

# Naval Civilian Managers Association (NCMA)

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Lakehurst

## Joint Base at Lakehurst Chapter Newsletter

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### Welcome New Members

Our chapter would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

- ❖ DAVID BAUM, 4.8.8.1
- ❖ SHAUN BROWN, 6.6.4.9
- ❖ ANDY HERNANDEZ, 4.8.1.4
- ❖ ERIC HIGGS, 6.7.6.1.2
- ❖ RUSSELL SHANNON, 4.8.1.3
- ❖ ALDO BERNAL, 4.8.6.3
- ❖ VIKAS GUMBER, 1.3.3.2
- ❖ ANDREW FUCA, 4.8.6.4
- ❖ LORIE NACE, 6.7.6
- ❖ RYAN BOWERSOCK, 4.8.6.4



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

*Helen Keller*

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☀ If you know of anyone interested in joining our wonderful organization, please contact Tahir Shah at 732-323-7221



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last week I started off our NCMA luncheon by reading a letter of concern that I had sent to the NCMA National President. Since then I have been in contact with the President and the presidents of the other NCMA chapters. I have received very strong support, in fact, the Norfolk Chapter had said that the letter was

in the hands of Congressman Randy Forbes five minutes after I sent the letter out. Congressman Forbes is on the Armed Services Committee and is the Chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee. He has allotted time to meet with the NCMA National Conference Delegates when we arrive in Washington DC in

May. The President has requested that the letter be sent to all our delegates and representatives. I am confident that if we all make our voices heard, we can make a difference.

Thank You for your Support!

*John Schmelzle  
President, NCMA  
Joint Base at  
Lakehurst Chapter  
Lakehurst, NJ*

## Congrats Mr. President!!!

*"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.*

*Vince Lombardi."*

### 2013 Federal Engineer of the Year Top Finalists

The 2013 Federal Engineer of the Year Award, sponsored by the Professional Engineers in Government, honors engineers employed by a federal agency that employs at least 50 engineers worldwide. Candidates are nominated by their employing federal agency. The Federal Engineer of the Year is selected by a panel of judges established by NSPE Professional Engineers in Government (PEG) who consider engineering achievements, education, continuing education, professional/technical society activities, NSPE membership, awards and honors, and civic and humanitarian activities.



### *The 2013 Engineer of the Year Top 10 Finalists*

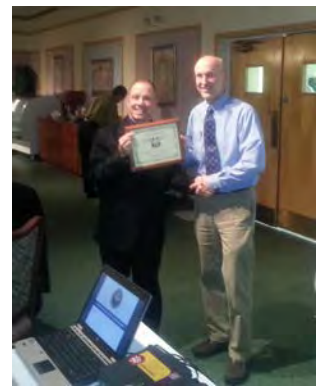
This year, our own NCMA Lakehurst Chapter President, Mr. John Schmelzle, made the Federal Engineer Top 10 Finalist list. Although he did not win the top prize, we are all very proud of him. His most noteworthy accomplishments were his tireless efforts on behalf of NCMA as well as design and development of deck shields to protect ships from the V-22 aircraft's exhaust, which was accomplished in just 12 days.



*John Schmelzle  
receiving his  
Finalist award,  
accompanied by  
SEED Div. Head Mr.  
Jack Martenak*

## Smile, You're on NCMA Camera

These happy new members proudly display their NCMA membership certificates



### A Few Good Reasons to Join NCMA:

- Stay at forefront of DoD events & technology
- Get involved in community affairs
- "Schmooze" with Schmelzle & other Managers/ Leaders
- Get your picture taken with President Schmelzle & published in this fine Publication!!!





## Community Partnership - STEM Laboratory at Lakehurst Elementary School

Ms. Jill Dobrowansky, Superintendent of Schools, Lakehurst Board of Education, visited the Joint Base's Naval Civilian Manager's Association (NCMA) on Mar. 5, 2013. Ms. Dobrowansky, who expressed interest in developing a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Laboratory at Lakehurst Elementary School, visited the Joint Base to learn about the capabilities of 3D printers. The Joint Base currently utilizes 3D printers to support its rapid prototyping capability. The NCMA, in coordination with Christine Farrell, Mechanical Engineer, briefed Ms. Dobrowansky on this capability and how it could be used in a STEM Laboratory at Lakehurst Elementary School.

During Ms. Dobrowansky's visit, Farhad Choudhury, NCMA Executive Board Member, presented a \$500 check to Lakehurst Elementary School to be used towards STEM initiatives at the school. For the past 3 years, this grant has been given to the school as a way of encouraging teachers to devise new ideas in STEM education



*Christine Farrell, Ms. Jill Dobrowansky and John Schmelzle try out the 3D printer at the Joint Base*



*William Borkowski, John Schmelzle, Ms. Jill Dobrowansky and Farhad Choudhury*

## Community Partnership – Seaperch Underwater Robotics competition

NAVAIR Lakehurst sponsored the 1st Annual NJ Seaperch Underwater Robotics competition at Rowan University on April 13th. Over 125 students representing 24 middle and high school teams competed in speed, navigation and engineering events. Winning the high school competition by less than 4/10th of a second in a tie-breaking speed trial in the finals was the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science; and for the middle schools competing, the Burlington County 4-H club navigated their way to become regional champions. Both will advance to the National Seaperch competition in Indianapolis, IN on May 18th. Lakehurst's NCMA provided volunteers at the event and awarded both the middle and high school regional winners with a travel grant. NCMA's Educational Outreach Coordinator, Mr. Gaetan Mangano, who was instrumental in the success of this awesome competition, also convinced the National Seaperch folks to open up a slot for the Colts Neck NJROTC team that finished a very close 2nd!



## NCMA Luncheon Topic - The FBI at JBMDL

Recently, NCMA members were treated to a wonderful guest speaker at a monthly luncheon who no one really knew was a tenant on our base. This guest, Mr. Richard F. McCarthy is a Supervisory Special Agent for Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Flight Operations. He spoke about the

FBI aviation surveillance outpost on the JBMDL. The speaker outlined his responsibilities as the Supervisor of numerous agents and listed the types of aircraft under his cog, their mission and maintenance philosophy. The unit on-base is an aviation unit

responsible for providing aerial surveillance for homeland security issues including tracking of suspects of all "sorts". Unfortunately, this is the extent of what we can publish without going into details that may be considered sensitive.

You see, in addition to the great food, this is an example of why it's good to attend NCMA luncheons (hint, hint)





## CAPT Bulis is Bullish about JBMDL

CAPTAIN Bill Bulis, USN, Joint Base MDL Deputy CDR was our guest speaker at the NCMA luncheon held on April 17, 2013 . His many very interesting topics included the following:

- DoD Joint Bases
- Installation Support Functions of the Army, Air Force Marines and Navy at JBMDL
- Geographical location of all functions/activities on the base
- Joint Base Demographics
- JB MDL's Economic Impact to New Jersey
- Quality of Life Facilities
- Joint Base Privatized Family Housing
- Joint Base Installation Management Functions

Captain Bulis seemed very passionate and felt very strongly about the importance and future of JBMDL. He referred to our “home” as “America’s Premier Joint Warfighting Base!” and was given rousing ovations.

To see his Powerpoint presentation, please follow this link to the NMCA Lakehurst website:  
To read Captain Bulis’ bio, please refer to the following link:



## Ms. Donnelly and Mr. Borrero Discuss the "S" and "F" words"

Ms. Kathy Donnelly and Mr. Mauricio Borrero were our distinguished guest speakers at the NCMA luncheon held on Feb 20, 2013 . Prior to the luncheon, Ms. Donnelly asked our executive committee what topic they would like to hear, and the unanimous replies were "**Sequestration and Furloughs**". The information provided was very intriguing and both speakers answered many questions, some requiring involvement by our Head Attorney, Ms. Lenore Strakowsky. Of course we all know that the subject matter is in constant flux, but both leaders assured us that the DoN's goal is to have minimal impact to our workforce. Ms. Donnelly stated that she had more topics to talk about and she will be our next Luncheon guest speaker on May 15.



## Upcoming NCMA Events

### Upcoming Speakers:

- May 15, 2013 - Ms. Kathleen Donnelly, SES NAVAIR 4.8
- June 19, 2013
  - Mr. John Schmelzle will discuss his experiences at the NCMA National Convention.
  - Mr. Gaetan Mangano will discuss NCMA's Education Outreach Program.

### Upcoming Events:

- Executive Board meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Golf Tournament to benefit Wounded Warriors will be held on May 30, 2013. **Please see below flyer.**





# Wounded Warrior Golf Outing



**May 30, 2013 (Thursday)**

**Location: Pine Ridge Golf Course Lakehurst**

**Cost: \$70 per golfer covers green**

**fees, cart, and dinner**

**Sponsored by: The NCMA**

**(Naval Civilian Managers Association)**

**RSVP by: May 24, 2013**

12:00 NOON Check In

1:00 Shotgun Start

4:00 Happy Hour

5:00 Dinner and Awards, Culinary School behind Pro Shop

9 Hole Best Ball Scramble Format

Foursomes and singles welcome. Singles will be put into foursomes.

Sign up with Mike Zitaglio, (732) 323-7689

Skip Bukowski, 732-232-1397

John Bowes, 732-232-7721, SloopJohnB1969@gmail.com



*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM*

## NCMA Bylaws Amended



A note from Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mr. Dick Epstein:

During the last meeting I mentioned that the amendment to the NCMA bylaws was approved by a 2/3 majority of our full membership, and we are now in compliance as a Private Organization operating on this Joint Base MDL. The bylaws were posted to the website and are available for you to review at any time. I'm attaching the link to the NCMA Lakehurst Chapter website. When at that site you can get to the bylaws through the 3rd item of the section "Items of Note", or through the first link in the section "Become a Member".

<http://ncmalakehurst.org/ncmalakehurst/index.htm>  
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If you have any questions on the bylaws or the process of changing them, you can contact me.

*Dick Epstein*

### Executive Board:

John Schmelzle	President
John Melin	1st Vice President
Dick Epstein	2nd Vice President
Farhad Choudhury,	Secretary
Laura Silveri,	Treasurer

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NCMA Website:  
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NCMA Bylaws:  
<http://ncmalakehurst.org/docs/NCMA%20BYLAWS%20Approved%2020120228.pdf>

NCMA National Website:  
[www.ncmaonline.org](http://www.ncmaonline.org)

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