



# *The Vault*

The AFCEA Fort Knox Gold Vault Chapter Newsletter

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## June 25th, 2019: General Membership Meeting

June 2019

Mark your calendar and join us for the Fort Knox AFCEA Gold Vault Chapter General Membership Meeting sponsored by Perspecta.

**Stu Hammer**- Senior Director, Application Offerings & Advisory Services

As the senior director of the application offerings and advisory services for Perspecta, Stu Hammer specializes in driving strategic transformation programs for customers with an emphasis on application transformation to cloud, application modernization and Agile/DevOps Application programs. Hammer brings more than 34 years of IT and consulting experience as a proven leader and member of executive-level management teams. He partners corporate objectives with strategic technology advances and innovative trends. He has been a frequent advisor and speaker on IT transformation trends, specializing in application transformation strategies for customers. Hammer graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a bachelor's of Business Administration and Information Management. He earned a master's of Computer Systems Management from Creighton University and was nominated to Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for collegiate schools of business.



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The results will be announced at the General Meeting on June 25.



## President's Message

Greetings AFCEANS!

It is summer - it's AFCEA time! Our big goal for this year is to make sure that we are putting on an event EVERY month! This month is one of the big ones: our General Membership Meeting sponsored by Perspecta.

This meeting is on a Tuesday (not our usual Thursday) so make a note of that! Tuesday, June 25th 11:30 AM, at our favourite place: the Saber & Quill - and lunch is free, courtesy of Perspecta.

In the last three months we have done AI, Robots, and Free DBs running Navy ships, the Cloud is coming this month and more is on the horizon, we hope to see you at all of our events.

In Sep/Oct we will have our annual Golf Scramble - it is coming up so get some practice in!. The date will be announced shortly. We hope you can participate.

We say a fond farewell and thank you this month to Mark Hillberry, our VP of Awards for the last few years. He is leaving the Executive Committee after years of service. His effort has been greatly appreciate - as it is for all of our Executive Committee members.

Have a great summer and we hope to see you several times!



Michael Tague, 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](mailto:President@ftknox.afceachapters.org)



## Announcements



2019 has been great so far! The chapter was awarded the Diversity Program Award and the Model Chapter Award at the Tech Net convention in Baltimore, MD!



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Upcoming events, Specific dates are TBD:  
July- Young AFCEAN  
August-Women in AFCEA  
September- GMM  
October- GOLF SCRAMBLE



## New EC Members 2019



Nikki Ball will be taking on the role of VP of Young Afcean. She is a 20 year retiree of the US Air Force. She looks forward to sharing experiences and stories with other IT professionals.



Ray Bernhagen, Program Manager for Exeter's HRC Cyber Contract, is a new member on The Board of Directors for AFCEA. Ray is a staple in the Louisville/Fort Knox area. He brings his knowledge and expertise with numerous organizations and his own 501c3 organization that supports the greater Louisville metro area which includes the Fort Knox communities of Brandenburg and Elizabethtown. Ray is very well known in the community and was presented the Spirit of Louisville Bell Award in 2013 for his volunteer efforts.



Jessica Camacho is the new VP Awards for AFCEA. Jessica is a PM for Exeter and has Military Experience as a MAJ, in the Signal Corps, 26B for 20 plus years.



Gina Dowell is the new VP Women for AFCEA. Gina is a BA for Exeter. She stays very involved in the Community, involved in numerous organizations and has worked on Fort Knox for over 30 years.



After 20 years in the USAF specializing in Project Management, John Cauldill continued to be a project manager for other various companies. He hopes to make a positive impact as Treasurer of the AFCEA Gold Vault Chapter.



## Young AFCEAN 2019

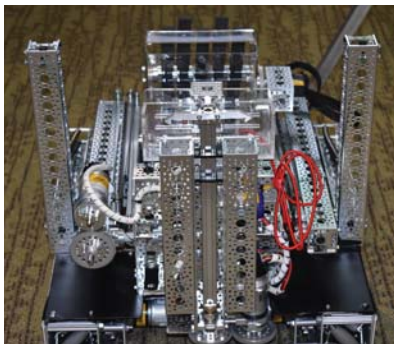


Hello Young AFCEANS,

So far 2019 has been great! We have had 1 event and that was the Robotics event. This was a great young AFCEAN event and was sponsored by TEKsystems. We had a great student robotics team show us just how robots can become part of our future! This team participates in a robotics program called FIRST. They have completed in two competitions this season winning the overall champions awards in the Indy South Qualifier as well as the overall champions award during the Kentucky State Championship.



They won 2nd place for their Promote Video. The Promote Award is given to the team that is most successful in creating a compelling video message for the public designed to change our culture and celebrate science, technology, engineering and math.



The team also finished the robot performance qualifying part of the competition ranked 9th in the world!

We plan to have another great event for you in July, follow us on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn to find out more. Learn more about our Chapter at our website: [ftknox.afceachapters.org](http://ftknox.afceachapters.org)

## Women in AFCEA



2019 is already shaping up to be an exciting year for the Women in AFCEA, Gold Vault Chapter! We had a great event Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> ! To those that attended, thank you, and to those that did not, we hope to see you next time!



Women in AFCEA offers resources to help women, and men, advance their careers through leadership development, education, and networking events.

My goal this year is to recognize emerging and established women in Fort Knox! If you have a colleague who has done outstanding things in the area of IT and in the community, please contact me to have her recognized for her contributions at our events!

Contact me at [vpwomen@ftknox.afceachapters.org](mailto:vpwomen@ftknox.afceachapters.org)

If you are not actively involved or have not joined AFCEA, this is your year!

For additional information please visit our website at [ftknoxafceachapters.org](http://ftknoxafceachapters.org)

Connect and engage with us on your favorite social platform.



## Education

is an AFCEA core value. The Association, in partnership with the

AFCEA Educational Foundation, Chapters and Members worldwide, presents \$1.5 million annually in scholarships, grants and awards to students in the science and technology majors as well as those fields related to intelligence and homeland security.

### From AFCEA International

See AFCEA International events on the [afcea.org](http://afcea.org) events tab. AFCEA is a professional association that connects innovative people, great ideas and vital solutions to advance global security.

We do that by developing networking and educational opportunities and providing them in an ethical forum. This enables military, government, industry and academia to align technology and strategy to meet the needs of those who serve.

## 2019 Chapter Leadership

### Board of Directors

Chairman of the Board: **Martin Harbolt**  
Vice Chairman of the Board: **Mark Thompson**  
Directors at Large: **COL Roberto Castillo**  
**SGM Camie Rodgers**  
**Mr. Richard Garner**  
**Mr. Carlos Medina** **Mr. Edwin Allin**  
**Mr. Ronnie Creech** **Mr. Ray Bernhagen**

### Executive Committee

President: **Mr. Miguel Rivera**  
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Vice President, Membership: **Ms. Karen Barry**  
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Vice President, Programs: **Mr. Derek Massey**  
Vice President, Scholarships: **Ms. Maura Enright**  
Vice President, Women in AFCEA: **Ms. Gina Dowell**  
Vice President, Young AFCEAN Affairs: **Ms. Nikki Ball**  
Webmaster: **Mr. Richard Roda**  
Photographer: **Ms. Breeona Zachary**



**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.

## Connect with AFCEA

For the latest information about AFCEA and the Chapter, visit us at:

**AFCEA Web site:** [afcea.org](http://afcea.org)

**Chapter Web site and QR Code:**

<https://ftknox.afceachapters.org/index.php>



**Chapter Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/AFCEAGoldVault/?ref=bookmarks>

**Chapter Twitter feed:** @AFCEAGoldVault

<https://twitter.com/AFCEAGoldVault>

**Chapter LinkedIn page:** <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3831584/>

## Benefits of AFCEA Membership

### 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.

**Giving back to the local community by helping STEM students succeed-** 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.

**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.

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





## Welcome New Members and Renewing Members!

Jeremy Ball

John Caudill

Marysha Fritz

Eberhard Kiesich

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)  
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