



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by **Herb Baker**

Our June newsletter is a little late this month and our June meeting is so late that it will actually be in July due to some unexpected complications. Alan Hyman, who would have been the incoming chapter President has accepted a new job with Lockheed Martin in Pennsylvania. We're fortunate to have Tom Scott, an NCMA Fellow who has presided over two other NCMA chapters, step in and take over that role. Now that the Board of Directors ballot is finalized, it is included in this newsletter. Please mark your ballot and return it to Tom as soon as possible. The new officers will be installed at our next meeting on Thursday, July 11. This will be a luncheon meeting and will be **free** for all NCMA members! Our speaker will be an acquisition representative from the Pentagon Renovation Office. I'm expecting a great turnout for that meeting.

My term is ending this month and I'm very proud of what our officer's have accomplished over the past chapter year. We've continued to improve our chapter's website (ncmaspacecity.org). Our membership increased. We had some outstanding luncheon speakers, including Congressman Nick Lampson, former news anchorman Steve Smith, Dee Lee, Tim Malishenko, Roy Estess, and General Jefferson Howell. Our Fall Conference last November was equivalent to the national NCMA conferences and our recent NES symposium was very successful. We established an NCMA Scholarship Endowment at University of Houston-Clear Lake for an annual scholarship to the School of Business and Public Administration. And on top of all that, we did very well financially this past year (hence the free lunch). Thanks to all of the officers, committee members, volunteers, and all of you that helped make my job so easy and made the past year such a success.

Herb

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NCMA Space City Chapter
presents:

A Special July Luncheon
Meeting and Installation of
Officers

Thursday, July 11, 2002

at the Gilruth

Featured Speaker:

Nancy Gunderson

Pentagon Renovation Office -
Discussing damage sustained, repair
efforts and current status of repairs

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Reservation deadline is NOON

Monday, July 8th

Lunch Price: **Free** to Chapter Members

\$10 to non-members



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MEMBERSHIP MEMORABILIA

Fall Conference Planning

The Space City Houston Chapter of NCMA would like to welcome the following new members:

Karl Brauer	Kellogg Brown & Root
Marion Bronson-Cruce	Lockheed Martin CSOC
Carl Conder	Lockheed Martin CSOC Est.
Donald Crosby	Lockheed Martin
Debra Hanson	US Army
Roland Jasso	US Army
Barbara Parnell	Shuttle Upgrades Subcontract Mgt.
Madina Shaik	COMPQSOFIT
Susan Starkweather	Spacehab, Inc.
Amy Warren	Flour, Inc.

We would also like to recognize the following for their years of membership and service to NCMA:

5 years	Kathy Whitaker
15 years	Mary Wade
25 years	Ronald Swin

If you are interested in helping the Space City Houston Chapter grow, please contact Harold McCracken at 281/282-4089.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July Luncheon Meeting & Installation of New Officers

When: Thursday, July 11, 2002
11:30 – 1:00

Where: The Gilruth Center

Speaker: Nancy Gunderson,
Pentagon Renovation Office

Fall Conference

When: Thursday, November 6, 2002

Where: Houston Hobby Hilton

Keynote Speaker: Ralph C. Nash, Jr., Ph.D., National Law Center, George Washington Univ.

Topic: “Changes to the Status Quo, the 21st Century Contracts Manager”

Just a reminder that the Fall Conference Planning Committee is taking reservations for our Chapter’s 2002 Fall Conference on Nov. 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Houston Hobby Hilton Hotel. As you know, we have scheduled Ralph C. Nash, Jr., Ph.D., National Law Center of the George Washington University, as our conference keynote speaker. His topic will be “Changes to the Status Quo, the 21st Century Contracts Manager”. We also have Mike J. McCormick, J.D., PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Industrial Organization, University of Houston Clear Lake and Marty Berman, Ph.D., Professor, University of Phoenix, to name a few. The 2002 Fall Conference Chairman, Tom Scott, will give the closing address.

Your \$150 registration fee includes a two-day event that begins Tuesday evening, November 5th, with cocktails from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and dinner from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Moody Ballroom. Wednesday, we will see you at 7:00 a.m. for a Continental breakfast, and the speakers begin at 8:00 a.m. Lunch and snacks will also be provided.

The planning committee is still looking for volunteers to help with the final preparations. If you are interested, please contact Tom Scott at 281-280-3787.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ENCLOSED BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S BALLOT BY JULY 1ST.



“Ride the Dragon”

by Tom Devitt

In May, our chapter’s featured speaker was Jefferson Davis Howell III, Director of Johnson Space Center. General Howell has had a distinguished career in both the military and private industry. His inspiring speech to a joint meeting of the Space City NCMA Chapter, JSC NMA and USA NMS was truly a memorable event.

The General’s First 45 Days

- Has been spent getting acclimated and acquainted
- He is impressed by the quality of people he has met at JSC. In particular he was impressed by their knowledge, commitment, dedication, and professionalism.
- The briefings he has been given to date have been first rate
- As with all new jobs he encountered problems he didn’t anticipate
- “How special this noble endeavor [JSC’s mission] is”
- “How privileged I am to be part of this team”
- “Every day is a holiday and every meal a picnic”

Things on the General’s Mind

- He is reviewing the 2004 budget for JSC
- “Reality is setting in”
- “The bottom line is that the center is not getting as much money as it will two or three years from now”
- “Our near-term budget reflects manpower reduction”
- “There is the real potential for lost jobs”
- “To a degree this was expected because of the phasing of ISS work”
- “JSC is going to have to seek out new business opportunities”

Dealing With Change

-The General told the story of three men who were walking along a trail when they came upon a dragon. The first tried to run and was eaten. The second decided to fight and was also eaten. After seeing what happened to his two compatriots, the third, in sheer desperation, ran up and jumped on the back of the dragon. The dragon reacted violently. He reared up and did everything he could to dislodge his unwelcome rider. Although he initially faced great peril, the man was eventually accepted by the dragon. After a while he enjoyed the ride and actually benefited from the spoils of traveling with the dragon.

The General explained that the dragon symbolized change and in our case the changes that JSC is going through. He said we have three choices:

- We can run from change
- We can fight it
- Or we can try to live with it

The Near Term Outlook for JSC

- JSC is not in the doghouse with NASA HQ, Congress, or the Administration
- “The basic human value is here – passion”
- “The Human Space Flight Directorate will move from JSC to NASA HQ”
- “JSC’s role will change in how it supports the program”
- “Manned flight programs will stay here”
- “The core capabilities for manned space flight are at JSC”. They include: EVA Support Capability, Astronaut Support, Safety and Mission Assurance, Life Sciences and Astrobiology.
- “The Engineering Directorate at JSC is NASA’s Crown Jewel”
- “It will become a Center of Excellence for Space Flight Engineering”
- “JSC’s expertise will enable it to compete successfully for future NASA work related to Robotics”
- “Robotics is a growth area for JSC”
- “Space Launch is a growing enterprise – JSC and Marshall Space Flight Center have established a partnership that should benefit from this growth”
- “It will mean more projects and work for the people at JSC”
- “The near term outlook is not all gloom and doom”

The Long Term Outlook

- “I am bullish about the future of this center”
- “The potential is for JSC to do much better from a budget standpoint”
- “When it comes down to it JSC knows how to get the job done”
- “We will be OK”
- “I did not come here to lock the gates and see JSC shut down”

What Can Each of Us Do To Help Promote the Future of JSC?

- “We must remain top professionals”
- “We must pay attention to detail”
- “We must step up and say no if we see something that isn’t right”
- “We must take great pride in what JSC has accomplished to date”
- “How people will feel 50 years from now about being part of JSC will depend on what we do today”
- “I am confident that they will feel the same pride that we do”





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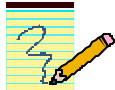
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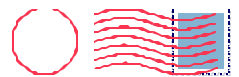
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