



**Spacecoast Technical Network**

*Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time*

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## Friday's Speaker

### Thomas J. Dankowski

THOMAS J. DANKOWSKI has 24 years of experience working for companies at the Kennedy Space Center.

He is currently the owner and Vice President of Space Coast Aviation Services, a company that offers pilot certification and licensing in Brevard County.

Thomas is a patented inventor, with two corporately held patents on two metal detectors, currently in production, and a third patent pending. Dankowski is a published author, with books, articles for magazines and newspapers, production of T.V. commercials, and training videos to his credits.

He possesses a top secret level, National Security Agency security clearance with (SBI) Special Background Investigation and SCI & COSMIC.

One of Dankowski's passions and talents is to inspire other to follow their entrepreneurial desires. He has educated and inspired many through lecture-style presentations at the Brevard Workforce BizLaunch program.

He is a lifelong learner with a vast array of experiences that have allowed him to couple a strong work ethic with a zest for learning, driving him to succeed in business.

Dankowski obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management - Systems and HR Management from Warner Southern University in Lake Wales, FL. He also has an Associate of Arts degree in Electrical Engineering from Brevard Community College.



Dave Miller says a blessing for the food and the unemployed STN members

Come to an 8am Spacecoast Technical Network breakfast on any Friday, and you can count on being greeted by a man with one of the largest smiles in the house, David Miller.

David serves at Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Titusville, by acting as Liaison between the church and the STN. Last September, 2011, Father Rob asked Dave to be the host at the Spacecoast Technical Network's meetings, and reach out to all the displaced workers of the Kennedy Space Center and associated contractors.

So, Dave visited an STN meeting at the Village Inn Restaurant. Back then, the group was small, with about 10 to 15 people attending the morning meetings. Miller offered the fledgling organization a deal they could not pass up. The church invited the STN to use their Parish Hall,



Tom J. Dankowski, Vice President  
Space Coast Aviation Services

which could seat up to 100 people. In addition, there would be free coffee, and a hot breakfast for only \$4.00 per person.

Upon arriving at the new location, STN members and guests were greeted by Miller, who collected fees, recorded names and emails of visitors, and kicked off every breakfast with a prayer for the unemployed, and for the food.

He was the first to volunteer for the newly formed Support Focus Group, which would provide additional prayer and counseling for those having a difficult time during their long-term unemployment.

[Click here to read more about Dave](#)

### STN Member Job Board

[Local Technical and Engineering Jobs in Brevard County](#)

[Local opportunities with Craig Technologies](#)

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## Spacecoast Technical Network

The Spacecoast Technical Network, STN, meets every Friday to network, share a meal, and learn from informative speakers. The membership is over one hundred and growing weekly. STN is about securing Employment for its members, enhancing skill sets through Educational resources, and providing ongoing professional support and expertise for new and exciting Entrepreneurial efforts.

Networking begins at 8:00am. A hot breakfast is served at 8:30. Cost for the breakfast is \$4 per person. The SpaceCoast Technical Network meets in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 414 Pine St., Titusville. [CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)  
For more information, contact Kevin Harrington at (321)302-4787, email: [Kevin@STNrebuilds.org](mailto:Kevin@STNrebuilds.org)

**The SpaceCoast Technical Network Offers Two Positions of Membership.**

**Associate Member** - Associate members are seeking to re-establish their income stream. Many of

Thomas served his country for six years in the United States Navy, aboard the U.S.S. Sturgeon, a nuclear powered fast attack submarine, as First Class Communications Intelligence Specialist and Manager of a Cryptographic Communication Center.

He has done considerable work in improving metal detector technology including the detectors used at many of the airports in the United States.

He will be speaking on "Creating the Entrepreneurial Dream".

## Upcoming Speakers

02/22 - Thomas J. Dankowski, Space Coast Aviation Services

03/01 - Gordon Hogan, Director UCF Incubator (co-presenter)

03/01 - Jack Henkel, UCF Venture Lab (co-presenter)

03/08 - J.B. Kump, President, Joseph's Fund

03/29 - Good Friday, No Meeting

04/05 - Lynda Weatherman, President, EDC

If you are interesting in presenting at an STN Breakfast meeting, please call Martin McClellan, Speaker Coordinator at (321) 759-5955, or email at: [litamartin@msn.com](mailto:litamartin@msn.com)

## Upcoming Events

02-26 [Orlando Eng, Tech, Security Clearance Career Expo](#)

03-05 [Free Workshop, Selling to the Government](#)

03-08 [Space Coast Energy Consortium - MegaWatt Ventures](#)

03-15 [Goodwill Industries Job Fair/Career Expo](#)

03-18 [UCF BIP Orlando - Veteran's Initiative](#)

03-21 [Nida Corporation - Facility Tour - Melbourne, FL](#)

03-23 [Homeless Veteran Stand Down 2013](#)

04-26 [5th Annual Green Symposium - Stetson University](#)

If you have an upcoming event that may be of interest to our group, please contact Gail K. Peek, by phone 321-383-0664 or by email @ [STN.eventcoordinator@yahoo.com](mailto:STN.eventcoordinator@yahoo.com).

## Join Now!

our associate members have since moved on to new positions of employment. Some are starting their own business, while others have re-enrolled in an educational curriculum that will provide them with new skill sets and/or certificates for the next step in their career.

**Business Support Member** - Business support members offer the expertise and resources of their businesses to aid and assist the STN in its quest to strengthen the economic situation of the community. The support of the local business community is the key to the completion of all STN goals.

**One Year Membership is just \$20**

**For more information contact Herb McElrath, Director of Membership Services at (321) 544-5932**

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