

# **AUGUST 2019 Newsletter - Virginia Peninsula Chapter**



## **Don't Miss Our First Chapter Lunch of the Fall – September 19th**

We are celebrating our members at our first meeting of our new chapter year... members pay only \$5! There will be lots of great meal choices and with a CPE, it's a great deal! It's Thursday, September 19, 2019, 11:30pm at the Black Pelican Seafood Company in the Greenbrier section of Chesapeake. Suzanne Wren, Assistant Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team Government Accountability Office, Norfolk Field Office will speak on GAO's Work Examining Navy Readiness Issues. Invite along your nonmember colleagues. If they join at the meeting they will get the cost of their lunch applied towards their membership (and you'll get \$10 towards your membership renewal as their sponsor, see below!) A flyer to post at your office is attached and the link to register is here <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=rchbb>

## **Help AGA Grow: Fall 2019–2020 Membership Recruitment Drive**

Starting now through March, you can earn credit towards your membership renewal by recruiting new members. For every new member that you recruit, you will have \$10 applied towards your membership renewal. Recruit 10 new members and your government membership renewal will be FREE! (Be sure to have your new members identify you as their sponsor on their membership applications).

## **Want to Talk AGA to your Colleagues? Invite us and We'll Bring the Pizza**

If you're willing to organize a lunch (or breakfast) time meet up at your worksite to talk to your colleagues about the benefits of AGA, invite us along and we'll buy the pizza (or doughnuts) and use the opportunity to formally recognize those of you who are members for your participation (so be sure and invite the boss). We'll offer an incentive for those that join on the spot. Contact chapter Membership Director Kelly Stefanko at [Kstefanko@hotmail.com](mailto:Kstefanko@hotmail.com) to arrange it.

## **Welcome Our New VA Peninsula Chapter Members in 2019:**

- LaTrina G. Sweatt, Internal Auditor, City of Hampton
- Mr. Antwon Ellis, Accountant, US Coast Guard
- Mrs. Ilka J. Evans, FISCAL, US Coast Guard Finance Center
- Ms. Rita Finney, Senior, Vice President, Savantage Solutions Inc
- Miss Danielle Glover, Auditor, DCAA
- Ms. Naisha Griggs, Budget Analyst, Military Sealift Command
- Mrs. Lavinia L. Hardy, Accountant, NASA, Langley Research Ctr
- Mrs. Sarah Lovely, Financial Operations Manager, City of Norfolk
- Mr. George P. McLeod, Jr., Accountant, Coast Guard Finance Center
- Mr. Steven T. Morris, Agency Chief Financial Officer, City of Detroit
- Mr. Michael C. Obermark, Accountant IV, City of Chesapeake, Virginia
- Mr. Jay Poole, CPA, CIA, CFE, CGMA, City Auditor, Chesapeake, VA
- Ms. Laura E. St. Laurent, CGFM, Accounts Payable Manager
- Ms. Lisa R. Sullivan, Financial Management Analyst Trainee, NAVFAC MIDLANT
- Mr. Jayakumar S. Vedapuri, Subject Matter Expert, ManTech International

## **FREE CPE From Your Desktop – September 4th**

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are one hour and offer one CPE...and the first one is THIS Wednesday, September 4th. Our very own

chapter member, Cecelia Smith, is one of the speakers on this nation-wide webcast. Register using [this link](#) today.

### **Enhance your Marketability – Become a CGFM!**

Now is the time to save up to \$75 by taking the CGFM during September and October. During this time, CGFM exams will be administered as beta exams. Exams will be discounted to \$100 each — candidates can save a total of \$75 by taking all three exams! Candidates who schedule beta exams will get FREE access to the updated online CGFM study guides. No exams will be offered in November and December. New exams with immediate scoring come out Jan. 2, 2020. Visit [AGAcgfm.org](http://AGAcgfm.org)

### **Are you a Project Management Professional (PMP)?**

We're proud to announce that, effective Aug. 1, 2019 all AGA national events, from live-streamed trainings to webinars to self-learning, are now approved to help project managers achieve and maintain the Project Management Professional (PMP)®, Program Management Professional (PgMP)® and other PMI professional credentials.

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### **Are you an Academic or Practitioner Looking to be Published?**

The AGA Journal of Government Financial Management seeks material on upcoming themes:

- Leadership in Changing Times (due Dec. 2, 2019)
- Leaning in on Technology (due Mar. 2, 2020)

Contact [journal@agacgfm.org](mailto:journal@agacgfm.org) with your ideas.

*VA Peninsula Chapter 2018-2019 President Margaret Kess accepts AGA's highest chapter recognition honor, a Platinum award, on behalf of our chapter at AGA's national professional development training this summer.*



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