

| AFTER ACTION REPORT                                             |                                              | VETERANS IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT |
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| CREDENTIAL<br>PMI-RMP® · PMI Risk Management Professional       | US SALARY<br>No published figure for the RMP | REPORTED<br>SEP 02, 2026       |
| REPORTING<br>Russ Parker, PMI-RMP® · Marine Corps · Episode 003 |                                              |                                |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY · EPISODE 003

Russ Parker spent twenty years in the Marine Corps, from an enlisted optics technician repairing night vision in Al Anbar province to a logistics officer planning exercises in Bahrain. He took the PMP on his way out through a medical board, then added the PMI-RMP a few months later because risk was the part of the work he had been doing all along. He now runs a risk practice and teaches the credential.

The PMI-RMP certifies risk management on a project rather than across an organization. For almost everyone it's a second credential, taken after the PMP by somebody whose job already is risk.

### CONDITIONS · CHANGED APR 01, 2022

PMI replaced the RMP exam on April 1, 2022: 115 questions in 150 minutes, down from 170 in 210. PMI's own RMP handbook, revised August 7, 2020, is still live and still describes the old one.

## 1 TASK AND STANDARD

**TASK:** qualify for and pass the PMI-RMP®. **STANDARD:** three routes, each pairing an education level with risk months and hours.

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| Secondary diploma or associate's | 36 months · 40 hours |
| Four-year degree                 | 24 months · 30 hours |
| GAC-accredited degree            | 12 months · 30 hours |

Months have to be project risk work, inside the last five consecutive years. An associate's degree sits with a high school diploma here, which is the opposite of the PMP.

## 2 ASSESSMENT – WHAT COUNTS FROM YOUR SERVICE

PMI counts months in professional project risk management, and the word project carries the requirement. Operational and safety risk shares the skeleton and not the vocabulary.

- ☐ Program office risk manager or IPT risk lead
- ☐ Cost or schedule risk analysis on a program
- ☐ A fielding, relocation or facility project
- ☐ Risk work you did without the risk title

**Doesn't count:** Collateral-duty safety officer months, range safety, general project management months, which catches PMP holders out, and any duty title with no project under it.

## 3 RESOURCES AND RETURN

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| Exam                   | \$520 member · \$670 non-member          |
| 30 or 40 contact hours | \$1,500 to \$2,000 instructor-led        |
| Hired as               | Program Risk Manager · RIO Manager       |
| Who hires              | Defense primes, capital programs, energy |

Titles from US postings read August 2026. PMI publishes no RMP salary figure.

## 4 OBSERVATIONS

### SUSTAIN

- The GI Bill route is confirmed and clean. VA's approved test register carries the RMP at \$670, which is about eight days of entitlement.
- Learn opportunity management cold. Military doctrine has no positive-risk process, and PMI's outline pairs threats with opportunities from Domain I onward.
- Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard COOL fund it. Navy lists it with no funded banner. Air Force funding sits in AFVEC, not the DoD portal, so check there.
- Stacked on a PMP, the RMP costs about 4 risk-specific PDUs and \$150 every three years, or \$60 if you join PMI, because Power Skills, Business Acumen and Giving Back PDUs count toward both.
- Find your verifier before you apply. PMI wants a supervisor's signature at audit and publishes no substitute, and a retired commander can still sign.

### IMPROVE

- *Get the PMP first and specialize afterwards. Risk sits underneath it, the way a chief warrant officer sits between enlisted and officer as the person who actually knows the subject.*
- *Take the thirty-five hour prep course early. Plenty of people finish it and realize this isn't the job they thought it was, and finding that out cheaply is a result.*
- *Translate, don't memorize. Read each question back into the planning process you already know, then read it forward into PMI's words. It's slower and it works.*
- *Use the programs while you're still in. The military will fund this, and that stops the day you leave.*
- *Start smaller than you think you need to. If you're junior, go for the CAPM and get yourself into a coordinator seat where you're in the room taking the notes.*

## 5 REMARKS — REPORTING INDIVIDUAL

Russ Parker, episode 003

- *My job was risk management and nobody ever called it that. It took a lieutenant colonel asking how he could trust me to plan a deployment when I couldn't plan a range in December.*
- *I knew all of these terms. I just called them something else. That's the whole translation problem, and it's most of what the certification actually buys you.*
- *Most organizations accept risk passively. They decide up front that if it happens they'll write a check, and they never price what happens after that.*
- *In the military the risk was life. On the civilian side it's dollars, and I had to learn to say it that way before anybody would listen to me.*
- *I saved a bank \$1.1 billion and got a hoodie. Somebody messaging me to say they passed the RMP meant more than that number ever did.*

### NEXT STEP

#### Read the full PMI-RMP® route, kept current

Eligibility, the path, cost, renewal, and what a US veteran should know about funding it.

#### FULL ROUTE, KEPT CURRENT

<https://veteransinprojectmanagement.com/certifications/pmi-rmp/training-guide/>

#### EPISODE, TRANSCRIPT AND LINKS

<https://veteransinprojectmanagement.com/podcasts/vipm/003-russ-parker/>

Reported September 2, 2026 with episode 003, and unchanged since. Requirements were last checked August 22, 2026 and they do move: the full route above is maintained, this report is not. This is a guide, not advice, it isn't an official or government document, and PMI had no part in it and did not endorse it. Where a training provider or a school is named, assume we may have a commercial interest in it.