

CPM TENNESSEE VALLEY (CPMTV) CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2014

By Norman Dean

The CPMTV chapter held its winter quarterly meeting on Tuesday, December 2 in Huntsville, Alabama. Over 30 individuals attended the meeting with representation from industry, government and education. The meeting was graciously hosted by the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) alumni association at the DAU training facility. The meeting was emceed by Bob Wasser of BCF Solutions with presentations by Mark Lumb, Joel Little, Dave Treshansky, and Mr. Bob Owen.

Bob Wasser welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged those in attendance to consider becoming a CPM member. Bob also introduced the proposed slate of officers for the CPMTV chapter and encouraged others to run for offices. Finally, Bob gave the dates and sponsors for the next four quarterly meetings and asked for volunteers to host future CPM meetings.

Mark Lumb, Dean, South Region DAU, began the meeting with an informative presentation entitled “Telling the DAU Story”. Dean Lumb told how DAU not only provides world class training to the defense acquisition workforce, but also how DAU is involved in the local community, including offering leadership development classes for City of Huntsville employees.

Joel Little, Professor of Earned Value Management (EVM) with DAU South, followed with an interesting and educational presentation “Are you Really Ready for an IBR?”. In this presentation Professor Little discussed the purpose of an Integrated Baseline Review (IBR), noted the documentation needed to conduct a proper IBR, and gave some useful best-practices from his years of experience with IBRs.

Dave Treshansky, Professor with DAU South, and Mr. Bob Owen, Chief of the Earned Value Branch, Lower Tier Project Office, then led a thought provoking discussion on the Department of Defense’s Better Buying Power Initiatives and the use of EVM with Fixed Price Incentive (FPI) contracts. Many meeting attendees participated in this discussion, with plenty of real-world problems and lessons-learned being offered.

Bob Wasser wrapped up the meeting by thanking the presenters and the DAU Alumni Association, and he reminded meeting attendees to fill out CPM membership forms if they are interested in joining.

2015 CPMTV quarterly meetings are scheduled as follows;

Tuesday, March 3rd from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at DAU and is being sponsored by True Plan.

Tuesday, June 2nd from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at DAU and is being sponsored by Deltek.

Tuesday, September 1st from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at DAU and is being sponsored by forProject.

Tuesday, December 1st from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at DAU and is being sponsored by BCF Solutions.

More details to follow!