AFCEA Bethesda Announces Partnership with HIMSS-NCA, Full Program for Health IT Day

Partnership in Support of HIMSS Health IT Week

Bethesda, MD – October 7, 2015 – The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Bethesda Chapter recently announced a strategic partnership with the National Capital Area chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS-NCA), in support of HIMSS national Health IT week. The DC region chapters will share market research, raise mutual awareness for one-another’s chapters and encourage more government and industry participation in the broader federal health IT community.

“The National Capital Area chapter of HIMSS is pleased to be collaborating with AFCEA Bethesda, an industry leading association that shares a common interest in “encouraging dialogue and partnership between the federal government and industry to solve today’s most critical IT challenges and innovation,” said Barry Dickman, president, HIMSS-NCA. “As one of the HIMSS chapters nationwide to focus primarily on federal government agencies, the NCA chapter and its members align to bring innovation to provider and consumer health information technology challenges. Our members provide services and solutions facing the most challenging and complex issues in the healthcare industry today.”

AFCEA Bethesda announced its partnership in concurrence with their publication of the full program for its 8th annual Health IT Day, to be held on December 15, 2015 in Bethesda, MD. AFCEA Bethesda’s Health IT Day 2015 will spotlight interoperability, predictive analytics and digital engagement as critical drivers of improvement to federal Health IT programs.

In addition, senior healthcare executives will address the Department of Health and Human Services’ 5-year health IT strategic plan meant to improve health IT infrastructure and community and the next steps for the Defense Healthcare Management System Modernization.

“We always strive to promote innovative approaches to the problems facing program officers and government executives working in federal health IT, and this year’s program promises to strengthen our success in engaging the health IT community,” Naina Leo, AFCEA Bethesda Vice President of Health IT Day, said. “Partnering with the National Capital Area chapter of HIMSS ensures that members of the federal health IT community learn about relevant and superlative programming. This partnership strengthens both of our chapters.”

ABOUT AFCEA BETHESDA
AFCEA Bethesda, a 501c3 non-profit, fosters industry and civilian dialogue, partnerships and innovation in an ethical exchange of information germane to improving individual and organization performance though the use of information technology. AFCEA Bethesda
encourages collaboration on federal government projects across agency lines, in partnership with state as well as local governments and particularly when information technology is a core component of the mission. Information technology is a critical piece of our collective efforts to ensure the health, welfare, education and security of the United States, therefore improving science, technology and math (STEM) education and utilization in government initiatives is a national priority that industry, government and nonprofits must address in order to successfully strengthen our Nation.

AFCEA Bethesda is the civilian-focused Chapter of AFCEA International. With more than 130 Chapters worldwide, AFCEA is a membership organization dedicated to increasing knowledge through the exploration of issues relevant to its members in information technology, communications and electronics for defense, homeland security and intelligence communities. www.afcea.org.

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