

# The Aerospace & Defense Forum

## San Diego Chapter April 25, 2013 Meeting

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**"Myths and realities in the fight for America's future"**

**Guest Speaker: Linden Blue**

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**Upcoming A&D Forum  
Chapter Meetings**

**April 19: "The Expanding Universe: Building Giant Telescopes",**

Presenter: Wendy Freedman  
Los Angeles Chapter

**May 2: Private Equity Group Panel,** Orange County Chapter

**June 27: Bill Roper,** San Diego Chapter

**Presentations Newly Available  
on the A&D Forum website**

- **"Unifying an Organization Through a Shared Vision"** by Joel Benkie, April 4, Orange County Chapter

- **"A History of Rocketdyne"** by Doug Parker and **"If Assembly is Required. Mind the Gap. Not the**

What kind of an "operating system" will we choose?

Conventional wisdom holds that there are Limits to Growth for the world. This thinking was popularized by the Club of Rome Report of 1972. A few years earlier, in 1965 Moore's Law was enunciated. Since then we have had the demise of the Soviet Union, the Arab Spring and burgeoning nuclear programs in North Korea and Iran.

Are we on a new road to serfdom, a road to Armageddon, or a road to a new era of world prosperity and peace? A lot will depend on the "operating system" we choose.

**April 25, 2013 Meeting**

- Please check-in on arrival.
- Attire is business casual.
- Parking is free--located next to both entrances to the building.
- A light continental breakfast will be available starting at 7:15AM.
- Bring a business card - they will be duplicated and everyone will get a copy of all attendee's cards.
- Flyers and other material may be placed on the receptionist's shelf for pickup before and after the meeting. Please do not distribute anything during the meeting.
- Because of the large number of attendees, introductions will be minimal - your name, company, industry, and a 5 word "elevator speech". We encourage you to be creative!
- You are welcome to stay around and network after the meeting.

**Feel free to pass this invitation on to others you think would be interested.**

**Event Info**

**Thursday, April 25, 2013  
7:30AM-9:00AM**

**Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP  
12275 El Camino Real  
Suite 200  
San Diego, CA 92130-2006**

**Our Presenter**

**Part"** by Bill Bellows, March 15, Los Angeles Chapter.

- **"Grow Your Business by Expanding Aftermarket Services"**, Peter Collins, March 7, Orange County Chapter

- **"Nuclear Terrorism--A Solution Utilizing Our Natural Environment"**, Dr. Gene W. Ray, February 28, San Diego Chapter

### **Selected Meetings**

See the Calendar section of the A&D Forum website for information about these and other meetings.

The U.S.- Korea Free Trade Agreement  
April 10, Los Angeles, CA

Yuri's Night at the Space Shuttle Endeavour  
April 12, Los Angeles, CA

Aerospace and Commercial Space:  
A New Era of Entrepreneurial Opportunities  
April 13, Caltech, Pasadena, CA

Global A&D Industry Insights - Outlook, Trends & M&A  
April 17, Los Angeles, CA

The Face of Government Contracting in 2013 and Beyond  
April 19, Irvine, CA

2nd Historic Las Vegas Dinner Meeting  
AIAA LA/LV  
April 20, Las Vegas, CA

Meeting at Oakley Women In Defense - Greater Los Angeles Chapter  
April 24, Foothill Ranch, CA



Since 1986, Linden Blue has been Vice Chairman of General Atomics in San Diego. At GA he has concentrated his activities on the development of the advanced, second-generation, Modular Helium Reactor (MHR). GA is a diversified international high technology company with world leadership positions in fusion, fission, and training research and isotope nuclear reactors. It has done leading research in unpiloted aerial vehicles for reconnaissance, high temperature superconductors, radiation monitoring, conditioning of high power electricity, thermionic power for space applications, and advanced composite materials.

He is also a co-founder and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Cordillera Corporation of Denver, a holding company with principal assets in real estate, gas utilities, and oil and gas production.

From 1982 to 1984, he was President and CEO of Beech Aircraft Corporation and a Director of Raytheon Company. From 1980 to 1982, he Managing Director and CEO of Lear Fan Limited. From 1977 to 1980, he was with Gates Learjet Corporation, serving as Executive Vice President and General Manager, and earlier as head of Strategic Planning.

He is also Managing Director of Spectrum Aeronautical, LLC, a developer and manufacturer of advanced composites business jets.

An engine failure while flying a single-engine Stinson Voyager over the jungles of Honduras in 1958 made Blue a believer in

SpeedNews 11th Annual Aerospace & Defense Industry Suppliers conference  
May 1-2, Los Angeles, CA

2013 West Coast Manufacturing Conference  
May 1, Los Angeles, CA

### What's New

A summary from the What's New webpage of the A&D Forum website.

4/2/13: "Risk Angles: Five questions on supply chain risk"

3/30/13: RESOURCES FOR GOING GLOBAL: upcoming U.S. Commercial Service initiatives designed to connect you to business opportunities around the world.

3/29/13: "Middle Market M&A News: March 2013"

3/27/13: "Expanded Use of Drones Can Benefit California"

3/27/13: "Keys to overcoming China's biggest challenges"

3/26/13: "Save to Grow: Deloitte's third biennial cost survey: Cost-improvement practices and trends in the Fortune 1000"

3/25/13: "3-D printing is revolutionizing product development"

3/25/13: "U.S. Aerospace and Defense Sector Financial Performance Analysis"

3/20/13: "Business Trends 2013"

3/19/13: "Women in Manufacturing"

3/19/13: "How to Win the War for Talent - The Big Picture"

twin-engine aircraft. Both the Spectrum S-40 Freedom and Spectrum S-33 Independence are designed to be twin-engine aircraft.

In 1961, during a flight from Nicaragua, he was forced to land in Havana, Cuba and was jailed for 12 days, just prior to the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Blue's contributions to the aeronautical, energy, and military sciences were recognized by the Industrial Research Institute in 2010 when he was presented the IRI Achievement Award.

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#### Quick Links...

The A&D Forum website

3/12/13: "Institutional innovation"

[aerospacedefenseforum.org](http://aerospacedefenseforum.org)

3/7/13: "As drone use grows, so do privacy, safety concerns"

3/6/13: "Commercial Spaceflight Industry Drifts Back to Earth"

3/5/13: "Why Private Companies Won't Make Up for Cuts in Government Science Funding"

3/2/13: "Cuts to Achieve Goal for Deficit, but Toll Is High"

3/1/13: "California Aerospace Industry Braces for Cuts"