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DNRO Town Hall set for July 25



The DNRO Town Hall Meeting is Fri., July 25 at 11 am EST and 8 am PST in the Jimmie D. Hill Auditorium. All NRO personnel are invited to attend. Mr. Teets will discuss the organization of the NRO.

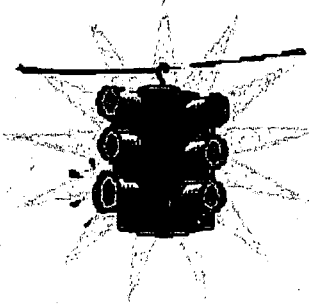
Personnel may submit questions for Mr. Teets in advance to WF-LIVE. The meeting will be available via video-conference. Contact your local video support team for assistance. For more information, contact at (b)(3)

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(U) NRO in final push for upcoming launch



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(U) Look for countdown posters at entrances to the Westfields building a week prior to launch. A display will also be placed in the Westfields lobby closer to the launch date.

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(U) HPSCI releases NRO's FY04 budget remarks

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(U) The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) recently released the Intelligence Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004. The remarks encompass allocated budgets for the Intelligence Community. Below are excerpts from the bill that pertain to the funding of some NRO programs.



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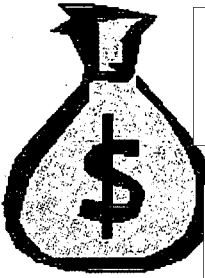
(U) For the full length Intelligence Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, both classified and unclassified, visit the [Legislative Liaison website](#).

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(U) HPSCI favorites fare well in FY04 budget marks



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The Recon - July 18, 2003~~UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO~~**(U) IG: Family Members Convicted of Obstruction of Justice**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Recently, two brothers, both former employees of a prime NRO contractor, pled guilty in federal court to obstruction of justice. The wife of the younger brother also pled guilty to obstruction of justice.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Based on a lead from the NRO Office of Security, the NRO Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Defense Criminal Investigation Service (DCIS) initiated an investigation into kickbacks from a sub-contractor to employees of an NRO prime contractor.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Early in the investigation, the older brother was identified as receiving minimal kickbacks and agreed to assist the investigation by wearing a recording device and engaging in conversation with the subcontractor believed to have been making the kickback payments. In order to prevent the investigation team from gathering information about his younger brother (of whom the government had no knowledge) the older brother alerted the subcontractor to the recording device.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ The older brother also alerted his younger brother about the investigation. Upon learning of the investigation, the younger brother and his wife created bogus receipts purporting to show cash payments to the subcontractor for furniture and home improvements. When interviewed by investigators, the younger brother denied receipt of any kickbacks. Once he was confronted with documentation to the contrary, however, the younger brother acknowledged that the subcontractor had arranged to provide him with approximately \$26,000 in home improvements, but claimed that he paid the subcontractor in full.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ To support their defense, the younger brother and his wife directed their attorney to deliver the bogus receipts to the investigation team. During the wife's interview, she stated they paid the subcontractor for the work and attested to the accuracy of the receipts. She also agreed to a polygraph examination, after which the examiner reported she was not truthful in her responses to questions relating to the payments and the receipts.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Investigative efforts developed sufficient evidence to expose the deception in the family members' statements and the false receipts. Subsequently, the older brother pled guilty to obstruction of justice and was sentenced to 12 months supervised probation and 6 months home detention. Shortly thereafter, the younger brother and his wife also pled guilty to obstruction and were each sentenced to 24 months supervised probation and 6 months home detention. The younger brother was also ordered to pay \$26,462 in restitution.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ This case demonstrates the commitment of the NRO OIG to aggressively investigate violations of procurement laws designed to protect the integrity of federal funding and procurements. If you know of or suspect any questionable activity involving fraud, waste, or mismanagement at the NRO or of NRO funds, please call the OIG Hotline at [redacted] use the OIG (b)(3) Anonymous Hotlink, or visit the OIG at Westfields in Room 12G06. The OIG can also be reached by fax at [redacted] (secure) or [redacted] (nonsecure).

(U) Click here for more information on the [NRO OIG](#)

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The Recon - July 18, 2003**UNCLASSIFIED****(U) OHR schedules briefings on NRO Awards Program**

(U) In coming editions of the *Recon*, several key components of the NRO Awards Program will be featured in an effort to keep employees abreast of changes that will occur on Oct. 1.

(U) The *Director's Circle Award* (DCA) is the pinnacle of the NRO Awards Program. This annual award recognizes approximately 2% of the organization's civilian and military employees at all levels. The criteria for this award are exceptional achievements/contributions that have NRO-wide impact and outstanding performance reflective of the organization's values and goals. Nominations are due to the OHR Awards and Recognition Team (ART) Oct. 31. The NRO Recognition and Award Board (NRAB) will review all nominations and forward its recommendations to the DNRO for final approval. The names of award recipients will be released in November. In December, awardees will be presented with prestigious DCA statuette, a bronze eagle bust during a special luncheon hosted by the Director.



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office of human resources

(U) For more information on other types of recognition in the NRO Awards Program, please attend one of the following briefings offered by the Office of Human Resources (OHR):

- July 22 2:30-3:30 C114 Q&T
- July 24 10:30-11:30 12B20
- July 30 10:30-11:30 12B20
- July 31 10:30-11:30 12B20
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(U) More information on the new NRO Awards Program may be found next month in the [OHR Website](#) on the Awards and Recognition page.

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(U) Microsoft Windows XP comes to a GWAN desktop near you!



(U) The NRO COMM Directorate is currently migrating all GWAN workstations to Windows XP. The migration is expected to improve GWAN desktop capabilities and will continue over the coming months. Below a few frequently asked questions about the migration.

(U) Why migrate to a new program?

(U) Although the current Windows NT Workstation 4.0 has served the NRO well, the program's old age is leading to capability problems with new peripherals and handling new information technology requirements, especially multimedia capabilities. Windows XP is a better solution.

(U) What changes will users see on their new GWAN desktops?

(U) GWAN customers may be surprised to see very few changes to the new GWAN desktops. COMM went to great lengths to incorporate the new features of Windows XP without imposing big changes for users. The look and feel of the system and familiar applications will remain pretty much the same as most of the new changes are "under the hood." There may be some visible differences with some of the upgraded applications such as Corel Draw and Adobe Acrobat. For most applications such as Outlook and MS Office suite, however, the look will be the same. Users may also notice slight performance improvements and better memory management with Windows XP.

(U) Who will be affected by the migration?

(U) Westfields customers will be the first large user group to receive the new operating system. The migration process began the week of July 7th in Tower 3 and will continue throughout the month. Each site will upgrade over the summer. Watch the Byeway for migration dates and times.

(U) How will the migration affect e-mail and shared folders?

(U) GWAN customers should rest assured that shared folders, H: drive files, and e-mail will not be affected during this migration effort.

(U) For further information regarding the Windows XP migration, including a list of frequently asked questions, please visit the COMM/AEG/EED Website, and follow the link to Windows 2000/XP, or call the Streamlined Service Center.

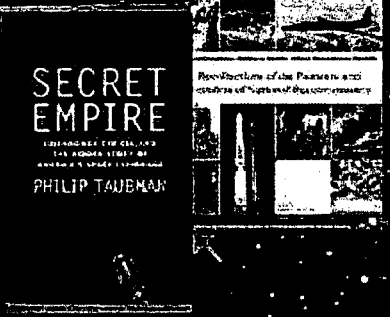
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(U) NYT author, NRO Pioneers to speak on discussion panel

**LEADERSHIP AND NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE:
PERSPECTIVES FROM
TWO RECENT BOOKS**



SECRET EMPIRE
THE INSIDERS' STORY OF
AMERICA'S SPACE ESPIONAGE
PHILIP TAUBMAN

A PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING:

- Philip Taubman, *The New York Times*
- Peter Wilhelm, Pioneer of National Reconnaissance
- Roy Burks, Pioneer of National Reconnaissance
- Dr. Joseph Helman, Center for the Study of National Reconnaissance

**Wednesday
August 13, 2003
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
J.D. Hill Auditorium**

Contact [redacted] at 850-5982 for Tickets

(U) There will be a panel discussion on leadership and national reconnaissance featuring *New York Times* reporter and author, Philip Taubman, and NRO National Reconnaissance Pioneers, Peter Wilhelm and Roy Burks on Wed., Aug. 13 from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Jimmie D. Hill Auditorium. The panelists will discuss Mr. Taubman's book, *The Secret Empire: Eisenhower, the CIA and the Hidden Story of America's Space Espionage* and *Beyond Expectations: Building an American National Reconnaissance Capability*, edited by Dr. Robert McDonald, ed.

(U) Mr. Taubman, deputy editorial page editor of the *New York Times*, has covered national security and intelligence issues for more than two decades. He has received two Polk awards. He was the *Times'* Moscow Bureau chief in the late 1980s and directed the Washington Bureau's coverage of the Persian Gulf War in 1991. In his book, Taubman explores how a small group of intelligence innovators opened up the Soviet Union to surveillance and protected the U.S. from surprise nuclear attack by designing, building, and operating the US, SR-71, and the first reconnaissance satellites.

(U) Mr. Wilhelm is a former space systems engineer. He introduced new techniques and devices that improved the performance of low altitude SIGINT satellites. Mr. Burks is the former Technical Director of the NRO Program B, the CORONA Program.

(U//FOUO) Tickets for this event will be available on July 30th. For more information or to obtain a ticket, contact [redacted] at [redacted] (b)(3)

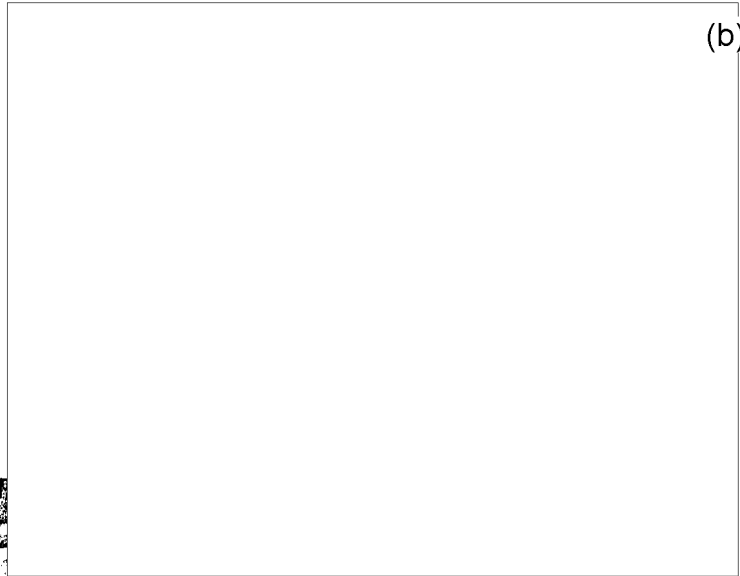
(U) This event is sponsored by the Center for the Study of National Reconnaissance and the Office of Corporate Communications.

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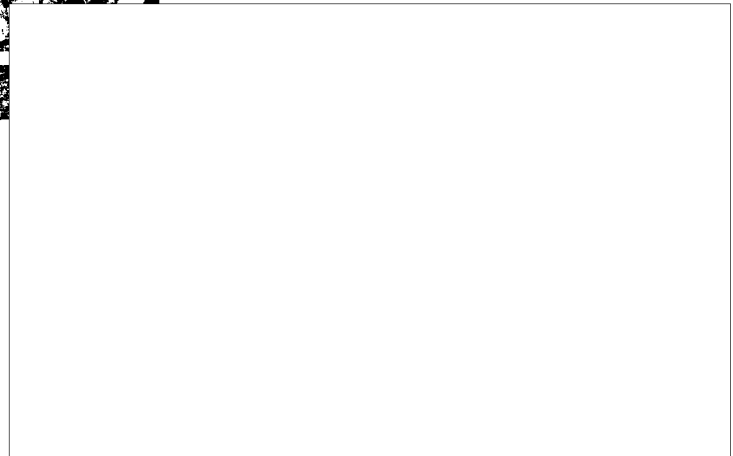
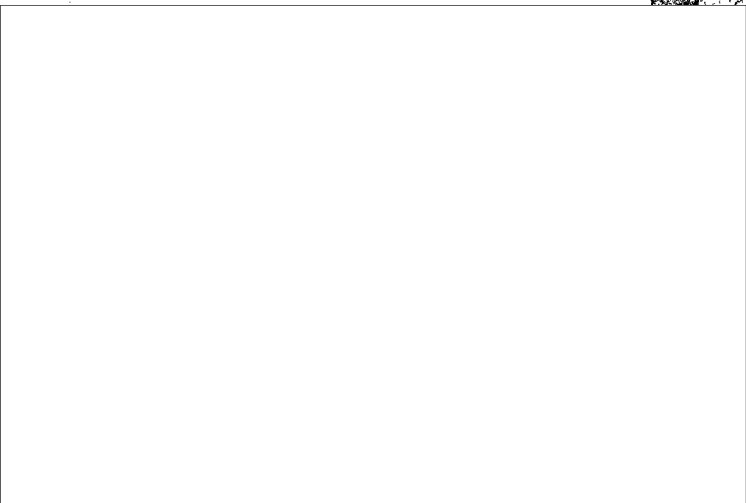
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(U) All American Day Highlights



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(U) All American Day was a success again this year. There was lots of food and fun for everyone. To see pictures from this fun filled day, visit [pictures highlights](#).

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(U) Yellow Ribbon Campaign raises over \$1,000

~~(U//FOUO)~~ The Enlisted Advisory Council, (EAC), and Brig Gen Armor, the NRO Senior Air Force Officer, recently sponsored a Yellow Ribbon campaign at Westfields as a show of support for deployed troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Headed by [redacted] the campaign lasted distributed over 1,500 ribbons and raised over \$1,000 for the United Services Organization (USO) from June 14, Flag Day to July 4th.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Although many perceive the war on Iraq as being over, the EAC wanted to encourage everyone to continue to hope for the safe return of the Nation's forward deployed forces. "They need our support now more than ever," said [redacted] speaking of t(b)(3) 9,000 troops deployed in Afghanistan and 146,000 deployed to Iraq. "We can make the difference."

~~(U//FOUO)~~ The Yellow Campaign indeed make the difference to IMINT's [redacted] who along with other NRO personnel thanked the EAC for the effort. "Our son is in Iraq so it means more than you can imagine. (We) appreciate all your efforts," said [redacted]

(U) EAC thanks all who contributed to the campaign.




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(U) NRO employees for the second quarter

The Directors of COMM, DDSE, DDMS, IMINT, MS&O, Office of Security, Office of Space Launch, and SIGINT are proud to announce the Employees of the Second Quarter from April – June 2003.

	COMM	DDSE	(b)(3)
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	IMINT	SIGINT	(b)(3)

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(U) Medal recipients for June 2003

June 2003 NRO Medal Recipients

Meritorious Medal

Superior Medal

Distinguished Medal

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(U) Congratulations to the following NRO employees!

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