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NEXT MEETING:

January 10 @ 7:00pm The Marten House

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The CISS Winter Banquet

The CISS Winter Banquet will be held on January 10th at the Marten House in Indianapolis. A cocktail (cash bar) and social hour will begin at 5:30 P.M. and the dinner will be held at 6:30. The cost will be \$35 per person. The reservation deadline is December 23rd. Call or e-mail your reservations to Gerry Simpson at 765-662-9258 or jsimpson1@indy.rr.com . We will have a speaker who has been a CIA insider who has recently written a book about his experiences. He had a job much like Bond's Q- the gadget man. So come out and see what your government has done for you- maybe he will talk about the U-2. So send in your reservations before we run out of room!!!!!!!!!!!!

Also in this issue:

A brief bio of our guest speaker, because if we told you any more, we'd have to kill you.

Calendar -

December	12		Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)
	21	7:04 am EST	Winter Solstice
	22		Hanukkuh
	25		Christmas
	26		Kwanzaa
	31		New Years' Eve
January	1	12:00 am	HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2009!
	10		CISS Winter Banquet @ The Marten House

CISS ANNUAL BANQUET SPEAKER Bob Wallace



Bob Wallace is our featured speaker for the annual Banquet. A personal friend of our President, George Saunders, Bob retired from the CIA in 2003 and wrote a foreign affairs best seller, *SPYCRAFT: The Secret History of the CIA's Spytechs from Communism to al-Qaeda* (2008). In this book he chronicles the development of technical systems for intelligence gathering, including the U-2 spy plane and surveillance satellites.

In his 32 years at the CIA Bob had five field assignments including three tours as Chief of Station with responsibility for directing clandestine operations and managing intelligence collection programs. His last post was Director of the Office of Technical Services from 1998 to 2003. In James Bond terms, he was “Q”, the gadget guy. Wallace directed OTS’ global response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks including the deployment of officers into Afghanistan and the regional war zone.

Bob earned his BA in History from Ottawa (Kansas) University in 1966 and an MA in Political Science from the University of Kansas in 1968. Bob served in the U.S. Army between 1968-1970. During 1969, he led long-range reconnaissance patrol teams of Company E, 75th Rangers in Vietnam where he was awarded the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, two Bronze Stars with “V,” and three Air Medals.

Bob will be joined by his wife, Mary Margaret. They have three grown children, three grand children and live in Reston, Virginia. He is a member of McLean Baptist Church and serves on the Board of Directors of Northwest Financial Services LLC in Herndon, Virginia and Bell-Pottinger Communications, USA and as a consultant to Talisman International.

Winter Membership Drive:

We live in uncertain economic times. THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR INVESTMENT IN OUR GLIDER CLUB AND AIRPORT IS RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS! New members are the life blood of this Club. Each year we lose about 15% of our members to attrition. People move, or change interests, so we need to replace them. In addition, if we want to keep our costs low, we need to increase the number of members.

The Board has declared new member recruitment this winter priority #1. We have put our membership on sale for the winter. From Nov 1 to March 31 a new member can join for \$750 rather than \$1000. The \$750 can be paid \$250 this winter, \$250 in January of 2010 and \$250 in January of 2011.

We have also authorized Dan Dewitt, our membership chair, to spend up to \$1000 on new member recruitment such as mailing to power pilots, advertising in newspapers and on the web, selling glider certificates at malls during the Christmas shopping season, distributing brochures and posters to airports and businesses and posting more signs for even better visibility.

You can help. Let your friends know we are having a sale on memberships. Invite your email list to join the Club. If you think of a great way to advertise our club, let Dan Dewitt know. Let's promote our Club and ensure a great soaring season in 2009 and beyond!

Got an idea for a Wing Tips article? Or a good photo from the field? Don't be shy! Write it up and send it to our Wing Tips editor, Chris Hall at bestbrain@aol.com. Deadline for our January issue is January 12.