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ASMC CLEVELAND TIMES



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Save the Date:

ASMC August Luncheon with
Guest Speaker, Bridgette
Jamison

Date: August 20, 2019
Location: AJC Building, Room
1629

Future Meeting Announcements:

ASMC Board Meeting on
Wednesday, August 28 at 3:00
pm in room 2911G.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear ASMC Members,

July 1st marked the beginning of a new program year for our chapter. The transition of leadership often takes a few weeks before everyone is comfortable in their new roles. What remains consistent is the commitment and generosity shown from the outgoing officers to the new, working together for continual success.

We had the honor of being sworn in by Ms. Audrey Davis, Principal Deputy Director of DFAS at our July breakfast. Ms. Davis spoke on being a leader, where you currently stand. She challenged everyone to look for opportunities to exalt their leadership skills. ASMC provides every member the opportunity to be a leader. My challenge to you is to find where in our chapter you will exalt your skills. We are a 5-Star Chapter recognized nationally for community service, membership and education. This is only possible through the dedication and commitment of each of you.

I'm excited and proud to be President of the Cleveland Chapter for a second time. I'm looking forward to all that is ahead. In the coming months you will receive e-mails on the upcoming events that we hope you will attend, as well as several volunteer opportunities. The new year is also a great opportunity to bring new ideas to implement. Be the change that you would like to see.

See you soon,
Frankie Denmeade
2019-2020 ASMC President
Cleveland Chapter

NATIONAL NEWS

ASMC National News

- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Emergency Funding

...and more, [check it out!](#)

Membership Renewal!!!

You can be rewarded for your timely membership renewal! Each month, ASMC HQ enters all renewing members into a random drawing to award two \$50 gift certificates and one \$150 gift certificate, respectively for those renewing on-time or early for one or three years.

See more Defense and Budget Financial Management Highlights on the ASMC website (www.asmonline.org)



Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Certification

The CDFM remains a prestigious credential, as only 14% of the 54,000 defense financial managers currently possess it; only 3% also possess the CDFM-A (Acquisition) credential. For those of you considering pursuit of the CDFM, I urge you to take the steps to achieve this goal now! The demands of the fiscal environment over the past few years certainly indicate that knowledge and analytical skills across the range of FM disciplines is beneficial. The CDFM certification is fundamental to establishing a broad set of financial management skills. It also enables DoD and USCG leaders to be confident in hiring CDFMs or CDFM-As, knowing they have demonstrated initiative and drive in achieving a certification focused upon knowledge and skills directly applicable to requirements of positions within our profession.

Now that the DoD FM Certification Program (DFMCP) has reached its first major milestone and over 32,000 FMers have achieved it, the shift from earning to maintaining the certification has begun. As a reminder, the DFMCP "recommends" and "strongly recommends" that FMers at Level 2 and Level 3 respectively, also obtain a "test-based" certification. The CDFM is among the group of test-based certifications recognized by the DFMCP, and, obviously it is the certification most closely related to the profession of defense financial management. Achieving a test-based certification and maintaining mandatory CPEs, are keystones of demonstrating professionalism and commitment to high standards.

Whether you are at the journeyman level or an experienced defense financial manager, the CDFM Certification Program offers the type of recognized and prestigious credential that remains relevant, provides a solid foundation supporting professional development, identifies you as an individual with the initiative to enhance your skills, distinguishes you as a respected professional with knowledge across all areas of defense financial management, and increases your employment opportunities within the public and private sector.

CDFM INFORMATION



CDFM FAQs

What is the CDFM?

The CDFM is a test-based certification for financial management professionals who are Civilian or military members of the Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, or employees of defense contractors and suppliers.

What are the benefits of obtaining a CDFM?

- It is one of the DoD-approved certifications that the DoD Financial Management Certification Program "Recommends" at DFMC Level 2 and "Strongly Recommends" at DFMC Level 3
- Indicates your level of initiative and distinguishes you from others in the field
- Shows growth and advancement within the profession
- Enhances your career and reputation
- Leads to continuing professional development – stay current with industry trends and changes

What is the difference between the CDFM and CGFM?

The CDFM program is for those interested in displaying proficiency in core aspects of defense financial management. The CGFM is more applicable to general government financial management - federal, state, and local.

Who has obtained the CDFM?

Find a list of active CDFMs at <https://asmconline.org/cdfm/active-cdfms/>.

Will passing the CDFM exam get me a promotion?

No. While adding the certification to your resume can positively impact the hiring process, you are not guaranteed a promotion after passing the CDFM.

Do I have to be an Accountant or Financial Management Analyst in order to sit for the CDFM exam?

No. You may sit for the exam regardless of your job title.

Do I need to take the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC) to sit for the CDFM exam?

No. You are encouraged to take the course to prepare for the exam, but it is not required.

What is the best way to prepare for the exam?

It depends on your personal studying methods. The EDFMTC textbook is provided to those who attend the one-week training course. ASMC members can also [contact the Cleveland Chapter CDFM Committee](#) to inquire about loaner copies.

What are the educational requirements to sit for the exam?

You must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

What are the financial management experience requirements to sit for the exam?

You do not have to satisfy the experience requirement in order to sit for the exam. However, after you pass the exam, you must satisfy one of the following experience requirements BEFORE being issued your CDFM certificate:

CDFM INFORMATION CONT.

CDFM FAQs

- Complete 4 years of federal government related financial management experience (with an associate degree or higher) -OR-
- Complete 3 years of Defense related financial management experience (without a degree) -OR-
- Complete 2 years of Defense related financial management experience (with an associate degree or higher)

If I do not have any financial management experience, can I still enroll in the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC) class?

Yes. No previous experience is required.

How do I enroll in the CDFM Program?

You may [enroll for the exam online](#), or complete a paper [CDFM Enrollment form](#) and submit to ASMC Headquarters via mail/email. After your application is accepted, you will receive an Authorization Letter or e-mail from ASMC with your candidate ID number and instructions for registering for modules examinations. Find additional enrollment information at <https://asmconline.org/cdfm/enroll/>.

Once enrolled, how long do I have to pass the CDFM exams?

You have two years from the date of your Authorization Letter to pass the three module examinations. The fourth module is optional. If you pass the fourth module, you will earn a CDFM with an acquisition specialty (CDFM-A).

Do I have to take all three modules at the same time or in a specific order?

No. You may take module examinations one at a time, in any order that you choose.

What fees are associated with obtaining and maintaining a CDFM?

	Member	Non-Member
CDFM Program Enrollment		
Initial Enrollment (2 years of testing eligibility)	\$40	\$75
Enrollment Extensions (2 years of testing eligibility)	\$75	\$85
Exams (initial exams and retakes cost the same)		
CDFM exam (Module 1, 2, 3, or 4), each	\$99	\$99
Textbooks		
EDFMTC Textbook (Modules 1-3)	\$110	\$120
Module 4 Textbook	\$75	\$85
Recertification		
Recertification Fee (required every 2 years)	\$25	\$45

Find additional information at <https://asmconline.org/cdfm/fees/>.

How do I receive reimbursement for CDFM examination fees?

Reimbursement policies vary by military service and agency. Find service-specific reimbursement information at <https://asmconline.org/cdfm/reimbursement/>.

Member News

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Balwinder Beasley



By: Shana Rose

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to introduce Balwinder Beasley! Jackie started her career with the DFAS Cleveland in January 2018 as a Payroll Technician in R&A and currently works in Civilian Pay on the civilian pay audit.

Balwinder holds a Master's of Business Administration degree from Ohio Dominican University, as well as a Master's in Accountancy and Taxation from DePaul University. She is currently a Doctoral candidate at Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management, and is currently teaching Accounting and Finance classes at Notre Dame College. She joined ASMC in 2018 to broaden her knowledge, skills, and to take advantage of opportunities for networking.

Outside of work, Balwinder loves to travel, and visit universities. She also enjoys swimming, cooking, and spending time with her husband and her cat.

Favorite Quote(s):

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow; learn as if you were to live forever."

"Strength does not come from winning. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength."

Ghandi

Member News

The ASMC Cleveland Chapter Charity of the Year is:



A Kid Again®
Giving illness a time out

For twenty plus years, A Kid Again has helped to restore a sense of normal for families thrust into the situation of having to care for a child with a life-threatening illness. Often these families are unprepared and unequipped to deal with what follows. A Kid Again hosts year-round events to support these families and provide them with memories that will last a lifetime.

A Kid Again is specifically designed to involve the entire family (not just the child who is ill) to improve the wellbeing of everyone affected by the situation. The families who participate in A Kid Again give back as much as they receive by connecting with each other and sharing their own stories of strength and encouragement.

A Kid Again provides year 'round fun-filled adventures that allow children with life-threatening illnesses to feel like a kid again. A Kid Again works to create a communal and interactive environment. Our program establishes ongoing, nurturing experiences that complement but do not overtake their day-to-day living.

Last year A Kid Again served over 12,000 people, and over 206,000 since their start.

For more information, and how you can support this wonderful charity, please visit: <https://akidagain.org/>

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ST. HERMAN'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please join ASMC on Thursday, August 22nd to help those in need at St. Herman's House of Hospitality, just a short distance from DFAS in Ohio City. We will meet at 5:00 PM at St. Herman's located at 4410 Franklin Blvd in Cleveland. We will plate and serve meals, as well as clean dishes and tables afterwards, ending by 6:30 PM. St. Herman's is a small place that can accommodate only eight volunteers, so if interested, please email Jessica Huff at jessi-ca.l.huff20.civ@mail.mil so you can be added to the list.

Please consider joining in the tradition of serving those in need in Ohio.



ASMC AUGUST LUNCHEON

Please join ASMC for its August luncheon. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Bridgette Jamison, AM&C Division Director, DFAS-CL. Her presentation is titled "Leadership: It's a mindset, not a position".

Attendees can earn 1 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit and/or 1 Continuing Education Training (CET) credit for applicable certifications. CPE forms will be distributed at the luncheon.

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019
 Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Place: A.J.C Federal Building, Room 1629
 1240 East 9th Street
 Cleveland, OH 44199
 Cost: \$10 for ASMC Members/\$11 for Non-Members

The luncheon includes your choice of a Chick-fil-A sandwich (CFA Sandwich, Cool Wrap, Chilled Grilled Sub or Spicy Sandwich), a Veggie Wrap, or a Superfood Side Salad along with a fruit cup and chips. Water will also be provided for a beverage

Please RSVP to both Paul Cotton at paul.c.cotton.civ@mail.mil and Falana Banks at falana.banks.va.gov by COB Thursday, August 15, 2019, if you would like to attend. Be sure to include your choice for lunch. An email response will be sent to you confirming your RSVP.

PLAYHOUSE SQUARE MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Playhouse Square reached out to our Chapter to offer a special deal on an upcoming play:

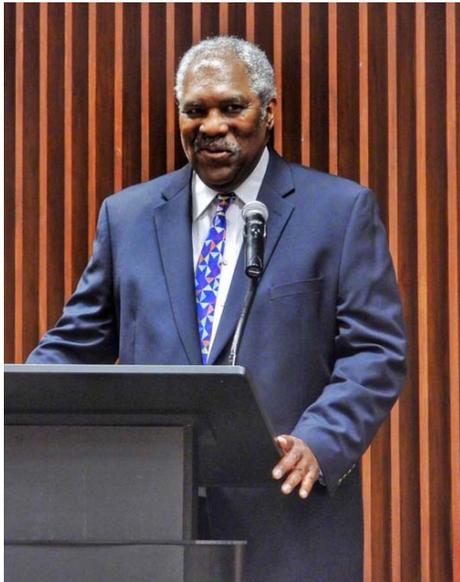
What: Into the Breeches, Military Appreciation Night
 Date: September 14, 2019
 Time: 7:30pm EST
 Location: Allen Theater, Cleveland OH
 1407 Euclid Ave
 Cleveland, OH 44115
 Cost: \$20/ea.!



Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.groupmatics.events/event/mil> and the deadline to purchase is September 8!
 For questions, or more information please contact Jeff Goad (jgoad@clevelandplayhouse.com)

Member News

Swearing in of New Officers with Ms. Audrey Davis



Top Left: ASMC-CL Programs Committee Member, **Earl (Stan) Foster** introducing our Guest Speaker, DFAS Principal Deputy Director, **Ms. Audrey Davis** at the Member Breakfast on July 19, 2019.

Top Right: DFAS Principal Deputy Director, **Ms. Audrey Davis** speaking to the audience at the Member Breakfast on July 19, 2019

Right: ASMC-CL 2019-2020 Elected members being sworn in by DFAS Principal Deputy Director, **Ms. Audrey Davis** at the Member Breakfast on July 19, 2019. (Officers L to R: President-Elect: **Shana Rose**, VP of Nominations: **Jessica Ciccolini**, VP of Membership: **Jason Denmeade**, Treasurer: **Sandra Morgan**, Secretary: **Brenda Banks-Hammonds**, and President: **Frankie Denmeade**. Not Pictured: VP of Programs, Melinda Mahoney)



ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 2019

ASMC Board Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2019

9:00-10:00AM 2499B

Attendees: Frankie Denmeade, Jason Denmeade, Shana Rose, Brenda Banks-Hammonds, Elena Baykal, Lillian Powell, Stan Foster, Whitney Joy, Andrea Alford, Frederica Downing, Tonya Hughes-Scruggs, Jackie Fedak

President-Elect

- Community Service
Will continue with same charities to volunteer at and will look for additional opportunities.

Programs

- The August luncheon is tentatively set for Tuesday, August 20th. Room 1629 has been reserved. Bridgette Jamison, AM&C Deputy Director, will speak at this luncheon. We have seven individuals in mind for future luncheons that we will also reach out to soon. Would it be possible to conduct a member survey to see what topics members would like presented?
Brenda will send survey/mass email to members.
- We are looking into pricing from Potbelly's, Jimmy Johns and Chick Fil A for food for this luncheon. Would it be ok to purchase an inventory of paper products and utensils to use for the year? We're thinking buying plates, cups, napkins, and utensils up front in bulk would save the chapter some money on these items.
Approval granted to purchase in bulk.
- CET's after luncheons will be electronically distributed
- We would like to hold the September social at Bar Louie and the December social at Café Sausalito. Working on confirming prices for each.

Membership

- Holding weekly meetings, still transitioning.
- Goal of 50 new members this year.
Diversity Fair in August; Gala in September
Cafeteria Recruiting Events (Fall, Spring)

Secretary

- July Newsletter - to be released within first week of August
Will solicit suggestions for newsletter topics and "Spotlight" participants from membership via email.

ASMC - Cleveland Chapter
 Finance Report
 Chapter Year 2018/2019
 April Report
 April 1 2019 - June 30 2019

Earnings/ Receipts

Interest Earned	\$	85.10
Luncheons		396.72
Social Events	\$	-
Conferences/Seminars	\$	14,521.52
Membership Rebates and Dues Collections	\$	2,477.00
Sponsorship	\$	-
Miscellaneous	\$	-
Total	\$	<u>17,480.34</u>

Expenses

Membership Dues & Subscriptions	\$	355.52
Luncheons	\$	714.82
Social Events	\$	184.95
Conferences/Seminars	\$	11,797.12
Gifts	\$	-
Office Expenses	\$	552.03
Charitable Contributions	\$	1,200.00
Promotional	\$	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$	159.97
Total	\$	<u>16,464.41</u>

Beginning Accounts Balance	\$	25,060.37
Petty Cash On Hand	\$	98.50
Add Earnings/Receipts	\$	17,480.34
Subtract Expenses	\$	(16,464.41)
Ending Accounts Balance	\$	26,174.80
Ending Petty Cash	\$	98.50
Quarter End Balance	\$	<u><u>26,076.30</u></u>

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	John Giammo Jason Denmeade
	Elena Baykal Bryan Conway

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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