

OUR UPCOMING MEETING

Vic Tise is currently a Senior Program Manager for Scientific Research Corporation (SRC) in an Office of the Secretary of Defense Joint Test and Evaluation named Joint Air Defense Operations for the Homeland (JADO-H). This Joint Test is developing the Tactics, Techniques and Procedures for the planning of the Deployable Homeland Air and Cruise Missile Defense mission in support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command.

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AN EARTHQUAKE OF CHANGE FOR HAITI

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Western Hemisphere and countries in the Far East (Korea, Japan, and Thailand) supporting host nation and U.S. special operations, as well as intelligence and counter-intelligence activities directed towards counter-guerrilla and counter-drug operations. His last operational position was as the Director of Intelligence for U.S. Forces and United Nations Mission in Haiti. His final assignment in the Army was as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he taught American Govern-

ment, International Relations, Latin American Politics, Intelligence and Politics, and Managing Regional Conflict, Violence and Terrorism.

Prior to working for SRC, Vic served as a Northrop Grumman Program Manager for the NORAD and U.S. Northern Command's Bi-National Planning Group where he led a team of strategic planners in enhancing Canadian and U.S. bi-national military cooperation planning for Homeland Defense. He worked as a Senior Engineer for the Americas Engineering Group of MCI-WorldCom, where he project managed the launching of various data communications systems in Canada and South America.

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On January 12, 2010, Haiti suffered a devastating earthquake, magnitude 7.0 with a death toll over 100,000. The capital city Port-au-Prince was effectively leveled. Millions are homeless; thousands of people are starving and aid is needed. Later that week an aftershock of around 6.0 magnitude hit Port-Au-Prince, further impeding rescue efforts. From its beginning Haiti has had a long history of violence, bloodshed, racism, greed and abuses of power. This history has created a culture that continues to haunt Haiti's social, economic, and political infrastructure. Haiti comprises about 10,000 square miles or one third of the western portion of the island of Hispaniola, which it shares with the Dominican

Republic. After Columbus' discovery of the New World, Spain ceded the western portion of the island to France in 1697.

After the indigenous people were effectively wiped out, thousands of West African slaves were imported to work the large plantations that brought inordinate revenue to both France and Spain. On January 1, 1804, the Republic of Haiti became the first independent nation in all of Latin America and remains as the only nation to come about as the result of a successful slave revolt. **Vic Tise will discuss Haiti's history, evolution, current state, and possible future.** Vic Tise was the Director of Intelligence during the UN Mission in 1995 and 1996.