President’s Note

I hope 2020 has started well for everyone!

Thank you for welcoming me as the new DAUAA President. As I work to assume this role’s duties, I want to express my sincere thanks, on behalf of the Association, to Bill Bahnmaier for his selfless service as President for the last 15 years. Bill’s passion for the acquisition workforce is evident and I appreciate his willingness to continue working with us to provide forums and networking opportunities.

This year will be filled with occasions to communicate and become agile as we transition towards new training processes to develop acquisition personnel. As President, I pledge to keep everyone apprised of the latest developments and will continue to search for valuable member benefits. Your expectations will inform our direction as we reorganize the DAUAA. How can you help?

Your feedback is important so please take a few minutes to complete this very short survey about the value of your DAUAA membership. I look forward to working with you and hope to see everyone at our next event.

Lastly, DAUAA is now part of the AmazonSmile program. By purchasing eligible items, Amazon matches 0.5% of the purchase price for the Association's use. For more details, go to https://dauaa.org/donate-using-amazonsmile/.

—Scott Bauer, President, DAUAA
“Day of Cyber” event brings dozens of DoD acquisition professionals together for a targeted sessions from subject matter experts June 26, 2019, at Fort Belvoir, Va. The DAU Alumni Association partnered with DAU to offer this learning opportunity. Photo courtesy of Debbie Gonzalez, DAU.

News from DAU

Community of Practice for Modern Software Engineering Jan. 27, 2020—In 2018, Ellen Lord, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, stated the degree to which software drives our world demands that we move toward a modern tech company model for software delivery: “As we reorganize the way we do business the thread that runs through all of our programs and all that we do is software and I believe that we need to catch up with the private sector and make sure we are using contemporary software development processes.” This shift to a modern software development paradigm requires new statues, policies, and processes and… (read more)

DoD events help workforce implement recommendations from Software Acquisition Study Jan. 17, 2020—Since the submission of the final Defense Innovation Board Software Acquisition and Practices report, the team has taken on the task of helping the Department, the Services, and support agencies implement its recommendations. To help better acquaint the workforce with these monumental changes in software acquisition, the team is arranging a series of events focused on each line of effort. These events will range from the progress the Department has made to-date, to the latest statutory language, to new Software Acquisition Pathway, which was just published on Jan. 3. (read more)

The Paths Become Clearer: DoD Acquisition Policy, AAF Release Occurring Jan. 21, 2020—The Honorable Ellen Lord, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), has repeatedly stressed that one of her office’s primary goals is to reform Defense acquisition so that it delivers capabilities at the speed of relevance to our Warfighters. Since Dec. 31, Lord has approved the release of the first four of six acquisition pathways that make up the Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF), DoD’s long-awaited rewrite of the Defense Acquisition directives commonly referred to as the “5000 series.” (read more)

Call Me Agile: New Intro Course on Applying Agile Framework Oct. 18 2019—DAU now offers “Agile for DoD Acquisition Team Members” (ACQ 1700) to provide acquisition professionals a common understanding of the roles, dependencies and capabilities necessary to perform on an Agile program and what it takes to successfully transform an organization to use an Agile approach. This new course… (read more)

DAU and acquisition leaders partner to launch a new online community dedicated to Other Transaction Authorities Oct. 4, 2019—DAU is pleased to launch our new Other Transactions Community of Practice – OT CoP for short. The OT Cop provides the entire OT Team – Agreements Officers, Program Managers, Legal Counsel, Financial Managers, Requirements Generators, OT Administrators, etc., a one-stop shop where they can find the statutes, guidance, and best practices for awarding OT. They can also ask questions and share the knowledge they’ve gained making awards using the OT authorities… (read more)
Meet the Members

Name: Dave Floyd

What is your connection to DAU? I have been a member of DAU approaching 12 years as a Learning Director and Life Cycle Logistician within the Life Cycle Logistics and Sustainment Center. I am Level III certified in Life Cycle Logistics and Engineering. I managed development of DAU's LOG 215 Technical Data Management and LOG 340 Life Cycle Product Support courses, both of which I received Certificates of Recognition from DAU. I managed the development and update of the DAU Integrated Product Support (IPS) Elements Guidebook - a key reference guide for the Life Cycle Logistician which addresses all 12 of the Integrated Product Support Elements.

What is your connection to the acquisition community? I teach LOG 211 Supportability Analysis and I am also a certified instructor in LOG 340 Life Cycle Logistics, LOG 215 Technical Data Management and LOG 235 Performance Based Logistics. I am well connected to key acquisition community stakeholders (e.g., USD(A&S) Product Support and Materiel Readiness), the Services and the acquisition workforce through my close customer intimacy interface with the requirements determination, development, review, update and oversight of 44 LOG Continuous Learning Logistics modules (now referred to OLT courses).

How long have you been a member of the association? I have been a member of the DAU Alumni Association (DAUAA) going on six years while serving on the DAUAA Board of Directors (BoD) as Membership VP.

What is your best memory of a DAUAA event? My best memories are of the following events which have been supported by the DAUAA: Hot Topic Forums, the DAU Update and the Annual DAU Symposium which involved extensive collaboration and networking with my fellow DAUAA colleagues.

What do you like to do in your free time? In my free time I love to play golf, read, go out to dinner and the movies, and cheer for the Washington Redskins, Capitals, Nationals and Virginia Cavaliers sports teams.

Powerful Examples: Stories of Success from the Workforce

Army IVAS brings together the right requirements with the right acquisition strategy
The 2018 National Defense Strategy of the United States acknowledges the erosion of our close combat capability relative to peer competitors, and further recognizes that current and future battlefields will be characterized by conditions that will continue to reduce comparative advantage. The Army’s assessment of its close combat capability is that close combat formations lack overmatch in any environment relative to today’s peer opponents. In terms of situational awareness, navigation, communications and read more)

Robots in the Age of YouTube--MTRS Manual gets a Much Needed Multimedia Overhaul
“Right now, the way we, as an Army, present information to soldiers is based on 1950s technology. That, in and of itself, is somewhat challenging.” A familiar obstacle for anyone who’s ever worked for government. This was the challenge presented to Ki Knowlin, Product Support Manager and Director of Logistics for the Project Manager Force Projection, when he was tapped to update the technical manuals (TMs) for one the U.S. Army’s most valuable assets: the Man Transportable Robotic System (MTRS) program. (read more)

Data Powers Naval Aviation Readiness
“Non-mission capable.” Not the phrase a Navy admiral wants to hear about his essential aircraft. Time is critical when F/A-18 Super Hornet jets scramble for take-off. These carrier-based strike fighters, deploy on missions that range from power projection and forward deterrence to maritime security. In his gut, Rear Admiral Jeffrey J. “Caesar” Czerewko knew too many non-mission capable aircraft took up precious space on flight decks. (read more)
Your feedback matters
We need you, the members of the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association, to help the association’s board of directors plan for the future.

Your anonymous responses to this short survey, will be combined with input from others, and will be used to help the association’s leadership make critical business decisions.

[Click here to visit the survey]

Upcoming DAU Events

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DAU Alumni Association members lining up to receive a free lunch, part of their annual membership benefits, during the DAU Rock the Quad event Oct. 24, 2019, at Fort Belvoir, Va. Photo courtesy of Debbie Gonzalez, DAU.

On this day in acquisition history...

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Thomas Mifflin (Jan. 10, 1744 – Jan. 20, 1800) was an American merchant, soldier, and politician from Philadelphia, Pa. He served in a variety of roles during and after the American Revolution, several of which qualify him to be counted among the Founding Fathers. He was the first Governor of Pennsylvania, serving from 1790 to 1799.
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