

JOINT MEETING

INTERNATIONAL HYDROFOIL SOCIETY SNAME PANEL SD-5



Thursday 25 September 2003

DAYS INN

2020 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

5:30 to 6:30 PM Cash Bar – 6:30 to 7:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 to 9:00 PM Program
\$25.00 per person (Please make checks payable to IHS)
Menu: Rolls, Garden Salad, Marinated Chicken Breast, Green Beans, Rice Pilaf
New York-Style Cheesecake, Iced Tea, Coffee

Make reservations no later than September 15 (Noon) if you plan to attend. Contact:
Dave Kaysen: 301-775-2458, dkaysen@erols.com;
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[Please honor reservations. Sponsoring Societies are responsible for no-shows.]

The Role of High Speed Craft in the USMC

LtCol Lawrence Ryder

US Marine Corps High Speed Vessel Project Director

LtCol Ryder will present an overview of HSV employment in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Horn of Africa Operations. As an "experimental platform" JOINT VENTURE played a central role in supporting Naval Special Warfare and USMC operations throughout the war. LtCol Ryder will discuss the growing importance of high speed craft in the implementation of Navy and Marine Corps transformation efforts. He will also provide an overview of the capabilities of the Navy and Marine Corps' newest ship, HSV 2 SWIFT, which was delivered 12 August. Finally, LtCol Ryder will provide an update on the Marine Corps' long-term goals for high speed craft.

LtCol Lawrence Ryder, USMC, is the USMC HSV Project Officer. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was attached to the JOINT VENTURE, where he coordinated HSV support to USMC units. As the HSV Project Officer, his responsibilities are to coordinate USMC requirements definition and design for current and future HSVs. This includes the experiment design, execution and assessment for the evaluation of JOINT VENTURE and SWIFT. He is also working to develop and write concepts for employing HSVs in the USMC now and into the future. LtCol Ryder has been involved in the project since the first meetings to discuss the lease of JOINT VENTURE and was a member of the requirements definition and design teams for both JOINT VENTURE and SWIFT. He has previously served as a USMC Logistics Officer and has had tours of duty with 1st Marine Division, II MEF, and as the S-4 for 22d MEU. LtCol Ryder is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Naval Postgraduate School.