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Save the Date:

The Monthly Luncheon will be featuring John Luckas, Director of Audit Readiness at DFAS Cleveland. The luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree on Wednesday, 20 February from 11:30 am until 1:15 pm.

Future Meeting Announcements:

ASMC Board Meeting
Thursday, 26 February 2013
9:00 am - 10:00 am
Room 2911G

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my departure from DFAS effective January 31 to pursue a marketing/recruiting opportunity at Apple Growth Partners, a mid-sized CPA firm based in Akron. As many of you know, my educational background is in strategic marketing and management, so this position is a perfect fit. While I am excited about the opportunity, the reality of leaving my wonderful colleagues and friends here at DFAS makes me sad. It has been my distinct honor to serve as your President for the past seven months and I want you to know how much I appreciate the opportunity to work with you.



While I will miss leading this exceptional association, I take comfort in knowing I am leaving the Chapter in very capable hands. It is my pleasure to hereby enact Section 2 of the Cleveland Chapter Bylaws and formally introduce Ms. Jessica Rust as your new Chapter President, effective immediately. Please reference the aforementioned section of the bylaws below:

Section 2. President-Elect. This person will oversee the committees assigned by the Chapter President and sign such Chapter documents as may be required. In the temporary absence of - or vacancy in the office of - the Chapter President, this person will perform the duties of the President.

The President-Elect will automatically ascend to the Chapter Presidency in the Chapter's succeeding business year, unless unable or unwilling to do so.

Jessica possesses all of the necessary skills to be a wonderful leader. She is knowledgeable, forward-thinking, great at strategic planning, and has a commendable ability to serve our members. Jessica and I will be transitioning until my departure. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Jason Denmeade, who has made himself available in a Past President's Advisory capacity to assist with the transition.

It has truly been a pleasure working with each one of you. You have impacted my life in a unique and meaningful way. I will remain active in the Chapter and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. Please feel free to add my personal email to your contacts so we can keep in touch:

jaclyn.donadio@gmail.com.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and the Chapter. I have learned valuable lessons and gained magnificent friends as a result of this wonderful association. I wish each of you the best and look forward to keeping in touch!

Respectfully Yours,

Jaclyn

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cleveland Chapter Charity: Wounded Warrior Project



The ASMC Cleveland Chapter selected Wounded Warrior Project for our Chapter Charity this year. The Wounded Warrior Project is a non-profit organization whose stated mission is to “honor and empower wounded warriors” of the United States Armed Forces. As last year, we will donate \$500 to the organization. This donation enables us to help injured warriors returning home from the current conflicts and to provide assistance to their families.



WHEN: Friday, February 8, 2013 at 7:30pm

WHERE: Quicken Loans Arena, 1 Center Court, Cleveland 44114



ABOUT: For the second year in a row, Guidestone has partnered with the Cleveland Cavaliers to assist in fundraising efforts for our Foster Care program. As part of the 2013 season, for each ticket sold by Guidestone to the Cavs' February 8th game vs. the Orlando Magic, the Cavaliers will donate \$5 back to Guidestone. In addition, Guidestone Foster Care program will be recognized on court during the game!

For a seating chart, please visit: <http://www.nba.com/cavaliers/tickets/seatingchart.html>

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Holiday Social @ The Q!



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January Luncheon



Marilyn Blocker

By: Shayna McCauley

The ASMC Cleveland Chapter's monthly luncheon was held at Flannery's, where scholarships recipients were recognized, as well as longevity members and new CDFMs.

The scholarship recipients were recognized first. The \$1000 scholarship went to Miranda Richmond. Her essay was read by our Vice President of Nominations, Cheryl Halsey. Miranda's intended college is either John Carroll University or Case Western Reserve University. The \$500 scholarship went to runner-up Leah Phillips. She was unable to attend, as she wanted to keep her perfect attendance intact at school. Her mother, Marilyn Blocker read her essay in her stead. She plans to either attend The University of Pennsylvania or Case Western Reserve University. Our Bryant and Stratton scholarship went to our very own Tina Johnson.

Next, new CDFMs were recognized. They are Mike Ciccolini, Keith Counihan, Laura Farrell, Stephanie Flynn, Joel Lawwell, Steve Murdoch, Jennifer Paul, and Jessica Rust.

Long time members of ASMC were recognized next. Five year members are: Michelle Bloom, Ron Colvin, Steven Davis, Leola Epps, Carla Ferguson, Erska Franklin, Janet Garcia, Ron Gedeon, Shana Gronostaj, Cheryl Hasley, Pamela Johnson, Gregoray Kmetko, David Lindquist, Linda Manges, Paula Mauser, Maureen McNamee, Joshua Miller, Josephine Nevelos, Amanda Preis, Judith Stickland, John Voldrich and Deena Zaharna. These members received a gift bag with a pin.

10 years members include Cheryl Catania, Ayesha Douglas, Sheila Johnson, Aaron Knepel and Stephanie Paschel. These members received a gift bag, water bottle and pin.

Our 15 year member is Norma Detorre, who received a gift bag with a mug and a pin. Our 20 year members are Cathy Furr, Stan Koch, and Mike Schall, who received gifts bags with a mug and pin as well.

Past President Jason Denmeade was presented with an award from our President Jaclyn Donadio. It was a glass award with the inscription: "Leaders stand out by the nature of their commitment and the integrity of their character." Truer words have never been spoken, from the commitment that Jason has shown to ASMC and to the Cleveland Chapter, during his presidency, growing the Chapter from eight board members to over thirty board members and the impact he has had on the growth of the Chapter.



Jaclyn Donadio



Jaclyn Donadio and Jason Denmeade

The luncheon ended with bittersweet news, as the Chapter President Jaclyn Donadio announced that she would be leaving DFAS to pursue a marketing/recruiting opportunity at Apple Growth Partners, a mid-sized CPA firm based in Akron. Jaclyn has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. Her talents set her apart and took her from Marketing Chair to Secretary to President of the Cleveland Chapter of ASMC. . We wish her much success in her new endeavors!

NATIONAL NEWS



Amid concerns about budget uncertainty, DoD prepares for possible sequester

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta [told reporters](#) this week that “we are seeing the formation of what I would call a perfect storm of budget uncertainty.” He was referring to the possibility of 1) a sequester being implemented on March 1; 2) a [continuing resolution](#) (CR) that could be extended after March 27 for the entire year; and 3) a debt ceiling crisis [at the end of February] that could weaken the economy.

Panetta reminded reporters that DoD is already doing its part in deficit reduction. “We have implemented in our budget plan the \$487 billion in spending reductions that we were asked to do by the Congress over the next decade.” Repeating a warning he has been making for months, Panetta said additional cuts resulting from this “perfect storm” could “seriously harm our military readiness.” [\(Read the full story.\)](#)

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

- President requests \$60 billion for Hurricane Sandy recovery assistance
- Fewer military veterans will serve in the 113th Congress
- Sen. Coburn report calls for cuts in wasteful defense spending

DoD FM Certification Program Newsletter

ASMC is pleased to post the recently-issued [DoD FM Certification Program Newsletter](#) to our Web site. In addition to posting updated information via their FM Online Web site, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) plans to issue quarterly newsletters providing the latest information about requirements, content and status of the program.

As you know, ASMC is a strong proponent of demonstrating your professional credibility and excellence through credentials. Since the DoD FM Certification Program “recommends” defense financial managers have a certification for level two and “strongly recommends” a certification as part of level three, ASMC believes our Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) program well complements the DoD FM Certification Program.

The newsletter explains the eligibility requirements and benefits of the DoD FM Certification Program, along with quarterly trending statistics.



PDI 2013

May 29 - 31 | Denver, Colorado

join us at the premiere training event for defense financial managers

PDI 2013: Peak Performance

We’re gearing up for PDI 2013, ASMC’s premier training event, scheduled for May 29 - 31 in Denver, Colorado. This year’s event will include more than 120 educational sessions and the ability to earn up to 21 CPEs. Workshops will cover topics such as budget and cost, acquisition, audit readiness and ethics. A full draft listing of session topics will be available on the [PDI Web site](#) on February 1.

The registration rate for members who register by May 1 is \$495, with the majority of hotel rates at the government per diem of \$140 per room night. The schedule has been modified this year to include a shortened day on Friday, with no closing banquet.

Registration for PDI and the hotel reservation system will open in February, so be sure to check the [PDI 2013 Web site](#) for updates.

CDFM INFORMATION

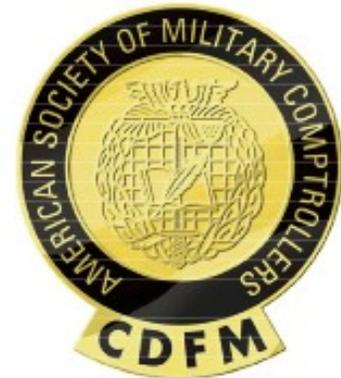


Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course

Many have expressed interest in becoming a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM). Although the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC) is not required to sit for the exam, it is a great way to prepare for the test. This course is scheduled to come to DFAS Cleveland *March 11-15, 2013!* If you are interested in taking the EDFMT course, you will need to self nominate. Please ensure this course is included in your Individual Development Plan (IDP) to increase your chances of being enrolled.

In order to add the class to your IDP please follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://eportal.dfas.mil>.
2. Go to "My Dashboard".
3. Go to "Training Competencies".
4. Under the action Column, click on "Add/Update Training".
5. Under Instructor Led Courses Click on "Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course" under Finance and Accounting.
6. Click the "Add to Plan" button.
7. Once the class has been added, resubmit your IDP to your supervisors. This is done on the "My Dashboard" page.



Some Frequently Asked Questions about the Certified Defense Financial Management Exam

Q: What steps do I have to take in order to enroll for the CDFM exam?

A: You may enroll for the exam online, or by mailing the paper CDFM Enrollment form to ASMC Headquarters. If you are an ASMC member, you may complete the paper CDFM Enrollment form and send it to Tonya Peterson (tonya.peterson@dfas.mil). After your application is accepted, you will receive an Authorization Letter or email from ASMC with your candidate ID number and the procedures to follow in registering for the modules examinations. Enrollment forms may be found at the following website:

www.asmc certification.com/certification/cdfmforms/program-enrollment

Q: How long do I have to pass the CDFM exam?

A: You will have two years from the date of your Authorization Letter to complete the three module examinations required for the CDFM Program. There is a fourth, OPTIONAL module that if taken and passed, you will earn a CDFM with an acquisition specialty (CDFM-A).

Q: Do I have to take all three modules at the same time?

A: No. You may take module examinations one at a time, in any combination, or in any order.

Q: What is the difference between the CDFM, CGFM and the Federal Financial Management Certificate Program?

A: ASMC offers the CDFM program to persons interested in displaying proficiency in the core aspects of defense financial management. The CGFM is more applicable to general government financial management – federal, state and local. The Federal Financial Management Certificate Program is offered through Management Concepts and involves taking a variety of courses in order complete.

Q: Is it required to take the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC) in order to sit for the CDFM exam?

A: No, however, the course is a great way to prepare for the exam.

Member News

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Jeffery Presley

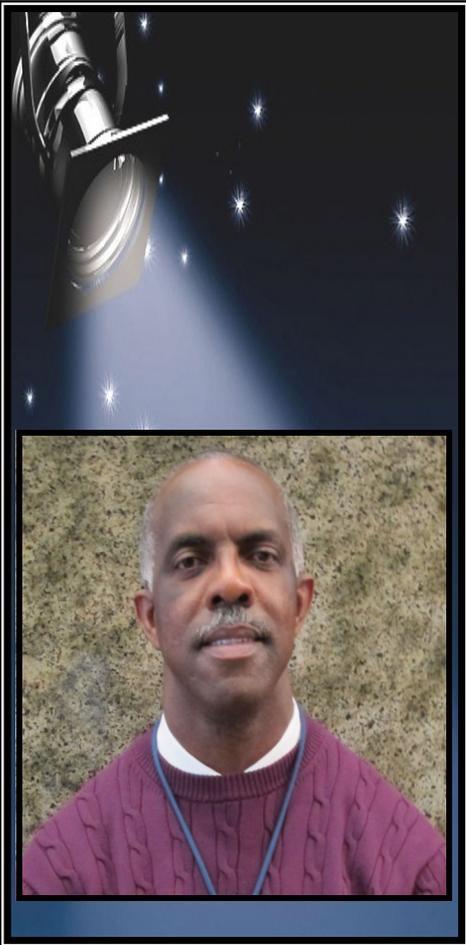
By: Matthew Sylvain

Jeffery Presley was relocated to Cleveland in March 2007 due to the BRAC closure in Charleston, SC. Jeffery is an alumni of Alabama A&M University. He graduated with a B.S in Accounting in 1985.

Jeffery started his career as a co-op student with the former Naval Supply Center in Charleston, SC. He worked as an accounting trainee. After graduating college, Jeffery was hired on as an accountant working for the same Naval Supply Center. In 1987, he was promoted to Supervisory Civilian Pay Specialist and was responsible for administering the pay and leave records for 230,000 civilian employees. In addition, he had the major task of converting approximately 50 legacy payroll offices to the Defense Civilian Payroll System (DCPS). As a result of the DCPS consolidation, he has traveled to 23 of the 50 states and visited the following countries: Panama, Korea, Germany, Spain, Japan and England. In 2007, Mr. Presley was promoted to the Deputy Director of Civilian Payroll, Cleveland. He oversees the administration of the pay and leave records for 306,000 civilian employees for the Department of the Navy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Energy, and Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Jeffery decided to join ASMC while working in Charleston, SC. He enjoyed the community service that ASMC participates in. While at the Charlestowne Chapter they adopted a home for orphans and would sponsor events for the orphans such as Christmas celebrations, Halloween parties and cleaning the orphanage house. Jeffery really enjoyed the community service projects because it provided him with an opportunity to support and give back to his community. On top of his charitable work, Jeffery also has attended several National PDIs and various workshops through ASMC. Lastly, Jeffery was the recipient of the 1992 ASMC individual award for DFAS.

Jeffery lives in Richmond Heights, Ohio. In his spare time, Jeffery enjoys playing the piano. He is an intermediate student with the Great Lake Music Studio. So far he has participated in 5 recitals. He also likes to read. His favorite authors are John Grisham and Eric Jerome Dickey.



CONGRATS!



Cleveland Chapter member John Giammo graduated from Cleveland State University with a Master of Business Administration.

Congrats John!

Welcome aboard new members!

ASMC Cleveland Chapter welcomes the following members for January

Adia Roberts
John Shriver

* Please note that there is a lag time between the ASMC National and Local registries. We extend our apologies if you are a new member and your name does not yet appear on the list.

ASMC Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 18, 2012

1:00-2:00 2981B

Attendees: Elena Baykal, Bryan Conway, Frankie Denmeade, Jason Denmeade, Jaclyn Donadio, Laura Farrell, John Giammo, Shana Gronostaj, George Harris, Monte Mitchell, Amanda Preis, Jessica Rust.

President

- Herb, an ASMC member, received food and donations in regards to his son's passing
- Cav's game social was great! Coordinator offered the discount for next time
- Scholarship winners needs to be notified officially
- Welcome new website board member Adam Haldiman
- Happy Holiday Everybody!

Project management

- Would like to stage a race in April 2013, one mile walk.
- Volunteers, sponsors, charities maybe Wounded Warrior. Order coins, t-shirts.
- Will check with North Olmstead Board for a route
- Budget and community service will pursue after holidays

Programs

- Working with AGA on Local PDI, reserved Wolstein at CSU for March 20
- Looking for speakers
- Jaime and Zach are working on the announcement for the January Luncheon

Community Service

- Sent 7 boxes to different units
- Need volunteers to help drop off the donations before Christmas to families
- Plenty gifts for children need more for teenagers
- Send reminder to members for more donations

CDFM

- 3 out of 4 people passed CDFM test, all used new tool for training
- Need to check if we can get extra points for this tool towards 5 star rating

Treasurer:

- Ohio State Law states that non-profit should be tax exempt, ASMC falls into category
- Future vendors for luncheons has to accept tax exempt payments from us

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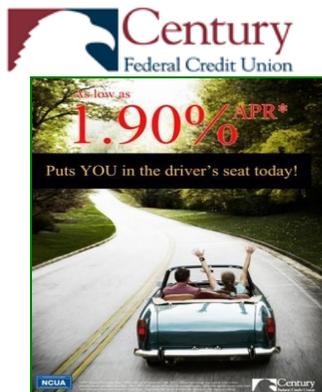
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