

Chapter Meeting

**Wednesday
September 17, 2008
Featuring:**

**The Honorable Robert
J. Henke**

**Assistant Secretary for
Management Department
of Veterans Affairs**

**Financial Management
Priorities & Progress for
the Department of
Veterans Affairs**

**5:15-6:00 pm, Regis. & Social
6:00-7:00 pm, Meeting**

Price: Please pay upon arrival with
credit card, check, or cash

FREE: If attending 1st meeting,
become a member at the meeting (ask
for application!).

MEMBERS: \$15 registered in advance
or \$20 walk in.

RETIRED MEMBERS: \$5 registered in
advance or \$10 walk in.

NON-MEMBERS: \$20 registered in
advance or \$25 walk in.

**One CPE Credit
Please RSVP by Monday, 9/15
using email to Robin McCoy
Robin.mccoy@dodig.mil**

Location:

Embassy Suites Hotel
1900 Diagonal Road
Alexandria, VA 22314

Directly across from the King Street
Metro – Yellow & Blue Lines or park
at the hotel for \$5 after 5PM.



The Honorable Robert J. Henke

Department of Veterans Affairs

Washington, D.C

Robert J. Henke was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as Assistant Secretary for Management in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on July 29, 2005, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 26, 2005. He was sworn into office on November 3, 2005.

Mr. Henke is responsible for the Department's budget (\$93.7 billion requested for fiscal year 2009); financial policy, systems, and operations; performance management; audit and internal controls; acquisition and logistics; and real property portfolio management. He serves both as VA's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Acquisition Officer, two statutory positions.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Henke served as the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) at the Department of Defense (DoD). In that capacity, he was the principal advisor to the DoD Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer and his duties involved a broad range of financial management responsibilities including development, justification and execution of DoD's budget, and the formulation of DoD-wide financial and accounting policy.

He served as a Professional Staff Member with the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense from 1999 to 2004 and as a Presidential Management Intern with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management & Comptroller) from 1997 to 1999. From 1993 to 1996, he was with General Electric Company, where he completed GE's Financial Management Program.

A Navy officer, Mr. Henke was mobilized as a reservist and deployed overseas for Operation Enduring Freedom, and served on active duty in combat during Operation Desert Storm.

Mr. Henke is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts in Government & International Relations, and earned a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.



**Assistant Secretary
for Management**

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Message from the President, September 2008



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the 2008/2009 NOVAGA program year. I am humbled and honored to serve as your President this year. Your Board of Directors is always on the look out for new ideas or suggestions to strengthen and improve the services we provide. Feel free to contact us at the meetings or via e-mail. Our contact information is available on the NOVAGA website and in each newsletter. This year's Board is graced with forward looking, motivated professionals committed to keeping our Chapter progressing to excellence in providing service to our membership and the community. I have enjoyed working with the members of the Board as we planned this year together.

Your Board has been working hard during the summer to bring you the best speakers, community support events, early career networking and development programs, continuing professional education, and membership activities. We are very fortunate to have the Department of Veterans Affairs, Assistant Secretary for Management, the Honorable Robert J. Henke, as our first speaker for the year. In addition to our great speakers and events, the Chapter is sponsoring two major training firsts, the AGA Training Audio Conference series and CGFM Training. These education events are being provided to members without charge, as classroom and conference room space permits.

Information on new events and our full program is provided in NOVAGA's monthly newsletters and special event e-mails. Please share your newsletter and event E-mails with your co-workers, other accountants, and financial managers that work in, or support government accountability. The more members we have the more we can do for our profession and the communities we live and work in.

The Board always has room for those interested in service. Most of us joined the board because we saw a need or had an idea that we wanted to try. Working as a co-chair or committee member is a great way to use an existing talent or develop a new one. NOVAGA is one of the largest chapters in the Nation. It is with your help and support that this Chapter can be Top in the Nation

Dennis Green, CPA

Meeting Time and Place

The NOVAGA Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month beginning September 2008 thru May 2009, except as noted in the schedule below. Registration begins at 5:15 pm with refreshments and continues with a featured speaker or program at 6:00 pm and concludes at 7:00 p.m. The time between 5:15 and 6:00 is a great time for networking!!

The NOVAGA Chapter meets at the Embassy Suites - Old Town, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA., except as noted in the schedule below. The Embassy Suites is conveniently located directly across from the King Street Metro station. Parking is available at the hotel at minimum cost (\$5.00).

Meeting Cost

Free for a member's first meeting, (must RSVP & let us know this is your first meeting) can become a member at the meeting so long as the membership application is left with the new members committee.

- \$15 reservation made in advance for members.
- \$20 reservation made in advance for non-members.
- \$20 no reservation made (walk-ins) for members.
- \$25 no reservation made (walk-ins) for non-members

Please pay upon arrival using credit card, check, or cash at the registration desk

Current Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Speaker

The Honorable Robert J. Henke,

Assistant Secretary for Management Department of Veterans Affairs

“Financial Management Priorities & Progress for the Department of Veterans Affairs”

Charity of the Month

Action in Community through Service (ACTS)

Ms. Frances Harris, the Executive Director of ACTS, will be sharing information about this great organization at the meeting. ACTS is an organization that engages the community in innovative ways to accomplish its mission through active involvement with our strong volunteer base, faith community, committed and competent staff, and public-private partners.

<http://www.actspwc.org/default.asp>

2008 – 2009 Member Events

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Month	Activity	Date	Member Fee
Sept	September 27 - Virginia Wine Festival www.virginiawinefestival.org/	27-Sep	\$10
Oct	October 31 - Oktoberfest, Old Europe Restaurant	24-Oct	
Nov	November 15 - National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Ctr	15-Nov	
Dec	December 5 or 6 - Mystery Playhouse Theatre, Arlington, VA	Dec 5 or 6	
Jan	January - Chinese New Year Dinner	TBD	
Feb	February - Wizards Game	TBD	
Mar	March - Smithsonian Jazz Café	TBD	
Apr	April - Virginia Vineyard Tour (new vineyards this year)	TBD	
May	May - Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Vienna, VA	TBD	
June	June - Nationals Game and Tailgate	TBD	

Member Benefits

We have *a new member benefit* this year. Your chapter has ordered the remaining AGA Audio Training Teleconferences for the rest of the year. The first one we sponsored for this year will be on September 10, 2008 at the conveniently located Kearney and Company office just off I-395 and King Street. There is no additional charge for NOVAGA members. Please register with Kristen at Kearney and Company (703) 931-5600 or krowe@kearneyco.com if you are coming. We have room for 30 participants and look forward to seeing you there. We are continuing to look for other convenient Northern Virginia sites to host the rest of the audio conferences

Introducing our Community Service Organization in September.....



Action in the Community Through Service of Prince William, Inc. (ACTS) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization serving the residents of Greater Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park, Virginia. Established in 1969, ACTS was established by thirteen local churches in 1969 with the purpose of preventing and alleviating human suffering.

ACTS' founders began by addressing the most basic human needs of food and shelter. They established Prince William County's first food bank, set up a used furniture distribution system, and developed a homeless shelter in local churches. In 1969 Prince William had 111,000 residents, today it has 321,570. The County has grown by 49% since 1990, with an average annual growth rate of 3.02%, and projects to grow to over 416,000 by 2025. The poverty rate has risen to 5.4% (up from 3.2% in 1990). No longer a rural area, we now face the problems and challenges of a growing suburban community.

As the community has grown, the agency's mission and goals have expanded. Our Mission statement has been revised to say: "ACTS is a community

organization whose mission is to alleviate hunger, homelessness, and domestic violence, and help people achieve self-sufficiency in the Prince William Area." The majority of our programs are fee free to clients. No one is turned away if need is determined. ACTS' now offers a diverse array of services to prevent and alleviate homelessness, domestic violence and help to allow individuals to achieve self-support and sufficiency.

No one is turned away if need is determined. ACTS' programs include:

- [Emergency Assistance](#) - This program distributes food through and financial assistance for utilities, medicine, rent and cut-off notices (often working with area congregations and utility companies).
- [Homeless Shelter](#) - This program provides a 15 bed homeless shelter to men, women and children.
- [Transitional Housing](#) - This program is a two-year commitment by individuals/families that help those that are homeless become self-sufficient in that time.
- [Child Care](#) - This is a licensed, subsidized child care center geared especially to the needs of at-risk families with the fee based on income.
- [Helpline](#) - This is a 24-Hour crisis Hot Line that provides support, information and referrals, and a limited Spanish language hotline offered in the evenings. In addition, Helpline include **Teleteen**, a teen peer Hot Line and **Phone-A-Friend**, a "warm" line for latch key children. **Helpline** is certified for suicide intervention by the American Association of Suicidology.
- [Turning Points](#) - The County's ONLY Domestic Violence prevention and intervention program. It includes two safe houses for women and children experiencing domestic violence. It also assists with parenting, court advocacy, counseling services for victims and for batterers.
- [Thrift Stores](#) - This program maintains two **Thrift Stores** (Dumfries and Woodbridge) that provide a source of low cost items for purchase by the community to serve as a source of income for the ACTS programs. Many items that are donated to the **Thrift Store** are given to families in need at no cost.

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Welcome to a new year of fun, excitement, and community! I am happy to be serving NOVAGA as this year's Community Service Director. I plan to continue the NOVAGA tradition of introducing you to many of the wonderful community service organizations working to make our spot on the globe a better place for all.

- Kristy Green, NOVAGA Community Service Director

Date	Community Service Organization/Event
Sept 17, 2008*	Action in the Community Through Service
October 4 th , 2008	Volunteer participation in the 2007, ACTS 40 th Anniversary Volksmarch. Volunteers will help assist with set up, check points, booth operation, etc. Come to volunteer or bring your family, join the walk, and enjoy the festivities.
November 20, 2008*	Toys For Tots, collection
January 21, 2008*	
February	
March	USO Care Packaging Party at Ft Belvoir on a Saturday in March 2008
April	NOVAGA Team Participation in the MS Walk

* At each of these meetings, NOVAGA will hold a 50/50 raffle whereby tickets will be sold during the social period and a drawing held at the close of the meeting. The raffle proceeds will be shared equally by the winning ticket holder and the community service organization honored at the meeting. The NOVAGA Chapter will then match the raffle proceeds going to the community service organization and request that the National AGA Office match the Chapter's donation.



SAVE THE DATE

**October 4, 2008 from 9 am-4 pm
Locust Shade Park**

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for a fun day
and support the
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programs of
ACTS**



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Early Careers Event

2009 Kick-Off Happy Hour at Whitlow's on Wilson



It's a new year at AGA and to get things going right, it's time for a Happy Hour! The first Early Careers event of the year will be at Whitlow's on Wilson, September 25th starting at 5:30 PM. Please feel free to invite friends and colleagues interested in joining AGA. More information about the full schedule of 2009 Early Careers events will be coming soon, so be on the lookout. It's going to be a great year at AGA, so take a break from all your hard work and have a drink on us. Please RSVP with me by September 19th so we can best prepare.

Location: www.whitlows.com

Date & Time: Thursday, September 25th, 5:30 PM till ...

Member & Guest Costs: First round's on us!

Event Registration: Contact Paul Marshall by Friday, September 19th,
pmarshall@deloitte.com

Can You Help?

Robin Wiley, President of the Holiday Project of the National Capital Area, was kind enough to address our organization last December as a representative of the non-profit community. She now needs our help – she is currently in search of an accountant to perform pro bono services for her organization during the upcoming fiscal year. The accounting work that we have in mind involves preparation of an IRS Form 990, as well as an annual audit/ financial review for purposes of securing designation as a United Way certified charity. If you know of anyone who may be interested in assisting us in this matter, could you please have them give me a call at (703)-370-0370? The website is <http://www.holidayproject.org>.

CGFM

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation recognizes the unique knowledge and skills of certification holders and has become the mark of excellence in government financial management. Each year the CGFM Program continues to grow and earn greater recognition from federal, state and local government. Virginia is one of seven states that formally recognize the CGFM designation, giving CGFM's preferred status in hiring, making the CGFM a substitute for one year's experience or offering pay increases to those who pass the exam.

Our chapter is actively promoting this credential. We have tentatively scheduled training for December and plan to conduct study groups starting in January. Please contact Jim Davis, NOVAGA CGFM Chair by e-mail at jbdavis@dodig.mil if you want to learn more.

Get into the Spirit
Saturday, September 27, 2008



Heads For The



VIRGINIA Wine FESTIVAL®

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Location and details: www.virginiawinefestival.org/

Directions: www.virginiawinefestival.org/map.htm

Times: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Member & Guest Admission: \$10 payable to NOVAGA Treasurer through John Gioeli

Event Registration: Contact John Gioeli by Wednesday, September 22nd, 703-631-8840
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