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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

OK, so we are a little over half way through my term as ASMC President and all I can say is this is such a great organization and it's been a lot of fun to serve. Your local chapter has accomplished a lot so far. Here are my cliff notes (in no particular order) on what Hampton Roads ASMC has done over the past eight months;

#1. Stuffed the Bus (400+ backpacks) and Stockings (over 250+ stockings and boxes of toys) for the Salvation Army, Marched to fight Breast Cancer, Polar Plunged (Special Olympics), and raised over \$300.00 for local food banks in the "Crab" Pot.

#2. Held six (6 CPE's) Professional Development Sessions on the following topics; Certifications, How to be Competitive for a Federal FM Job, State of the Military Health System, Congressional Politics and impacts on DoD Budgets, the Coast Guard Finance Center, and an Overview of ASMC and Why We Participate.

#3. Put out two local newsletters.....this is the third.

#4. Procured a new Chapter Banner and good ASMC "schwag" = pint glasses & lunch bags. Available at PDT for all ASMC members.

#5. Moved Award Recognition Ceremony from June to February. Submitted all packages to compete for ASMC national level awards.

#6. In final planning stages for upcoming Spring Professional Development Training (PDT= regional PDI). Moved the event to a larger venue to support more attendees.

So, how did we accomplish all of this? Well, we have outstanding people in the Hampton Roads FM community who were drawn to service and found ASMC was a great way to answer the call. Looking ahead we will put on the local Professional Development Training event (14 CPEs) in Suffolk in March, host two more Professional Development Sessions (1 CPE each) in April and May, give a few high school graduates some money for college through our annual scholarship program and cap off the year with the annual turnover meeting in June. There will be leadership opportunities opening up for June 2017 to June 2018 so please contact your service Vice President now if you are interested.

Thank You

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ASMC, Hampton Roads Chapter President - Air Force





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UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

- **23 & 24 March:** Hampton Roads ASMC Professional Development Training
Sign up = <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=nphcb>
Details on page #3 - Earn up to 14 CPE's toward DoD FM Certification
Attire: Civilians - Business Casual; Military - Service Uniform
- **27 April:** Professional Development Session @ 11:30 at Breezy Point on Norfolk Naval Station - 1 CPE
Guest Speaker: Mr. David Bailey, Comptroller, Navy Marine Corps Public Health Center
- **6 May:** March of Dimes, March for Babies in Virginia Beach
Contact Zena Ingram @ zena.ingram@us.af.mil for details.
- **May:** Professional Development Session @ 11:30 at Bayside Club on Joint Base Langley Air Force Base - 1 CPE, date and speaker TBD
- **June:** Scholarship & Leadership Turnover Luncheon - Date TBD

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ASMC CRAB HIGHLIGHTS

AGA - ASMC Spring Professional Development Training March 23rd & 24th

I'd like to personally invite everyone to attend the upcoming Hampton Roads ASMC Spring Professional Development Training (PDT - local mini-PDI) event, scheduled for for March 23rd & 24th. This is an outstanding opportunity to receive low cost FM training, valuable CPE's toward your DoD Certification (14 total) and network with local FM professionals from across the Hampton Roads area. The event will be held at the ODU Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC) in Suffolk VA, which is centrally located, easy to get to from JBLE, and holds over 300+ people.

This year's theme is "Commitment to Excellence" and we've got some outstanding speakers lined up including; Col Lester Weilacher, the Air Combat Command Comptroller, Chief Karl Bradford, the JBLE Comptroller Squadron Superintendent, and the Air Force Center of Excellence. The PDT is targeted toward a wide FM audience to include all military ranks, civilian grades, and contractors from all local DoD service branches as well as state and local government and local academia.

EVENT DETAILS;

Attendee Registration Costs: Member's Early Bird Special registration fee of \$135 is available to current members of AGA and ASMC attending both days. Please take note, early Bird special ends March 10, 2017. As a benefit of AGA and ASMC membership, current AGA and ASMC members receive a value-priced registration fee of \$145. Current membership will be verified by registration administrators. The registration fee for non-members is \$190 for both days.

Reservations must be paid **by MARCH 15, 2017**. After this date, unpaid reservations will be removed from the registration. To register, or for more information, use this link: <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=nphcb>

Continuing Professional Education: Attendees will be provided educational opportunities to earn up to 14 CPE. Expert speakers will cover various topics related to government financial management, such as governmental auditing, accounting, economics, finance, budget, communication and leadership.

Networking: Attendees will be able to network with other government financial management professionals during breaks and meals. This event will allow attendees to catch up with colleagues and make new connections. We encourage attendees to bring business cards and other contact information ready to share with each other.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in March.

UPDATE: There is plenty of seating available. You can register and pay at the door the day of the event with a check.

ASMC National 2017 PDI

The National Professional Development Institute (PDI) is the premier training event of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC), and will take place on May 31-June 2 in San Diego, California (with Pre-PDI May 29-30). Defense financial managers in the public and private sectors will converge for the three-day event to enhance their resource management knowledge and skills, as well as share best practices toward meeting the complex challenges of today's fiscal environment.

The PDI 2017 program included general and Service Day sessions, mini-courses, and workshops focused on defense financial management competency areas. Speakers discussed current issues in DoD and US Coast Guard financial management operations. Most importantly, the Mini-courses provided participants the opportunity to obtain direct credit toward meeting certain DoD FM Certification requirements at Levels 2 and 3 of the program.

Beyond the 21 CPE credits available to attendees, the PDI provided a valuable forum for participants from Service HQs, major commands, and installation levels to collaborate with leadership, peers, vendors, and clients. This event also showcased individuals and teams who have been recognized by ASMC for their excellent contributions to the field of defense financial management.

Are you ready to catch the wave? Be audit ready and join us in San Diego.

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RECOGNITION CORNER

Congratulations to our 2016 ASMC Annual Award winners...



Accounting/Finance - Cecil Hurt (Coast Guard)
Analysis/Evaluation - Lyka Santos (Air Force)
Auditing - Karen Chappell (Army)
Budgeting - Zachary Mason (Air Force)
Business Management/Acquisition - Zachry Finley (Air Force)
Intern/Trainee - Ellen Cain (Air Force)
Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller - Lawrence Mellor (Coast Guard)
Resource Management - Kenneth Linger (Air Force)



Special Thank you to Ms Cynthia Williamson for leading this 1st class event

INSIDE STORY...CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

FACTS ABOUT ASMC:

National Chapter

WHAT IS ASMC? Non-Profit educational and professional organization for persons (mil/civ/contract) involved in the overall field of military comptrollership.

MISSION STATEMENT: to provide professional development and promote ethical behavior in all aspects of Military Comptrollership.

HISTORY: ASMC was established in 1948 in San Antonio TX as the Society of Military Accountants and Statisticians and was only open to active duty officers.

Chapters: 138 Active Chapters

Members: 17,000+ Active Members

Leadership: HQ is in Alexandria Virginia. President is Mr. Al Runnels.

Professional Development: Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM), Enhanced Defense Financial Manager Course (EDFM) and host the National Professional Development Institute (PDI) annually



Hampton Roads Chapter

Size: 5th Largest ASMC Chapter

Members: 515 Active members

Joint Chapter: Army, Navy, AF, and Coast Guard

Leadership: The Air Force is the current lead service and fills the President and Secretary positions. Army takes over in June of 2017. All services have an elected Vice President each year. All services fill committee positions each year. The President and Vice Presidents comprise the ASMC Chapter Board.

Committees: Community Service, Awards, Scholarship, Professional Development, Membership,

Professional Development: Monthly Professional Development Sessions, hosted on a rotating basis by each service (1 CPE), and the annual regional Spring Professional Development Training event (14 CPE). Annual leadership opportunities in committees, or as a Vice President or President.

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Why Should I Join ASMC?

If you are in the DoD Financial Management (FM) career field you've probably asked yourself this question at some point in your career, or maybe even multiple times during your career. There isn't really any one answer to the question. People join organizations and leave organizations for lots of reasons. I've been an ASMC member now for almost 15 years and I admit there have been times in my career when the only reason I paid my annual dues was to keep my Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certification current. I'm glad I continued to be a member though, because eventually I jumped on an opportunity to serve in an ASMC leadership role and it's been one of the best experiences of my DoD career. So after two years as the AF Vice President and an eight months as the President of the 5th largest ASMC Chapter, here are the biggest reasons why I'm a member of ASMC.

#1. Autonomy. Most normal FM jobs in the DoD usually have multiple bosses and numerous policies, procedures and guidance to follow, which tells us how to do everything from make slide decks and use systems to how many checklists we need to complete to send a MIPR. The ASMC organization has much more flexibility and room to operate. You are given a box to color in and the rest is up to you and your leadership teammates. For instance, our current scholarship chairman is a Senior Airmen who processes military pay docs all day in his FM job. For ASMC he's a one man scholarship machine who is responsible for coordinating scholarship package rules and applications to over 40 local high school guidance counselors and principals. He's had to think outside the box, manage the process and timelines and develop and guide the entire program. His efforts will lead to the local ASMC Chapter awarding over \$4,000 in scholarships to help make a difference for upcoming high-school graduates. In his current job he wouldn't get a chance to experience this level of responsibility and run a program of this magnitude. The lessons he will learn succeeding as our scholarship chair will help shape his overall growth and development and provide him with experiences he can use during his career.

#2. Service. The majority of DoD FMer's are hard wired for service. It's an innate part of our DNA and one of the reasons we work for the DoD and we are not in the corporate finance business. ASMC offers our members the unique ability to serve in ways the AF and DoD cannot. Unlike the DoD, if you want to spend your ASMC dollars on high school scholarships you can. If you want to motivate people to raise money for breast cancer awareness or any other cause you can submit your ideas to your local ASMC leadership. Do you like children? Why not ask ASMC if you can head up a stuff the bus campaign and see how many school bags you can fill for children growing up in poverty. ASMC is an outstanding tool for service cultivation because of its flexibility, freedom, networks and service oriented members. The sky is truly the limit.



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#3. Professional Development. ASMC is an approved source for securing continuing education credits toward your DoD FM Certification, but more importantly I think the leadership opportunities ASMC chapters offer are second to none. ASMC leadership opportunities are truly about cultivating the art of leadership vs. the management of people. Let's face it, the structure of DoD FM operations is very management driven (org structure) and the nature of our business is to manage people to get the job or task done within a specific timeframe and following the procedures and policies in place. In an ASMC chapter everyone is a volunteer and you need to be able to cultivate relationships and motivate people in order to accomplish your vision, objectives, and goals. ASMC chapter boards and committees are really leadership laboratories where you can work on and develop your own leadership skills and style. The best part is you do not need to have leadership experience or even be a good leader to volunteer to take over a committee chair or run for a board position. The lessons you will learn after a year in an ASMC leadership position are invaluable and will help you tremendously when you find yourself leading and working with others in your day to day FM job.

#4. Networking. ASMC provides opportunities to network with peers, supervisors, senior leaders and people from across the DoD FM landscape. Many of the people you meet through ASMC are folks you would not get an opportunity to work with during your day to day job. There are lots of opportunities for networking through ASMC and across the DoD and you never know when networking will pay off. Over the past three years I've developed great relationships within the Coast Guard, Army, and Navy FM communities in Hampton Roads. ASMC is an outstanding tool to help robust your professional DoD FM networks and if you haven't ever thought about networking it is a great place to get started.

Well that about sums up the reasons why I am an ASMC member today and will continue my membership after my term as President is over. ASMC provides unbelievable value for members who are active in their chapters and use ASMC as a tool to better themselves and their communities. Today is a great day to get involved and ASMC is here to help you accomplish your goals, so what are you waiting for?

Article By: Mr. Jeremy Taylor, ASMC Hampton Roads Chapter President

ASMC CHAPTER MEMBERS BLOG (by Pamela Sutton)

Our Membership roster growth to date is...

July:

Anne Halvorsen
Lynn Marie Shaw, CDFM
Kristy Marie Price
David Anthony Hunter

August:

Wendy Lee Andrews, CDFM
Lesvia Zoraya Galindez*
Cynthia Elaine Oliver CDFM*
Matt Perciak
Julia Konstantinovna Cary
Laura Overall Ramirez
Adiah R. Blanco
Matthew Vieira

September:

Leonard Edward Green, Jr.
Sabrina Jerica Lacy
Cynthia D. Leffler, CDFM-A
Jennifer Kirsten Grzelak-ledoux
Mark Frederick Ganley
Ashley Allen

October:

Brittany J. Laughrun
Natalie Hetman
Wyllo Hanson
John Daniel Royal
Igor Yatsula

November:

Oscar Franklin Webb, III
Ann Marie Colwell

December:

Nancy E. Gordon
Anita Torres
Scarlett Rogers*
Jornel Espinoza Torres
Elizabeth Ashly Heaton

Welcome to our newest members! This takes our membership list to 517 members as of 26 Jan 2017.

YOUR ASMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Position	USN		USCG		USA		USAF	
President							Jeremy Taylor	225-0786
VP	LCDR J. Jenkins	469-3368	Brad Hanover	523-6815	Deanna Morinec	501-7133	Pamela F. Sutton	225-1884
Secretary	LCDR J. Phillips	953-0452					Cynthia Williamson	225-1880
Treasurer					Deanna Morinec	501-7133		
Professional Development					Barbara Melton	501-6865	Brandy Cotton	764-3855
Competition					Deanna Morinec	501-7133		
Membership					Concetta Rendon	501-6793	Karen Heim	764-6509
Scholarships					Tina Svaranowic	501-6725	Andrew Brooks	764-2161
Awards	Anne Foye	AN: 396-4001 X 2207 AF: 444-7295 X 2819			Dawn Cyr	501-7124	Cynthia Williamson	225-1880
Community Service					Laura Waclawski & Matthew Thompson	LW: 501-6745 MT: 878-7198	Zena Ingram	764-7753
Area Rep	Malvin Carroll	892-8240	Paula Crawford	523-6078	Concetta Rendon	501-6793	Karen Heim	764-6509
Publicity/ Newsletter			Brad Hanover	523-6815			Christine Danie	764-2290

ASMC is taking nominations and looking for volunteers to lead the Chapter from June 2017 - 2018. Contact us today!