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InfoLetter

March 2021

ARMA Year 2020-2021 Moving Forward, Learning as We Go

BITS AND BYTES FROM THE BOARD

Dear Metro Maryland Chapter Members,

This chapter year has brought us many challenges. Our entire strategy for presenting educational content has gone from in-person dinner meetings to virtual presentations over Zoom. Changing directions was not a simple process, but I believe that we have made that transition successfully. We have been able to line up an impressive series of speakers with timely and relevant topics—all at no cost to attendees. We have even held a couple of online social events that brought together current and past chapter members for fun and reminiscing. We will be continuing with our virtual programming format for the near future, so if you haven't joined us for our presentations yet, I encourage you to do so. They are part of the value that we bring to you as chapter members, and I guarantee that you will come away from them having learned something worthwhile! Our next

webinar is scheduled for March 10, 2021 at 6 pm. For more information, see the announcement in this newsletter, or visit <https://march2021webinar.eventbrite.com>.

Looking ahead to spring,

Carol Agayoff, CRM
President

CALLING FOR BOARD PARTICIPATION!

Your ARMA Metro MD Chapter is looking for volunteers. The 2020 election was post-postponed (cancelled) while we reset and tried to figure out how to transition to a virtual environment. We've learned a few things along the way. We've also become more flexible in the roles of the board members, and will be adjusting our by-laws to reflect this new-norm. While we are working on this, **can you dedicate some time to the chapter?** Perhaps you know a good speaker and can arrange for the presentation. Or, maybe you are interested in learning how to post content to the website. We also need members who are actively involved in social media to promote chapter events and publish content.

We are asking for very little commitment. The board usually meets once a month via Zoom.

Please contact Debbie Armentrout (dharmentrout@gmail.com) or Cheryl Smith (<mailto:cheryl.smith@netsmith.com>) to discuss how you can help transform our chapter.

ICRM NEWS and UPDATES

CRM/FEDERAL SPECIALIST

Are you a CRM working in the Federal government as an employee, contractor, or consultant and want to boost your career? Consider taking the Federal Specialist exam. Following the Nuclear Specialist model where specific nuclear RM knowledge is tested, the Federal Specialist tests to specific Federal RM knowledge. It includes testing to the policies, program management, personnel management, and technology needed to operate and support RIM programs at the Agency or Cabinet level. Learn more about it at https://www.icrm.org/CRM_FED_Specialist.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Virtual CRM Prep Courses

March 10, 11, and 12, 2021

The Institute of Certified Records Managers has partnered with DGI to offer the CRM Prep Workshop. The CRA (Part 2-4) , CRM (CRA, Part 1 and Part 5), Part 6, Federal Specialist, and Nuclear Specialist are all being offered. See more information at <https://www.icrm.org/node/3021>.

Virtual Digital Government Institute's (DGI) 18th Annual E-discovery, Records & Information Management

March 25, 2021

Key government and industry experts will once again discuss current technology solutions/requirements,

policy updates/changes and review examples of successful electronic records and e-discovery programs. Register at <https://digitalgovernment.com/events-4/conference-e-discovery-records-information-management-conference-march-25-2021/>.

MER Conference 2021

May 24-27 2021

MER is once again virtual. Read through the list of offerings at <https://www.merconference.com/page/1595205/registration>.

Sites to Surf

Webinars, blogs, videos, and interesting reads

IT challenges and the lies about records management. Check out <https://nextgenrm.com/>.

Did you catch the NARA proposed regulations on digitizing permanent records? Read the [Records Express blog](#) from the Office of the Chief Records Officer.

GCN reveals a discussion with RIM professionals in the government and how the pandemic is testing electronic records management. See <https://gcn.com/articles/2021/02/18/records-management-roundtable.aspx>.



"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow. And may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

Just for Fun

Looking for some entertainment?

Can't get enough of records, privacy, security, information technology, and other issues related information management? Add these movies to your watchlist:

The Great Hack
The Net
The Code
The Social Dilemma
The Password
A Civil Action
American Splendor
Erin Brokowitz
Glengary Glenn Ross

May thanks for those who contributed during the December holiday gathering. We collected \$135 which was donated to the [Manna Food Center](#).



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