



## Biography - Richard J. Anzelone

Richard J. (Rick) Anzelone recently retired as Supervisory Contracting Officer with the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Butler Healthcare, near Pittsburgh PA. His branch awarded and administered service contracts in support of nine VA medical centers across Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the VA in 2013, Rick spent over 10 years as a contracts manager with DRS Technologies in St Louis, MO. His team provided contract management for defense programs, to include military vehicles and ground support equipment for military forces worldwide.

A retired Army officer, Mr. Anzelone spent the first 10 years of his military career as an infantry officer in various command and staff assignments, including platoon leader, executive officer, and company commander. He moved into the Army Acquisition Corps for the second half of his career, serving in several Army Materiel Command assignments as contracting officer, branch chief, and deputy director of acquisitions. In 1999, he deployed to Kosovo and established the Joint Contracting Command at Camp Bondsteel. As the first chief of this contracting activity, he successfully built the contracting office from an austere tent to a fully functioning contracting team supporting over 8,000 military personnel.

Mr. Anzelone is a native of Pittsburgh, PA where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from LaRoche College. He received his master's degree in Procurement and Acquisition Management from Webster University in St. Louis, MO. Rick developed a course for Saint Louis University titled "Principles of Contract Management" and taught it from 2003 to 2008. Students enrolled in the Contract Management course learn from practicing professionals, while they earn a post-bachelor's certificate endorsed by the National Contract Management Association (NCMA).

Rick enjoys teaching and coaching others in the field of contract management. In 2013 he developed a seminar for the Institute of Supply Management (ISM) titled "Contracting Basics" and taught it to over 50 participants. In the past several years he presented National Education Seminars for various NCMA chapters, including East Tennessee, Central Connecticut, St Louis Gateway, Scott AFB, and Greater Pittsburgh. Rick has acted as lead or guest speaker for many NCMA training events and has represented NCMA with volunteer speaking engagements for the St. Louis chapters of the Project Management Institute and the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis.

Rick's certifications include Certified Purchasing Manager, Certified Federal Contracts Manager, Certified Commercial Contracts Manager, and Certified Professional Contracts Manager. He is also Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) certified Level III. NCMA awarded Rick the NCMA Fellow designation in 2009 for his "significant contributions to the field of contracting and to the NCMA." The NCMA published his article titled "The 10 Worst Leadership Mistakes" in their September 2010 issue of Contract Management and republished it in their leadership issue in September 2019.

Rick enjoys home improvement projects, sports, music, and spending time with his three sons and their families who also live in the Pittsburgh area. He is a Judge of Elections for Buffalo Township and serves as the secretary for the Parks and Recreation Committee.