



# Federal Bar Association - Pentagon Chapter

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### Member Newsletter for May 2006

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I am pleased to report that, in my humble opinion, it has been a terrific year for the Pentagon Chapter! On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the annual “Jobs for JAGs” seminar attracted a record turnout of 76 participants. This year’s seminar featured three panels representing various practice areas, along with special presentations on “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career” by Col Jerry Crews, USA (Ret.), of MOAA, and “Resumes & Cover Letters” by Attorney Search Consultant Sadie Madole. Many of the speakers were former or retired JAGs, such as Major Thomas Monheim, USAFR, Associate Deputy U.S. Attorney General; CAPT Peter Frost, JAGC, USNR, Director of the Aviation & Admiralty Litigation Section of DOJ; Colonel Frank Pedrotty, ANG (Ret.), Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia; Whit Cobb, Deputy General Counsel & VP, BAE Systems, Inc.; and Col Keith Sefton, USMC (Ret.), Deputy General Counsel of NASA. MG William Suter, USA (Ret.), Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, was once again featured as the luncheon speaker. A special thanks to Pentagon Chapter members Judge William Colwell (ALJ, Dept. of Labor), CDR Kathleen Duignan, USCGR (Exec. Director of the Nat. Institute of Military Justice), LTC Marsha Sajer, USA (Ret.) (Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham, LLP), and MG Michael J. Nardotti, USA (Ret.) (Patton Boggs, LLP), for participating as panelists.



The Jobs for JAGs “Private Practice” panel



Judge Royce Lamberth shows Chief Judge William Green a photo of then-Captain “Sparky” Gierke, taken in 1970 when CJ Gierke was serving as a military judge in the Republic of Vietnam.

past service as an Army JAG. On behalf of the Chapter, I presented the Chief Judge with an embroidered Pentagon Chapter golf shirt, which hopefully will serve him well in future endeavors. The Chief Judge offered some comments reflecting on his lifetime of public service, which included presiding over more than 500 courts-martial in the Republic of Vietnam as an Army JAG. Judge Royce Lamberth, who practiced before then-Captain Gierke, shared a photo of the Chief Judge taken in 1970 in Vietnam. In all, it was a fine occasion to thank Chief Judge Gierke for his many years of service to the nation and to the men and women of the armed forces.

And finally, on May 18<sup>th</sup> we were honored to co-host the annual Judge Advocates Association/Judge Advocates Foundation Awards Dinner at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. Honorees this year included Chief Judge Gierke, MG Robert E. Murray, USA (Ret.), RADM John J. Jenkins, JAGC, USN (Ret.), and the recipients of the “2006 Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney Awards” (active duty and reserve) for each of the services. We received a record turnout of 145 attendees including many leaders of the military and veterans bar.

Traditionally, the Pentagon Chapter winds down during the summer transfer season. We do have one more event, a happy hour jointly sponsored by the Pentagon, DC, and Capital Hill Chapters of the FBA. See the attached flyer for details. Have a joyous summer, and I hope to see you in the fall when we resume another action-packed year!

Jeffrey C. Good  
Chapter President

# *Happy Hour*

## *Thursday, June 8, 2006*

*Co-sponsored by the Capitol Hill, Pentagon,  
and District of Columbia Chapters of the  
Federal Bar Association*

*5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

*Sonoma Restaurant and Wine Bar*

*223 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., second floor*

*Appetizers will be provided by the chapters;  
cash bar*

*Open to all members of the chapters, their  
guests, and all prospective members*

*Contact: Warren Burke, 202.225.6060 (No RSVP required)*