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All acquisition personnel invited to Acquisition Excellence Day

"Our Team, Our Mission - Our Marines"

Acquisition Excellence (AE) Day, an all-day event for the entire Marine Corps acquisition community, both active duty and civilian, will take place Wednesday, June 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (doors open at 7:15) at the Hylton Events Center, 14640 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, Va. The conference focuses on the professional development, professional and personal wellness, and morale of the acquisition workforce. If you are supporting the acquisition community, regardless of location or activity, you are invited to attend this event.

AE Day's keynote speaker is Major General (Select) Charles Hudson, Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group. He will address the "Operational Needs of the Warfighter." The morning's guest speaker is Marty Anderson, Senior Lecturer in Management at Babson College. He will discuss the changes needed to "Lighten the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF)."

New this year is the addition of a "Warfighters Panel" to the agenda. This group of eight Marines, who recently returned from Regional Command (Southwest) in Afghanistan, will speak to the equipment the Marine Corps acquisition community has acquired and integrated. They will discuss lessons learned and provide insightful suggestions to our workforce. Each panel member will speak for 5 to 10 minutes on their experiences with the fielded equipment and then answers questions.

AE Day also gives leadership an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the Marines and Civilian Marines who work at Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS). Both commands will present more than 30 awards during three ceremonies. MCSC and PEO LS accepted 203 individual and team nominations for 17 categories making up the Commander's Honorary Awards and 13 nominations for the Marine Corps Awards for Acquisition Innovation and Excellence. Of the three prestigious honors encompassing this list, the Andrew J. Higgins Award honors a Marine Corps officer, the Eugene M. Stoner Award goes to a Marine staff noncommissioned officer, and a Marine Corps civilian acquisition professional receives the Donald Roebling Award.

Considered a stand-down day for the Command, the entire workforce is invited to watch the award ceremonies, listen to motivational speakers and visit the many exhibits on display at AE day. All MCSC and PEO LS government employees are expected to attend the conference, as it is officially a required duty place. Other Department of Defense acquisition military and government civilians are also invited to attend. All wishing to attend who are assigned to an acquisition-designated billet must register for the event. All others are invited to register.

Attendance at AE Day for government contractor personnel is at the discretion of the Project Officer/Program Manager. Contractors are welcome to attend, but their management must understand that the government should not be billed for the time.

Those registering for the event should use "Register-Now" at the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) website, <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/clm/default.asp>. For assistance or more information regarding registration, contact Angela Rowan, 703-432-4432, angela.rowan@usmc.mil. Those acquisition workforce members properly registered and in attendance will earn eight Continuous Learning points toward the bi-annual requirement of 80 points.

Local travel or TAD funding requirements are the responsibility of the section/command of the individual attending, as appropriate

Regarding the location of the event, the following is provided:

Website: <http://www.hyltonchapel.org>

Map: <http://www.hyltonchapel.org/contact.htm#map>

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