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Executive committee to advise the Society of Manufacturing Engineers event

DEARBORN, Mich., August 30, 2012 [The Society of Manufacturing Engineers \(SME\)](#) [1] announced it has formed an executive committee composed of high-level manufacturing professionals from the aerospace and defense OEMs to assist in the development of [AeroDef Manufacturing 2013](#) [2].

The aerospace and defense event will be held March 19-21, 2013, at the Long Beach (Calif.) Convention Center. AeroDef has unprecedented support from the OEMs looking for solutions from suppliers and the extended manufacturing enterprise to keep the industry competitive in the face of major economic and public policy challenges.

These are the men and women making the decisions critical to the long-term success of the industry. They want every industry player at AeroDef to collaborate, innovate and together define the future of aerospace and defense manufacturing, said Debbie Holton, SME director of events and industry strategy.

The exposition and technical conference is produced in partnership with Boeing, Bell Helicopter, EADS, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining, Northrop Grumman and Raytheon. The exposition floor and technical conference tracks are integrated to give attendees a comprehensive view of the entire extended manufacturing enterprise.

Members of the AeroDef Manufacturing Executive Committee include:

Allen Andress, VP of operations, American Eurocopter, a subsidiary of EADS North America

Dean Bartles Ph.D., VP & GM, Large Caliber Ammunition, General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems Division

Lance Bryant, director, Production Operations Manufacturing Engineering/Technology and Advanced Programs & Technology (AP&T) Production, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems (AS)

Dianne Chong, Ph.D., vice president of assembly, Factory and Support Technologies, Boeing Engineering, Operations & Technology, The Boeing Company

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Tom McQuillan, director, Air Warfare Systems Product Line Quality Raytheon Missile Systems

Paul Oldroyd, technical fellow, Manufacturing Engineering Process Development, Engineering Department, Bell Helicopter Textron

Ralph Resnick, president and executive director, National Center for Defense Manufacturing & Machining (NCDMM)

Bill Saathoff, director, Production Engineering & Technology, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

John Vickers, project manager, Composite Cryotank Technology Demonstration, Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA

Photos and biographies of the executive committee members are available on the AeroDef Manufacturing website, aerodefevent.com [2]. Join our Twitter group @AeroDefMfg and our LinkedIn group to learn details about AeroDef as they unfold.

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About SME

The [Society of Manufacturing Engineers \(SME\)](#) [1] is the premier source for manufacturing knowledge, education and networking. Through its many programs, events, magazines, publications and online training division, [Tooling U](#) [4], SME connects manufacturing practitioners to each other, to the latest technologies and to the most up-to-date manufacturing processes. SME has members around the world and is supported by a network of chapters and technical communities. A 501(c)3 organization, SME is a leader in manufacturing workforce development issues, working with industry, academic and government partners to support the current and future skilled workforce.

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