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President's Message

The program year is now in full swing! We have the AGA Kick-Off Cookout scheduled for September 22 from 11:30 to 1:00. Southern Foods will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. There will also be a \$50 door prize gift card to Cheesecake Factory. Also, for early careers members, there is an informational job shadowing breakfast scheduled for October 4th.

The social committee is planning a "frightfully fun" social event at the Conner Prairie Headless Horseman exhibit on Friday, October 21st. In the past, this has been a popular event for members and their families.

The community service committee has been busy. They assisted in collection of 172 items including 38 coats, 43 jackets, and 29 pairs of gloves for the Coats for Kids drive held in conjunction with ASMC. Many local Hoosier kids will be thankful for the warm attire as fall and winter is right around the corner. They are also planning a service event at Our Little Bit of Heaven Animal Rescue on Saturday, October 15.

The first audio conference took place on August 24th over performance management. The next scheduled conference is on October 5th. The conference will discuss SSAE 16 – Reporting on Controls and is free and easy way to earn a few CPEs.

In regards to the CGFM, the module 2 study group is finishing up and the module 3 group will start sometime in November.

I wanted to make sure all AGA members were aware of the awesome opportunity to participate in Boot Camp from 4:30 to 5:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$4.50 a session. For additional details contact Cathy Van Housen.

With so many events and opportunities, it can be easy to miss something. Make sure to check the website for event updates. Also, continue encouraging your co-workers and peers to attend AGA events, the cookout would be a great introduction to AGA!

Laura Jankovich, CPA
President
AGA, Indianapolis Chapter

AGA Indianapolis Articles

These articles were picked for the AGA Member Audience:

Know any other good articles? Submit them to the Newsletter Committee!

Meeting our Fiscal and National Security Responsibility

As I begin my second month in office as Secretary of Defense, I wanted to take the opportunity to share my thinking with you on one of the key challenges we face as a Department: how to ensure that our military has everything it needs to protect our national security at a time of considerable fiscal challenge in our country.

I know that many of you have been watching with concern the deficit reduction negotiations in Washington. As President Obama has said, our growing national debt, if not addressed, will imperil our prosperity, hurt our credibility and influence around the world, and ultimately put our national security at risk. As part of the nation's efforts to get its finances in order, defense spending will be – and I believe it must be – part of the solution.

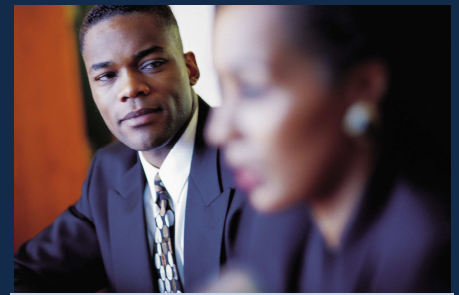
The reductions in defense spending that will take place as a result of the debt ceiling agreement reached by Congress and the President are in line with what this Department's civilian and military leaders were anticipating, and I believe we can implement these reductions while maintaining the excellence of our military. But to do that, spending choices must be based on sound strategy and policy. In the past, such as after the Vietnam War, our government applied cuts to defense across the board, resulting in a force that was undersized and underfunded relative to its missions and responsibilities. This process has historically led to outcomes that weaken rather than strengthen our national security – and which ultimately cost our nation more when it must quickly rearm to confront new threats.

I am determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past. In order to make the key decisions on how to best implement spending reductions, the President said in April when he unveiled his fiscal framework that "we're going to have to conduct a fundamental review of America's missions, capabilities, and our role in a changing world." As a Department, we are following that approach. We are asking ourselves: What are the essential missions our military must do to protect America and our way of life? What are the risks of the strategic choices we make? And what are the financial costs? Achieving savings based on sound national security policy will serve our nation's interests, and will also prove more enforceable and sustainable over the long-term.

We expect that the responsible transitions in Iraq and Afghanistan will help reduce total U.S. defense spending over the coming years....

Want to finish reading and find other messages by Secretary of Defense Panetta?

Read More  http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2011/0711_message1/



For The Military Clean Energy Saves Lives

One out of eight U.S. Army casualties in Iraq was the result of protecting fuel convoys.

This statistic, derived from an Army study looking at fuel convoys in Iraq from 2003 to 2007, is a powerful incentive for the military to move away from oil and toward renewable energy, and that's exactly what it's doing.

From experimental solar-powered desert bases for the Marines to Navy robots that run on wave energy, the military is quickly becoming a leading buyer of cutting-edge renewable energy technology.

For the armed services, the benefits extend beyond reducing fuel convoy casualties. A fighting force that isn't restricted by the reach of a tanker truck or weighted down by heavy batteries is more nimble and, as a result, more lethal.

For renewable energy companies, the military is proving to be a vital customer, buying the latest in clean energy gadgets and encouraging private investment. The hope is the armed services can shepherd this technology to the point where it becomes commercially viable, much like it did a generation ago for GPS systems or the Internet.

"Some people might get the impression they're throwing away money because some stuff doesn't work," said Rachel Sheinbein of CMEA Capital, a venture capital firm that invests in renewable energy companies. "But the ones that do work, the differences they make are huge."

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AGA Indianapolis Announcements

Community Service

Please mark your calendars with the upcoming community service events:
School Supply Drive — August 22 - September 2, 2011
Our Lil' Bit of Heaven Animal sanctuary (Poland, IN) - Oct. 15, 2011

Congratulations Jayme VanHorn on obtaining your CGFM!

Please join me in congratulating Jayme VanHorn for obtaining the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation.

Ms. VanHorn joined the Indianapolis Chapter of AGA in August of 2004. She has served in multiple leadership positions within AGA Indianapolis. Jayme used a combination of self study and after work study groups in preparation to sit for the three separate examinations that comprise the certification process. Ms. VanHorn was able to study for and successfully complete the examinations while also working on her MBA as well. To complete the process while also taking MBA classes is a testament to her dedication to professional development.

On behalf of the Indianapolis Chapter of AGA, congratulations on a job well done!

If you are interested in the CGFM certification and would like additional information or to check out a CGFM module, please contact Dan Neumann, CGFM at 212-3120 or daniel.neumann@dfas.mil.

For The Military Clean Energy Saves Lives continued

U.S. Marines: Use less oil, be more lethal

A solar desert base: A hundred and fifty miles east of Los Angeles, the Marines are trying to figure out what works for them.

This week is the second year in a row the Marines have constructed an "ExFOB" at the Twentynine Palms base deep in the California desert.

Short for Experimental Forward Operating Base, the Marines are trying to see what devices can turn the most remote of military outposts into self-sufficient encampments.

Being energy self sufficient in places like Iraq or Afghanistan isn't just a tree-hugging point of pride. These bases currently use diesel or other fuels to run generators that power everything from air conditioning in tents, to computers running battlefield management software.

Fuel in Iraq generally arrives at big bases via tanker ships. The military didn't release specific statistics about convoy deaths in Afghanistan. But the logistical challenges there are huge.



Fuel in Afghanistan is delivered via truck convoy from Pakistan to distribution centers. Other truck convoys then redistribute the fuel to smaller bases. All these convoys are big, slow-moving, explosive targets.

In some cases fuel has to be helicoptered in. In addition to risking lives, that's also pricey. The military says it can cost up to \$40-a-gallon to get fuel into the most remote and dangerous places.

War veterans go solar

Last year, the Marines bought solar panels that roll up like beach mats...

Read more at <http://ebird.osd.mil/ebfiles/e20110818836688.html>
By Steve Hargreaves
CNNMoney

AGA Indianapolis Announcements, continued

September Cookout

The program year kick-off cookout will be held on September 22, 2011.

Job Shadow Breakfast—October 4, 2011

The AGA Early Careers Committee would like to announce an exciting opportunity...job shadowing! The Early Careers Committee will be hosting an informative breakfast on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 222R to discuss this opportunity. If you are an Early Career Member or are interested in joining AGA and would like information about job shadowing, come and enjoy a delicious breakfast of bagels, donuts, and coffee on us! If you have any questions prior to the breakfast, please contact Calley Cannon at 212-3191, calley.cannon@dfas.mil, Katie Griffith at 212-3972, katherine.griffith@dfas.mil, Melanie Rapp at 212-3587, melanie.rapp@dfas.mil, Karli Hougland at 212-7041, karli.hougland@dfas.mil, or Audra Pera at 212-4784, audra.pera@dfas.mil.



<http://www.danielsbagels.com/breakfast.jpg>

Responding to August's Tragedies

Unfortunately August was a month filled with heartache and sorrow, both locally and on the east coast. On August 13, 2011, the Indiana State Fair stage collapsed and ultimately killed seven people and injuring dozens. And during the weekend of August 26th, Hurricane Irene devastated communities along the east coast from the Carolinas to Vermont. Hurricane Irene left over 5 million people without power, and as of the time of this writing MSNBC.com reports that the storm's death toll is 41.

In response to the tragic stage collapse and hurricane destruction, please consider providing the victims and their families with your thoughts, prayers, and supportive letters. Additionally, the financial impact of these events is very real. Please see the below websites to donate financially to these worthy causes.

Central Indiana Community Foundation – Indiana State Fair Remembrance Fund

<https://co.clickandpledge.com/sp/d1/default.aspx?wid=45427>

Hurricane Irene Recovery

www.redcross.org/Hurricane_Irene

www.samaritanspurse.org



According to CNN.com, five people died in the immediate aftermath of the August 13 Indiana State Fair stage collapse. Two additional victims have since died.



Tom Chase waves atop of his friend's beach home in East Haven, Conn., on Monday, Aug. 29. (Jessica Hill / AP)



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Member Spotlight

NAME and Job:

Calley Cannon

Accountant, Site Support Office,
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Operations Business Model analyst
for Accounting
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HOW WOULD SOMEONE DE-
SCRIBE YOU?

Patient and dedicated

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU
AREN'T WORKING?

**Miscellaneous crafts and
shopping**

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED
WITH AGA?

**As an intern, my mentor LIM sug-
gested AGA membership. Once I
became a full-time employee at
DFAS, I joined AGA as an early career
member. When I joined I
immediately began serving on AGA
committees, and I am currently on
the Early Careers Committee. I am a
past Programs Committee member
before I took the role of Early
Careers Co-Chair.**

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT
WOULD SURPRISE US TO KNOW
ABOUT YOU?

**On the weekends I help out with the
construction and restoration of an
urban center piece of residential real
estate.**

MEMBERS PAGE!

This page is dedicated to our members. Any articles you would like to write and have published would be welcome.

2011 AGA National Professional Development Conference - Jayme VanHorn & Brooke Neuerman

In July I had the pleasure of attending the Association of Government Accountants National Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, GA. I was thrilled to get a chance to visit the beautiful city of Atlanta and it did not let me down! We arrived on Sunday via the MART, Atlanta's metro system, which I adored. (I'm still holding out for Indianapolis to build a metro system.) It was very hot the entire week, upper 80s and low 90s, but I wouldn't expect anything less from the South in the summertime. The conference kicked off with a bang when a "STOMP" type group entertained us with homemade percussion instruments.

The rest of the conference did not disappoint! We mingled with DFAS high level leaders and networked with people from all over the federal government including the Treasury Department, the Department of the Interior, and the Missile Defense Agency. We gained insight on a number of initiatives going on throughout both the federal government and state and local government. The information sessions that stood out included a briefing on the planned future Financial Management certification program for DoD employees, a rousing ethics discussion (truly entertaining!), federal agencies' implementation of internal controls, discussions on cost saving and increasing efficiencies, and a discussion on the future of Medicare and Medicaid. I felt these breakout sessions really provided an insight to how other federal agencies and even state and local governments are dealing with budget cuts and the current economic conditions.

A few of the "fun" sessions included a presentation by Brian Holloway, an All-American football player and the New England Patriots' first-round draft pick in 1981, Chef Jeff Henderson, New York Times best-selling author of 'Cooked: From the Streets to the Stove, From Cocaine to Foie Gras,' and Jonathan Karl, Senior Congressional Correspondent for ABC News. I really enjoyed Mr. Karl's closing session as he gave attendees an excellent explanation of the current debt crisis and gave his opinions on what we as a government need to do to alleviate the problem. He focused largely on the fact that the discretionary spending where Congress is trying to cut spending only makes up a miniscule portion of overall government spending. We can cut spending there and still not solve the problem. I do not claim to be anything close to an economist, but I found his discussion enlightening and very interesting.

Throughout the week we enjoyed several social events to include a trip to Turner Field where the Atlanta Braves play. We enjoyed great food and several AGA members were able to go down to the field and bat! Our very own Nate Pierce represented DFAS-IN well with several solid hits. We also enjoyed an event at the Sun Dial, a rotating restaurant overlooking downtown Atlanta, and the President's Reception to wrap up the 2011 AGA PDC. Overall it was a very enjoyable, educational, and positive networking experience. I will always have fond memories of Atlanta, GA – especially the fried tomatoes and peaches 'n cream.

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Professional Development Conference continued



Speaker Brian Holloway



Brooke Neuerman with two Georgia "Southern Belles"



Questions about Sponsorship?

AGA Corporate Sponsors support the Chapter for an entire program year. The benefits and engagement opportunities run from January through December. Between October and January, we solicit Sponsors for the upcoming program year.

We currently have four sponsorship echelons ranging from Bronze to Platinum, each with increasing support levels and engagement opportunities. All Sponsors receive advertising space on our website and in our Chapter Newsletter which publishes six editions per year, with distribution to over 300 members.

Several other benefits are offered depending on your giving level, including complimentary access to our Holiday Party, Awards Banquet, & monthly luncheons for employees from your company. Speak with an AGA Corporate Sponsorship representative for more details.

Contact Andrew Tyler at andrew.tyler@dfas.mil

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