

From Our President

Dear Members,

Thank you to all who attended our first virtual kickoff event to get the program year underway in true entertaining style. Our Zoom technology game has grown stronger, and we were able to reconnect with some, meet new friends, and enjoy a few games and laughs. As we move through the program year, we hope to pepper our educational offerings with a few casual, fun events, and we look forward to seeing even more members!

I would like to offer a special word of congratulations to our Membership Director at Large, Deborah Thompson, for her recognition as a 2020 Woman of Influence honoree by the Jacksonville Business Journal. This award recognizes Deborah as one of the women in the Jacksonville area whose leadership has helped their companies grow, has shaped the next generation, and has provided a model for the community. We're very proud of her and the exemplary way she represents the Jacksonville chapter.

The chapter's CFCM study group continue to progress well, with 8 members increasing their knowledge of the FAR and preparing for the rigors of the CFCM certification exam. If you're interested but your circumstances did not allow you to join this round of classes, many more opportunities will present themselves in the future, so stayed connected with us.

Congratulations to chapter member Lisa Spears, for being recognized in the September 2020 Contract Management magazine as a recent recipient of the CFCM designation. Excellent accomplishment!

For all chapter members, please share your

Calendar

10/01/2020 @ 11:30AM

NCMA JAX Virtual Event

[All Small Mentor Protégé Program and Joint Ventures](#)

10/08/2020

NCMA HQ Webinar

[Top Risks in Supply Chain for Government Contractors](#)

10/13/2020

The Seminar Group

[Construction Law in FL Webcast](#) (non-NCMA)

10/20/2020

FL 8(a) Alliance

[Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification \(CMMC\) Webinar](#) (non-NCMA)

10/21/2020

NCMA HQ Webinar

[Making the Most of Your NCMA Membership](#)

10/22/2020 @ TBD

NCMA JAX Virtual Event
Commercial Contracting
Versus Federal

accomplishments with us, as we would like to feature you in the newsletter. Job promotion? Educational or certification achievement? Community or industry award? We would love to share your news and celebrate with you! Please pass those accomplishments along to me or to any member of the Executive Council and get your name in the spotlight.

Finally, please follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) and “Like” us on [Facebook](#)! Let’s stay connected!

Wanda Wallace; CPCM, CFCM

Chapter President

Contracting - What Can
Go Wrong - Horror Stories
2020

FREE Webinar (NCMA JAX) - All Small Mentor Protégé Program and Joint Ventures

10/01/2020, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Virtual Webinar via Zoom

SBA established an expanded mentor-protégé program, under which all types of small businesses can participate. This presentation focuses on the process of getting in the “all small mentor protégé program” and creating a joint venture. Finding a good mentor, getting them approved and understanding what your approved joint venture agreement must encompass will also be discussed.



NCMA JAX DAL Deborah K. Thompson Recognized as 2020 Woman of Influence



NCMA JAX Director at Large Deborah K. Thompson has been selected as one of the 20 local businesswomen honored by the Jacksonville Business Journal as the 2020 'Women of Influence.' Awardees were selected from nominees who have shaped the next generation, helped their companies grow, and served as inspirational leaders for the First Coast.

Recipients were feted at a virtual event on Sept. 17 and a special edition of the Business Journal will be dedicated to sharing more about their careers, goals and accomplishments in the near future.

Congratulations, Deborah!

Member Milestones

Congratulations to our NCMA JAX members celebrating membership anniversaries:

Brian Allem (3) Mark Brock (13) Adrienne Brooks (10) Leigh Gillette (23)
Brittney Lopez (1) Rozina Mehertu (6) Michele Stephens (22) Patti Toohey (35)
Howard Wright (1)

Journal of Contract Management - Coming Soon

NCMA's "Journal of Contract Management" (JCM) is a peer-reviewed, scholarly publication

dedicated to sharing research and improving the contract management field. It serves both the buying and selling communities in the public and private sectors. The JCM covers a wide range of contracting topics aligned with NCMA's [Contract Management Standard™](#) Publication and Contract Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK). Its goal is to comprehensively cover the contract management discipline by publishing conceptual, empirical, and practical application manuscripts that demonstrate substantial conceptual development, appropriate methodology, proven best practices, and value-added topic areas.

The Fall 2020 Edition of the Journal of Contract Management includes five timely articles that push and expand on the Contract Management Body of Knowledge. NCMA members will receive a hard copy of the Fall 2020 JCM mailed with the November issue of Contract Management Magazine. To ensure delivery, make sure your shipping address is up to date by September 24 by [clicking here](#). Members can also [download a free copy today](#).

NCMA members and their colleagues in contract management are encouraged to contribute to your profession; share your knowledge and expertise to help develop a professional publication by linking scholarly research with practice. Click [here](#) for additional information about JCM.

Meet Our Partner - Florida 8(a) Alliance

The Florida 8(a) Alliance, a non-profit organization, was established to strengthen, promote, educate and train 8(a) and small business firms in Florida by strengthening the relationship between federal customers, prime contractors, and the 8(a) business program; promoting a strong network of entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout the state; and educating and training business owners to grow, prosper, and mentor each other. The Florida 8(a) Alliance will provide resources through its STEP (Strengthen Train Educate and Promote) program to help small businesses grow. STEP activities include chapter meetings, networking events, training sessions, newsletter & educational publications, business plan review, and an annual conference. For more information, contact Pamela Brown, Marketing Assistant at pbrown@florida8a.org. Information about Alliance monthly webinars (including registration links) will be included in each month's JAX NCMA chapter newsletter.

NCMA JAX Membership - Not Just for Locals



This month's honoree is Gwennette (Gwen) Parker, who has been an NCMA member since 1997. She retired from US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Savannah District with 37 years' service in 2004. Her major accomplishments there included helping to establish the USACE Architect-Engineer Liability Program and serving as Small Business Officer from 1986 until her retirement. She worked for AECOM as National Small Business Program Officer for the next 10 years.

Although she has never been a contracting official, she did attend all the DAU courses. Gwen is also a 30 year member of the Society of American Military Engineers where she received the prestigious Fellow designation and remains active in the Savannah post. She founded the Parker Connection in 2014 to provide special project and support services to other businesses.

Even though she has never been close enough to an NCMA chapter to be an active member, she identifies Contract Management magazine as a valuable source of information on all aspects of federal small business programs. Her professional advice to newer employees is to "Always ask questions: ask why; ask how to do better; and ask what should we do?" In her spare time, she helps in the Media Center of her grandchildren's school. She recently volunteered to help with chapter projects that involve small business outreach and education. We hope to see you at our future events, Gwen.