



How NCMA can provide an invaluable wealth of knowledge, resources, and opportunities that could change your career. Long-time NCMA member and Fellow Carol Gardner talks about how NCMA helped to transform her career.

GATEWAY CHAPTER FALL/WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Announcement

We have an exciting year planned and I look forward to connecting with all of you at our virtual events, training, and networking opportunities. Can you believe that the Gateway Chapter has been NCMA's premier chapter for contract managers for more than 56 years? This year we are committed to rebuilding, refocusing and reconnecting with our membership. Our value proposition to our members is: NCMA Gateway St Louis is committed to the development and advancement of Contracting professionals through serving our community, inspiring collaboration, diversity, training and leadership.

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Member Spotlight

The St. Louis Gateway Chapter would like to Spotlight Carol Gardner, Fellow, CPCM, Past Officer, Retired. Carol attended the 55th Anniversary Gala and shared sentiments about her 30+ year relationship with NCMA:

NCMA has been such a large part of Carol's working life. She joined very early in her career and through the many changes in jobs and agencies, NCMA has been with Carol the entire time. Once Carol figured out that this was not just a job, but a real profession, she said her attitude changed. She suddenly had "a career" – "I was a contracting professional and decided that it would be best to learn as much as I could and contribute to the profession."

Over the next few years, Carol held almost every position in the St. Louis Chapter and eventually became the Vice President over the North Central Region, over 18 chapters in 9 states. At the same time, Carol achieved her CPCM, "This was back in the dark ages when it was a 6-hour essay test and you had to wait 3 months to get the results! It was one of the greatest accomplishments of my career. It is one of those things that sets you apart from your coworkers, your competition. It also opens doors."

Carol shared that she learned many things while volunteering with NCMA and those skills helped her along the way. After organizing meetings, seminars, and NES conferences for NCMA, Carol utilized those organizational skills in her work life stating that, "While working for the Army Human Resources Command, one of those "other duties as assigned" involved organizing and running two conferences in New Orleans for over 800 attendees. This conference was new to the Army personnel community so it wasn't like I was repeating something that had been done before. It was a challenging but rewarding assignment and I gained the skills and confidence from my involvement with NCMA."



Carol Gardner, Fellow, CPCM, Past Officer,

According to Carol, "The beauty of volunteering in NCMA is that you're around friends where everyone wants you to succeed. You can learn new skills and make mistakes along the way so that when something similar in your work life occurs, you can do a great job because you've already had experience. Most importantly, the connections you make with other members is key. Through attending National and local Conferences, I kept current about what was going on in the contracting field, learned about job opportunities, and have made long lasting friendships. I realize that everyone's experiences are different, but many of my successes in both my career and my life are due to the skills that I've obtained by my involvement with NCMA."

The St. Louis Gateway Chapter was honored to have Carol attend the 55th Anniversary event.



A Fond Farewell

Lieutenant Commander Dina Pinkston (right) is currently serving as the NCMA Gateway Chapter's VP of Social Media. She has previously served us in the roles of the Chapter President, President Elect and Marketing Chair.

Concurrently, she was serving our country as a Supply Corps Officer in the Navy Reserves. She retired in October 2022 after 30 years of active and reserve, enlisted and commissioned service.

As a civilian, she is a Warranted Supervisory Contract Specialist at Defense Contract Management Agency - Boeing St. Louis. She holds both an Administrative Contracting Officer's Warrant and Administrative Grants/Agreements Officer Warrant and leads a team of eight contracts professionals responsible for the contract administration of over 1,400 active contracts for the T7A Advanced Pilot Trainer program, Defense Logistics Agency-Captains of Industry, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and other Department of Defense customers.

Newest Emcee at The 2022 Government Contract Management Symposium

David Cade has been chosen to be one of NCMAGMS' newest Emcees at The 2022 Government Contract Management Symposium. This national training is set for December 5-6, 2022 in Bethesda, MD as the Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS).

David Cade is vice president of U.S. Government Services (USGS) Business Transformation for The Boeing Company. He is responsible for enabling USGS to meet current business commitments while simultaneously creating a framework for engagement and future contracts with government customers.

Cade previously served as vice president of Corporate Contracts. Prior to that, he was the functional leader for almost 600 professionals in Boeing Global Services' (BGS) Contracts, Estimating & Cash Management group. He has also served as the vice president of Contracts, Pricing, Estimating, and Supply Chain Finance for Boeing's Defense, Space & Security (BDS) business unit. Prior to joining the Boeing law department in September 2008, Cade spent 10 years as in-house counsel for General Motors in Detroit, MI.



NCMA STL Gateway Chapter Upcoming Events

Save the Date! 12/15 Program Year Kick-Off & Holiday Social

The Chapter's Program Year (PY23) Kick-off and Membership Social will be hosted to Thursday, December 15th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. More details on this event to come. We hope to see you there!

FAR/DFARS Update Webinar

This webinar topic is the most attended webinar of the year, FAR/DFARS Update: End of Year Review Webinar. Attendees receive updates on the latest changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), and others. Participants receive 1.5 CPE/CLP credits.

Certification Information Session

Join us to learn about the 4 different certifications NCMA offers. The session will provide a general overview of each certification, the prerequisites, and process to get certified. This session will include an overview of the Contract Management Standard The CMS™ that is now an ANSI-Accredited American National Standard and the Contract Management Book of Knowledge, CMBOK®. More details will be announced in early 2023.

Spring NES Training TBA

The annual National Education Seminar (NES) jointly sponsored by the Scott AFB Chapter and the Gateway Chapter is being set for spring 2023. More details will be announced in early 2023. The NES is a full day of training with a live speaker presenting on a NCMA NES topic. Attendees receive CPE/CLP credits.

Annual Member Celebration

Come celebrate with Chapter Leader, Fellows, and fellow members at the 2023 Member Celebration. Enjoy an evening of dinner, networking and music. Stay tuned for more information on when the Chapter will be hosting this celebration event!

Connect with the Gateway Chapter

NEW: Chapter Twitter at <https://twitter.com/NcmaStl/>

NEW: Chapter Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/ncmastl/>

Chapter Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncmastl/posts/?ref=page_internal

Chapter on LinkedIn: Upcoming events on LinkedIn - [click here](#) and click the follow button.

NCMA HQ Upcoming Events



GCMS is December 5-6 Virtual or In Person

The annual GCMS NCMA training conference is right around the corner December 5-6 with many options and learning tracks. Register at: <https://s6.goeshow.com/ncma/symposium/2022/registration.cfm> and view the Agenda at: <https://s6.goeshow.com/ncma/symposium/2022/agenda.cfm>

Options also include to add additional training sessions including RFIS and Compatibility Statements

- All Day Training #1: Source Selection Simulation
- All Day Training #2: Evaluating and Negotiating Contractual Risk
- <http://ow.ly/Msl050LwZR3>

Virtual GCMS attendance will include all the exciting content including virtual breakouts like contract modifications, negotiation, software acquisition, and more! See what's offered virtually by going to the GCMS agenda and selecting "Hybrid" as your Session Track filter: <http://ow.ly/y71L50LuX8I>

Certification Online Prep Courses Registration

This ten-week interactive online classroom provides preparation for the Certified Professional Contracts Manager™ (CPCM™) or Certified Federal Contracts Manager™ (CFCM™) certification exam. [Register today.](#)

	Registration Begins	Registration Closes	Course Begins	Course Concludes
Winter 2023	December 12	January 6	January 9	March 18

Upcoming NCMA HQ Webinars Training

Dec 15: FAR/DFARS End of Year Review 2022

TIME: 12:00 PM—1:30 PM EDT (60-minute presentation + 30 minutes of Q&A)

PRESENTERS:

- Olivia Lynch, Partner, Crowell & Moring LLP
- Robert J. Sneckenberg, Partner, Crowell & Moring LLP
- Alexandra Barbee-Garrett, Associate, Crowell & Moring LLP
- Stephanie L. Crawford, Counsel, Crowell & Moring LLP
- William B. O'Reilly, Counsel, Crowell & Moring LLP
- M. Yuan Zhou, Counsel, Crowell & Moring LLP

[View Biographies](#)

COST: \$55 per NCMA member / \$69 per non-member

Join to receive an update on the latest and greatest changes to the FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR), DEFENSE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SUPPLEMENT (DFARS), and other regulations.

Jan 18: NDAA 2023: Need-to-Know Provisions for Government Contractors (**Free to Members**)

Jan 30 - Feb 2: U.S. Federal Contracting Fundamentals: (Winter 2023)

Feb 9: International Contracting Pt 1: Special Considerations

Mar 9: International Contracting Pt 2: Buy American/Trade Agreements

Apr 13: International Contracting Pt 3: Export Control Compliance

Apr 27: Preparing for a Contractor Purchasing System Review (CPSR)

May 25: Tracking Performance with a Vendor Scorecard

June 22: FAR/DFARS Mid-Year Update 2023



SubCon: The Prime Contractor-Subcontractor Partnership is Coming Spring 2023

NCMA's SubCon provides specialized training for both the prime and subcontractor side of the procurement process. Join large and small businesses as we come together to discuss how to navigate the prime-subcontractor relationship. Sign up for updates: <https://ncma.formstack.com/forms/subcon23>



Save the Date World Congress 2023

The nation's leading training event for contract management, procurement, and acquisition professionals is being held July 23-26, Nashville, Tennessee.

OUR FAVORITE FALL/WINTER RECIPES

Polar Bear



Ingredients

½ tablespoon of vanilla syrup
2 tablespoons white chocolate creamer
8 oz diet coke or regular Coca-Cola
Optional 1 oz or Rum
Optional 1 scoop of Vanilla ice-cream

Instructions

Blend ingredients until of milkshake consistency. Serve in a highball glass and garnish with whipped cream.

No Bake Pumpkin Cheesecake



Ingredients

4 ounces cream cheese softened
2 tablespoon powdered sugar
1/3 cup pure pumpkin puree canned, blotted with paper towels
2 cups graham cracker crumbs about 16 full sheets
½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
½ teaspoon cinnamon
2 cups white chocolate chips
1 tablespoon coconut oil or shortening

Instructions

1. Blot the pumpkin with a paper towel to remove moisture. Add the pumpkin and cream cheese to a large bowl then whip with an electric mixer until well blended, 1-2 minutes. Place the powdered sugar and mix until fully blended. Add the pumpkin spice and cinnamon and mix again well.
2. Place the graham cracker crumbs into the cream cheese mixture and mix well with a silicone spatula. Cover the bowl and place in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours.
3. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Roll the dough into balls, about one tablespoon per truffle. I like to use this cookie scoop set, for this recipe you'd need the small cookie scoop. Place each truffle on the parchment paper-lined baking sheet so they are not touching. Freeze the cheesecake bites for at least 15 minutes
4. Add the white chocolate and coconut oil (optional) to a heatproof bowl. Place the bowl in the microwave and heat for a minute at half power, then stir. Continue heating the white chocolate in thirty-second increments until it forms a smooth white chocolate sauce.
5. Remove cheesecake bites from the freezer. Place cheesecake balls into white chocolate one at a time to coat, using a fork so excess chocolate can drip off. Place each white chocolate-coated ball on parchment paper so they are not touching each other.
6. Drizzle the top of each truffle with more white chocolate, then top with sprinkles, additional graham cracker crumbs or pumpkin pie spice to decorate. Place the pan in the freezer for 15 minutes to help the chocolate to fully harden