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"Unifying an Organization Through a Shared Vision"

Guest Speaker:

Joel Benkie
Chief Operating Officer
[Ducommun Incorporated](#)

During the summer of 2011, Ducommun Incorporated made a transformational acquisition, nearly doubling the size of the company overnight. Following the acquisition, the company embarked on a critical journey to integrate and unify the two organizations. Ducommun, now equipped with expanded advanced capabilities, sought to set itself apart and capitalize on the aerospace industry's increasing demand for more sophisticated, higher technology content.

A compelling catalyst was needed to unify the organization and spark new passion and purpose in

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its people. The company developed a shared vision as its unifying agent. Today, this vision serves as the foundation of a new strategic construct around which the company aligns and organizes its people to work toward a common goal. The strategy, called the Ducommun Way, drives innovative thinking, collaboration and performance by creating interdependence among key elements of operational excellence, organizational development and profitable growth.

The Ducommun Way is having a transformative effect on the company, shaping its culture and uniting it as an organization, a community and a valued partner for its customers and suppliers.

April 4, 2013 Meeting

- Parking is in the parking structure associated with the Plaza Tower. You will receive validation for 1 hour of parking. Any time beyond that will be \$6/hour. You can also park across the street (where the OC Chapter used to meet) for a lower per hour rate.
- A light continental breakfast will be available starting at 7:15AM.
- Bring a business card - they will be duplicated and everyone will get a copy of all attendees' cards.
- Attire is business casual.
- Because of the large number expected to attend, introductions will be minimal - your name, company, industry, and a 5 word "elevator speech". We encourage you to be creative!
- The meeting will consist of the presentation and a open group discussion.
- You are welcome to stay around and network after the meeting.

Event Info

Thursday, April 4, 2013

7:30AM-9:00AM

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Plaza Tower

600 Anton Boulevard

Suite 2000

Costa Mesa, California 92626

Our Guest Speaker



**Upcoming A&D Forum
Chapter Meetings**



Joel Benkie is executive vice president and chief operating officer for Ducommun Incorporated. In this role, Benkie is responsible for driving the company's key strategic and operational objectives. He oversees all aspects of Ducommun's operations, including 22 manufacturing and engineering operations in 13 states and three countries.

Benkie's career in aerospace manufacturing spans more than three decades. He joined Ducommun in 2012 after 17 years with Parker Hannifin Corporation where he last served as vice president of operations for the company's Parker Aerospace unit. He was general manager of Parker's Control Systems division between 1999 and 2003, and was named general manager of the Servo-Controls division after joining the company in 1995. While with Parker, he served on the board of directors of ACE Services, a Parker Hannifin joint venture. Benkie began his professional career with Honeywell (formerly AlliedSignal Aerospace) in 1980 and, during his 15 years with the organization, held increasingly responsible operational management roles in marketing, assembly and test, manufacturing, and materials management.

Benkie holds an MBA from Indiana University and earned his bachelor's degree in general management from Purdue University. He also attended Harvard Business School and University of Chicago executive development programs. Supporters of Cal Poly Pomona (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona), Benkie and his wife Mary fund scholarships for students at the university who demonstrate

April 15: **"The Expanding Universe: Building Giant Telescopes"**, Dr. Wendy L. Freedman, Crawford H. Greenwalt Chair, Director, Carnegie Observatories, Los Angeles Chapter

April 25: **Linen Blue**, Vice-Chair. General Atomics, San Diego Chapter

Other Meetings

A&D Forum members can access more information about these events on the Calendar page of the A&D Forum website.

March 18-21: SME's Composites Manufacturing event, Long Beach, CA

March 19-21: AeroDef Conference, Long Beach, CA

March 12-14: Unmanned Aircraft Systems Symposium, San Diego, CA

March 20: Additive Manufacturing Forum, Livermore, CA

March 26-28: AIAA Policy Symposium: Civilian Applications of UAVs- A California Perspective, Westlake Village, CA

March 26: 2013 Aerospace, Defense & Government Services Outlook, La Jolla, CA

March 27: 2013 Aerospace, Defense & Government Services Outlook, Marina Del Rey, CA

April 3: Aircraft Avionics Platform for the Consumer Market - 2013 Enterprise Program, Microcosm Inc., Hawthorne, CA 90250

April 8-9: Asia/Pacific Business Outlook Conference, Los Angeles, CA

April 12: Yuri's Night at the Space Shuttle Endeavour

April 17: Global A&D Industry Insights - Outlook, Trends & M&A, ACG Los Angeles

leadership initiative. Benkie is a member of the National Development Council, a university advisory panel of influential business leaders, and serves on the Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering Leadership Board.

What's New

A&D Forum members can access these documents from the What's New page (under the Resources tab) of the A&D Forum website.

3/9/13: **Save the Date:** ACG Los Angeles: Global A&D Industry Insights - Outlook, Trends & M&A, Date: Wednesday, April 17, Location: California Club, Downtown Los Angeles, Time: 5:00 - 8:00pm.

3/2/13: "Cuts to Achieve Goal for Deficit, but Toll Is High"

3/1/13: "California Aerospace Industry Braces for Cuts"

2/28/13: Message From The Administrator: NASA and Sequestration

2/28/13: "Southland aerospace firms brace for defense cuts"

2/28/13: "Honeymoon to Mars? Multimillionaire makes proposal"

2/28/13: "FAA presses on with Dreamliner review"

2/26/13: "County probes L.A.'s compliance on transferring LAX traffic"

2/24/13: **RESOURCES FOR GOING GLOBAL:** A list of upcoming U.S. Commercial Service initiatives designed to connect you to business opportunities around the world.

2/22/13: "Navy proposes establishing a drone center at Point Mugu"

2/21/13: The creation of the NASA Space Technology Mission Directorate.

2/21/13: "Reigniting growth: Advanced Materials Systems"

2/19/13: "Five Great Things You Must Do For Your Business"

April 24: 8th Annual Market Meets Market
Expanding Boundaries: Strategies to Address
Federal Market Realities, Houlihan Lokey,
McLean, VA

Quick Links...

A&D Forum Website

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2/18/13: "Northrop to Upgrade B-2 in Palmdale"

2/14/13: "Truth or Dare: How to Manage Global
Supply Chain Risks?"

2/11/13: "2013 Outlook on Aerospace & Defense
Interview with Tom Captain"

2/9/13: "Relax! You'll Be More Productive"

2/7/13: "Are You Prepared for the Next Gene

2/7/13: "The Ripple Effect How manufacturing and
retail executives view the growing challenge of supply
chain risk"

2/6/13: "Reliance Steel Makes Biggest Acquisition
Ever"

2/4/13: "Air Lease Makes Large Airbus Purchase"

2/1/13: "New Management at Scaled Composites"

2/1/13: "Aerospace adapts to survive in O.C."

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