

The Aerospace & Defense Forum

Myths and Realities in the Fight for America's Future

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Breakfast and Check-in

7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Meeting and Presentation

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Networking

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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Myths and realities in the fight for America's future. 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.

We are pleased to invite you to our second meeting of the San Diego Chapter Aerospace & Defense Forum. Our speaker for this meeting will be Linden Blue. The meeting will consist of Linden Blue's presentation, an opportunity for open group discussion and an organized opportunity for networking following Linden Blue's talk.

About the Speaker

Linden Blue

Vice Chairman, General Atomics

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 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.

About the Forum

The Aerospace and Defense Forum is a global aerospace and defense leadership community that provides opportunities for sharing of information and analysis, mutual support and encouragement, partnering, innovation, and performance breakthroughs. The A&D Forum originated in Los Angeles and also has a successful chapter in Orange County.

The A&D Forum community currently consists of over 590 industry senior executives and professionals. Members are A&D industry executives, senior business service providers, investors, government agencies, non-profit and professional associations, and entrepreneurs with a strong interest in the aerospace and defense industries. For more information please click [here](#) and become a member of the A&D Forum at no cost by signing up on the website.

-Attendance at this event is free

-Parking is free--located next to both entrances to the building

-A light continental breakfast will be available starting at 7:15 a.m.

-Bring a business card--they will be duplicated and everyone will get a copy of all attendees' cards

-Attire is business casual

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