

Explaining Agile Project Management

The DAU Alumni Association and the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) co-sponsored a Hot Topic Forum July 10, during which Matthew Kennedy, Ph.D., CSP, and DAU faculty member, explained the concept of “Agile Project Management.” Kennedy summarized what Agile Project Management is and how it compares with current project management practices. He also provided an overview of organizational agility with an emphasis on Agile Project Management to about 200 people who were able to participate in person or via VTC.

The presentation included the history of agile development and the values and principles used by various aspects within an organization (Business, Project/Systems and Development) to move toward organizational agility. It highlighted the major differences between traditional project management and agile project management approaches. It also provided a real-world example of implementing agile project management techniques to deliver the maximum value to the user.

Slides from the presentation are available on the ACC at <https://acc.dau.mil/agile>.



Dr. Kennedy addressing forum attendees.

The Senior Service College Fellowship Program Welcomes the Class of 2014 to Aberdeen Proving Ground

July 29 marked the opening day for the Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) program at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), officially welcoming the fellows for the class of 2014. The class of 2014 is the fifth class at APG, Md., and represents the start of the fellows' 10 months of rigorous academic study embodied by the fellowship program. Each of the fellows participating in the program was identified by their sponsoring commands based upon demonstrated past performance and, more important, for tremendous potential to assume positions of greater responsibility within the U.S. Army acquisition workforce.

The Class of 2014 fellows are Jerry Cook, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; John Crone, Program Executive Office (PEO) Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (IEW&S); Thomas Haduch, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Stacey Kerwien, U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center; Matthew Maier, PEO IEW&S; Adam Parlow, Program Executive Office, Command, Control and Communications (Tactical) (PEO C3T); Lori Remeto, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity; and Michael Stanka, PEO C3T.

The coming academic year promises to provide another superb experience for the class, and will continue to be characterized by adult learning in small seminars. In the words of famed military theoretician, British army officer, Maj. Gen. J.F.C. Fuller, the year will be one in which, “we shall teach others: first because we have a vast amount of experience behind us, and secondly, in my opinion, it is only through free criticism of each other's ideas that truth can be thrashed out.”



DAU Partners with the University of Fairfax

Acting President **James McMichael** signed a strategic partnership agreement with Dr. Chris Feudo, President of the University of Fairfax (UoF), Aug. 7 at the Fort Belvoir campus. This partnership allows Defense Acquisition Workforce members to transfer DAU coursework toward college and university degrees and certificates.

UoF is an online graduate institution which focuses entirely on Cyber Security, awarding master's and doctoral degrees in Cyber Security, as well as CyberSecurity certifications.

The UoF is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC). The Accrediting Commission of DETC is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency and is a recognized member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The National Security Agency has authorized the UoF to award the CNSS National Standard 4011 and 4012 certifications. Veterans and eligible persons who qualify for educational benefits under the Post 911/GI Bill and other GI Bill Chapters may be eligible for educational benefits while enrolled in educational programs offered by the UoF. UoF is a proud participant in the Blue and Yellow Ribbon Programs.

Dr. Feudo will lead the Aug. 14 DAU Alumni Association Hot Topic Training Forum on Cyber Security. For more information, visit http://www.dauaa.org/dauaa_site/Web2011/HotTopic/UPCOMINGFORUMAug14.htm.



Dr. Feudo and Dr. McMichael.