

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to attend its April 25, 2012 Meeting at the
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

Captain Gerard P. Tighe

**PROTECTING OUR NATION: PURSUING ADVANCED SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS**



The concept of the “citizen-soldier” emerged during the Revolutionary War as embodying the will of the people, and the obligation of its citizens to protect the nation against foreign invasions and threats. Our next speaker, Captain Gerard P. Tighe, is such a citizen-soldier, with a long and distinguished career in active military service, in the Navy Reserves, and currently with the Department of Defense’s Threat Reduction Agency, managing programs for offensive operations against WMD threats worldwide.

In his 20-year career in the Navy, he held a variety of key assignments. He was deployed in Keflavik, Iceland; Misawa and Okinawa Japan; Manama, Bahrain; and numerous other detachment sites around the world. He served tours as an instructor (Marine Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom. On the USS Abraham Lincoln, he served as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer in the Arabian Sea in support of Operation Southern Watch (ensuring Iraqi compliance with U.N. resolutions.)

Before leaving Active Duty, Captain Tighe reported to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, participating in diplomatic missions with the United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW’s and MIA’s.

As a Captain in the Navy Reserves for the last 10 years, Captain Tighe’s accomplishments include: Commanding Officer, Office of Navy Research, Science and Technology; flying combat missions over Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and over Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and being awarded the Navy Commendation Medal.

When not in uniform, Captain Tighe is currently a Deputy Program Manager at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, managing a Systems Engineering Team for the WMD Aerial Collection System. The program was set up to develop and demonstrate an all-in-one system for post-strike assessment of offensive operations against WMD threats. The DTRA continues to develop and test Unmanned Air System-based solutions for locating, intercepting, and collecting chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear warfare materials found within an explosive debris plume following an offensive strike on a WMD target.

A native of the Bronx, New York, and now a resident of Old Greenwich, CT, Captain Tighe holds a Bachelor of mechanical Engineering Degree from Georgia Tech University, and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University (Kennedy School of Government), focusing on International Security Affairs.

Let us give a warm and grateful RMA welcome to Captain Tighe.

RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. Questions about any of the above, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.