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Peal: A loud sound or succession of sounds <~s of laughter>;
A loud ringing of bells.

Peel: To strip an outer layer of <-an orange>.

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 30, 2003

Chair's Message

Way back in August, I attended SOLE 2002 in Phurnace - oops, Phoenix - Arizona. This was my first trip to a SOLE Conference. Fellow OC SOLE member Bill Fuller was also in attendance. I'd like to bring up a few comments and observations from my attendance. Far too much was presented for me to go into any detail, but I'd like to give you a flavor of the conference.



Mark "Rafto" Raftogianis, CPL
OC SOLE Chair

The conference opened with a message from Flight Engineer Peggy Woodson from the International Space Station. In this brief message from 200 miles up, we were reminded how detailed, careful planning and support are vital to the success of any mission, whether on the ground, on or under the water, or in the sky.

I also met with my fellow Chapter Chairs, as we brainstormed ways to increase membership, meeting attendance, and finding ways to increase the Society's benefits to its members at the Chapter level. We hope to have some tools in place to do so soon. (By the way, your ideas are always welcome!)

The conference was attended by people from all over the world. The importance of Logistics was underscored by the quality of the speakers and presenters, including Keynote speaker Allen Beckett, Principle Assitant Deputy Under Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness; and LTG Roy Beauchamp, Deput Commander, Army Materiel Command. (LTG Beauchamp gave a particularly stirring speech at the awards banquet.)

It was difficult to decide which of the four tracks to attend. Presentation subjects included education, training, performance-based acquisition, Logistics challenges, configuration and data management, and DoD commercialization.

The rules have changed, 9/11 has refocused our energies. Homeland

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security is now a priority, at the same time we are engaged in several global missions. Supplying our customers with the support they need around the globe is one of our many challenges.

The gap between military logistics and commercial logistics is closing. At the same time, the challenges of integrating commercial technology (given today's fast development cycles) into existing military equipment increase. The military is making great strides in reducing costs and cycle times while maintaining readiness and capability, but there is much work left to do. As existing systems are upgraded and improved by COTS technology, configuration management is increasingly vital.

Great strides are being made with respect to virtual reality in training and mission rehearsal. However, it was noted that "you don't kill anyone virtually."

Total lifecycle management is increasingly important. Program managers are becoming more responsible for managing a program from start to finish.

The military is also making significant advances in consolidating its many databases and information systems. "The USMC shut down 68 automated systems and nobody noticed."

Logistics Education is a growing field, but it is still very small. Few colleges and universities offer degrees or programs in logistics.

Another quote: "Logistics sets the campaign's operational limits."

There are many companies out there which have products and tools designed to help us with our activities. About two dozen such companies were present at the conference.

The conference did end on a disappointing note. One of the functions of the Conference is to vote on the next year's Board of Directors. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the organizers, a quorum was not present (SOLE bylaws require a certain number of voting members must be present, and we did not reach this number). The result was that the election could not be held and the existing Board remains in place.

I will gladly share my CD of the Conference proceedings with any one, just drop me a line. Many of the presentations are also available on the SOLE website.

Finally, I want to acknowledge my employer, Raytheon Technical Services Company, in particular Chuck Lindgren, for sponsoring my trip.

Speaking of Chuck, please join for this month's meeting as he talks about Earned Value and its use in tracking cost and schedule requirements. If you've attended previous meetings with Chuck, you know he is always interesting and informative.

Mark Raftogianis, CPL
OC SOLE Chair

Remembrance: Bill Sharp, CPL *(page 3)*



Chapter News



Membership

If you have let your membership lapse, please take a moment to review benefits of continuing your membership, SOLE is THE professional organization for Logisticians and Logistics professionals. As a member, you are part of an elite group that is dedicated to the growth and future of our field. Being a member demonstrates your commitment to the field of Logistics to your peers, your managers, and customers. Membership by itself and most certainly when coupled with a Certified Professional Logistician certification can enhance your resume' and give you and your company the edge in winning new proposals. It can give you the edge in being selected for new opportunities and enhance your professional growth. So keep your membership current and, better yet, become involved in the Chapter through easy to attend noontime meetings, submitting articles to the SOLE publications, or if you are able, you can attend SOLE conferences at reduced prices. Members also receive the SOLE Spectrum to their mailbox in an easy to read format.

For more information, contact your friendly membership committee chairman,

Floyd Horton, CPL at (310) 952-4576 or e-mail at fhorton@raytheon.com

Continuing Study

UCR Extension Spring Quarter Classes

For information contact Univeristy of California, Riverside Extension at (909) 787-4111 or check out our web site:
<http://www.UCRExtension.net>

March 31-June 9, 2003

Warehousing, Riverside, California, Mondays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Fee: \$280.

April 3-June 5, 2003

Global Logistics, Riverside, California, Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Fee: \$280.

April 3-June 5, 2003

Transportation and Traffic Management, Temecula, California, Tuesdays, 6 - 9 pm, Fee: \$280.

April 3-June 5, 2003

Toolbox for Supply Chain Management, Riverside, California, Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Fee: \$280.

- **Deidre Stowell**

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It is with a sad heart that we inform the membership of the passing of one our own. Mr. Bill Sharp, CPL, crossed the bar on Christmas Eve. Bill was a long time member of SOLE, having been the Chapter Chairman in 91-92 and was the editor of the Award-winning newsletter, SOLE SOURCES, for a long period.

Bill was a retired LCDR, U.S. Navy, and had retired as a Logistics Engineer within the last few years. His friends and professional acquaintances will sorely miss Bill.

A memorial service, with full Military honors was held December 31, 2002 at Fort Rosecrans. Let's all remember Bill and his family in our prayers. - Jack Sontag, CPL

Bill Sharp has had a positive impact on our society for a long time and he has been a good friend. Bill will be sorely missed.

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January Presentation



SOLE – ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER JANUARY MEETING NOTICE



Date and Time

Thursday, January 30, 2003

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker

Mr. Charles Lindgren, CPL
Raytheon Technical Services Company

Earned Value

Chuck Lindgren will fill us in on using the Earned Value management technique as a way to track cost and schedule requirements.

<u>Locations</u>	<u>For More Information</u>	
Fullerton: Bldg 676, Room BB311	Mark Raftogianis, CPL	(714) 446-3580
El Segundo: Bldg E01, Room D2336m	Jimmy Turner, CPL	(310) 335-6483
Long Beach: Bldg A2, Room 2Z02	Floyd Horton, CPL	(310) 952-4576

Certified Professional Logistician (CPL) Exam

CPL exams are given the first Saturday in May and the first Saturday in November. All new applications must be postmarked by February 1st for the May exam, or postmarked by August 1st for the November exam. Payment must accompany the application. The cost is \$125 for SOLE members and \$275 for non-members.

If you are planning on taking the test in May, you need to mail your application as soon as possible. Also please let me know if you are planning on the taking the next test. Good luck.

Applications and information about the CPL test can be found on the SOLE website at

<http://www.sole.org/cpl.asp>

-Sania Smith, CPL



Meeting Notice - January 2003

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ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER MEETING

- DATE:** Thursday, January 30, 2003
- TIME:** 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- AGENDA:** Opening Remarks - Mark Raftogianis, Chair
Announcements - Mark Raftogianis, Chair
Self-Introductions - All Participants
Presentation - **“Earned Value”**
- Mr. Charles Lindgren

Methods of Participation

- TELECONFERENCE: Dial-in Number: 1-800-486-2726, Participant Code: 409033
NETMEETING® Conference Rooms at Raytheon Facilities
- HOSTING SITE: Raytheon - El Segundo, Bldg. E01, Room D2336m
- SATELLITE SITES: Raytheon - Long Beach, Bldg. A02, Room 2Z02
Raytheon - Fullerton, Bldg. 676, Room BB311

NOTE: OC Chapter is open to additional hosting or satellite sites at locations near our members. To volunteer, contact Laina Jones or the Editor.

Guest Members wishing to participate at a Raytheon Facility near you, please contact Laina Jones in advance (see below).

- RSVP: To Laina Jones by January 24, 2003
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