and 1980's.

Based on the stories in the recent book, "Blind Man's Bluff", we will learn how the missions were planned and we'll travel with these boats as they execute them. The special operations submarines enabled the United States to get inside the minds of the military leaders of our adversaries. The special operations submarines enabled the United States to get inside the minds of the military leaders of our adversaries. In accomplishing these missions our submariners put themselves at great risk. This talk serves as a tribute to their sacrifices

This program will appeal to both technical and non-technical people, so please consider inviting spouses and friends who may not ordinarily enjoy deeply technical programs.

Speaker:

Ray Misiewicz is a retired mechanical engineer and worked 35 years in the design and operations support of nuclear submarine ships at KAPL. He loves presenting those adventure stories about how nuclear submarines are used and how the crews operate them. His purpose of doing that is to celebrate the veterans of the Navy's silent service by presenting some of their stories. We are fortunate to have Mr. Misiewicz give his talk to ASME.



Dinner:

This event is a seated dinner, with appetizer, salad, entrée, and desert. Drinks can be purchased from the bar. Dinner choices include:

- Chicken Parmigiana
- Eggplant Parmigiana
- Atlantic Salmon Fillet (Potato encrusted fillet with pesto sauce)

Cost:

\$25 – Members and Guests (only one guest per member)
\$30 – Non-Members
\$10 – Students (with current College ID)
Lecture Only (No Dinner) – Free

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The Hudson Mohawk section of the ASME is subsidizing this meal. Students from all local colleges (with valid student ID's) are welcome and will be charged the discounted student fee.

Reservations:

To reserve your seat, contact Jian Mi at (518) 387-6362 or jian.mi@ge.com or David Smith at (518) 385-1234, or smithd2@asme.org by noon December 1st. Please specify entree choice. E-mail contact is preferred.

If you are attending the lecture only, please respond anyway so we can arrange for adequate seating.

2007-2008 Best Program Award

There were five section-sponsored programs last year. As part of our effort to secure merit-based funding, we have instituted a "Best Program" award. All members are eligible to vote for best program. Votes for the award were collected in June 2008.

The 2007-2008 programs were:

- 1) Bethlehem Energy Center Tour
- 2) USS Slater Tour
- 3) Global Warming and the Challenges Ahead
- 4) SR-71 Blackbird – An Engineering Marvel
- 5) Nano-Scale Electron Emitter Lifetime

The winner (by a narrow margin) is "Global Warming and the Challenges Ahead". The featured speaker was Kevin Barb of GE Energy and the program organizer was our current section chair, David Smith.

Congratulations to both!

Letter from the Chair

Our last event, a tour of the historic Mechanicville Hydroelectric Power plant, was great event. This is a truly remarkable facility. It is amazing to see 100+-year-old

machinery working as smoothly as the day it entered operation. I would like to acknowledge Larry Kelley for arranging the details of this tour.

The one thing that did not go well on that event was the directions that we published in our September newsletter were not accurate. I know that several of you had a difficult time finding the power plant. Please accept my apologies for this oversight.

While we are on the topic of driving directions, I want to mention that we will only provide driving directions in the newsletters if unique directions are required. Driving directions take up valuable newsletter space, and most members have access to GPS, Mapquest, or similar websites to get directions. If you do need directions please contact the member(s) who are hosting the event. They will provide you with any information you need.

I am looking forward to the December meeting and hope to see you at the Italian American Community Center.

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