

# NOVAGA Completes Another Award-Winning Year

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## Awards Banquet

Our May 17<sup>th</sup> banquet promises to be fun, entertaining, and you can't beat the price!

## Leukemia Society Raffles

Thanks once again to the generosity of Clifton Gunderson, we will also raffle off 3 sets of 2 tickets to the July 17<sup>th</sup> Orioles vs. Oakland game on

Monday at 7:05 pm. One set includes a parking pass and 2 sets include tickets to the Camden Club. We will raffle these off during the Banquet. Proceeds will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

To reserve your seat for the Banquet, Email by May 12<sup>th</sup>: [Karen.ulatowski@dodig.mil](mailto:Karen.ulatowski@dodig.mil) or call Karen at 703-604-9169.

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Paul J. Granetto  
Assistant Inspector General,  
Defense Financial Auditing  
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## Granetto Receives Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

The **Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management** was established in 2003 and named after our first recipient, GAO's Jeff Steinhoff, CPA CGFM. It formally recognizes federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

**Mr. Paul J. Granetto**, Assistant Inspector General, Defense Financial Auditing Service, Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General, is awarded the Steinhoff Award for his support to the improvement, accountability, and integrity of financial management in the Government, particularly in the Defense Department. His energy, commitment, leadership and strategic thinking serve as a model for all in the financial management profession.

Mr. Granetto, as the Principal Auditor for DoD financial statements, is responsible for auditing and providing opinions for all DoD financial statements, which last year included \$1.3 trillion in assets,

\$1.9 trillion in liabilities, and \$635 billion in Net Cost of Operations.

He has over 40 years of government service, 21 of which with the DoD Office of the Inspector General. During this time he has provided sustained leadership to the DoD – strengthening contracts and financial management through financial and performance audits, community leadership, and innovative measures.

Mr. Granetto has initiated policy and procedure changes pertaining to the reliability and auditability of DoD financial statements with measurable results. In fact, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer actively seeks Mr. Granetto's input on financial management policies and procedures before they are issued.

He also forged dynamic cooperative relationships with senior executives in other Federal Agencies to encourage integration of effort, the sharing of ideas, and dissemination of information.

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## Gimble Receives Pentagon Memorial Service Award

**Mr. Thomas Gimble**, will receive the Pentagon Memorial Service Award. The award was established in 2002 in memory of victims of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, including members of NOVAGA. Mr. Gimble is recognized for his public service and dedication and commitment to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability.

Since September 10, 2005, Mr. Gimble has been the Principal Deputy/Acting Inspector General of the Department of Defense reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse of the programs and operations of the Department, which annual budget exceeds \$400 billion. He leads an organization of nearly 1,400 civilian and military personnel, primarily auditors, inspectors, and investigators. He is the DoD representative on the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and chairs the Defense Council on Integrity and Efficiency. He has held key leadership positions in the DoD OIG since its inception, including Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence, Acting Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, and Director for Acquisition Management Directorate.

Mr. Gimble is a distinguished Vietnam Veteran, awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal and he is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and serves as Post Trustee (Post 1503), District 10 Chaplain, Chairman of the State Audit Committee, and National Deputy Chief of Staff.



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CPA CGFM  
Principal Deputy  
Inspector General  
DODIG

Mr. Gimble is also involved with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He has held positions ranging from Finance Officer/Adjutant (Chapter 1775) to recently as Commander, Department of Virginia.

Mr. Gimble is a CPA and a CGFM and is a long time member of NOVAGA. He has received the Secretary of Defense Medal for exceptional Civilian Service, the Hammer Award, and the Federal Audit Executive Council Lawrence H. Weintrob Memorial Award.

## Award-Winning Year (continued)

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David L. Cotton  
Managing Partner  
Cotton & Company LLP

### Cotton Receives Federal Financial Partnership Award

We are proud to recognize **David Cotton** for his tireless service to the Federal Sector helping to promote government accountability.

David Cotton has served as Cotton & Company's managing partner since 1981. He has directed management and organizational reviews, financial and management analyses, statistical research, and budget and cost analyses. His impact on governmental accountability has been significant.

He has testified as an expert in governmental accounting and auditing issues before the United States Court of Federal Claims and other administrative and judicial bodies. Dave served as a technical reviewer for the 1999 through 2003 editions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide *Audits of Federal Government Contractors*.

In addition, Dave is the author of the AICPA continuing education courses *Fraud in Governmental and Not-for-Profit Audits—the Auditor's Responsibilities Under SAS 82 and Joint and Indirect Cost Allocations: How to Prepare and Audit Them*.

He also has been an adjunct instructor at the Inspectors General Auditor Training Institute (*Auditing the Federal Contracting Process and Contract and Procurement Fraud*) and currently teaches at the George Mason University Small Business Development Center (*Fundamentals of Accounting for Government Contracts*).

Dave received his BS in mechanical engineering and an MBA in management science and labor relations from Lehigh University. He also pursued graduate studies in accounting and auditing at the University of Chicago.

Dave is a CPA (in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and the Republic of Palau), a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Dave is a 2006 recipient of AGA's prestigious Andy Barr Award and served as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA from 1999-2000.

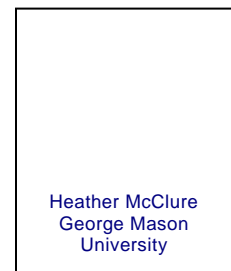
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### GMU's Heather McClure Demonstrates Excellence in Accounting Studies

This award was established in 2004 to recognize excellence in accounting studies at George Mason University and to encourage participation in a professional organization.

The award is based on academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting or financial management.

**Ms. Heather McClure** is awarded the Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting Studies. Ms. McClure is a senior at George Mason University and will soon graduate Magna Cum Laude. Previously, she graduated Summa Cum Laude and was a Presidential scholar at Northern Virginia Community College and was the 2005-2006 scholarship recipient for the Northern Chapter of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.



Heather is a member of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, and the Golden Key International Honor Society.

She and her husband, who serves in the Coast Guard, will be moving to the Chesapeake area following graduation. She is interested in a career in government accounting or financial management at the federal, state or local level. She has demonstrated academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting and we are proud to recognize her with a \$1000 scholarship.