



ASMC CLEVELAND TIMES

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Save the Date:

CDFM Module 3 on-site testing on
Wednesday, 18 September 2013.
Location and time to TBD.

The Monthly Luncheon will be held
at Radisson Hotel Gateway on
Wednesday, 31 July 2013 at 11:00
am. The speaker will be Scott Huff
and his topic will be "Financial
Jeopardy."

Make-A-Wish Foundations Walk for
Wishes on Saturday, 20 July 2013 at
the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo.
Registration starts at 7:30 am.

Future Meeting Announcements:

ASMC Board Meeting
Location and time to TBD.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"This too shall pass."



The origins of this saying are uncertain. The phrase may have originated in the writings of Sufi poets, which tell the fable of a great king who was humbled by the simple words. Jewish folklore often describes King Solomon as giving or receiving the phrase. Perhaps the two tales are one and the same.

Regardless of its origins, it is a powerful phrase. It has the ability to make the happy man sad and the sad man happy. It is true in both good times and bad. It serves as a reminder that all material conditions, positive or negative, are temporary.

Summer is finally upon us and with it come many things: warm weather, barbecues, vacations, time with family and friends, yard work, sunburns, stormy weather, furloughs. The mantra "this too shall pass" serves as a reminder that time is fleeting. This summer, I hope that you will focus on and appreciate all that is good about the season, and be comforted by the fact that tough situations do not go on forever.

Jessica Rust, CDFM
President, ASMC Cleveland

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Inaugural Shamrock 5K Race



By: John Giammo

On Saturday, April 20th, the ASMC Cleveland Chapter hosted its first annual Shamrock 5K Race/1-Mile Walk at the West Side Irish-American (WSIA) Club in Olmsted Township. Despite a cold and blustery spring day, ninety-four participants and volunteers braved the elements to support two tremendous causes, the Wounded Warrior Project and St. Augustine Hunger Center.

Forty-one people completed the one-mile walk, while fifty-three individuals finished the 5K race. The top three finishers in the 5K male and female divisions were awarded framed certificates and had their picture taken with Mr. Robert Edwards, Deputy Director at DFAS Cleveland. For the male division, Tim Edwards earned first place, while Scott Sabol finished second, and young Austin Cole came in third place. In the female division, Liz Fox took top honors, Laura Scott claimed second, and Michelle Bloom finished in third place.

Each preregistered participant received a giveaway bag containing items donated by local sponsors including: Dick's Sporting Goods, Active Runner, Wounded Warrior Project, and Road ID. ASMC also donated items to the giveaway bag.

Besides the funds that were generated from race registration, additional revenue was generated through the sale of fifty-one commemorative green t-shirts. Event proceeds raised a total of \$400. Proudly, ASMC donated half of this money to the Wounded Warrior Project and the other half to the St. Augustine Hunger Center.

Special recognition goes out to ASMC Project Manager, Bryan Conway, who spent countless hours coordinating this event. With the success of its inaugural 5K race, ASMC plans to host a bigger and better version of the event next year.



Charities

The Wounded Warrior Project seeks to raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. For more information, please visit:

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

The St. Augustine Hunger Center is an outgrowth of the ministry and service of St. Augustine Church. This parish has a long history of service from its beginning in 1860 when it welcomed an impoverished immigrant community. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.staugustine-west14.org/>

NATIONAL NEWS



Congress tries to address unfinished business and FY2014 appropriations bills

Congress returns to Washington this week to focus on high profile issues, unfinished business from last month, and FY2014 appropriations. The backdrop for legislative activity will continue to be how to deal with sequestration in FY2014.

Immigration reform: Last month the Senate, after many weeks of negotiations, passed an immigration reform bill. However, a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants included in the Senate bill has been called a “nonstarter” by House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH). Many House conservatives reject comprehensive immigration reform arguing that Congress should instead pass a series of bills addressing individual issues. Senate democrats (and the White House) resist this approach making it unlikely that a compromise agreement can be reached this month.

College Student Loans: Congress failed to act last month to avoid a doubling of interest rates on new subsidized Stafford college loans that went into effect on 1 July. Interest rates on existing loans and unsubsidized federal loans taken out by students were not affected. The disagreement centers on whether or not interest rates on affected loans should be capped at a fixed rate. Senate Democrats want to fix student loan rates and Republicans (and to some degree President Obama) want to tie rates to market rates (e.g., the 10-year Treasury bond rate). There is still time for Congress to reverse this increase. However, Congress must act before students sign new loan agreements and make it apply retroactively. Both sides appear confident that an agreement can be reached soon. ([Read full story.](#))

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

- OMB Mid-Session Review shows improvement in deficit
- DoD furloughs begin

Message from the Executive Director

From Al Runnels

Mark your calendars. Planning and preparation actions are underway for PDI 2014 in Seattle on 28-30 May 2014. I have enjoyed talking with Bob Molinelli, President of the Evergreen Chapter, and look forward to meeting with him and his team in early August to begin detailed coordination and planning with them. Set among the culturally-rich backdrop of Seattle, PDI 2014 will offer terrific training and professional development offerings, as well as the opportunity for financial managers across DoD and the US Coast Guard to collaborate and share best practices.

I want to thank everyone involved in our successful May/June membership growth campaign. Overall we had a combined total of 4,566 joins and renewals, compared to 4,477 for May/June of 2012. Although this represents only a 2% increase, it is especially significant given that our goal in the absence of the National PDI, was to at least sustain past year growth during this period, much of which results from member discounts in PDI registration fees. Congratulations to Joann Starks (Washington Area Chapter) and Yolanda Bell (Korea Chapter), winners of the \$200 gift certificates. Also, congrats to Korea, Washington Area, Greater Omaha, and Beaufort Low Country chapters in Categories A, A1, B, and C, respectively, for winning the chapter percentage growth awards. Well done. I want to thank all of our chapters for their continuing efforts toward growing our membership.

I especially want to highlight the upcoming 31 July audio conference (details next under) on the DoD FM Certification Program to be presented by the Honorable Robert Hale and Ms. Glenda Scheiner. This is an important event and will provide you the latest information on status and content of the program as it impacts requirements for professional development of DoD financial managers.

Lastly, I want to mention that we will soon be rolling out the Chapter Presidents collaboration group, inviting all chapter presidents to join the group, share ideas, mentor other chapter presidents, etc. I believe this is going to be a great collaboration venue. We also plan to establish separate collaboration groups for each of the other chapter officer positions, including membership, programs, certification/CDFM, and treasurer.

Member News Member News



Congratulations to Kira Swanson, the 2013 winner of the ASMC \$1,000 scholarship!

Kira will graduate in July from Ashland University with her MBA. She has been part of DFAS since September of 2009, working as an Accountant in the AM&C department where she processes Unmatched Transactions (UMTs) and 2036 reconciliations for the Navy.

In addition, Kira is fluent in all aspects of the Russian language. She enjoys reading English and Russian literature and would like to work in linguistics someday. Kira also likes working out at the gym including the on-site zumba, cardio, and muscle strength classes. She loves cooking, baking, and spending time with her daughter. Finally, Kira's favorite quote is by Brazilian lyricist and novelist, Paulo Coelho, who said, "There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure."



Congratulations to Laura Farrell, the 2013 winner of the ASMC \$1,000 Member Scholarship!

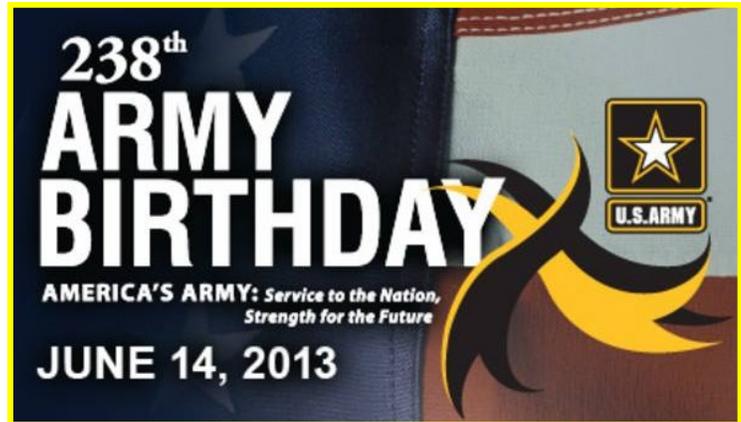
Laura is working towards her MBA with a focus in Accounting at Cleveland State University and will graduate in the spring of 2014. In July 2010, she was hired by DFAS into the Leaders-in-Motion (LIM) Program. Laura currently works as a Budget Analyst in the Site Support Resource Management Office.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, running, watching Ohio State and Cleveland sports, and spending time with family and friends. One of Laura's favorite quotes is by baseball legend Babe Ruth who said, "It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." Finally, Laura believes that continuing education is very important and is grateful to have the opportunity to receive this scholarship to further her education. She would like to thank ASMC for selecting her.

ARMY CELEBRATES 238TH BIRTHDAY

When the American Revolution broke out, there was no army at the time in the modern sense. At the time, it was an amateur force of colonial troops, that came together from the various New England militia companies. There was no unified chain of command, but the American volunteers were led, equipped, armed, paid for, and supported by the colonies from which they were raised.

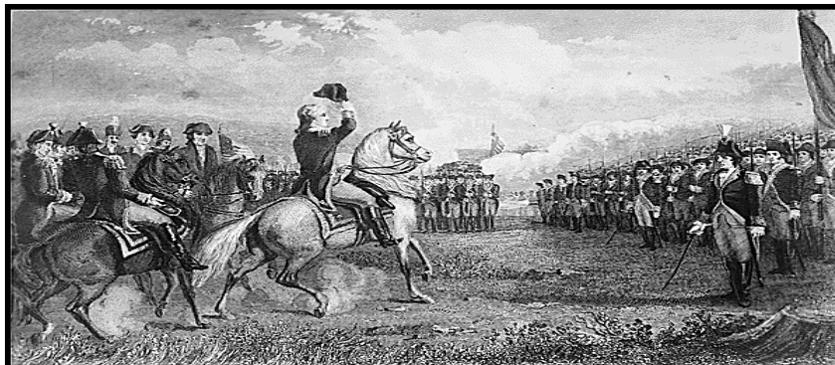
In 1775, this “army” was about to confront the British troops near Boston, Massachusetts. They had to reorganize their force quickly, if they were to



stand a chance. Recognizing the need to enlist the support of all of the American seaboard colonies, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to assume authority for the New England army. Reportedly, at John Adams’ request, Congress voted to “adopt” the Boston troops on June 14, although there is no written record of this decision. Also on this day, Congress resolved to form a committee “to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the government of the Army,” and voted for \$2,000,000 to support the forces around Boston, and those at New York City. Moreover, Congress authorized the formation of ten companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, which were directed to march to Boston to support the New England militia.



George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army the next day, and formally took command at Boston on July 3, 1775.



Source: [Source: U.S. Army Center Of Military History](#)

ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 25, 2013

9:00-9:30AM 2911G

Attendees: Jessica Rust, Elena Baykal, Frankie Denmeade, Jason Denmeade, Jaime Kudary, Amanda Preis, Kyle Boehnlein, Greg Scruggs.

President

Kim Haley steps down from her duties.
July luncheon should include all new officers so they can take pledge.
Officers should start meeting and working with the committee.

Membership

Reconciliation of membership needs to be done
Will plan a meeting to pass all the duties to a new officer

Past President

Kim Haley steps down from her duties.
July luncheon should include all new officers so they can take pledge.
Officers should start meeting and working with the committee.

Corporate Sponsorship

Committee member wants to move to scholarship and community service committee

Community Service/Marketing

Walk for Wishes at Zoo on July 20th , Wigs for kids in Zoo July 26th
6-7 volunteers so far for Walk for Wishes

Program

Social event is going to be on June 28 at Bar Louie
New officer will meet with past to transfer duties

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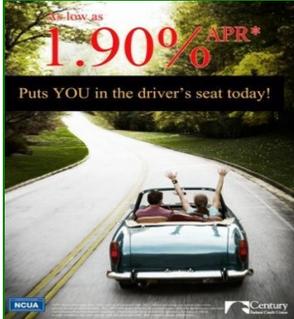
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