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A WORD FROM OUR CEO

Welcome to the AMSGazette's sixth issue - we're glad you're here!

This month we bid farewell to Mr. Doug Doerr, who, following his retirement after 20 years of service as a Marine Aviator, spent another 20 years providing Contract Support to the Marine Corps.

We also highlight two exceptional employees: Mr. Robert Anderson, a SharePoint developer with 15 years of experience managing SharePoint environments; and Mr. Jeff Gerner, our VA Account Manager, who climbs rocks and 6,000-foot-tall mountains in his spare time. In, "A Day in the Life of a VA Acquisition Academy SharePoint Developer", Robert details a typical day at one of the Federal government's leading training academies; and Jeff regales us with stories about conquering fear through rock climbing in "We Grow the Most When We're Put in Precarious Situations".

To say I am lucky to have such a diverse and talented group of individuals who make up the fabric of AMSG is an understatement. We hope you enjoy this month's issue. We thank you for taking the time to read up on AMSG, and as always, we welcome your input. Feel free to email us at amessenger@msgcorp.net with ideas, news, or even just to say hello; and share our newsletter with colleagues you think might want to learn about what is happening at AMSG and in the government contracting industry right now.

Have a wonderful month and cheers to a great summer!



Best,
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TECH CORNER

A Day in the Life of a SharePoint Developer

Written by: Rob Anderson, SharePoint Developer (Pictured) & Juania Owens, Investment Analyst Team Lead



For more than 10 years, the Veterans Affairs Acquisition Academy (VAAA) has provided education, training, professional development, and VA Supply Chain Workforce Certifications for the VA and other Federal Government agencies.

Since 2018, AMSC has provided technical and Microsoft SharePoint support within the Academy Operations Business Unit, helping the VAAA uphold their mission and vision to “serve the Veteran, the Federal workforce, and the taxpayer by providing the best-in-class training programs and establishing themselves as the Federal training academy of choice.”

Leading the way is Mr. Robert Anderson, a SharePoint Developer with 10 years of Federal Government Contracting experience and 15 years of experience with managing SharePoint Environments.

Click below to read more about what Mr. Anderson does.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



End of an Era: Farewell Doug Doerr

Written by: Brian Christmas, Program Manager (Pictured)

Dave Wassink’s departure in March of this year, left Doug Doerr as the last man standing of a group of Marines who set the standards for contract support and who have left a lasting impression on the Marine Corps and those Capabilities Integration Officers (CIO) who benefitted from both their service and mentorship. Now a new era begins as we say goodbye to Doug.



Standing from L to R are: Col Mel DeMars, Col Dave Wassink, BGen Granny Amos, Col Peyton Dehart, LtCol Paul Gehring and Col Larry Outlaw. Kneeling are Maj Doug Doerr and Col Greg Baur.

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'We Grow the Most When We're Put in Precarious Situations'

Climber Jeff Gerner on Conquering Life's Fears Through Rock Climbing



Written by: Jeff Gerner, Project Manager (Pictured) & Juania Owens, Investment Analyst Team Lead

British Philosopher Bertrand Russell once said that “to conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom”, and while fear is [“a vital](#)

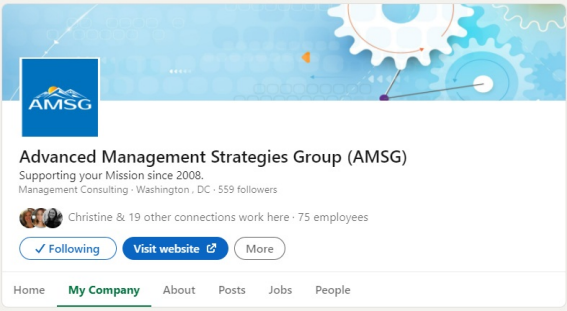


response to physical and emotional danger”, facing fear releases the power it has over us so that we can achieve important goals we set for ourselves.

That’s how Jeff Gerner, AMMSG’s VA Account Director and Office of Information Technology’s (OIT) Program, Planning, and Oversight (PPO) Support Services Project Manager, views it. In his spare time, Gerner climbs rocks and mountains, and having climbed up to 300-foot spires jutting from the earth and Alpine routes on 6,000 foot tall mountains, you would never guess, but Gerner is afraid of heights.

Read more about Jeff’s climbing below.

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