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**Project Management Update from Washington**

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PM Profession News**Project Management Events in the Washington DC Community**

The Washington DC project management community is fortunate to have several important project management events in August. This is a description of two of those events.

The PMI Washington DC Chapter is offering a presentation at its August 18 dinner meeting entitled: “The Drive of the Leader; Road Signs to Guide Us.” The presentation will be delivered by Dave Maurer, Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Ret.). Mr.



Maurer is Project Director for the Continental United States Military Transition Assistance Program delivered by Inverness Technologies, Inc. He is the co-author of a newly published book, “Are You the King or Queen of Conflict in Project Management?”

This unusual presentation will remind us that useful messages and reminders are all around us every day and that if we are open to seeing beyond the words on a sign post, we just may find clues to help us improve our processes, products and our approach to our work life.

For more information, please visit www.pmiwdc.org.

PMI's Seminars World will be coming to Washington DC August 10th through the 13th. The event will be held at the M Street Hotel located at the crossroads of M Street and New Hampshire Avenue, in the Georgetown and Dupont Circle areas. It is located only 10 minutes from Ronald Reagan Washington Airport and 45 minutes from Dulles International Airport. All seminars run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Lunch is served daily and is included in your registration fees.

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