

Chapter treated to a presentation from RADM Terry McKnight on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia

On March 19th, the Windy City Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, along with the Northrop Grumman Women Engineers and Northrop Grumman Management Club, hosted a fact filled and very enjoyable briefing on the What, Who, When, and Where of piracy off the coast of Somalia given by retired RADM Terry McKnight, the first commander of Task Force 151. Task Force 151 was created with the charter to oversee a multi-national operation to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia, and in particular, within the Gulf of Aden.

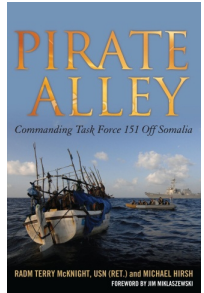
He provided the audience with firsthand accounts and corrected or filled the holes that many in the audience had after seeing the movie, "Captain Phillips"; which dealt with a particular case of piracy in the region. RADM McKnight joked a bit about him living a lifelong dream of hunting

pirates and chasing marauders on the high seas and referenced an old comic strip from the 1930's called "Terry and the Pirates".

McKnight provided the audience with details on how a multi-national task force has and still is dealing with the disruptive activities of Somali pirates. He provide the audience with insight into how this task force is dealing with addressing the disruptive nature of these pirates along one of the world's busiest and most vital shipping corridors, disrupting both regional trade and the global supply chain. He provided insight into links between the pirates and transnational criminal networks and terrorist groups.

The admiral has written a book titled *Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 Off Somalia* that is more than the memoir of a tour of duty; it is a comprehensive, but accessible, introduction to important security issues and offers policy guidance on how to deal with these extremely disruptive criminal actions. 🦅

Joe Duthie, President
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Pictured above are RADM McKnight receiving the chapter's guest speaker's plaque from (left to right) Joe Duthie, WCC President; RADM Terry McKnight; and Tom Kus, President of TK Technologies and WCC BoD member.