



Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER



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Since I last talked to you in April, the Alumni Association supported the 2nd Annual “Leaders Building Leaders” event staged by the 4th Estate Defense Acquisition Career Manager (DACM) – Mr. Scott Bauer. That 3-day event on the Fort Belvoir campus of DAU (April 16-18) focused on leadership in the Acquisition Workforce. Our Capital Area Chapter sponsored the refreshments for this event and we had a display set up in the foyer of Scott Hall. That translated into a few more memberships for the Alumni Association. The idea is to gain visibility within the workforce for the various activities the Alumni Association supports.

While I am on the subject of membership, it is no secret that over the past ten years our membership has declined from around 2000 to about 1600. We have tried many initiatives and promotions to turn that tide – “3 years for the price of 2”, ½ price memberships for new graduates of 300 and 400 level courses, and broadening the corporate sponsor program. The latter nets us funds from various defense companies and organizations, and we in return provide memberships to employees of those entities. All our efforts to date have helped some, but not enough. At our last board meeting, Lt. Col. Marty Lewis, USMC, volunteered to lead a focus group to address this issue, and see what we need to do to perk up membership. Marty has the authority to move forward with this initiative, and there is some urgency to explore new avenues to spur membership. Without membership, we are dead in the water and rudderless. In particular, if we want to continue to co-sponsor acquisition learning events such as symposiums and hot topic forums, we need a vibrant and active membership. You will be hearing more from me on this in the months ahead.

On a brighter front, the Alumni Association (including our Capital Area Chapter) also sponsored the refreshments and reception for the June DAU TEDx. The “x” indicates an independently organized TED event by DAU. TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and Design and is a media organization that posts talks online for free distribution under the slogan “ideas worth spreading.” The DAU exercise was themed as “Decisive Edge.” It featured 12 speakers – each 18 minutes – followed by group discussions and exchange of ideas on the presentation in a networking refreshment area. We supported this event to show support for DAU innovation and as a learning event where Alumni Association attendees (85 out of 400) were given priority for attendance. It was a good one! Unfortunately, the proceedings were only being fed via VTC to one location on each regional campus. A good way to look at the TEDx concept: The TEDx is like going to church or synagogue and being spiritually uplifted with new and exciting ideas; whereas the symposium and hot topic forums are like going to Sunday School and doing the heavy lifting of acquisition learning.

Before I close, some info on additional DAU events supported by the DAU Alumni Association. First, our Capital Area Chapter enthusiastically supported the DAU Day of Cyber on Wednesday, 26 June in Howell Auditorium, Scott Hall. Support included refreshments throughout the day, and we were able to set up a “recruiting” table in the Hirsch (Networking) Center. We gained some memberships/renewals, and a lot of good visibility for what we – especially the Capital Area Chapter - do for DAU. It was an outstanding event attended by about 150 acquisition professionals and sponsored by DAU Professor Mike Cobb. Secondly, there will be a hot topic forum co-sponsored by DAU and the Alumni Association on Wednesday, 24 July in Howell Auditorium. The topic is: “Navigating Data rights, Intellectual Property, and Contracting Issues in Cloud Computing Contracts.” This forum is being sponsored by DAU Faculty Professor Vicki Allums. The event is very timely, and an excellent opportunity for acquisition learning. The Forum will be fed to the regions via WebEx. For more info on this event, go to <https://dauaaevents.org/hottopic/info.html>.

That’s it for now. Regards to all, 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

[House, Senate lawmakers call for review of DOD's fixed-price contracts](#)

By: Tony Bertuca, InsideDefense, June 21, 2019

The House and Senate Armed Services committees have approved legislation that would require a review of the Pentagon's use of fixed-price contracts. The Senate committee has approved a fiscal year 2020 defense authorization bill currently being debated by the full chamber that would require the Pentagon to review how it uses fixed-price contracts, including fixed-price incentive contracts.

[Hanscom AFB Contracting Director Shares Plan for Acquisition Culture Change](#)

By: Deborah L. Powers, U.S. Air Force, June 21, 2019

In this era of global competition, the Air Force contracting system needed to make adjustments, a Hanscom Air Force Base senior executive told a local industry group in Lexington, June 18. Tony Braswell, the Hanscom Air Force Base director of contracting, shared details of a strategic plan aimed to change the acquisition culture at a Hanscom Representatives Association's monthly meeting.

[Viewpoint: Some Final Words From The Section 809 Panel](#)

By: Nick Tsiopanas, National Defense Magazine, June 27, 2019

Now that the [809] panel's work is done, some observers have changed their tune and worry the 98 recommendations are too radical. So has the panel been too bold or not innovative enough? As operations wind down for a closing date of July 15, panel members took the opportunity to reflect on what the panel's legacy might be, mixing healthy doses of optimism with tempered pragmatism.

[Is Your Training Effective?](#)

By: Anna Sargsyan, Association for Talent Development, June 26, 2019

Measuring and evaluating the impact of your learning solution is much easier said than done. So how do you start? This article will cover best practices, from benchmarks and design to useful tools for applying Kirkpatrick's levels of evaluation.

[Agile Learning Leadership: Part 1](#)

By: Kaliym Islam, Ph.D., Training Industry, June 26, 2019

Over the past five years, interest in agile methodologies for training and development has increased exponentially. This increased interest is perhaps best evidenced by the share number of articles written on the topic. In 2012, when I oversaw my organization's transformation from instructional systems design to agile design, we couldn't find evidence of even a single training organization that was using the method. As a result, we spent countless hours working with a vendor to create an agile curriculum that was specific to learning organizations.

[DoD's proposed rule change to reliability, maintainability in weapon system design](#)

Inside Defense, June 28, 2019

In a June 28, 2019 Federal Register notice, the Defense Department "is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 that requires the use of reliability and maintainability sustainment factors in weapon system design."

Upcoming Hot Topic Forums



"Navigating Data Rights, Intellectual Property, and Contracting Issues in Cloud Computing Contracts - some Common Sense Best Practices"

WHEN: Wednesday, July 24, 2019; 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Howell Auditorium (building 226), DAU Fort Belvoir Campus for physical attendance. Please visit the DAUAA website (DAUAA.org) to register for physical attendance at Howell Auditorium, and for additional information on WebEx attendance.

WHO: Panel moderated by Professor Vicki Allums, DAU Learning Director, Intellectual Property. Panelists include Ms. Carrie Ross, Chief Mobility Section at DISA's Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization (DITCO); Mr. Scott Stewart, Technical Director, Procurement Services at DISA; Ms. Vera Strebel, Deputy Legal Counsel for DISA/DITCO; and Ms. Jodi Cramer, Senior Air Staff Counsel, Information Law Administrative Law Directorate Office of The Judge Advocate General USAF.

INFORMATION: To register go to <https://dauaa.org/training/> or call 703-960-6802. In December, 2018, the Department of Defense released its Cloud Strategy encouraging the Department to take full advantage of commercial cloud computing as a technology enabler. As contracting officers and program managers navigate cloud computing acquisitions, they must confront a myriad of challenging intellectual property, data rights, contracting and technical issues. The purpose of this hot topic forum is to identify and discuss the issues using DISA's milCloud[®] 2.0 contract as a reference point. The panelists include critical players involved in the acquisition – the contracting and intellectual property attorneys, a contracting officer and a technical subject matter expert. You will find their lessons learned and best practices particularly pertinent as you navigate your agency's cloud computing acquisitions. Industry attendance is heartily encouraged.

Another Hot Topic Forum is planned for Wed 30 Oct 2019 from 1230 to 1400 with two speakers/panelists from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) - Mr. Brendan McGarry and Mr. Moshe Schwartz. We have a firm agreement on the date, and tentative agreement on the time. Here is some additional info on that forum: The topic is "The FY2020 Defense Budget and Acquisition Issues" including a discussion on MTAs and OTAs. Also, possible info on the status of the FY 20 Defense Appropriation. More to follow. . .

Upcoming DAU “Lunch and Learns”

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (CST)</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jul-31	1130-1300	COR Duties
Aug-21	1130-1300	Avoiding Risk Management Blunders
Aug-28	1130-1300	Software Provenance

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>

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION FOR NEW DAU GRADUATES!!!

ATTENTION: DAUAA Graduates of ACQ405, PMT360, LOG465, BCF301, CON360, ENG302, PQM301, LOG 350, FE301, ISA320, TST303, and BCF330!

Take advantage of the benefits of being a **Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association (DAUAA)** member! **At one-half (1/2) Price!!!**

As a graduate of ACQ405, PMT360, LOG465, BCF301, CON360, ENG302, PQM301, LOG350, FE301, ISA320, TST303, and BCF330 you are eligible to join a select group of Acquisition Workforce professionals and receive DAUAA benefits for 1 year at 1/2 Price.

Member benefits include:

- Early notification of DAU and DAUAA co-sponsored annual 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, and;
- 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 attached form and mail or fax it to the address indicated. There also is an online application option: <https://dauaa.org/membership/>, which works nicely on a “Smart” phone.

* This offer only applies to first-time applicants, not to renewals; applications must be submitted within 3 months of Graduation

Annual DAU Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

This year's Hall of Fame (HoF) inductees included Dr. Nancy Spruill. The Hall of Fame award committee, made up of deans, directors, and staff, select inductees based on their significant contributions toward the accomplishment of DAU's mission and strategic goals over a sustained period of time. Every year, a plaque for each inductee is added to the DAU Hall of Fame wall located near the President's office at the Fort Belvoir campus. Winners also receive a keepsake plaque to take home.

Dr. Nancy Spruill, well known for her "Spruill" financial chart, was recognized for her 20 years of service to the Defense Acquisition Workforce and support of DAU. During her tenure, Dr. Spruill served as Director of Acquisition Resources and Analysis. She provided unwavering support to the university, created the Defense Acquisition Visibility Environment (DAVE), and hosted numerous Business Acquisition events.

On Dec. 3, 2018, Defense Acquisition University (DAU) President James P. Woolsey sat down with Dr. Nancy L. Spruill, who is retiring as the director of Acquisition Resources and Analysis in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD[A&S]). In that role, she has been the lead for Business Cost Estimating and Financial Management (BCEFM) Functional Communities. The following are excerpts from Dr. Spruill's responses to Mr. Woolsey's interview questions:

I really value data. I think of problems from the data perspective. What is the data that I have, what is the data I wish I had? And so that was kind of my first thinking. My dream is for there to be a "Statistics of Defense" data division in the Department of Defense [DoD]—similar to Statistics of Income Data Division in the Internal Revenue Service [IRS]. And so I always thought it would be wonderful if the DoD took the budget information, the planning information, the scenario information, the threat information—and had it all organized in a way that you could go to one place and get data.

We need good data definitions, databases, and analysts who use the data. We haven't come very far in this area, but I believe the DoD Chief Management Officer is working on this now. However, it requires sharing, which DoD is not very good at.

We have made tremendous progress in managing and collecting acquisition data. It has been systemic and sensible. Our greatest partners have been the Services [components] in working with my office to help identify critical data and make that visible and accessible to us in OSD. You can see it today. If you go on the A&S [Acquisition and Sustainment] website. For more information about the Interview between Mr. Woolsey and Ms. Spruill, link to: <https://www.dau.mil/library/defense-atl/blog/Spruill-Charts-a-Way-Forward>

DAUAA LinkedIn Group

There is a DAUAA LinkedIn Group available to any member of the DAU Alumni Association. We try to scan through relevant news, check for significant policy updates, review key tips on DAU resources, and more to add in that discussion forum. Additionally members of the DAUAA LinkedIn Group can share acquisition information of interest with the roughly 4,000 members of that particular social media forum. The intent of that forum is to provide a way for all to share things that might help our peers in the know. There is an opportunity to participate by responding to posts there as well, we just ask that all remain professional and respectful of the views of others. Contributions need to be helpful and not mean spirited or just a way to grind an axe. If you are a current DAUAA member and are not yet a member of that resource, go to <https://linkedin.com/groups/147607>, login to that site, and select the "Ask to Join" button on the DAUAA page to request access.

2019 DAUAA Scholarship Award Winners

The Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association is pleased to announce the graduating seniors who were selected to receive scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,200 this year. This year's winners are Allison Fick, Ellen Ji-In Yoo, Alan Hash, Wesley Knee, Austin Timmermann, Emily Riddle, and Maren Gilbreth. As in previous years, the members of the selection board could not have been more impressed as we went through the applications and saw the accomplishments achieved by this group of outstanding young individuals.

We would also like to thank all of the members of the DAUAA that have helped us support this worthwhile program over the 8 years since the scholarship program was established. Beyond the funds allocated out of the budget supported by annual dues, we could not make this happen without the generous donations that many members have given when joining or renewing memberships. With these 7 new awardees, a total of 48 scholarships have now been provided as part of the Steven W. Oxman DAUAA Scholarship Program.

We hope to have the support necessary to continue this program again in 2020, so if you are the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian that will have a graduating senior next year, keep an eye out on the DAUAA website for details around the January timeframe.

Again, congratulations to Allison, Ellen Ji-In, Alan, Wesley, Austin, Emily, and Maren. Wish you the best of luck as you begin your first year of college.

DAUAA JAX Chapter Awards Four College Scholarships to Clay County High School Students

For the 4th year in a row, the DAU Alumni Association Jacksonville Florida Chapter partnered with the Clay County Scholarship Foundation to award scholarships to Clay County High School Seniors. At the April 25th Award Dinner, Mrs. Liz Nealin and Mr. John Martin made the awards.

The following students received scholarships:

- Jacie Ankrom, Orange Park High School. Plans to attend Hicks Honors College at the University of North Florida and Major in Computer Science with a minor in business.
- Kazi Sabrin, Ridgeview High School. Has been accepted to 3 colleges: Majoring in Civil/Environmental Engineering Computer Science and Anthropology/Archaeology and Political Science.
- Angelica Lindquist, Keystone Heights High School. Plans to attend the University of Florida and Major in Computer Science and Computational and Informational Systems.
- Aaron Tillema, Fleming Island High School. Plans to attend the Hicks Honors College at the University of North Florida and Major in Pre-Medical and Business.

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