

DAU and NDIA to Sponsor Defense Systems Acquisition Management Course Offering for Industry Managers

Defense Acquisition University and the National Defense Industrial Association will sponsor an offering of the Defense Systems Acquisition Management course Sept. 21-25, 2009, at the Loews Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. The course is targeted for industry program managers, assistant program managers, systems engineers, industry personnel serving on DoD Integrated Product Teams, and other personnel who must interface with DoD program offices involved in program development and execution. The result of successful completion of this course is a comprehensive understanding of the environment and driving forces affecting your DoD counterparts that will significantly increase your awareness and effectiveness in dealing with programmatic issues.

The course is also open to a limited number of DoD personnel in grades 04-06 and GS-13-15, tuition-free. Government students should already be certified at Level II to obtain maximum benefit from this course. Government employees and supervisors may apply the DSAM course towards fulfillment of the DoD requirement for acquisition workforce personnel to earn 80 Continuous Learning points every two years. DSAM counts for 34 CL points, or 3.4 Continuous Education Units (CEU). DSAM presents the same acquisition policy information provided to DoD students who attend the DAU courses for acquisition certification training. It is designed to meet the needs of defense industry acquisition managers in today's dynamic environment, providing the latest information related to:

- Defense acquisition policy for weapons and information technology systems, including discussion of the DoD 5000 series (directive and instruction), and the Defense Acquisition Guidebook
- Defense acquisition reform and initiatives
- Defense acquisition procedures and processes
- The Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution process, and the Congressional budget process
- The relationship between capability needs determination, resource allocation, science and technology activities, and acquisition programs.

All course materials will be provided to students on CD-ROM. It is highly recommended that students bring a laptop computer to the class. If you do not have access to a laptop, please contact the respective meeting planner as soon as possible. There will be a limited number of laptops available for use through NDIA, so please call early.

For further information, see "Courses Offered" under "Meetings and Events" at <www.ndia.org>. Industry stu-

dents contact Jennifer Hoechst at jhoechst@ndia.org or 703-247-2568. A limited number of experienced government students may be selected to attend each offering. Prospective government students must first contact Karen Byrd at 703-805-3728 or e-mail Karen.Byrd@dau.mil prior to registering with NDIA.

Interim Defense Acquisition Guidebook

The significant policy revisions associated with the rescission of DoD Instruction 5000.02 in December 2008 prompted a complete review and revision of the *Defense Acquisition Guidebook* (DAG). The revised DAG will be finished and online several months from now. While that task is being completed, the Defense Acquisition University has posted on its Acquisition Community Connection Web site an Interim DAG at <<https://acc.dau.mil/dag>>. The Interim DAG has the same business practice and policy content as the final, but with fewer internal and external navigation options. DAU's objective is to provide you with the information you need to manage your programs while reconfiguring the DAG to make it more user-friendly. If you have questions regarding the interim DAG, e-mail guidebook@dau.mil.

Formal Release of the Defense Acquisition Portal

On July 20, 2009, the Defense Acquisition University deployed the initial version of the Defense Acquisition Portal on behalf of the office of the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology, and logistics at <<https://dap.dau.mil>>. The DAP is a publically accessible system, providing the latest portal and collaboration technology to assist the defense government and industry acquisition workforce. It enhances the breadth and scope of the acquisition process beyond its predecessor—the AKSS (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Knowledge Sharing System), which is now replaced by the DAP. The DAP includes all of the elements and forces affecting the Big "A" Process, including Human Capital initiatives. A new tab is dedicated to the Acquisition Workforce, providing information on career management, Human Capital initiatives, and the 4th Estate. This information includes services on career planning, leadership training, overarching guidance documents, and links to information on professional organizations.

A major new feature in the DAP called "Acquisition Career Gateways" identifies each of the 14 acquisition career fields. Each career field has its own link providing: a career certification guide; formal course enrollment procedures; continuous learning and job-specific courses; Ask-A-Professor Q&As; Performance Support/Consulting services available through DAU; and highlighted career field information through blogs by career field experts. The Search feature has been completely reengineered to make it much easier to find the spe-

cific kind of learning or job support asset needed. A major goal of the DAP is to provide quick access portal “services” to the workforce in their local work environment. An example of this is the “DAP Quick Links” service on the DAP home page, which has the option to make this service an iGoogle gadget. More options will follow in future phased upgrades to the DAP, which will focus on additional personalization and “push” capabilities, including a “My DAP” option.

DAU Mourns Loss of Longtime Professor, Mentor, Friend

Cancer took the life of Defense Acquisition University Professor Anthony Achilles “Tony” Scafati July 15, 2009, at his residence in Fairfax Station, Va. He had celebrated his 70th birthday on June 6, and a few days earlier had attended a classroom dedication in his honor on the DAU campus at Fort Belvoir, Va. Hundreds of students, faculty, and staff throughout the DAU campuses and regions, as well as the defense acquisition community at large, were trained and inspired by Tony, whose professorial demeanor was characterized, as expressed at the June 6 classroom dedication, by his “perpetually optimistic, generous spirit.”

A retired Marine Corps officer, Vietnam veteran, and former defense industry analyst, Tony first joined the faculty of the Defense Acquisition University in 1989 where he served as a university professor, lead instructor, department chair, and course manager over the course of his 20-year tenure with the university. His desire to expand his own knowledge and capabilities as a professor was reflected in his master’s and doctoral degrees as well as his research and published articles. He continually shared his knowledge with numerous new DAU instructors by teaching Faculty Professional Development classes, and his mentoring and motivating of faculty directly contributed to their success in the classroom.

Longtime friend and colleague, retired Professor Mary-Jo “MJ” Hall attributes a significant portion of her career success and professional development to Tony. “Instructors like Tony,” she said, “go to great lengths to assist students—not because it is their job, but because they are caring, wonderful human beings.” Tony never doubted and lived his priorities every day, she recalled. “God, family, and country.”

Tony also shared his knowledge by serving as a professor for Georgetown University, George Washington University, Los Angeles Community College, and the National-Louis University courses.

Tony’s personal life reflected the fullness and richness of his professional one.



“He was a very down to earth, deeply religious, caring soul,” said his friend and colleague Professor Wayne Glass. Wayne spoke of Tony’s deep devotion to his wife, Marguerite, who died in 2005; his Catholic faith; and his five grandchildren, with whom he went to great lengths to spend quality time and vacations. “He was always teaching them something, about important things in life and how to behave, to talk with adults, and to show respect,” Wayne remembered.

Wayne also spoke of a passion he shared with Tony—model trains—a passion Tony pursued, according to Wayne, to the point of building each Christmas, elaborate Disney scenes to go with his train that typically ran through a couple of rooms in his house. The kid in Tony also loved sports cars. He bought many over the years, Wayne noted, “but he had two I would have loved to have had—a BRG [British Racing Green] Jaguar XKE and an Austin-Healey.”

Tony received numerous awards and accolades during his DAU career. And in 2008, he was again honored with a DAU Corporate Award for leading and forging a team of faculty, staff, and contractors in developing and fielding the university’s two-week Enterprise Life Cycle Logistics Management course.

Tony is survived by his daughter, Christina Scafati-Boyce, and her husband, Neil; grandchildren Niles, Nathan, Nia, Salah, and Sadya Boyce; and three sisters and their families.

Interment will be held at Arlington Cemetery on Sept. 15, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.