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The AFCEA Fort Knox Gold Vault Chapter Newsletter

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Aug 20, 2020 Online Meeting Featuring Jeff Bohling *Sponsored by Perspecta*

Greetings Members and Guests,

Join us on Thursday August 20, 2020 11:30 to 1pm for an online meeting with special guest speaker Jeff Bohling, Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Defense Group at Perspecta, speaking on Four Criteria for Cloud Transformation. As senior vice president and general manager of the Defense Group at Perspecta, Jeffrey Bohling directs the successful operation, execution and management of highly innovative, enterprise wide solutions for federal defense agencies. His group supports the mission to keep our country and its citizens safe by delivering solutions to improve software, systems engineering, IT, training and logistics and fleet management solutions to key agencies in national defense.

Prior to his role at Perspecta, Bohling was the senior vice president and general manager of the Civilian and Defense Group at Vencore. Before joining Vencore, he served as vice president and general manager for the civilian solutions sector at General Dynamics Information Technology. Bohling was brought to General Dynamics with the acquisition of Vangent in September 2011.

Visit our website to register and participate in this event here:
ftknox.afceachapters.org - [Online Event with Jeff Bohling of Perspecta.](#)

-The AFCEA Fort Gold Vault Chapter



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President's Page

Dear Gold Vault Chapter Members,

Greetings everyone, can you believe we are already in August?! This year has certainly flown by and I want to recognize the all the members of our community for the creative ways in which they have worked to overcome adversity, support one another, and for their continued support of The Gold Vault Chapter.

In the month of June we launched our STEM Teacher Grant Campaign and in July our Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors selected Ms. Lori Collard of John Hardin High School to receive the 2020 Gold Vault Chapter \$1000 Teacher Grant to support Technology in the Classroom. Congratulations to Ms. Lori Collard and John Hardin High School.

In July we enjoyed an online Young AFCEAN event with Life Coach and IT professional Ms. Kathy White. In early August we hosted an online meeting with guest speaker Shamlan Siddiqi of NTT DATA. Later this week, on August 20th it is our great pleasure to host Mr. Jeff Bohling, Senior Vice President and General Manager, of the Defense Group at Perspecta Inc.

Right around the corner on September 12th we're hosting our annual Golf Scramble Scholarship Fundraiser at the Lincoln Trail Golf Course. This is an extremely important event for us as it helps us provide Scholarships to hard-working local high school seniors who wish to attend college to pursue a STEM field. If you are interesting in supporting and participating in this event please contact our VP of Programs, Mr. Derek Massey.

Also, spread the word, the nomination period for 2021 Chapter Officers is now open until November 1st. The Election of our 2021 Chapter Officers will occur in December and be voted upon by our chapter members. We are recruiting volunteers! If you would like to build your network, demonstrate your skills outside of your current responsibilities, and give back to the Fort Knox professional community, whether you have a few hours or lots of free time, we have an opportunity for you to participate. If you are interested in taking advantage of all of the opportunities that membership in our chapter offers, please contact me or visit our website ftknox.afceachapters.org

--Angela Alexander-Mendoza, President



Angela Alexander-Mendoza, President

Volunteer Opportunities!

Many volunteer opportunities are available which will accentuate your professional development and leadership experience.

For more information, contact me at: President@ftknox.afceachapters.org



Event Highlights

Gold Vault Chapter SAIC 2020



BOB RITCHIE

Vice President for Software Practice, SAIC



MARTIN L HARBOLT



ANGELA ALEXANDER-MENDOZA

President, Ft. Knox AFCEA Gold Vault Chapter

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On July 21st, the AFCEA Gold Vault Chapter in partnership with SAIC launched an educational webinar featuring guest speaker SAIC Vice President of Practice Bob Ritchie.

At the beginning of the webinar, President Angela Alexander-Mendoza provided chapter announcements and introduced the Gold Vault Chapter Chairman of the Board, Mr. Martin Harbolt. Mr. Harbolt announced that in partnership, SAIC and the Gold Vault Chapter provided a \$5,000 donation to the Heartland Food Bank in Elizabethtown Ky. This action provided 40,000 meals to families and students who had displaced from their jobs and schools due to Covid-19. Mr. Harbolt then introduced SAIC Vice President of Practice Bob Ritchie.

In this webinar, Mr. Ritchie presented an informational session to learn more about how cloud-native

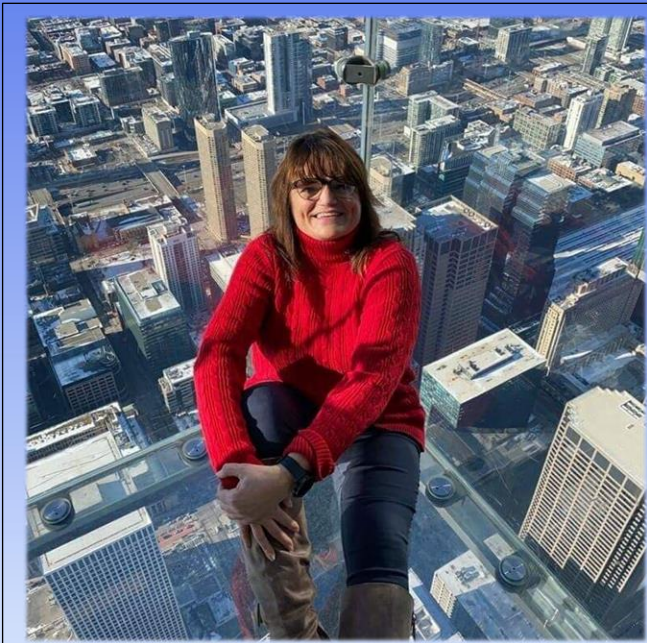
development can bring application agility and the corresponding benefits of modernizing government legacy applications through a variety of development techniques.

Mr. Ritchie leads SAIC's software practice, bringing a combination of commercial leadership and government services expertise. He is responsible for strategy and investment in software solutions; the development, integration, and sustainment of software applications; and the migration of legacy code and apps to new environments. Mr. Ritchie earned his Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from Virginia Tech and holds eight Amazon Web Services Certifications.

-Angela Alexander-Mendoza

Event Highlights

Young AFCEAN Online Event with Life Coach and IT Professional Kathy White



Life Coach and IT Professional Kathy White

On July 23rd 2020, the AFCEA Gold Vault Chapter hosted an online Young AFCEAN event featuring IT field veteran and life coach Ms. Kathy White.

Those who know Kathy White, can expect a very vibrant, energetic and lovely lady. Kathy is from the local area, in-fact I went to school with Kathy, I remember her well. Always friendly, smiling, happy and even in school she had positive energy. I can see her walking the halls now.

Kathy spoke, virtually at our Young AFCEA Event about her own experiences throughout her life, reaching out and speaking to others whenever she can is something she truly enjoys. It's a passion as you can hear it in her voice. She even states "this gets me excited" – She had a Veteran at one of her events who felt discouraged and to the point

of almost giving up, come up to her after her speech and tell her "You've give me hope to continue, Thank You" – no doubt this touched Kathy and made her heart happy knowing she helped one more person. You can hear the happiness in her voice as she speaks.

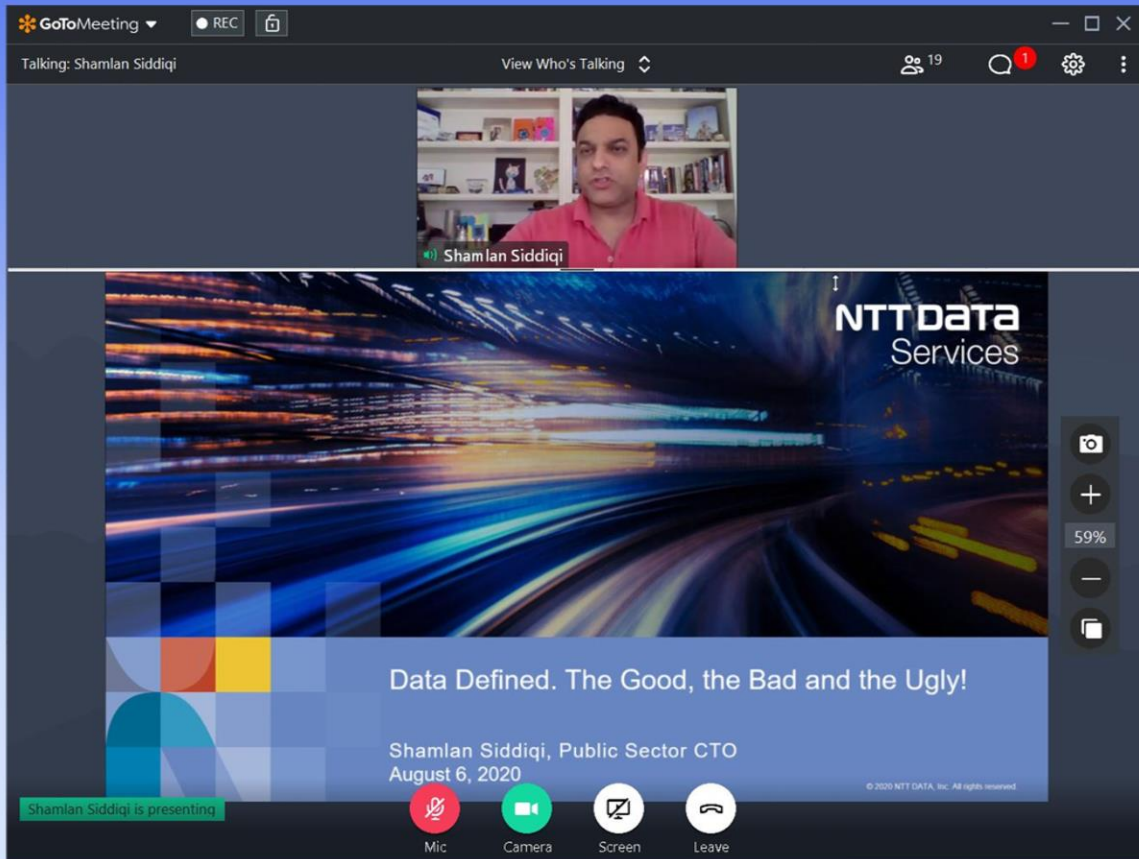
Kathy spoke about taking your weaknesses and using them as your strong points. Her explanation is, it's noticed that you took the reins and moved forward by allowing yourself to build your confidence. She even spoke about offering to do whatever is needed to get the job done. From the most simple task to the leading role, this is noticed and don't think it's not. It puts your name out there. It shows that you are not above doing what

is needed to get the job done. It also puts you in the spot light showing others you're not afraid to take the reins and when something is needed down the road, people will remember you. Moving forward showing any task is a great strength for you. Kathy had us participate in a word test, her saying words and us trying to remember them, the trick is the meaning of the words. Her technique and advice left us all in awe...as she explained how to remember, it was very challenging and rewarding to all of us.

Kathy works at Fort Knox, Public speaking and helping others overcome obstacles that relate to herself is a passion only she can explain and she does it well. Thank you Kathy for a very positive outlook in all of our lives. -Gina Dowell, VP Women in AFCEA

Event Highlights

Online Event with Shamlan Siddiqi of NTT Data Data Defined, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly



On August 6th, Shamlan Siddiqi of NTT Data, presented Data Defined, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Mr. Siddiqi summarized his presentation: We're at a pivotal moment in the development of the data economy, with big changes in regulations, privacy, collection and the public perception of corporate and government behavior. The rules and expectations keep changing. The recent global pandemic has changed opinions and also precipitated the need for security and protection. Citizens have more power than ever before through analytics, AI and other ways to harness and access data – government and consumers are forced to grapple with this new reality.

In this presentation, NTT DATA Public Sector, CTO Shamlan Siddiqi will share his insight garnered from the years of experience in the commercial and government sectors. With 40% of the world's data traveling through NTT's data centers, we have a front row seat to "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" of the new normal "opt in" data culture.

Bio: Shamlan Siddiqi is the chief technology officer of NTT DATA's public sector. In this role, Siddiqi defines and leads the group's technology, advisory and innovation vision and strategy, supporting its efforts to improve agency outcomes through pragmatic innovations and focused services.

2020 Teacher Grant



John Hardin High School Bulldogs



*MSG Randall Leek
VP of Scholarships*



Greetings fellow AFCEANS,

I previously wrote about investing in the future of STEM by providing educational incentives and opportunities to recent high school graduates. AFCEA not only provides scholarships to high school graduates, they also award teacher grants to assist teachers with equipment and supplies in the classroom. Teachers have a lasting impact on students and often times help shape the students career goals. Ensuring teachers have the equipment and tools needed is imperative to shaping students young minds. This year the Gold Vault Chapter awarded one 1,000.00 Teacher Grant. The 2020 Gold Vault Chapter Teacher Grant was awarded to Lori Collard at John Hardin High School.

Lori Collard teaches Pre-Engineering at John Hardin High School. She holds a BS in Packaging Engineering and a MS in Manufacturing Management. Ms. Collard

believes any engineering pathway should have a foundation of computer coding and the hardware that makes it happen. Ms. Collard intends to use the grant money to purchase Micro:bit computers and a 3D printer. This will allow her students to learn to code as well as experience the manufacturing process first hand.

Congratulations to Lori Collard, 2020 Teacher Grant award winner. It was a very competitive field this year and Ms. Collard certainly earned it.

To our members, sponsors, and supporters, thank you for making it possible for our chapter to make a difference in our community with your generous support of our education fund.

-MSG Randall Leek, VP of Scholarships

2020 Golf Scramble Scholarship Fundraiser



Derek Massey, VP of Programs

Greetings AFCEA Members, Friends, and Supporters,

Please join us on Saturday September 12th 2020 at Lincoln Trail Golf Course, Vine Grove, KY for our Annual Golf Scramble Scholarship Fundraiser.

We are asking for your sponsorship!

All proceeds benefit STEM scholarship programs for students and teachers.

Sponsor, play golf, network, enjoy lunch, and possibly win a prize! All sponsors receive recognition commensurate with level of contribution: in-person at tournament luncheon, social media, and inclusion in publicity materials. All may contribute materials for tee bags and raffle prizes.

Greens fees, lunch, and cart are all provided to team golfers. \$500 prize for 1st place team, \$300 prize for 2nd place. Other prizes awarded as well.

Contact:

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***Vacant**

Programs Subcommittee:
Ms. Anna Kepshire



Chapter Goals

- ***Membership**-Increase Membership Total, Membership Retention, and Membership Participation
- ***Scholarships/Educational**-Award four scholarships-*Accomplished!*
- ***Events**-Host three general membership meetings
Host one Women in AFCEA event-*Accomplished!*
- ***Awards**-Submit at least one chapter award through the Regional Vice President
-*Accomplished!*
- ***Corporate Involvement**-Gain at least two corporate sponsors - *Accomplished*

Upcoming Events

For more information about upcoming events, please visit the Chapter Web site: ftknox.afceachapters.org.

Aug 20th General Membership Meeting – Sponsored by Perspecta – Jeff Bohling, online

Sept 12th 2020 Annual Golf Scramble Scholarship Fundraiser – Lincoln Trail Golf Course – contact Derek Massey, VP of Programs, at Programs@ftknox.afceachapters.org to participate

For information on Sponsorship, Volunteering, or Participation, contact: VP Programs at Programs@ftknox.afceachapters.org or President@ftknox.afceachapters.org



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Chapter Website: ftknox.afceachapters.org

Chapter Facebook page:

facebook.com/pages/Afcea-Gold-Vault-Chapter

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About Us: AFCEA can bridge the gap between government, industry, and academia by exploring relevant, common issues and sharing knowledge within the local IT community.

We are looking for dynamic presentations showcasing successful and proven practices in Software Development, Project Management and Process Improvement. Whether you manage projects, architect software or manage processes, we want to hear from you. Submit a proposal for consideration to present at one of upcoming events.

Contact us

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Secretary Karen Barry and President Angela Alexander-Mendoza

What are the Benefits of AFCEA Membership?

Subscription to SIGNAL Magazine – A professional journal on communications, electronics, intelligence and information systems.

Young AFCEAN Events – Short seminars offered on a quarterly basis geared for those less than or equal to 40 years of age on topics of interest to developers.

General Membership Meetings – These provide a sponsored lunch and a guest speaker who leads a discussion on a topic of interest with the Chapter membership. Normally, we have 3 per year.

Professional Development Opportunities: We strive to create events such as the AFCEA Fort Knox Industry Day, and the Fort Knox Professional Development Day. There will be several sessions of interest to project managers, and software developers.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Scholarships are awarded to teachers and students graduating from High School and enrolling in a college in a STEM discipline.

Access to AFCEA’s Professional Development Center.

Networking – Access to an extensive network of government and industry professionals.

Fort Knox Gold Vault Chapter Member Recognition

Welcome New Members
and Renewing Members!

John M O'Shea
Bevin Wathen
Doug Roberts



Membership Drive!

During the Month of September, the Gold Vault Chapter is hosting a Membership Drive. If you've never been a member of the Gold Vault Chapter but would like to be, you can enter our drawing to win a free membership. Send an email referencing Membership Drive with your Name and Phone number to be entered to win a free one year membership. Send your email to our Secretary, Ms. Karen Barry at Secretary@ftknox.afceachapters.org

If you are not currently a member and you decide to purchase a membership, we will donate a free one year membership to an active duty Soldier rank E1-7. For this option, please send an email to our Secretary, Ms. Karen Barry at Secretary@ftknox.afceachapters.org.

If you are interested in volunteering, networking with area professionals, and contributing to the goals of the Gold Vault Chapter please contact our Officers, learn more at our [website:](http://ftknox.afceachapters.org)

