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Save the Date:

CDFM Module 1 on-site testing on Wednesday, 24 April 2013 at 9:30 am in room B1.

The Monthly Luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree on Wednesday, 17 April 2013. The speaker will be Scott Huff and his topic will be “Financial Jeopardy.”

Shamrock Run
5K/1 Mile Walk on Saturday, 20 April 2013 will be held at The West Side Irish-American Club located at 8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Township, OH.
Registration starts 8:00 am.

Future Meeting Announcements:

ASMC Board Meeting
Tuesday, 30 April 2013
9:00 am - 10:00 am
Room 2911 G

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings all!

Last week, ASMC and the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) co-hosted a webinar titled “Understanding the Sequester—Where Do We Go From Here?” The webinar featured 2 speakers – Robert Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, DoD, and Danny Werfel, Controller, U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Mr. Werfel focused on what brought about the automatic budget cuts which took effect on March 1 while Mr. Hale focused on how the DoD has been and will continue to be affected by the cuts. Members of the audience had the chance to ask the speakers a lot of questions that have been on the minds of DoD civilians lately. If you missed this informative session and would like to look at Mr. Hale’s slides, they can be found at http://www.asmcconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Sequestration-and-CR-update-for-AGA_ASMC-Telecon.pdf. Additional information on what was discussed can be found on the Federal News Radio website at <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/394/3269254/No-civilian-furloughs-in-2014-Pentagon-promises>.

Nominations

Nomination surveys for chapter officer positions were sent out last week. Please take the time to read position descriptions and consider whether you’d like to run for a position or if you know of someone who would be a good fit. Surveys should be completed no later than Friday, April 5.

Shamrock Run

For all the runners (and non-runners) out there, the Chapter has organized a 5k race/1 mile walk called the Shamrock Run. We’re sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Westside Irish American Club, and all proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project and the St. Augustine Hunger Center. I encourage you to bring your family and friends out on Saturday, April 20, to support these two great causes! Additional details can be found in this newsletter.



Jessica Rust, CDFM
President, ASMC Cleveland

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Shamrock 5K Race/1 mile Walk



Come join us on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9:00 am for a 5 Kilometer Race / 1 Mile Walk. Family, friends and the general public are welcome. All Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project and the St. Augustine Hunger Center. The registration fees are: \$10 for the 5K, \$8 for the 1M and \$12 for a T-shirt.

Race Start Times: 5K Run starts at 9:00 am 1 Mile Walk starts at 9:10 am. Registration and t-shirt pickup will be at the Pavilion beginning at 8:00 am. The Shamrock Run will be located at :

The West Side Irish-American Club
8559 Jennings Road
Olmsted Township, OH 44138

Go to the following link to sign up: www.planetreg.com/ASMC-WSIA-5K



American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)
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Saturday, April 20, 2013 - 9:00am

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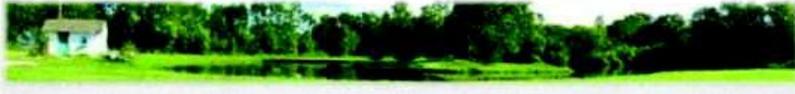
WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT **St Augustine Hunger Center**

All Proceeds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project and the St. Augustine Hunger Center.

Registration Fees:	Race Start Times
5K - \$10	5K Run - 9:00 am
1M - \$8	1 Mile Walk - 9:10 am
T-shirt - \$12	

The West Side Irish-American Club
8559 Jennings Road
Olmsted Township, OH

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

March of Dimes - Cleveland Walk



By: John Giammo

For those of you who don't know me, my name is John Giammo. I'm the photographer you see at Chapter events and the guy behind Chapter marketing products.

I'm concerned that, every day, thousands of babies are born too soon, too small and often very sick. I started a walking team for March for Babies to help do something about this. I know you care, too. That's why I'm asking you to join me. If you can't walk with me, please consider donating to my team. The team page is http://www.marchforbabies.org/s_team_page.asp?seid=2039429. Thank you for helping to give all babies a healthy start!

The mission of March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Funds raised support research and programs that help moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives. They also will be used to bring comfort and information to families with a baby in newborn intensive care."

Date: April 28, 2013
Registration Time: 9:00 AM
Start Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Voinovich Park
800 E. 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44114
Walk Distance: 3 miles





DoD reduces furlough days from 22 to 14

The Department of Defense has lowered the number of days civilian employees will be furloughed over the final months of FY2013. Speaking at a [press conference](#) at the Pentagon yesterday, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel said DoD will be able to reduce furlough days from 22 to 14 days, but could not eliminate them.

Furlough notices will be sent to most of DoD's civilian employees in early May. Actual furloughs are expected to begin in mid-June. DoD expects employees to be furloughed for two days per pay period over seven pay periods. Secretary Hagel said the furloughs should save about \$2.5 billion.

The department was able to reduce the number of furlough days due to congressional approval of a [FY2013 appropriations bill](#) last week, Hagel said. The bill provided DoD with an additional \$10 billion for O&M accounts and allows \$3.5 billion of transfers from lower to higher priority programs (with congressional approval). Hagel said the DoD Comptroller and the military services are still reviewing the bill and will provide a more detailed briefing when they complete that review. ([Read the full story.](#))

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

- Congress passes FY2013 CR; averts government shutdown
- DoD Comptroller testifies on sequestration effect
- Federal procurement office requires agencies to improve their assessment of contractor performance

Postponement of PDI 2013

As you may recall, in my previous message concerning status of the ASMC National Professional Development Institute (PDI), I mentioned we were still planning to conduct the PDI in late May, due to the possibility that the sequestration issue would be resolved positively enough to enable the Department of Defense and the United States Coast Guard to fund training that is very important to the professional development of defense financial managers and contributes to their effectiveness in managing defense resources.

As you know, sequester of funds is now in effect, with passing of the March 1, 2013 deadline without an agreement, and the President having signed the sequester order. Clearly, now with sequestration in effect, we will not be able to conduct the National PDI at the end of May. However, over the next several weeks, it is possible that some type of positive resolution of sequestered funds could occur. Thus, we are in discussions with the Colorado Convention Center to conduct the PDI in Denver in August. Postponement of the PDI until August provides the additional time needed to resolve the current uncertainty of federal funding and also (if positive resolution occurs) to determine whether or not the DoD and the USCG have sufficient funds to support the contribution to defense financial management professional development that the PDI provides.

I will continue to closely monitor resolution of the sequestered funds situation and will provide a further update in late March, if not earlier. If sequestration remains in effect for a significant period of time, we will have to cancel the PDI altogether. However, as an optimist, I expect some resolution of sequestered funds over the next few weeks. Whether or not that resolution will enable consideration of funding of training below the "mission-critical" level remains to be seen.

Al Runnels
ASMC Executive Director



ASMC 2013 Annual Officer Elections

Incumbent Officers must either self-nominate or be nominated by another member if they wish to run for their current office.

Nominee requirements:

- Must be a current ASMC member in good standing.
- Must be able to serve in the position for one year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014).

Position Descriptions

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.

Vice President-Membership - The VP of Membership will keep an exact roster of the membership, and submit reports to National Headquarters as necessary. In the temporary absence of the President, the Vice-President of Membership will perform the duties of the President. This person will oversee the committees assigned to them by the Chapter President and sign such Chapter documents as may be required.

Vice President-Programs - The VP of Programs will plan membership meetings and publicize them as necessary. The Vice President-Programs will also provide a written summary of the monthly luncheon meetings to the Secretary and the Newsletter Chair. This person will oversee the committees assigned to them by the Chapter President and sign such Chapter documents as may be required.

Vice President-Nominations - The VP of Nominations will plan and execute the annual election process for officers. This person will oversee the committees assigned to them by the Chapter President and sign such Chapter documents as may be required.

Secretary - The Secretary will record the proceedings of the Chapter's general Membership, Executive Committee and Planning Board meetings; be custodian of the charter, seal, laws, documents, and papers of the Chapter; maintain contact with ASMC Headquarters; answer correspondence; provide assistance; and, perform other duties as may be directed by the Chapter President. This person will oversee the committees assigned to them by the Chapter President and sign such Chapter documents as may be required.

Treasurer - The Treasurer will receive and deposit all monies of the Chapter; pay its just bills; maintain its tax-exempt number; maintain its books of account; and make appropriate reports on the financial condition of the Chapter to the Chapter President and the Chapter membership as directed. The Treasurer or the President will sign all checks or warrants on the funds of the Chapter. This person will oversee the committees assigned to them by the Chapter President and sign such Chapter documents as may be required. Incumbent remains in this office until the Chapter's books of account are audited/closed and applicable tax returns are filed (approximately 3-4 months after the end of the business year).

CDFM INFORMATION



Module 1 Onsite Testing

On Wednesday, 24 April 2013, the CDFM committee will be hosting an on-site group exam for Module 1. The exam will begin at 9:30 am in room B1.

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: What are the benefits of obtaining a CDFM?

A: The Under Secretary of Defense, Robert F. Hale (CDFM) says “earning a CDFM proves that an employee has obtained the knowledge and experience to become certified and adhere to a code of ethics and professionalism.” Additionally, the CDFM may:

- set you apart from others
- lead to career advancement
- give you the opportunity to serve in leadership positions

Q: What are the best ways to prepare for the exam?

A: The best way to prepare for the exam depends on your own personal studying methods. The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC) textbook is provided to those who attend the one-week training course. ASMC-Cleveland has two copies of the EDFMTC textbook that may be checked out by ASMC members.

For more information, please email either Laura Farrell (Laura.Farrell@dfas.mil) or Tonya Peterson (tonya.peterson@dfas.mil).

ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 26, 2013

9:00-9:30AM 2911G

Attendees: Jessica Rust, Kyle Boehnlein, Elena Baykal, Kim Carpenter, Frankie Denmeade, Jason Denmeade, Charvez Forte Walker, Cheryl Halsey, John Giammo, Shana Gronostaj, Jaime Kudary, Greg Scruggs.

President

Officers who will not be running for office next year are encouraged to be active members of the board.
Board members who wish to change positions should start thinking about what area they might want to work in. We'll reevaluate board positions in June/July as we have the past 2 years.
Jennifer Sizemore of ASMC National leaving for another position.

Webmaster

Updated website page
Wants to update officers pictures

Project management/Community Service

ASMC Shamrock Run in April 2013, 5K/1 mile race.
Volunteers, sponsors, charities maybe Wounded Warrior. Order coins, t-shirts.

Corporate Sponsorship Committee

Everyone needs to accept the Facebook invite to the Shamrock run, and then invite everyone they can. We also need to make sure they understand they know to sign up through the website at www.planetreg.com/asmc-wsia-5k
I will be contacting the local news agencies to see if they will give us some press coverage for the event.
Anyone whom has any ideas about ways for us to get donations for the event needs to talk to Bryan Conway so we can get it squared away
Earth Day is coming nearer and once again there will be volunteering opportunities to participate again. I will provide more information at a later date.

Nominations

ASMC 2013 Annual Officer Election. Every member will also receive the below link on March 25, 2013:
Please provide one name for each position.
Incumbent Officers must either self-nominate or be nominated by another member if they wish to run for their current office.
Nominee requirements:
Must be a current ASMC member in good standing.
Must be able to serve in the position for one year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014).

ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

Please notify the person you are nominating to make sure they want to run for the office. Additionally, please remember each person may only run for one position.

The nomination process does not filter the candidates, just ensure we have some. People encouraged nominating themselves if they have interest in becoming an officer.

Marketing

Will assist 5k run with t-shirts

CDFM

On-site testing will be taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 24th MODULE 1

Wednesday, June 26th MODULE 2

Wednesday, September 18 MODULE 3

Scholarship

Scholarships remain available.

Member scholarship 1 applicant

College Scholarship 0 applicants

If you know anyone in college, please have them apply.

Supplemental Income

Looking to supplement your income with a part-time job? The following search engines are a good place to start...

<http://www.cleveland.com/jobs>

<http://cleveland.careerboard.com>

<http://cleveland.jobs>

<http://www.careerbuilder.com>

*Part-time Specific: <http://part-time.careerbuilder.com>

<http://www.monster.com>

*Part-time Specific: <http://jobs.monster.com/v-part-time>

<http://www.indeed.com>

*Part-time Specific: <http://www.indeed.com/q-Part-Time-jobs>

<http://www.simplyhired.com>

*Part-time Specific: <http://www.simplyhired.com/a/obs/list/q-part-time>

<http://www.groovejob.com> (part-time specific site) <http://www.flexjobs.com/jobs> <http://www.findtherightjob.com> <http://www.snagajob.com> <http://www.employmentguide.com/jobs>

*** NOTE: If there is ANY question as to whether part-time employment will pose a conflict of interest with your current job, we highly recommend that you contact your employer's ethics office prior to pursuing outside work. ***

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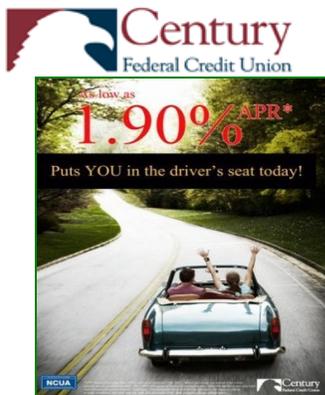
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