JOINT DINNER MEETING
Tuesday, February 21st, 2012

Program: Modernization of the Special Operations Aviation Fleet

Speaker: COL Mason

Sponsor: Breeze-Eastern

Place: D’Ignazio’s Towne House, 117 Veteran’s Square, Media, PA 19063

Time: Cocktails - 5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm, Presentation - 7:30 pm

Menu: Prime Rib, Baked Flounder with Crab, Chicken Oscar, Vegetarian Ravioli

Registration: Please RSVP as early as possible. Deadline Friday, February 17th Please!

Members $25
Member + Spouse $45
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COL Mason currently serves as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Stratford, CT. Prior to this assignment, he was the Commander, Flight Test Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center (ATTC), Fort Rucker, AL. In this capacity he directed the efforts of a 350 person technical workforce in the planning, execution, and reporting of airworthiness and system performance for the U.S. Army’s Rotary and Fixed Wing Aircraft and associated integrated aviation systems. A key component of this command was embedding of experimental test pilots in Combat Aviation Brigades deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. These efforts provided direct support to forces executing combat operations by facilitating more streamlined integration of new capabilities and the addition of valuable experience from those who tested the equipment. Additionally, this program allowed for the rapid transmittal of emerging tactics, techniques and procedures to enhance other developmental systems.

COL Mason’s military and civilian education includes a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, a Master of Aerospace Engineering (With Distinction) from the Naval Postgraduate School, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He attended both the U.S. Army Rotary-and Fixed-Wing Aircraft Qualification Courses and the AH-64 Apache and UH-72 Lakota Instructor Pilot Courses. COL Mason is a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and has logged over 3,000 flight hours in over 50 different aircraft.

Previous command and staff assignments included Company Command with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Platoon Leader with the 1st Cavalry Division (including Desert Shield/Desert Storm), and Commander and AH-64 Instructor Pilot with the 14th Aviation Regiment. Research, development, and acquisition assignments included: Division Chief, Scout/Attack, U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center (ATTC), Fort Rucker, Alabama; and Chief, Prototyping and Integration, U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate (AATD), Fort Eustis, Virginia. Through these assignments he was involved in the development, rapid prototyping, and science and technology efforts on the A/MH-6M, OH-58D, AH-64A/D, UH-60A/L/M, MH-60M, CH-47D/F, RAH-66, and various other fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Additionally, he worked extensively with numerous integrated systems to include aircraft survivability equipment (ASE), targeting and sighting systems, and network centric applications essential for interoperability.

COL Mason’s publications have included: “Commercial Off the Shelf, Implications of COTS aircraft for Military Operations”, “Combat Maneuvering Flight, Expanding the AH-64 Flight Envelope to Meet the Current Threat”, “Growth of an Aircraft, Characteristics and Attributes of the H-6 Series Aircraft”, “BSAU: Improving Aircrew Situational Awareness During Brownout”, “Improving the Deployment Capability of the AH-64 Apache, Integration of an IMC/IFR System”, and “Identification of Random Vibrations on the RAH-66 Empennage using Spectral Analysis”. He has been recognized with “Best Paper Awards” by the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP) and the American Helicopter Society (AHS). For his efforts in advancing Army engineering flight test, he was presented the Robert N. Turk Award in 2002.

COL Mason and his wife Lisa have two teenage daughters: Kathryn and Margaret.
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