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President's Message



We are in the home stretch for Thanksgiving, with Christmas just around the corner. Seems like we were just celebrating those national holidays in 2016. Wow!

Since I last talked to you in this column, we have had an outstanding hot topic training forum – on 15 November in the Howell Auditorium of Scott Hall on the Belvoir Campus. The topic was the 2018 Budget Process and the Budget itself. The speaker was Ms. Nicole Di Resta of Cassidy and Associates - a former congressional staffer with a wealth of experience in the budget process. She discussed current events in Congress to include the status of achieving an FY 18 NDAA and the remaining issues being conferenced by the authorizers – including the critical topic of sequestration. This was a good one that provided important info for acquisition professionals. Copies of the slide show are available on the DAU Alumni Association website at www.dauaa.org. Once the video is thoroughly vetted, it will join the slide show on the DAUAA website.

Finally, we are moving ahead with planning for the next DAU Acquisition Training Symposium to be held on Tues, 3 April 2018 on the DAU Fort Belvoir Campus. A tentative agenda has been hammered out including speakers, panels and classroom breakout sessions. On the good news front, we have a positive response from the Honorable Ellen Lord to be the keynote speaker. The key items to be covered at the symposium include the restructuring of the Office of the Secretary of Defense as directed by the FY17 NDAA, and the status of the Section 809 Panel on streamlining the defense acquisition system. As in the past, this should be another “must attend” symposium.

The strength and vitality of the Alumni Association depends on “new blood”. We did some significant recruiting at the last DAU Update, where we sponsored lunch for members at the Rock the Quad BBQ event. Nice work by Dave Floyd and the DAUAA staff. I ask that all DAUAA members act as recruiters in expanding out Alumni Association membership. We are depending on you.

- Bill Bahnmaier, President, DAUAA

About Bill Bahnmaier, DAUAA President: Bill Bahnmaier is a retired Marine and a former (retired) instructor at the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). In his last tour of duty as a Marine he was a major system PM of the Marine Corps Assault Amphibian. Since retirement, Bahnmaier works as an official volunteer at DAU and also is a part time consultant and instructor on defense acquisition matters. He and his wife Peggy reside in Alexandria, VA. They have 9 nephews and nieces and 18 great nephews and nieces.



DoD Breaking News

[Army Looks to Online Learning Market to Train Soldiers](#)

By Laura Criste, Bloomberg BNA Federal Contracts Report, November 14, 2017

"The Army's push to train its soldiers using software is gaining momentum. It released a solicitation Oct. 30 for a commercial off-the-shelf or government off-the-shelf learning content management system (LCMS) with a focus on developing, managing, publishing, and delivering content to 300,000 students annually."

[The next military-industrial complex, part I: Riding venture capital's coattails](#)

By Philip D. O'Neill, Jr., War on the Rocks, November 9, 2017

"The U.S. national security establishment is facing the stark reality that the technological innovation needed to help keep its defenses strong resides largely in the private sector. Impelled by this need, top U.S and NATO officials have professed their enthusiasm for a closer embrace of private enterprise. Indeed, the head of U.S. Cyber Command even proposed living with technology companies, suggesting that U.S. operations and private-sector partners be housed in the same location at Fort Meade."

[Europeans approve defense pact in bid to reduce dependence on U.S.](#)

By Michael Birnbaum, Washington Post, November 13, 2017

"Nearly two dozen European nations agreed Monday to extend the European Union's power into the military realm, approving a security pact that backers hope will boost defense cooperation...Proponents say the deal is the biggest step forward in E.U. defense policy in decades and that it will open a path for robust military cooperation for years to come."

[With Navy Struggling to Balance Training, Maintenance, Deployment Needs, Service Looking at Data Analysis to Warn of Readiness Problems](#)

By Megan Eckstein, USNI, November 13, 2017

"The Navy is eyeing ways to balance its training, maintaining and operating needs amid high global demand for naval forces, the commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command told surface community leaders last week following the release of the Comprehensive Review of Recent Surface Force Incidents. And for times when that balance cannot be achieved, the service hopes to use data analytics to predict when the fleet might be in danger of committing another major mishap, getting ahead of readiness problems instead of just responding afterward."

[Pentagon gears up to push new base closures on balky congress](#)

By Roxana Tiron, Bloomberg BNA, October 30, 2017

The Defense Department is gearing up to renew its push for Congress to authorize a new round of base closures as a way to free up money to update the military. "We will keep asking" for a new round of base realignment and closures, or BRAC, Lucian Niemeyer, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations, and environment, told reporters at the Pentagon. It's necessary to free up resources and better reflect national security needs, he said. The last BRAC round took place in 2005, and since then, Congress has balked at further closures, which risk constituents' jobs.

[DISA authorized to speed up buys](#)

By: Mark Pomerleau, C4ISRNet, October 26, 2017

"The Defense Information Systems Agency received a new buying authority to speed prototypes to government, according to Rear Adm. Nancy Norton, who officially took over as DISA's vice director in August 2017. With the glacial pace of traditional acquisition, many within the Department of Defense have been raving about the benefits of a special, speedier buying authority called Other Transaction Agreements."

DAUAA 2017-2019 Board of Directors Election

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The following individuals have been elected to serve in the specified positions. Each is an experienced acquisition professional, willing to serve the membership in a volunteer capacity.

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A very special Thank-you from Marcus Haskell

DAU, I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Bryant High School (BHS) food and monetary donation program that ended on the 16th of November. Thanks to all of those that contributed at the BHS donation box that was on the table at the Rock the Quad and to those that contributed during the donation drive period, on behalf of the Dr. Christopher Larrick, the BHS Principal, a gracious and sincere THANK YOU.

I would also like to thank the DAU Alumni Association for matching what we had collected in the box (\$186.00), which allowed us to start off the Thanksgiving donation drive with \$372.00.

From there things just got even sweeter. On November 17th after the DAU volunteers fed the students and staff at BHS, I was very pleased to present Ms. Marilyn Moore, the Assistant Principal, with \$1020.00 worth of Giant gift cards that she in turn passed out to some of the students and their families that were in need so they could have a wonderful Thanksgiving as well. This amount was almost an exact match of the amount we gave last year at the Thanksgiving Luncheon and Ms. Moore was really ecstatic and overwhelmed with the generosity that YOU, DAU, has shown our Partner High School. Everyone who donated should really feel good this morning because we helped others who may be a little less fortunate than we are to have a wonderful Thanksgiving. They truly appreciate what we do for them. KUDOS to you all.

Additionally I would like to thank those that went to Bryant to serve as servers to the Staff & Students: Tina Richards, Trashawna Carter, Robin Mackey, Karen Davis, Mirjana Cook, Aletha Holmes, Dr. Charles Court, Tatiana Rubio, Noelia Gamboa, Debbie Gonzalez and Marcus Haskell.

Last but not least, I would also like to thank Bill Greene and his movers for assisting with putting out the collection boxes, gathering clothing and food donations, packing and loading them for delivery. A special thanks to Noelia Gamboa and Debbie Gonzalez for gathering up donations and the donation boxes. Noelia also served as our event photographer and Debbie delivered the food and clothing donations to BHS.

Thank You Very Much,

Marcus Haskell
Deputy Director, Operations Support Group
Defense Acquisition University

The Steven W. Oxman DAUAA Scholarship Program

The upcoming Annual DAUAA Outstanding Scholarship Program offers graduating high school seniors an opportunity to compete for a one time scholarship of between \$500- \$1000 to be applied directly to the recipient's continued pursuit of academic excellence. The DAUAA Outstanding Scholar receives an academic scholarship awarded annually for demonstrated academic and leadership achievement as well as significant community involvement. The criteria include GPA, letters of reference, school activities and an essay on "Why college is important to me." Current members in good standing that are a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of a student who is a graduating high school senior may submit applications. The graduating senior must be enrolled in an accredited university, college, community college, or trade school for the fall semester of the year of application. The \$500-\$1000 scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient's continued pursuit of academic excellence.

Notional Schedule of Upcoming Hot Topic Forums
(Held at DAU Scott Hall, Bldg. 226, 1230-1400)

Date	Focus Area	Target Speaker Community	Speaker
January	Technical Issues in Acquisitions	Academia/ OSD/ Industry	TBD
March	Policy	OSD Leadership	TBD
May	Warfighter Issues/Requirements	Service/COCOMS/JROC	TBD

Upcoming DAU “Lunch and Learns”

(No cost training events hosted and presented by the Defense Acquisition University (DAU))

Date Time (EST) Topic

Dec-6 1130-1300 Visibility and Management of Operating and Support Costs (VAMOSOC)

Dec-13 1130-1300 Additive Manufacturing

Dec-20 1130-1300 Demand Forecasting

Jan-10 1130-1300 Conflict Management

Jan-24 1130-1300 Performance Based Logistics

Jan-31 1130-1300 Cybersecurity and the Logistics Professional

Feb-7 1130-1300 Additive Manufacturing, A Practical Application

Feb-28 1130-1300 Effective Communications

Mar-7 1130-1300 Improving Service Acquisition using a Service Acquisition Workshop (SAW)

The presentations are offered via DCS at:

<https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/1stQtrDAULunchnLearn> (Enter as a Guest)

Register for session(s) at: <http://go.usa.gov/H2sA>



Attention: DAU Staff and Faculty!!



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As a graduate of **any DAU-sponsored course**, you are eligible to join a select group of Acquisition Workforce professionals and receive DAUAA benefits.

Member **benefits** include:

- ✓ Early notification of annual DAU symposium and bi-monthly hot topic training forums (with Continuous Learning Points earned);
- ✓ Connectivity with DAU through website (www.dauaa.org), e-mail, and newsletter updates on acquisition policies;
- ✓ Access to no-cost membership in DAUAA LinkedIn Group;
- ✓ Networking with other acquisition professionals;
- ✓ Access to scholarships for members' families;
- ✓ Training course discounts from DAUAA partners;
- ✓ Addition of DAUAA membership to your resume.

Take advantage of this opportunity to help yourself, DAU, and the Acquisition Community. Join the DAUAA by calling **(703) 960-6802** or complete the form below and mail, e-mail, or fax it to the address indicated. Alternatively, and to speed the process, you can join the DAUAA via the internet website at <https://dauaa.org/membership/>.

Robin White
VP, Membership, DAUAA

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FRCSE and ISSC Jacksonville Honors Employees with DAUAA-Jax Sponsored Awards

NAS Jacksonville - The Fleet Readiness Center Southeast/In-Service Support Center Jacksonville (FRCSE/ISSC) Leadership Excellence and Team Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Jacksonville Chapter of the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association, were presented to Rebecca Thacker, P-8A Fleet Support Team (FST) Lead and the P-8A FST Logistics Sub-team, respectively, on November 8, 2017. The Leadership Excellence award recognizes leadership excellence in acquisition and/or sustainment tied to innovation, creativity, program affordability and fleet support. The Team Excellence Award recognizes superior acquisition, program management and/or sustainment performance, highlighting innovation, affordability, as well as cost, schedule and technical performance.

Ms Thacker, center, was recognized for her leadership of the FST, growing the team from its original six members to 42 team members supporting the fleet of P-8s which also grew from six aircraft to 60



aircraft during her tour as the FST lead. Also pictured are CAPT Trent DeMoss, Commander FRCSE (left), and Bill Slupski, AIR 1.0 ISSC Jacksonville Site Lead. Ms. Thacker led and mentored four FST Engineering Leads (Structures, Systems, Electrical and Propulsion) and 24 supporting engineers. Additionally, she led a team of 14 Logisticians and their efforts to provide direct logistics

support to the P-8 Fleet. Her exceptional professionalism, personal initiative and extraordinary leadership directly contributed in the P-8 program meeting all Life Cycle milestone goals and the successful completion of the first P-8 Fleet overseas deployment, eight subsequent deployments and the completion of over 101,000 mishap-free flight hours of the P-8 aircraft. In addition, Ms Thacker provided the direction on efforts for standing-up "I" and "D" level support of the P-8A aircraft which included "D" level facilities support and oversight for several items including: APY-10 radar components, composites, Aft Pneumatic Source, Seats, Cabin Furnishings, and Ice & Rain Protection Components. Her efforts were key in developing the first Depot repair site for P-8 Structural/Composite repairs in which more than 45 Depot level repairs were completed at FRCSE. Ms Thacker was recently selected as the N42 Production Deputy Director at FRCSE and is now serving in that position.

The P-8 FST Logistics Sub-team superbly provided a full range of sustainment and acquisition support to the P-8 Fleet and PMA-290 while overcoming challenges of a program that was simultaneously fielding 17 P-8 aircraft (calendar year 2016) and deploying squadrons. The P-8 aircraft, a very complex and unique weapon system, has presented a host of extraordinary challenges

requiring a talented team of Logisticians with exceptional problem-solving techniques. The many logistic accomplishments during CY 2016 have directly contributed in the P-8 program meeting all Life Cycle milestone goals, flying 32,411 mishap-free flight hours and the successful completion of four overseas deployments. Pictured



(from left) are Bill Adams, 6.7.1.2.4, IMP/IMC Lead; Bill Slupski, Air 1.0 ISSC Jacksonville Site Lead; Rob Lysen, 6.8.5.1.0, Data Management Lead; Bruce McGee, 6.6.1.9.0, FST Logistics Lead; Rebecca Thacker, P-8 FST Lead; John Russell, 6.7.1.2.1, Logistics Management Specialist; Keith Brady, 6.6.1.9.0, Systems/Structures Logistics Lead; and Mike Stanaland, 1.3.2.9.0, Configuration Manager. Other members of the team not pictured are Collin O’Hara, 6.6.1.9.0, CFM56 Engine Logistics Lead; Larry Eminger, 6.6.1.9.0, Avionics/Electrical Logistics Lead; Victor Barahona, 6.7.1.2.1, Logistics Management Specialist; Patrick Felts, 6.7.1.2.1, Logistics Management Specialist; Ted Burke, 6.7.1.2.1, Logistics Management Specialist; Chris Polk, 6.8.5.1.1, Data Management Specialist; Greyson Siegel, 6.8.2.1.0, Research Analyst; and Al Ekas, CSS Logistics Support. The dedication and superb performance of the P-8 FST Logistics Team is clearly evident by the large number of documented achievements across multiple Product Support Elements. Each member of the Logistics Team provided rapid and accurate responses to P-8 Fleet customers and directly contributed to the overall success of the P-8 Program.

Coach Saban and Jonathan

Good morning Bama football fans, here is a picture of Coach Nich Saban and my son Jonathan Rice (standing between Coach Saban and my wife) from Saturday’s pre-game against Mercer. Jonathan is graduating early, hanging up his cleats at the end of this season, after 15 years of football. He got in about 10 plays on offense in the 2nd half! He was a DAU scholarship recipient, so I can send this out legitimately! In addition to the Dean's list, Jonathan is on the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Academic Honor Roll.



Roll Tide,

John F. Rice
 Professor of Digital Engineering
 Defense Acquisition University (South)

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