

From Our President

NCMA JAX Team,

I am honored to serve as the NCMA Jacksonville Chapter President for the 41st year in our history. What a great event the Gala was and I hope we don't have to wait another 40 years before we plan such an occasion again. The 2022-2023 program year is off to a great start - thanks to the Programs team for setting in place some excellent training webinars. Stay tuned and be active, don't leave it to just them to make NCMA Jacksonville the strongest advocate for the contracting and acquisition professions. The Jacksonville Chapter has great depth and professional expertise held by our membership, and this year we will continue to promote and move the contract management profession forward.

It is our goal to continually build relationships within the contracting community. Outreach is a critical aspect of building these relationships and I would like to spotlight and extend a special thanks this month to **Mr. Greg Grant, our UNF PTAC professional**. Greg is an ambassador for economic improvement in Florida, He is also extremely passionate about helping small businesses grow and succeed. Learn more about Greg here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMyJP0MqyPo>

NCMA must continue to develop and encourage mutually beneficial relationships among industry professionals (whether NCMA members or not) that include mentorship,

Calendar

10/27/2022

NCMA HQ Webinar

[Contending with Anti-Corruption & Compliance Risks](#)

10/31/2022 - 11/03/2022

NCMA HQ Webinar

[U.S. Federal Contracting Fundamentals: Fall 2022](#)

11/03/2022

NCMA HQ Webinar

[Subcontract Flowdowns – A Primer](#)

11/09/2022

NCMA Space Coast Webinar

[Pricing and the Best Value Paradigm](#)

11/17/2022

NCMA JAX Event

[Federal Veterans Small Business Program & CVE Update](#)

12/05/2022 - 12/06/2022

NCMA HQ Event

Bethesda, MD

[Government Contract Management Symposium](#)

growth, and support of contract managers at the entry, middle, and advanced levels. NCMA Jacksonville provides our members with quality educational opportunities, practical networking events, and forms a foundation that will enhance their careers and individual growth as well as add value to their employing organizations.

Our chapter is comprised of approximately 128 contract management professionals from both industry and government. We continue to grow and encourage our membership to attain their certifications as CCMA, CCCM, CFCM, and CPCM. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to Mike Groeger, our VP of Education. Spread the word: we are always looking to grow our member base, but more importantly, we are always willing to learn how to better serve our chapter members and ensure they find value in NCMA's assistance in growing their contract management careers.

NCMA Jacksonville is only as strong as its members. Get involved, be curious, and continue to participate. As the holidays approach please mark your calendars **for our annual Holiday Social on December 17th.**

I look forward to our continued success as one of NCMA's leading chapters.



Michael Scuteri, CFCM

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New Members

Welcome to our newest chapter members:

- Rachel Evans
- Carla Riley
(Reinstated)
- William Roberts
(Transfer)

Member Milestones

Congratulations to NCMA Jacksonville members celebrating membership anniversaries.

- Janice Beach (40)
- Teresa Cabanting (15)
- Calvin Caldwell (9)
- Gregory Grant (8)
- Whitney Jesonek (1)
- Jim McDermott (14)
- Marie Myszkier (8)
- Robin Powis (1)
- John Prather (1)
- Don Zavesky (8)

NCMA Jacksonville Chapter Celebrates 40th Anniversary



Jacksonville Chapter members, their families, and friends celebrated the chapter's 40th anniversary with a Gala event on 09/24/2022. This first-ever event included a networking reception followed by a delicious dinner, music for dancing, a silent auction, and concluded with recognition of chapter leaders and members who provided exceptional service and support to NCMA and the contract management community at the local and national levels. Throughout the evening, guests viewed rolling screen displays of corporate and individual sponsors, recorded congratulatory messages from NCMA National President Wendy Masiello and NCMA Chief Executive Officer Kraig Conrad, the Jacksonville Mayor's proclamation of May 2022 as National Contract Management Month, and identification of chapter and individual awards earned during the chapter's 40 years as the "Face of NCMA in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia."

Chapter achievements included the 2008 Cravens Membership Award, Graalman Award banners from 2008 – 2015, and National Outstanding Chapter awards from 2017 – 2021. Individual recognitions included chapter Past Presidents from 1991 through 2021, chapter Fellows, CMLDP Honor Graduates for 2018 and 2019, winners of the Albert Berger award for 2010 and 2012, a National Achievement Award for 2014, Outstanding Fellow of the Year for 2019, and National Volunteers of the Year for 2017 – 2021. Presentations ended with Certificates of Appreciation to outstanding chapter leaders and announcement of the William Swan Chapter Leader Award.

Have You Recently Moved? (Help Us Stay in Touch)

Contract management employees at all levels and in industries often relocate for professional or personal reasons. The HQ NCMA Membership Team maintains members' official profiles and shares contact information with local chapters. Your JAX chapter does not have the ability to update your profile or contact information in the official database. Please take a few minutes to log into your member account and update your profile. If you need assistance, please e-mail **Membership Chair Meg Florez** at ncmajax.membership@gmail.com or florezg@gmail.com.

Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM) Study Group Starts 12/01/2022

NCMA JAX will host a virtual **Certified Federal Contracts Manager (CFCM) study group** starting 12/01/2022. The group will meet roughly once every other week with all study sessions conducted via Zoom.

Members interested in participating should contact Michael Groeger, VP of Education, at Michael.Groeger@Kaman.com to sign up for the study group. Participants should also purchase the [Certified Federal Contract Manager Study Guide 4th Edition](#) from the NCMA HQ Bookstore for use during the study group. The chapter will reimburse participants for these study materials upon successful completion (passing) of the CFCM Exam.

Far Away Member Profile: Rafael Roman



Our October honoree is **Rafael Roman, CPCM, Fellow**. He currently works as Ombudsman and Senior Advisor in the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Acquisition and Grants Office in Silver Spring, MD. He joined NCMA in 1987, earned his CPCM, and became an NCMA Fellow in 1989. He let his membership lapse from 2000 until 2015 when he was reinstated as a member of the Washington, DC Chapter. He then moved his affiliation to the JAX Chapter in 2021.

Rafael is one of only a handful of individuals to have worked for each of the three branches of government (executive, legislative and judiciary). His contract management experience includes a long career within the federal government and industry. His federal experience includes leadership positions with the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Commerce. Within industry, he held VP positions within a small business start-up, a mid-tier company, and later a multinational enterprise: the Harris Corporation, today known as L3-Harris. He has recognized expertise in federal and commercial contracting, program management and policy development. A sampling of his professional certifications include the ATB, FAC-C III, FAC-COR III, FAC-P/PM III, ITIL and PMP. In addition to his NCMA fellowship, he has also received fellowships with ACT-IAC and the Brookings Institute, and was also received into the Federal 100. He has held most chapter officer positions - including President of the Washington, DC Chapter - at a time when that organization was held as the association's flagship chapter. He also served a term as NCMA National Director of Education.

Rafael states that NCMA fostered a drive within him for professional development, skills development, and the appreciation of belonging to a specialized, professional community. Earning the CPCM and attaining Fellow status were important distinctions in his career that enhanced job opportunities and his overall professional stature. As Procurement Chief of the US Marshal Service, he selected certified individuals for promotion at a time when the federal government had no professional certification requirements for contracting personnel. His career advice for newer employees: “Take pride in your craft and always strive to be the best at what you do. Never forget that despite your position within your organization’s hierarchy, a well-informed and prepared individual can lead from the front, the middle, or the back of his column.”

Rafael was a valuable addition to the Planning Committee for the “Disaster Relief Contracting – Are You Prepared?” symposium in May 2022, and secured the primary event speaker from NOAA. We look forward to his return to the Jacksonville area in the future.

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