What Senior Leaders have to Say about NMA

“In my opinion, our Fort Walton Beach NMA Chapter is a mainstay at our Boeing location that continues to bring value to our operations. I have personally witnessed the growth of leaders (both employees and managers) as they volunteer in both leadership and support positions with the local NMA. The chapter is now hosting lunch and learns on a variety of topics from Program Management Best Practices to Career Development. They have supported the community with fundraisers, donations, and employee hands-on support leaving a greater impact on our corporate citizenship. Over the past few years, the NMA has sponsored influential leaders from the community as guest speakers during NMA luncheons including professors from the local universities, local government leaders, and local business leaders. I believe the NMA is one organization that helps us through a variety of events by creating a small community culture. Most importantly, NMA offers employees opportunities to develop skills and certifications that are applicable in a wide variety of positions and definitely complement Boeing’s employee development programs.”

Michael P. Petersen, Technical Publication Capability Center Senior Manager
OKC/FWB Product Support Functional Leader
Fort Walton Beach, FL

“The Lockheed Martin Leadership Association is truly a valuable asset for our employees and the corporation. LMLA is recognized for the robust professional development opportunities it offers its members, encouraging leadership growth at all levels – from represented employees to experienced executives. The organization is well-known for its signature events that promote employee-leader engagement, as well as provide key forums for employees to hear about the state of our company directly from our executives. LMLA’s reach also extends outside the workplace to include positive community service. A prime example is LMLA’s work with the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. Members support a number of activities that promote and encourage interest in science and engineering essential to our country’s and our company’s future. LMLA has been a significant part of Lockheed Martin for decades and the organization’s impact is felt across the corporation. It is a visible example of our employees’ commitment to strong leadership, the communities in which we live and work, and our organization – we are a stronger company thanks to LMLA and the continuing great work of its members.”

Shan Cooper
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Vice President
and Marietta Site General Manager
“It is essential for Boeing executives to support Boeing sponsored management organizations (e.g., the Boeing Aerospace Leadership Chapter and NMA). I get out more than I put in as an executive champion, mentor, active member, and a witness to the development of our aspiring current and future leaders.”

Kevin Naya
Director for BDS Engineering Competitiveness and Integration
The Boeing Company
Huntington Beach, CA

From: Lauderdale, Bridget A
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 1:43 PM
To: Michele D. Dorfman, Chapter President
Subject: Congratulations on Your 70th Anniversary

“Fort Worth LMLA team, Congratulations on your 70th anniversary! What an amazing accomplishment to reach 70 years of providing value to Lockheed Martin and its employees. As members of the largest and oldest NMA chapter, each of you have a lot to be proud of – from employee development to military and community support, LMLA has provided excellence in leadership and service to Lockheed Martin employees since 1942. Your commitment to providing the best and most relevant professional development classes to your members and LM employees is evident in the variety and quality of what you offer, and the business benefits from the skills and certifications with which you equip our people. LMLA has also consistently stepped up to lead by example in service with recognition for our active and retired military and participation in local charity drives and events. The LMLA “stamp” on an event has come to signify a program of the highest caliber, and that's due to your individual sacrifice and dedication to growing and maturing both this LMLA chapter and the Lockheed employees whom it supports. Thank you for 70 years of leading the way for Lockheed Martin employees to grow their careers and for your meaningful contributions to the business. I’m proud to be a part of this team, and I look forward to what LMLA will continue to produce in the future.”

Bridget Lauderdale
Vice President and General Manager
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company

“As a member of, and executive advisor to, the Boeing Aerospace Leadership Chapter, it gives me an opportunity to network outside of the office and continue to hone in on my skills and also learn from others. It’s a great opportunity to socialize and have some fun as well.”

Cathy Rodriguez, Sr. Manager S&IS HR
The Boeing Company
Huntington Beach, CA
“I have served as Executive sponsor for the Michigan NMA Chapter for Blue Cross Blue Shield for four years. This has been a tremendous opportunity to support emerging talented individuals that are passionate and dedicated to serving their chapter, our employees and our community. Serving as an executive sponsor was a mutually gratifying learning experience for me, since I was fairly new to the company. I have witnessed amazing growth of individuals who participate in leadership roles in NMA. I can attest that the manner in which these individuals lead, manage and execute the business of NMA is far superior to most professional & non-profit boards that I have served on.

NMA, in my opinion, provides a platform for development, exposure, visibility and refinement of leadership skills for those who are willing to make the time sacrifice. I have personally had the opportunity to endorse many of these individuals on many levels in the organization. Had it not been for their work and demonstrated commitment to NMA, I may have never had an opportunity to meet many of them.

Beyond the commitment to positive, dynamic programming, Michigan’s NMA has become a driving force in our community outreach efforts. Their work with the Habitat for Humanity and urban renewal projects have clearly positioned this chapter as the face of the “Blues” internally and externally. They and they now sought out to support and collaborate on other key initiatives with other departments that are seeking to reach a broad and engaged audience. It is no small wonder that this chapter walked away with a “clean sweep,” winning all three 2012 National NMA Chapter Awards!”

Equilla Wainwright, Vice President Office of Diversity & Inclusion Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

“Today’s corporate leaders have the key mission to develop and fill the pipeline of young leaders from the bottom up – it creates the vision, culture and behaviors needed for future success. When the company actively couples its leadership development program with the local NMA chapter, the chances of sustained success and personal opportunity grow immensely. We simply cannot do too much to give our future leaders the tools they need to make us all successful!

We hear every day; change is the way of life in corporate America. Change happens for the better when leaders at all levels are trained to implement change using company processes and fundamental skills which you can learn through your NMA chapter.

The NMA is valuable to employers because it allows us to see developing leaders experience the multidiscipline nature of being ‘in charge.’ It involves delivering a product, managing a budget, and using key skills in influencing and leading people to solutions.

In welcoming the 2012 West NMA LDC attendees, I told them, ‘Because your NMA experience, each of you have developed and honed leadership skills which provide a desired set of values, ethics and performance standards to make your companies successful. I urge you to utilize your leadership talent to further your company’s performance and your career will grow.’”

Frank Armijo President, Mission Support Alliance, LLC Vice President, Energy Solutions, Lockheed Martin

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“The opportunities are unlimited...one only needs to participate”

Charles F. Kettering, Founder