



NCMA

NATIONAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

SAINT LOUIS GATEWAY

2022 Spring/Summer Newsletter

There is no time like the present to get more involved with the Gateway Chapter. The new Program Year 2023 begins July 1. Elections for Officers are in May and the [self nomination form](#) is currently being accepted for candidates. We hope to see you on Zoom at the **May 3rd NES** training with facilitator **John Robinson** and also in person at the **55th Anniversary**. Read on for the Program Year in Review and the **Member Spotlight featuring Clarissa Cobb-Fritz, ACO at DCMA**. Past newsletters are available at: <https://ncma-stl.org/news>.

Program Year 2022 in Review

The Program Year started in July and the annual Officer's Retreat was on Zoom for social distancing safety. After delay due to the on-going pandemic and inclement weather the first ever Program Year Kickoff and Member Social changed from an in person outdoor venue to Zoom for social distancing in January. The virtual event allowed new and prospective members to meet the Officers and learn more about Chapter activities. Chapter meetings continued on Zoom as did the Certification Information Session lead by Milva Finnegan, PhD, CPCM, CCCM, CFCM, Fellow, Contract Manager & CEO Karhu Consulting to answer questions about the certification process. The Chapter also held a free HQ webinar in March on FAR and DFARS updates and the newly designed website went live in April at <https://ncma-stl.org/>. Coming up, the annual [NES](#) jointly

sponsored with the Scott AFB Chapter will be May 3rd on Zoom and the [55th Anniversary event](#) will be in person by RSVP only on May 19 at the Botanical Gardens. Look for more events in the coming months.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Register Now for NES Training on May 3

The annual National Education Seminar (NES) jointly hosted by the Gateway and Scott AFB Chapters will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. [Registration is open to members and non-members.](#)

Topic: Pricing and Negotiating Commercial Items

Presenter: John Robinson, Manager, Procurement & Supply Chain for Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCCo) at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State

The NES will on Zoom from 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. All registered attendees will receive 7 CPEs/CLPs. The Registration Form has more information on pricing for members and non-members. [Click for more information and the speaker bio.](#)

RSVP to 55th Anniversary by May 2nd

The St. Louis Gateway Chapter's 55th Anniversary Gala will be Thursday, May 19 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. This NCMA HQ grant and Gateway Chapter sponsored event will feature a keynote Boeing executive guest speaker, dinner, activities and prizes. **RSVP is required to ncmastl@gmail.com or text 314-884-8226 by May 2, 2022.** [Click for more information.](#)

Member Spotlight: Clarissa Cobb-Fritz

Clarissa Cobb-Fritz, Administrative Contracting Officer, ACO

Education: Bachelor of Science Chemical Engineering, MBA

Organization: Defense Contract Management Agency, DCMA



[Clarissa Cobb-Fritz]

From Behavioral Health Professional to Administrative Contracting Officer

You might ask, what's the connection? You would be surprised. Four short years ago I came to DCMA Boeing St. Louis. I could not have imagined at the time that this new and

exciting opportunity would lead from Contract Administrator to Administrative Contracting Officer. From the very beginning I shared the Agency Values of: Integrity, Service and Excellence, all values I brought with me from my former profession.

Anyone who has been in this field knows that it can be fast paced and multi-faceted. My team administers a high volume of contracts that are critical to “enhancing warfighter lethality by ensuring timely delivery of quality products”. DCMA Boeing St. Louis provides extensive training, professional development and promotional opportunities. Overall, it has been a great place to work and serve!

Nominations for Elections in May

Self-nominations are being accepted now for Officer elections for Program Year 23 that starts July 1. Elections will be held in May. Nominate yourself or someone else today for this leadership opportunity. Fill out the [form](#) and email to ncmastl@gmail.com.

Upcoming Zoom Event June 30

A free Zoom event is planned for June 30 at 11:00AM. The format is a conversation on topics pertinent to contracting professionals. The June topic is, *The Future of Contract Management Training: How the “New Normal” Will Look a Lot Like the “New Now”* article from the January 2021 CM issue magazine. This event is free for members and non-members. Email ncmastl@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting information.

NCMA HQ News

Certified Federal Contract Manager™ Is ANSI-Accredited

NCMA announced that accreditation was granted from The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for the [Certified Federal Contract Manager™ \(CFCM™\)](#) certification. The ANSI accreditation process is based on the ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 standard. Click for [Press release](#).

World Congress in Chicago July 17-20

World Congress is a four-day hybrid conference from July 17-20, 2022 with an in-person component at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, IL and a virtual component. [Register](#) now!

2023 World Congress Save the Date!

July 23-27, 2023 in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland.

Upcoming HQ Webinars

[April 28: Section 889 Chinese Telecommunications Ban](#)

PRESENTER: Eric Crusius and David Black, Holland & Knight

COST: \$50 per NCMA member / \$63 per non-member

Upon completion, participants will receive 1.5 CPEs

May 12: Rapid Cutting Edge Software and AI Acquisition

May 26: Back to Basics - Training a New Generation of OT Experts

Jun 09: Providing and Managing Government Property under Government

Jun 21 & 28: Contract Compliance

Jun 23: FAR/DFARS Mid-Year Update

[Click for more HQ webinar events:](#)

Collaborative Problem Solving for Contract Managers Training

- **Session 1:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 1:30pm to 5:00pm EST
- **Session 2:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 1:30pm to 5:00pm EST

Credits: 7.0 CPE/CLP (must attend both to receive credit)

Format: Virtual on Zoom

Cost: \$230 NCMA member | \$287 non-member

Expert Practitioners: Glenn Richardson, MBA ([View bio](#)) and Heidi Timmerman, MBA, CPCM, NCMA Fellow, NCMA Director ([View bio](#))

Certification Online Prep Courses Registration

This ten-week interactive online classroom from HQ 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
Summer 2022	May 30	June 24	June 27	Sept. 11
Fall 2022	Aug. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Dec. 1

New Practice Exam for CCMA

NCMA HQ now offers a new CCMA practice exam. The new 90-question online practice exam is available for purchase. Click for more [information](#).

Apply for CMLDP's Next Class

The CMLDP is a free program that focuses on leadership development and networking over the course of 10 months. **Apply by May 9:** [Discover the program.](#)

Contract Management Salary Survey

NCMA encourages all members to participate in the survey. All responses are confidential. Members will have access to the full report once the results are

available. Survey is open until **May 20, 2022**. Share feedback for a chance to win an iPad Air: [Sweepstakes details](#).

HQ NCMA Job Flash™

Subscribe to receive info on jobs from NCMA HQ at:

http://jobflash.informz.net/JobFlash/pages/NCMA_2360

Other Training

Thompson Coburn LLP

Thompson Coburn offers free webinar recordings are available

at: <https://www.thompsoncoburn.com/insights/tcle/presentation/library>

Thompson Coburn Six Part Series

Thompson Coburn's Business Litigation Webinar Series is designed to keep in-house counsel and their legal staff updated on the latest litigation trends which can impact your business. Select one or more of the following remaining webcasts. [Register here](#).

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - 2022 Litigation Update](#) May 12, 2022, 11:30 AM CDT

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - How to End a Business Relationship Without Litigating](#) May 12, 2022, 01:00 PM CDT

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - Defending Class Actions](#) June 01, 2022, 11:30 AM CDT

[2022 Business Litigation Webinar Series - Ethics – Corporate Client Privilege](#) June 01, 2022, 01:00 PM CDT

PCI Institute

Public Contracting Institute advertised the below free webinars which can viewed free by typing **NoCreditFree** in the Discount Code box and selecting APPLY (example below). More info at:

<https://publiccontractinginstitute.com/premier-series-and-academies/free-popular-topics-webinar-series/>.

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We want to expand our membership base!

The more members we have the more information and networking

opportunities we have. The chapter adds value by providing opportunities to members for networking, information on the profession, and educational forums that lead to career enhancement, in a local setting, tailored to local needs. Become an active part of a contract management community!

Be the Next Member Spotlight!

If you'd like to stand in the spotlight for just a few of the great things you're doing, email ncmastl@gmail.com to be considered for an upcoming publication. Share a new promotion, a recent award, a recent board appointment or a rewarding community project.

Stay Connected

Check out the latest issue of [Contract Management magazine](#), and catch up on previous issues.

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

Chapter Webpage: <http://ncma-stl.org/>

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

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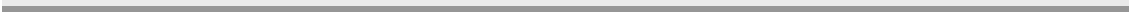
NCMA Collaborate

NCMA has a forum available to members as a networking tool to help you connect with thousands of members. Click [here](#).

Volunteer on a Chapter Committee

Behind every great chapter are hardworking committees! Volunteering is a great way to get involved at the local level. Reply to this email (ncmastl@gmail.com) to find out more.

Questions or Comments? Email ncmastl@gmail.com



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