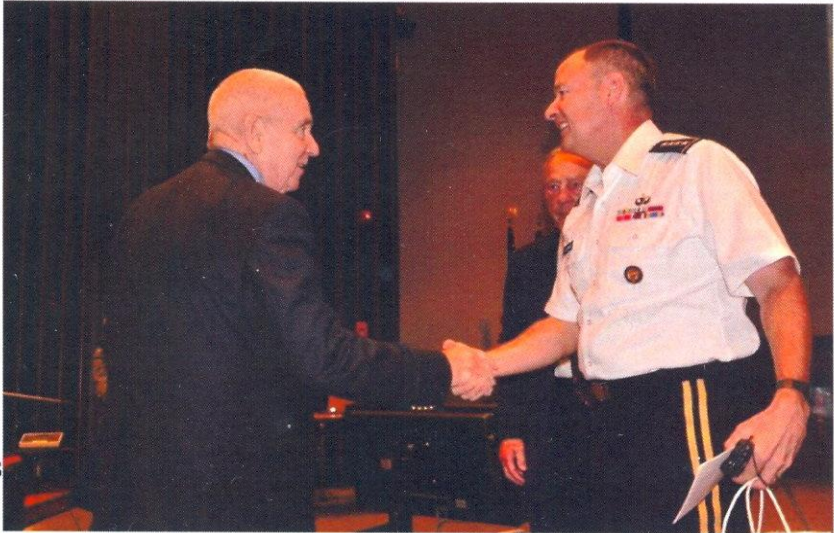


(U) National Cryptologic Museum General Membership Meeting Draws Intelligence Community Stars

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(U) The 13th Annual National Cryptologic Museum General Membership Meeting included a veritable "who's who" of the Intelligence Community, with General Keith Alexander, NSA/CSS, and Director James Clapper, DNI, as headliners. Approximately 150 people attended the meeting held on 5 October at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab's Kossiakoff Center.



(U) General Alexander began his remarks by thanking the attendees, mostly NSA retirees, for nurturing the workforce currently working at NSA and for the Museum itself. He explained that all new NSA employees now take their oath of office at the Museum, allowing them to see tangible evidence of the value of their future work. The same set of miracles, like the breaking of the "unbreakable" Enigma machine, continues today.

(U) Attendees took advantage of the opportunity to ask the Director questions, focusing primarily on cyber security. DIRNSA explained how cyber incidents continue to grow in number and sophistication and how NSA, in conjunction with our partners, is responding to these threats.

(U) Director Clapper's remarks included his approach to the upcoming budget cuts, much of which he sees will be met by IT efficiencies. Nevertheless, Director Clapper added that the Intelligence Community will always have "100 pounds of requirements with 50 pounds of resources."

(U) Ambassador Bruce Laingen, who was one of the hostages held in Iran for 444 days (1979-80), and Mr. Kenneth Timmerman, author and investigative reporter, presented a panel discussion on International Relations with Iran, making the case for and against the value of conducting dialogue with Iran.

(U) The agenda returned to cyber security with former NSA General Counsel Stewart Baker's presentation on the complexity of cyber security legal issues. He also opined that cyber weapons are not like nuclear weapons, they're better. They're a two-for-one weapon with the power to steal information now and destroy it later.

(U) Major General Rod Isler (ret), Vice President of the New Museum Project, updated the

members on the progress of the proposed new Cryptologic Museum. Funding for the new museum is on or slightly ahead of target, and ground breaking is expected to occur in 2013.

(U) Pictured above: General Alexander is welcomed by NCMF Board Chairman and former DIRNSA Linc Faurer; NCMF President Eugene Becker looks on.