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Save the Date:

Cleveland Foodbank Volunteer Day on Saturday, 13 September 2014 at 8:00 am.

ASMC Cleveland Chapter Summer Social on Friday, 26 September 2014 on the Good Time III at 5:30 pm.

Future Meeting Announcements

ASMC Board Meeting on Tuesday, 30 September 2014 at 3:00 pm in room 2911G.

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# ASMC CLEVELAND TIMES



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### The J's Have It!



Fellow Members,

I've been told often, by my parents and people that I would consider mentors, that in order to have a clear direction of where you are going, you must know from where you've come.

When preparing to write my first President's Message, I did just that. I reflected on the leadership that came before me - Jeffrey, Jason, Jaclyn and Jessica. These leaders made ASMC/Cleveland Chapter the 5 Star organization that it is

today. Each year we have increased our membership, given scholarships, presented CDFM training opportunities, participated in community service and provided quality speakers at our monthly luncheons. Each leader brought their skill set and personality to the role. What they all share is the commitment to this organization and the appreciation of its members. Even with their leadership skills, they all would agree, that it is truly the members that build a great organization.

My vision is to take on the challenge and continue on the path that has been set before me. We will maintain our 5-Star status, increase our educational opportunities, continue our outreach to the community with our service, and share the wealth by increasing our membership.

As members, I challenge you to use your passion and be/stay active. To quote a line from one of my favorite inspirational songs, "Never would have made it without you!" ASMC/ Cleveland Chapter is only as strong as its members.

I welcome and look forward to hearing your ideas and your feedback on what you would like to see in our organization. Beside me, there are great leaders - Amanda, Charvez, Elena, Khemo, Laura and Lou, our 2014-2015 officers. If you are not active, join one (or more than one) of their committees.

Let's make it an outstanding year. See you at the September luncheon and at our social on the Good Time III.

Sincerely,

Frankie

## NATIONAL NEWS



## OMB Mid-Session Review shows short-term improvement in budget deficit

The FY2014 federal budget deficit will be \$66 billion lower than the previous administration estimate, according to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

In its annual [Mid-Session Review of the budget](#) and the administration's economic projections, OMB now expects the FY2014 deficit to be \$583 billion compared to \$649 billion projection made when the FY2014 budget was released in March. Measured as a share of total Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the deficit will decline from 3.7 percent in FY2014 (down from the previous estimate of 3.4 percent) to 2.2 percent by 2018. OMB projects the deficit share of GDP to rise to 2.6 percent through FY2022 before falling again to 2.1 percent by FY2024.

The lower deficit estimate in FY2014 is due almost entirely to lower estimated mandatory (-\$53 billion) and discretionary (-\$27 billion) spending. Total discretionary outlays are expected decline due to slower spending patterns for defense and nondefense programs and reduced expenditures for Overseas Contingency Operations. ([Read the full story.](#))

See more *Defense and Budget Financial Management Highlights* on the ASMC website ([www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org)), including the following:

- [Air Force partners with GSA to improve buying efficiency](#)
- [OPM finalizes Phased Retirement rule](#)
- [President requests \\$58.6 billion for FY2015 Overseas Contingency Operations](#)

### Message from the Executive Director From Al Runnels

The ASMC staff and I have been working several PDI follow-up actions, including posting PDI Mini-course and workshops briefing slides on our ASMC website, distributing the feedback survey of PDI participants, review and analysis of Mini-course evaluation forms and work to issue direct credits to participants, provision of CPEs for Mini-courses and workshops attended, development of Virtual PDI 2014, etc.

Registration HQ distributed an email message to PDI attendees yesterday (30 June), providing information on CPEs earned. Additionally, we have input CPEs earned data into the CPE Management Tool area of ASMC member accounts.

PDI 2014 mini-course and workshop presentations (slides only) are available for viewing here <<http://ASMC.informz.net/z/cjUucD9raT00MTIyNzU1JnA9MSZ1PTEwMjg0Nzk0MTkmbGk9MjM2MDE4OTY/index.html>> . CPE/CET credits are not awarded for viewing presentation slides.

We expect the Virtual PDI (V-PDI) 2014 Program, to be available for access next week. We recorded almost all of the Mini-courses and Workshops from the Thursday and Friday sessions (seventy-eight 75 minute sessions) that can be accessed from your computer or portable device. There are more than 100 CPEs of audio and slide recordings available. While the inclusion of Mini-course instruction in the V-PDI program will provide CPE (or continuing education and training (CET)) units, it does not provide direct credit toward meeting DoD Financial Management Certification Program requirements, as did the on-site mini-course instruction for PDI 2014 attendees who also completed and submitted the course evaluation forms. The subscription cost for V-PDI 2014 is only \$99 (less than \$1 per CPE). To subscribe to V-PDI 2014 click here <<http://ASMC.informz.net/z/>>

## Member News

### Member Spotlight - Shellice Forrester



Our member spotlight for the month features Shellice Forrester. She graduated from Cleveland State University with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. Prior to being hired by DFAS, she was an auditor with a small CPA firm for nine years. Shellice was hired by DFAS in 2008 as an Accountant in the Accounts Payable department. During her time in Accounts Payable, Shellice also had the opportunity of being a part of the DFAS NERP testing team in Annapolis, MD.

Shellice is currently works on the Accountability and Reconciliation team in Disbursing Operations where she works on the Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) team.

Currently, Shellice is pursuing a CPA certification and after achieving her certification, she will pursue the CDFM certification. Another goal Shellice is working towards is obtaining a master's degree in Forensic Accounting.

Shellice joined ASMC in 2010 to meet people, develop professional relationships and for professional development. She worked on the Scholarship Committee from 2011 to 2013 and she is currently working on the Community Service Committee.

Shellice enjoys watching sports and is a New York Knicks fan and cheering on Cleveland's sports teams. She enjoys hanging out with family and friends.

#### \*\*\*\*\*COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT REMINDER\*\*\*\*\*

Please join us Saturday, September 13, 2014 for the DFAS volunteer day at the Cleveland Food bank. The event will last from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm during which time volunteers will sort and repack food for local hunger centers.

There are a limited number of slots which will be filled on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, please follow the instructions below to register. If you have any questions please contact Ryan Serne at [ryan.serne@dfas.mil](mailto:ryan.serne@dfas.mil) or 216-204-3310. Note that all of our event dates for this year will show that the registration is closed. This is to restrict the registration to DFAS only volunteers and their guests.

Visit the Cleveland Food bank CERVIS event registration page at [https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console\\_id=0136&console\\_type=event](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0136&console_type=event).

Event Registration Code: iEXTnS

# Member News

## Member News

Summer is sailing away and so are we!

Please join your fellow ASMC Cleveland Chapter member for our fall social aboard the Good Time III "Rush Hour Cruise" on September 26th! The cruise begins boarding at 5:30p.m. and sails until 8p.m. We will be meeting at Winks at 4p.m. to socialize a little before we set sail.

Cost is \$13 per person. RSVPs and payment is due by September 19th. Please use the "Yes" voting option only to RSVP if you plan on attending via the email sent out by Elena Baykal on 8/22/14.

Please see the flyer below for more details and we hope to see you there!

## ASMC Fall Social

**When:** Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Boarding at 5:30, Cruising 6:00-8:00

**Where:** GOODTIME III  
825 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, OH 44114



**What:** "Rush Hour Cruise"

**Cost:** \$13 (Payments and RSVP are due Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>)



\*Please RSVP by clicking on a voting button in the e-mail\*

At 4 p.m. join us for Happy Hour at Winks. Appetizers will be provided by the Chapter.

For Questions/Payments contact Sviata Alexander at 204-3603 or Amanda Serne at 204-6735

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## ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### ASMC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 26, 2014

3:00-4:00PM 2911G

**Attendees:** Sviatlana Alexander, Kyle Boehlein, James Caywood, Bryan Conway, Frankie Denmeade, Jason Denmeade, Deborah Johnson, Jessica Huff, Erin Laughlin, Steven Murfee, Amanda Preis, Jessica Rust, Khemeo Sahye, Ryan Serne, Charvez Walker, Charmain Walker, Rechelle Williams, Tonya Young.

#### President

Thank you Community Services Team for successful event with a great turnout! They had 49 runners/walkers and 10 volunteers  
Looking for Editor for our newsletter. Put out for discussion if it's should come out monthly or quarterly. Board didn't vote for a final decision

Steven Murfee will work on a Cleveland Chapter website. First he will test the website and make initial changes and then meet with officers to discuss further details

Reminder for each committee to create calendar of plans/events for the year and email to ASMC secretary

New ASMC T-shirts. Need to vote to use same vendor or find new one

#### Nominations/Scholarship

New committee member joined the committee

Looking for new ideas for education

Propose to invite college representatives to come in and educate our members

#### Membership

275 members as of today

In August Cleveland Chapter gain 4 new members

29 people membership will expired between now and September, reminder to renew

Ordered fancy flyers

Deborah Johnson will be Charvez's backup

#### Program

Next luncheons on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Public Library, will have a speaker Bridget Bill. Stone Oven will cater

Next Social is September 26 on a Goodtime III Cruise, Happy Hour at Winks at 4p.m. Flyers will be advertised the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Next Community event is September 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Pats Church. Working with Hutment Center, they can use 8 volunteers during lunch and dinner time. Best time for the Chapter is 5:15-6:30 to plate the food, serve the food and drinks and wash dishes

Joel created system to calculate Community Service Hours, that not being used

#### Treasury

Jason is still in transition of the books with Laura

Jason is recruiting two new members who will review the books

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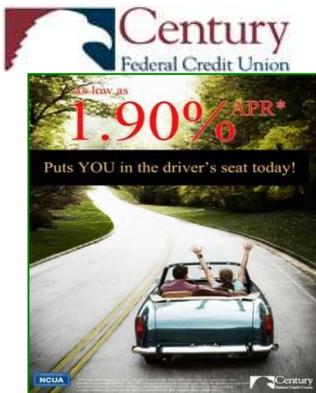
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