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Dear AFCEANs,

For those in the UK (and probably France, Belgium and the Netherlands) it has been a miserable, soggy summer and so perhaps there is almost relief at getting back to work. Meanwhile there have been forest fires in Greece and Italy as temperatures have soared into the high 30's and even higher 40's – what a strange world. So it is good that there should be some things upon which one can depend, not least a full autumn programme from the AFCEA Europe team! By the time you get this there should be about a month left for the Allied Command Transformation (ACT) Industry Briefing Day being held in Warsaw on 26/27 September: another programme strong on content and senior speakers which I commend to you all. As ever the details are at www.afceaeurope.org as are the details of TechNet Europe 07 being held afloat with a day alongside in Stockholm (17 Oct) and Helsinki (18 Oct) with equally prominent speakers and themes. In your capacity as the European Leadership you will be aware that the Leadership meetings are being held whilst alongside in Helsinki before the main event, on Wednesday 16 October: I do hope as many of you as possible will attend, not just to meet our new President and CEO Mr Kent Schneider and Lieutenant General John Dubia, Executive Vice President, who are both attending, but also to use the opportunity to provide me with guidance on how I might conduct the next 12 months. I also look forward to receiving agenda items from you to ensure that we have a lively meeting. There are a few TNE 07 exhibit opportunities still available and one sponsorship package left: I trust that those who remain on the fence might alight and make my day!

In the slightly further future there is another opportunity to avail yourselves of the 'How to Do Business with NATO' Professional Development Europe (PDE) course that I am running in Brussels on 15 and 16 November.

And 2008 already has a student event in Brussels on 10/11 April, a one day seminar (with exhibition) on 'Identity Management' in Riga on Friday 16 May and our SHAPE event on Wednesday 4 June followed by the two-day PDE course.

And now what I might term 'some other news.' For the first time ever a non-US contributor has won *SIGNAL's* Sparky Baird Award given for the best non-staff-written article and our congratulations go to the UK's Adam Baddeley for his article entitled 'Multinational Collaboration Feeds Solutions at Home' in the August 2006 issue.

I am grateful to AFCEA Portugal for drawing my attention to a Small/Medium-size Enterprise (SME) initiative that is funded by the European Commission and in which the Chapter is participating. Under the umbrella of the 7th Framework programme (FP7) it focuses on security and aims to achieve its purpose by supporting SMEs in preparing and submitting proposals to the needs of future FP7 activities in the field of security. FP7 is planned to be available from 2007 to 2013 and represents a great opportunity to fund important and innovative national projects within the area of security. Those companies interested in participating should go to www.securesme.eu to learn more about the project and how it can help individual organisations. Apart from AFCEA Portugal the consortium that is in place to develop this work also includes Alcatel Alenia Space (IT), Innova Spa (IT), Robotiker Tecnalía (ES), Sollerta Ltd (UK) and Inovamais, SA (PT)

Perhaps not so much newsworthy as 'an action' that Chapter Presidents in particular might like to think about and that is Chapter websites. I shall not point the finger at any one Chapter but some sites have very old information as well as nothing of current interest. Websites are a serious method of communication these days and it really does pay dividends if they are kept up to date. I shall of course be checking our own to avoid unnecessary e-mails as you point out where we have not got it right!

This newsletter, in slightly modified form, will be on our website after about 10 days but in the meantime I hope there is enough to keep you going. I am very conscious that you are all volunteers and I thank each of you for the splendid work that you do for AFCEA. I am fortunate to work with such enthusiastic and supportive teams

Yours sincerely,
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CHAPTER EVENTS

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Happy Summer Holidays! (What's left of them!!)

