

The Aerospace & Defense Forum



Facilitating Business Communication, Collaboration, & Commerce

"Creating Competitive Advantage through Your Supply Chain"

Guest Presenters:

Joel Benkie

President & COO, Ducommun Inc.

Jerry Redondo

Vice President Operational Excellence, Ducommun Inc.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday, September 10, 2015

7:00am Networking 7:30-9:00am Meeting

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Registration is limited to #1 or #2 operating executives of A&D companies or plants. Tickets are limited to 20 people on a first-come first-served basis.

Registration Fees:

Free - A&D Forum member
\$30 - Non-member Early Bird
(until Sept 3)
\$40 - Non-member (after Sept 3)

The South Bay (CA) Chapter

The South Bay Chapter serves the area around Torrance, CA. The SB chapter is different in that attendance is limited to the #1 or #2 operating executives of A&D companies or plants, i.e., organizations that have a direct role in production, e.g., engineering, fabrication, coating, and testing. To promote exchange, each meeting is limited to 20 attendees. Meetings and tours are on the 2nd Wed of the month.

[Click here](#) to join the South Bay Chapter mailing list (free).

Free - Guest (limit of guesting twice)

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Scheduled South Bay Chapter Meetings

October 14: Tour of General Atomics, Palmdale

November 11: TBD

December 9: Presentation and Tour of **Alloy Processing**

January 13, 2016: Presentation and Tour of **Dasco Engineering**, Ward Olson, President, Dasco Engineering

A&D Forum Membership

The purpose of The A&D Forum is to promote communication, collaboration, and commerce among A&D industry



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In recent years, the aerospace markets for both commercial and military products have become more and more competitive. With industry consolidation and few new aircraft being launched this trend is becoming ever more prevalent.

Most companies have reacted to these challenges by initiating continuous improvement activities focused largely on leaning out production operations and reducing direct labor product content. Businesses who have embraced lean initiative for many years are finding diminishing returns from this approach. In many cases this activity has been accomplished by the outsourcing of non-core operations and work content, reducing the internal production base.

Given this situation, many companies have realized they must redirect their attention to creating value through enhanced supply chain efficiencies. Ducommun is in the midst of such a supply chain transformation. Joel Benkie and Jerry Redondo will share some key aspect of their strategy and approach.

business leaders.

Membership includes access to the resource-rich A&D Forum website (containing recordings of all chapter presentations), free attendance at any chapter meeting, facilitated introductions to members at any chapter and the A&D Forum monthly Newsletter. Members are first in line for tours and to be invited to the Peer C-level Roundtables.

One-year individual memberships are \$300 until the end of 2015. You can become a member or renew your membership through the A&D Forum website:

AerospaceDefenseForum.org.

Other A&D Forum Chapter Meetings

Times shown are local time.

"The Space Experience Economy", John Spencer, Outer Space Architect, Author and Developer, Los Angeles Chapter, August 21 (webstreamed)

"An Update on the SoCal A&D Supply Chain", Jim Watson, President & CEO, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting, Orange County Chapter, September 3

"An Analysis of the Defense Aerospace Budget", J.J. Gertler, Specialist in Military Aviation, Acting Manager, Defense Policy & Arms Control, Congressional Research Service, Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter, September 10

Introduction and Tour of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Dean Ron Madler, Dean of Engineering, Prescott Arizona campus, Arizona Chapter, September 15

Panel on A&D M&A, San Diego Chapter, September 22 (Evening)

About Ducommun

Founded in 1849, Ducommun Incorporated provides engineering and manufacturing services to the aerospace, defense, and other industries through a wide spectrum of electronic and structural applications. The company is an established supplier of critical components and assemblies for commercial aircraft and military and space vehicles as well as for the energy market, medical field, and industrial automation. It operates through two primary business units - Ducommun AeroStructures (DAS) and Ducommun LaBarge Technologies (DLT). Additional information can be found at www.ducommun.com.

Guest Presenters

**Recently Posted
Presentation Recordings on the
A&D Forum Website**

"Commercial and Military Aftermarket - Current State/ Future Trends", with a panel: Bill Ball (Circor), Brad Beck (United Aeronautical Corp.), Brian Zaumeyer (Odyssey Investment Partners) and Lee Schwartz (Schwartz Profitability Group), Los Angeles Chapter, June 19

"Lean Manufacturing in Aerospace - The IRIDIUM® Story", Andrew Feller, Senior Vice President - Deloitte Advisory, Corporate Restructuring Group, Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics, Arizona Chapter, July 14

"SPAWAR: The Road Ahead", Mr. Patrick M. Sullivan, Executive Director, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego Chapter, July 28

"Doing Business with Chinese Aerospace Companies", Pui Ho, General Manager, Parker Aerospace Asia, Orange County Chapter, August 6

"Aerospace/Defense and Government Services Market Overview", Michael J. Misantone, Managing Director, KippsDeSanto & Co., Arizona Chapter, August 11

"NewSpace and the Frontier Movement", Rick Tumlinson, Chairman, Deep Space Industries, Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter, August 13



Joel Benkie is 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 leads all areas of Ducommun's operations, including business development and the company's strategic business units in the United States and abroad.

Benkie's career in manufacturing leadership spans more than three decades. He joined Ducommun as executive vice president and chief operating officer 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 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.

Jerry Redondo is vice president of operational excellence for Ducommun Incorporated. He is responsible for leading and driving continuous improvement, product integrity, program management, engineering, and supply chain initiatives across the organization to maximize the value of Ducommun's products and services.

Redondo has 25 years of leadership experience in operations, global supply chain, product integrity, and lean production. Prior to joining Ducommun in 2013, he was group vice president of operations, global supply chain and operational excellence for Crane Aerospace & Electronics. He previously was employed by the Aerospace Group of Parker Hannifin Corporation where he served most recently as director of operations and global supply chain for the company's Control Systems Division. During his time with Parker, Redondo also served as director of operations and supply chain and director of continuous improvement/lean.

Redondo earned a master's degree in organizational leadership from Chapman University, a bachelor's degree in business management from Pepperdine University and an associate's degree in engineering technology from Golden West College. He holds certificates in supply chain management and human resource management.

September 10, 2015 Meeting

- Attire is business casual.
- Parking is available in the parking lot in front of the building
- Please check-in on arrival at the conference room and provide your business card.
- Attire is business casual.
- A light continental breakfast and networking will be available starting at 7:00AM.
- Bring a business card - they will be duplicated and everyone be e-mailed a copy of all attendee's cards.
- Please place any marketing literature near the registration desk. Please do not distribute material during the meeting.
- Introductions will be minimal - your name, company, industry, and a 5 word "elevator speech". We encourage you to be creative!

Feel free to pass this invitation on to others you think would be interested.

Event Info

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7:00am-7:30am: Networking & Breakfast

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California Manufacturing Technology Consulting
690 Knox St., Suite 200
Torrance, CA 90502**

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