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Save the Date:

CDFM Module 3 on-site testing on
Wednesday, 19 September at
9:30 am in room B1.

Monthly Luncheon featuring Mr.
Thomas Murphy will be held at the
Doubletree Hotel on
Wednesday, 19 September at
11:45am.

ASMC's 1st Annual Golf Outing at
Briardale Greens Golf Course located
at 24131 Briardale Avenue on
Saturday, 29 September at 1:00 pm.

Cleveland Step Out Walk to Stop
Diabetes on Saturday, 6 October
2012 at The Galleria Erievue.
Opening ceremony begins at
10:15 am and walk begins at
10:30 am.

Future Meeting Announcements:

ASMC Board Meeting
Tuesday, 25 September 2012
9:00 am - 10:00 am
Room 2911 G

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month, I would like to take an opportunity to address an important growth and developmental topic, as discussed by our featured guest at the August luncheon. Dr. Jacklyn Chisholm, Vice President of Planning and Institutional Relations at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, spoke to our members about stepping outside of your comfort zone and how that relates to positive change. Dr. Chisholm was a very engaging speaker who imparted the importance of stepping outside of one's comfort zone by using examples from her own journey. I want to share the following highlights from her presentation, as I think you will find this to be sound advice.



Dr. Chisholm encouraged the audience to face our fears. Whether it is a small fear or a large one, conquering it will yield an unparalleled sense of accomplishment. Celebrate these achievements. Similarly, venture into the unknown. Dr. Chisholm encouraged us to refrain from becoming too comfortable in any aspect of our life, as this fosters an aversion to change. We can't possibly grow and experience greater joys and accomplishments if we are completely risk averse. She shared the example of when she left a stable job at Case Western Reserve University, where she had developed a tremendous expertise as well as a ton of accrued leave after serving in that capacity for 19 years. She ventured into the unknown by joining the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She did not know what to expect, but she knew it was time to tackle a new challenge. She didn't "feel right" in her current position. Her advice to the audience was to become comfortable taking risks. We are at ease in our comfort zones because we know what to expect. In order to become comfortable with uncertainty, Dr. Chisholm suggested that we let go of our attachment to a certain outcome. We need to live in the moment and focus on the joy of what we are doing as opposed to intently focusing on our desired end result. Moreover, we need to practice acceptance. Things don't always go our way and when they don't, we need to shrug it off. When this happens, don't look at the experience as a failure. It is a learning opportunity that enables us to grow.

In the spirit of Dr. Chisholm's message, I ask that each of us take a moment and step outside of our comfort zones this month. Please consider facilitating your growth through one of the opportunities the Chapter has to offer. We are seeking members who are interested in participating on the Chapter Board in various capacities. If you have considered becoming more involved, I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Please contact Tracy Johnson for more information. We will also be hosting our first annual golf outing on September 29th. Finally, if you have suggestions as to how to enhance the Chapter, I am always interested in our members' feedback. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with ideas/suggestions!

Have a wonderful month!

Respectfully yours,

Jaclyn

COMMUNITY SERVICE

20th Annual Medical Mutual of Ohio Walk for Wishes

By: John Giammo

On Saturday, July 21, 2012, more than 1,700 walkers, sponsors and volunteers came together at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The 20th Annual Medical Mutual® Cleveland Walk for Wishes® raised \$136,790 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana Chapter. Nine ASMC members volunteered for this wonderful cause, including Amanda Preis, Jessica Rust, Shana Gronostaj, Shayna McCauley, Keela Lawrence, Kyle Boehnlein, Ryan Serne, Jim Gunter, and myself. Each volunteer was given a Walk for Wishes gray t-shirt to wear at the event. The ladies worked in the registration tent while the men worked as greeters. In addition, the ASMC Cleveland Chapter donated \$100 to the Foundation.

After volunteering, I joined a walking team led by Leah Huth and participated in the three-mile course. Her team raised \$375 overall for the event. Leah is a member of ASMC and a supervisor in Navy Audit Readiness.

Throughout the zoo, there were many fun activities for walkers. These included a fairy godmother, Moondog (Cavaliers mascot), and *Star Wars* characters. At the conclusion of the walk, there was a Finish Line Celebration with music, food, and balloon animals. Walkers also had the opportunity to meet Wish Families and experience the power of a wish come true.

As I walked through the zoo with Wish Families and other walkers who supported these children, it reminded me to be thankful for all of the positive aspects of my life that are taken for granted each day and that to help fulfill the wish of a sick child is a tremendous feeling.

[Some FAQs](#)

[What is the Make-A-Wish Foundation®?](#)

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

[Who is eligible for a wish?](#)

Any child over the age of 2 ½ and under the age of 18, diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition, may qualify for a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation regardless of the family's race, gender, creed, socio-economic, or cultural background.

[If I donate money to this chapter, does it stay local?](#)

Yes. All money donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, is used to fulfill the wishes of children in your area. Currently, nearly 75 percent of each dollar goes directly toward fulfilling wishes.

For more information, please visit the Foundation's website at:

<http://www.makeawishohio.org/>



Marine Week Cleveland

By: Shayna McCauley

One of the many U.S. Marines Corps stops for Marine Week was in Cleveland. Mayor Frank G. Jackson kicked off the week by officially proclaiming Marine Week in the city of Cleveland and there was a performance by the Quantico Marine Band. There were equipment displays, featuring state-of-the-art ground vehicles, aircraft and weaponry. Some of the static displays included the MV-22 Osprey, AH-1Z Super Cobra, Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) and M777 Howitzer.

The Marine Honor Guard was posted at the largest replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Also, a travelling memorial of more than 400 full-sized flags memorializing Ohio's fallen in connection with the War on Terrorism was on display at Voinovich Park.

The Marines also had a Science and Technology Expo, with a simulated firing range with state-of-the-art weaponry and featuring the latest robotic equipment. There was also the Marine Corps Martial Arts program demonstrating hand-to-hand combat and the Military Working Dog demonstrations to show K-9 capabilities. On Friday, The Quantico Marine Band concert was held at Public Square. DFAS-CL and ASMC were out wearing red to show our support for the troops.

Marine Day was held at Burke Lakefront Airport, where the Quantico Marine Band and Silent Drill Platoon performed. The event of the day was the Air, Land and Sea demonstration as the Marines simulated an amphibious assault and demonstrated their air capabilities with the UH-1N Huey, AH-1W Cobra, V-22 Osprey, F/A-18 Hornet and the formidable C-130 Hercules.

Marine Week had a closing ceremony to honor Gold Star families. The Marine Honor Guard was then relieved and this marked the close to a successful Marine Week held in Cleveland.



Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV)



High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS)



Quantico Marine Band



DFAS-CL and ASMC Showing Support!



AH-1Z Super Cobra

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

August Luncheon

By: Shayna McCauley

The August ASMC luncheon featured Dr. Jacklyn Chisholm, who spoke about getting out of your comfort zone. Dr. Chisholm is Vice President of Planning and Institutional Relations at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. She is responsible for the development and implementation of the Museum's strategic plan, management of community outreach activities and government relations. Dr. Chisholm previously served as Associate Vice President for Community Partnerships at Case Western Reserve University, where she developed the Center for Community Partnerships.

She is the recipient of numerous awards; Crain's Business 2009 Women of Note, Women of Color Foundation ISIS Award, Cleveland Educators Forum Alumni Achievers Hall of Fame, and YWCA Woman of Professional Excellence.

Dr. Chisholm graduated from John F. Kennedy High School, where she was an honors student. Dr. Chisholm was a first generation college student, where her initial path was to be doctor, but she changed it to anthropology. She attended Case Western Reserve University, where she has earned three advanced degrees: a Bachelors of Art in medical anthropology, a Master of Arts in psychological anthropology, and a doctorate in psychological anthropology, with an emphasis in educational anthropology. Attending college was a bit of a shock for her, and as one her professors put it, "This is not high school, this is college and there are higher expectations." Despite the challenges and higher expectations, she did not give up who she was, just modified. One of her key points about getting out of your comfort zone, was about making choices and moving forward. Moving into something new might be uncomfortable initially. Being uncomfortable is part of the process, as Dr. Chisholm said, but ask yourself these questions; "Am I worth the risk? What am I willing to risk because it is worth it?" One of Dr. Chisholm quotes was "feel your fear, just drag it with you and do it anyways."

Dr. Chisholm was very inspirational to listen to and she knew from a young age, sitting in the library, that she wanted to be that person that travels the world and education was her ticket. Despite being the first one in her family to go to college and having the challenges that life presents come up, she worked through it and did not give up goals.



L to R: Jeff Hayden, Tracy Johnson, Dr. Chisholm, Jaclyn Donadio, Frankie Denmeade, Shana Gronostaj, Jessica Rust



L to R: Elena Baykal, Shayna McCauley and Teresa Pack-Hockey



L to R: Zachary Bendzuck, Larry Felts and Andy Falatic.

NATIONAL NEWS



Senators introduce new legislation to force a clean DoD audit

A new bill introduced in the Senate would create “new incentives and enforcement mechanisms to force the Pentagon the pass an audit,” according to Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK), the bill’s principal sponsor. The “[Audit the Pentagon Act](#)” (S.3487) will, according to Coburn, “help the Pentagon to help itself.” ([Read the full story.](#))

See more *Defense and Budget Financial Management Highlights* on the ASMC website (www.asmc-online.org), including the following:

- OMB and DoD witnesses describe sequestration’s potential effects and implementation procedures
- House and Senate leaders agree on a six-month FY2013 Continuing Resolution
- Senate committee approves FY2013 DoD appropriations bill
- DoD Inspector General says achievement of auditability goals at risk

Virtual PDI

All Virtual PDI presentations are now available, and registrants have a year to view the programs and earn CPEs. You also have a year to register. Don’t miss the chance to earn CPEs online at your own pace.

CDFM INFORMATION

Module 3 Onsite Testing

On Wednesday, 19 September 2012, the CDFM committee will be hosting an on-site group exam for Module 3. The exam will begin at 9:30 am in room B1.

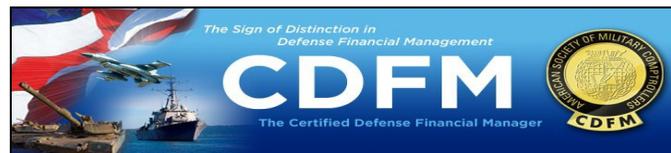
Prepare for the CDFM Exam

ASMC recommends using the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC) textbook as a study guide. If you do not already own one it can be purchased for \$65. Directions for purchasing the textbook can be found at: <http://www.asmc-online.org/publications/text-books/>. Additionally, the study plan “How to Be-come a CDFM in Eight Weeks” to be used in conjunction with the EDFMTC textbook can be found at: http://www.asmc-online.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Toney_Williams_How_to_Become_a_CDFM_in_Eight_Weeks_6-7-11.pdf

If you have a question pertaining to the CDFM exam or certification process please contact us at askasmc@asmc-cleveland.org.

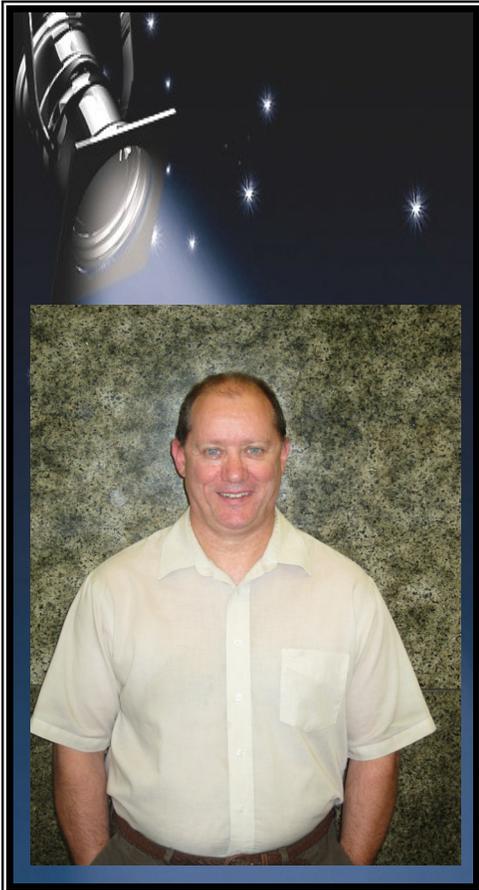
Donate EDFMTC Textbooks

The ASMC Cleveland Chapter is asking members to donate any EDFM Training Course textbooks that they are no longer using. The textbooks will be lent out to assist ASMC members who are currently studying for the CDFM Certification. Please contact Tonya.Peterson@dfas.mil or Laura.Farrell@dfas.mil if you have a textbook that you would like to donate.



Member News Member News

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



By: Matthew Sylvain

This month ASMC is proud to present Clyde Alexander as our member spotlight. Clyde became a member of ASMC while working as a support member of the NAVY reserve unit. He served in the NAVY for eleven years of active duty. Clyde was on various ships while in the NAVY including the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) 1990-1993, USS Blue Ridge (LLC-19) 1985-1987, USS Kirk 1986 (FF-XX), PSD Memphis 1982-1983, PSD Point Loma 1983-1985, PSD Cleveland 1987-1990. From 2005 to 2006, Clyde was mobilized back onto active duty at NAVELSG - NAVY Expeditionary Logistics Support Group in Williamsburg, VA. On top of the eleven years he spent on active duty, Clyde also has served for fourteen years of reserve duty at the Navy Reserve Center, Cleveland (1993-2007) and the Naval Reserve Unit-Cleveland (1993-2007).

Clyde has been employed with the government since 1993 when he detached from active duty and joined the Naval Reserve. He worked in various departments within the Navy Finance Center which is now known as DFAS Cleveland. Currently, Clyde works in Information and Technology department as a Financial System Analyst in the Defense Military Pay Office (DMO). He is responsible for developing, reviewing and testing the software that is used by all military service for paying members entitlements.

A resident of Avon, Ohio, Clyde has been married for 25 years to his wife Kathleen. He has two sons. His oldest son Shaun is a senior in high school and his youngest son William is a freshman in high school. In his spare time he enjoys spending time at home with his family.

ASMC Board Vacancy Announcements

ASMC Members,

After analyzing our current structure and determining the gaps from the prior program year, we are pleased to announce five committee vacancies on our ASMC Cleveland Chapter Board that we are excited to fill in September. We are looking for energetic members who would like an opportunity to become more involved in the Cleveland Chapter. Prior experience is not necessary. We encourage and welcome all applications! The positions we are looking to fill are as follows:

- *Strategic Committee
- *Treasurer Committee
- *Corporate Sponsorship Committee
- *Newsletter Committee
- *Webmaster Committee

If you are interested in serving our members in any of the abovementioned capacities, please contact Shana Gronostaj for the Treasurer and Corporate Sponsorship Committees at Shana.Gronostaj@dfas.mil or Tracy Johnson for the Strategic, Newsletter and Webmaster Committees at Tracy.Johnson@dfas.mil and cc Jaelyn.Donadio.

ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July, 24, 2012

Attendees: John Giammo, Amanda Preis, Laura Farrell, Jaelyn Donadio, Jaime Kudary, Frankie Denmeade, Cathy Furr, Zachary Bendzuck, Cheryl Halsey, Khemeo Sahye, Jason Denmeade, Francisco Rivera-Hernandez, Kim Carpenter, Brian Lewis, Keela Lawrence, Joel Lawwell, Tracy Johnson

President

We are going to post the Board vacancy announcements soon but we need to go through what positions need to be filled

Created a military liaison to get more military members to join or to be speakers

Joel Lawwell is developing a CDFM tool to facilitate studying

We didn't want to limit his role so he is not under the CDFM committee. This way he can be leveraged in other ways after he is done developing the tool

Please work out the details of recruiting committee members through Jaelyn

The President can appoint people but Jaelyn prefers that everyone go through the application process

We will be determining a baseline budget for the year

Proposed budget will be presented to the Officers soon

If any purchases are needed, please let Jaelyn and Shana know so they can plan for it

Scholarship

Please include all committee members on any emails

Currently working on a response to an inquiry Jaelyn sent regarding the scholarship amounts other groups offer

Finalizing the committee standard operating procedures in a meeting this Thursday

Cheryl would like all the scholarship committee members more involved with Bryant and Stratton

Bryant and Stratton wants to extend the scholarship deadline

Applications were slow to come in during Summer, there is no set deadline yet

Membership

28 people have not renewed but 6 people have renewed

Contacted Candace Johnson to be a recruiter at NASA

In the past, we did free coffee for birthdays

Will contact the Federal Building cafeteria, Stone Oven, or Al's Deli to see if any of them are will to arrange something with us

Military Liaison

Looking into how we as a Chapter can work with units around Ohio

See it as an opportunity to meet customers and potential employers in finance positions

Units have a family readiness program that does a lot of community service, which will provide more opportunities for us

Need to reach out to reservists at DFAS who aren't ASMC members

ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Community Service

Walk for Wishes volunteer event went well and they had fun.

They were very appreciative of us

ASMC donated \$100 to the greater cause

There is an inventory of camouflage shirts to wear to community service events so we are uniform

Next big event is the is the Diabetes Walk on October 6th in downtown Cleveland

We are dedicating this walk to Bryant Ealy and we will contact him to let him know

It will be nice to have a big turnout for this and raise a lot of money to donate in Bryant's name

We will announce the walk at the next luncheon, make flyers and include in the newsletter

Newsletter

July edition is being finalized

Marketing

Working with Cleveland Printwear to finalize the red t-shirts

Thinking \$8 is the price point

Pictures from the last luncheon and community service event will be posted soon

The podium banner will be great to use for the next speaker

Will create flyers for the next luncheon with Dr. Chisholm

Programs

The next luncheon will be at Barrister's Inn on August 15th

The Goodtime III outing is August 3rd, meeting at the pier at 5:15pm to board together

Collecting the money up front and have already had several people sign up

Will discuss meeting somewhere ahead of time before going to the cruise

Mr. Murphy will be the speaker for September

CDFM

Module 2 test is next week and 10 people have signed up already

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