

November 2021

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Save the Date:

Volunteer opportunity on
Tuesday, 7th December 2021 at
5:00 pm at Greater Cleveland
Food Bank located at 15500
South Waterloo Road

AGA/ASMC November
Luncheon Thursday, 18th
November on zoom

ASMC November Luncheon
Wednesday, 8 December on
zoom

Future Meeting Announcements

ASMC Board Meeting on
Wednesday, 24 November at
3:00 pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greeting Members!

The holiday season is here, and New Year is just around the corner. There have been so many changes in life through pandemic. Life has a purpose and value. The friendships created within our chapter are priceless. Sharing a common purpose that is meaningful to our chapter gives our members joy and relevance. When people feel that they are contributing to society in a positive way, there is "healing." We need to show gratitude for what we do have and the kindness that the universe has given us to thrive under these tense circumstances. Let us focus on growing our service and increase our membership. I want to thank the ASMC board and Members for the wonderful support and participation within the chapter programs.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Holidays!

Elena Baykal

ASMC Chapter President

NATIONAL NEWS



Listen Now: Sixth Episode of “All Things Financial Management” with Doug Glenn

The sixth episode of the All Things Financial Management podcast is now live! In this episode, host Tom Rhoads sits down to discuss financial improvements within the Department of Defense with Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Doug Glenn. Listen here: [All Things Financial Management: Episode 6 with Mr. Doug Glenn](#)

Happy 246th Birthday, U.S. Navy!

Happy birthday, U.S. Navy! 246 years ago, the Continental Congress established a naval fleet, which was made up of two vessels. Nearly two and a half centuries later, ASMC honors your history and continued defense of our seas as the largest naval force in the world. Happy birthday, Navy, from your ASMC colleagues, and thank you for your service!

Member News

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Doug Vogel



Ladies and Gentlemen, meet Ms. Kimberly Bennett! Kim was hired by DFAS-CL in February 2009 as an Account Maintenance Clerk in Vendor Pay in the Accounts Payable department. She completed the Leaders in Motion (LIM) program and currently works as an Accountant in the Accounts Maintenance & Control (AM&C) – Audit Support department.

Ladies and gentleman, meet Mr. Douglas Vogel. Mr. Vogel has an extensive military and government resume dating back to when joined the Navy in August of 1988. Doug served 6 years Active Duty in the Navy and went through the Naval Nuclear Engineering Program. He served as a Nuclear Electrician on board the USS Truxtun (CGN-35) and completed 2 Western Pacific (WestPac) deployments in his four year tour on that boat.

Mr. Vogel's career at DFAS began in June of 2010 when he was hired on as a document imaging clerk and about 6 months later he was promoted to an Accounting Technician position. He moved on from that position when he was accepted into the Leaders in Motion (LIM) Program in 2014. Mr. Vogel graduated from the esteemed leadership program in December 2016 and is currently a Financial Management Analyst in Military Pay. He is currently working with iControl and the MilPay audit effort. Writing Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) code in Microsoft Excel is one aspect of Doug's job that he truly enjoys. "I am frequently asked how to do something in Excel, be it write a formula or figure out a better way to do something. Yes, I am a geek...", says Doug.

When asked about any current projects/degrees/certifications that he working on, Doug said he is not working towards any at the moment but did provide some very sound advice in saying, "While I am certainly not the most formally educated person in ASMC, I have found that if you can read, you can teach yourself nearly anything."

Mr. Vogel's involvement in ASMC began in early 2013, primarily as a great opportunity to network and meet new people within the DFAS community. Outside of DFAS and ASMC, some of Doug's hobbies include: The Bible, active participation at his Church, the Constitution, hunting, fishing, auto mechanics, home repair/remodel (more so out of necessity than desire), history, engineering, and electronics. Doug also enjoys spending time with his lovely wife Sarah and when not working, they are nearly inseparable. Surprising to some people, Doug is a natural introvert; his wife has remarked that "He would be a recluse in some cabin deep in the woods if he got the chance."

Finally, Doug's favorite quote is:

'God who gave us life, gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are a gift from God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.'

-Thomas Jefferson

Member News

Greetings Members,

Please join the AGA and ASMC Cleveland Chapters for our Fall Meeting and November luncheon! Mr. Lamar Sykes and Mr. Clarence Howell III will serve as our guest speakers and will present on "Data in the Driver's Seat: Leveraging Data to Improve Decision Making."

Their presentation will focus on how to ask better questions to bring data to life and making meaning with data. They also will provide real life examples of using data to drive continuous improvement.

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Where: Link to virtual meeting will be provided to registrants

Attendees can earn one Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit and/or one Continuing Education Training (CET) credit for applicable certifications. CPE forms will be distributed via email after the meeting.

Please RSVP to Paul Cotton (paul.c.cotton.civ@mail.mil) and Earl Foster (earl.s.foster.civ@mail.mil) by COB Tuesday, November 16, 2021, if you would like to attend.

We hope to see you there!

Tonya Hughes-Scruggs
AGA Cleveland Chapter President

Elena Baykal
ASMC Cleveland Chapter President

Member News

Greetings Members,

Please join the ASMC Cleveland Chapter for our December luncheon. Mr. Michael Davidson will serve as our guest speaker and will present on The Differences Between Diversity and Inclusion.

Date: Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Where: Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81230627354?pwd=Z0tFWlHlHNmJKd0c4ZGRxTC95U3J6Zz09>)

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 via email after the meeting.

Please RSVP and direct any questions to Jeannine Anderson (jeannine.m.anderson4.civ@mail.mil) and Earl Foster (earl.s.foster.civ@mail.mil) by COB Tuesday, December 7, 2021 if you would like to attend.

We hope to see you there!
ASMC Programs Committee

Member News

Greetings Members!

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Cleveland Chapter is proud to sponsor a holiday gift drive for the local nonprofit organization, Cleveland Christian Home (CCH). The Cleveland Christian Home exists to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse and neglect. From the first orphaned children left on the doorstep of their founder in 1900, to the stately orphanage on Lorain Avenue that generations of children called home, to the modern network of services reaching children and families in need across Northeast Ohio, Cleveland Christian Home has remained committed to serving vulnerable children in the community for over 100 years and into the future. For more information, please visit: <https://cchome.org>.

There are several ways to give:

Donate directly to CCH at <https://cchome.org/holiday-matching-campaign/>. Donations are being matched through the end of the year, up to \$30k!

Visit the above link and scroll to the bottom of the page to access CCH's Amazon Wish list. You can order items and have them sent directly to CCH.

Purchase gifts and drop them with ASMC Cleveland's Community Service Committee. See the attached flyer for a list of gift suggestions. We ask that gifts remain unwrapped and are in new condition. Please contact Lynn Zielaskiewicz for more information and to coordinate dropping off your donations. The last day to donate items is Monday, 12/20/21.

As with any ASMC charity drive, participation is voluntary, and this drive is an ASMC event that is not officially endorsed or sanctioned by DFAS. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season.

POC info:

lynn.r.zielaskiewicz.civ@mail.mil

Happy Holidays!

ASMC-CL Community Service Committee

Member News



Holiday Wish List 2021



General Items

- Twin Bed Pillows
- Twin Comforters (Blue)
- Bean Bag Chairs
- Laundry Baskets
- Walmart or Target Gift Cards

Personal Items

Sizes: Boys S-XL and Men's S-XL

- Socks: Athletic & Regular
- Gloves
- Hats
- Scarves
- Slippers
- Slipper Socks
- Robes
- Pajamas
- Boxer Briefs
- Sweatshirts
- Long Sleeve Tees
- Short Sleeve Tees
- Flannel Shirts
- Sweatpants
- Fleece Pullovers/Sweatshirts

Toys/Games

- Remote Control Cars
- Uno/Playing Cards
- MP3 Player (no video)
- Headphones
- Action Figures
- Indoor Nerf Footballs
- Sport Team/Athlete Posters
- Kids Movie Posters
- Indoor Nerf Basketballs
- Jenga
- Concentration
- Scrabble
- X-Box, Playstation, Wii Games (Rated E or T)
- CD Audiobooks (Young Audience, Not scary)
- AA, AAA, D Batteries
- ADHD Tactile Manipulation Toys
 - Cush Balls
 - Relaxation Wands
 - Rain Sticks



Member News

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Hello members,

Join ASMC-CL in helping those in need by volunteering with us at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank!

What: Volunteering/repack

Where: Greater Cleveland Food Bank, 15500 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland 44110

When: Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 5:00-8:00 PM

RSVP: To volunteer, email Jennifer Gutierrez (jennifer.k.gutierrez2.civ@mail.mil) by NOON on Monday, December 6, 2021. She will forward you a link to register for the event.

Note: The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has very strict safety protocols in place, to ensure we are able to participate and still adhere to COVID-19 guidelines. For more information: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/files/assets/volunteersafetyprotocols.pdf>

About the Greater Cleveland Food Bank: Throughout Northeast Ohio, one in five people is food insecure – meaning they may not know where their next meal will come from. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank seeks to bridge the meal gap, connecting individuals with the nutritious meals they need to succeed. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio having served more than 350,000 people in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland and Richland counties in 2019.

They do this through both food distribution and SNAP outreach efforts. The Food Bank operates a community food distribution center, providing food and other critical grocery products annually to more than 1,000 local food pantries, hot meal programs, shelters, mobile pantries, programs for the elderly and other nonprofit agencies.

They also prepare nutritious meals in our Food Bank Kitchen and take hundreds of calls a day in our help center, where we refer low income callers to local agencies and sign-up eligible Northeast Ohioans for the SNAP program and other benefits.

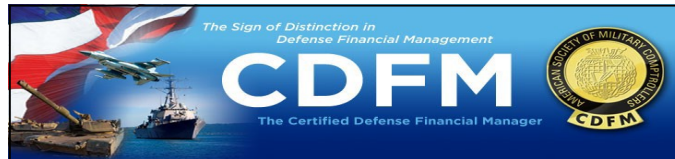
Last year, through our SNAP outreach efforts, we provided application assistance to more 404,000 eligible people in FY 2020 in Northeast Ohio.

POC: Jennifer Gutierrez jennifer.k.gutierrez2.civ@mail.mil

Thank you,

ASMC Community Service Committee

CDFM INFORMATION



Module Frequently Asked Questions about the Certified Defense Financial Management Exam

Q: What is the CDFM?

A: The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) offers the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) educational program and certification designation to those persons desiring to demonstrate proficiency in the core aspects of defense financial management. The DoD Authorization Act FY2012 signed by President Obama empowers the Secretary of Defense to "... prescribe professional certification and credential standards" for the defense financial management community. The CDFM is one of the DoD-approved Test-Based Certifications recommended for Certification Levels 2 and 3 of the DoD FM Certification Program.

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

A: You may enroll for the exam online here, or by mailing the paper CDFM Enrollment form to ASMC Headquarters. If you are an ASMC member, you may complete the paper form and send it to Kira Swanson (kira.swanson.civ@mail.mil). After your application is accepted, you will receive an Authorization Letter or e-mail from ASMC with your candidate ID number and the procedures to follow in registering for the modules examinations. Enrollment forms may be found here.

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

A: 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).

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

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

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

A: The CDFM program is for 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.

Q: What are the benefits of obtaining a CDFM?

A: The Under Secretary of Defense, Robert F. Hale (CDFM) states, "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, and provide you with the opportunity to serve in leadership posit

CDFM INFORMATION CONT.

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

A: No. However, the course is strongly encouraged for those who are preparing for an exam.

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

A: It depends on your own personal studying methods. The EDFMTC textbook is provided to those who attend the one-week training course. The ASMC Cleveland Chapter typically has copies of the textbook that may be checked out by ASMC members.

Q: Will passing the CDFM exam get me a promotion?

A: No. A promotion is not guaranteed after passing the CDFM exam but it could make a difference.

Q: Do I have to be an Accountant in order to sit for the CDFM exam?

A: No. You may sit for the exam regardless if you are an Accountant or not. Check eligibility here.

Q: What are the educational requirements to sit for the exam?

A: You must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Check eligibility here.

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

A: 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:

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)

Check Eligibility here.

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

A: Yes. No previous experience is required.

CDFM INFORMATION CONT.

Q: What are the fees associated with obtaining and maintaining a CDFM?

A: The fees are as follows:

\$75.00 Enrollment fee for non-members

\$40.00 Enrollment fee for ASMC members

\$75.00 Extension of enrollment fee for ASMC members

\$85.00 Extension of enrollment fee for non-members

\$99.00 One-module examination fee

\$297.00 Three-module examination fee

\$396.00 Four-module examination fee

\$99.00 Re-examination fee per module

\$25.00 Recertification fee for ASMC members (every 24 months after obtaining CDFM)

\$45.00 Recertification fee for non-members (every 24 months after obtaining CDFM)

Q: How do I receive reimbursement for my CDFM examination fees?

A: You are authorized to be reimbursed for all module exams only if you pass. You must first fill out an SF1164 form with your supervisor's signature in Block 8. Along with the form, verification of payment of the exam and passing of the exam must be e-mailed or faxed to DFASCERTIFICATIONREIMBURSEMENT@DFAS.MIL or 317-510-2116/2195. If you participate in an on-site exam, a memo will be provided to you from a member of the CDFM committee reflecting your payment information.

You may also refer to the CDFM flowchart for additional information.

ASMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ASMC Board Meeting Minutes

October 27 2021

3:00-4:00PM

Attendees: Elena Baykal, Jessica Ciccolini, Jason Denmeade, Julie Pfaff, Tonya Hughes-Scruggs, Jackie McKown, Whitney Joy, Kira Swanson.

President

Attend National ASMC meeting for presidents. National offered support to each Chapter. Keep engage.

President-Elect

No updates

Nominations/Scholarship

Scholarship advertisement will go on with 3 offers.

EDFMT course is offered in DFAS.

Membership

Looking for ways to bring back expired members.

Program

Join AGA/ASMC Luncheon is scheduled for November.

December Luncheon is scheduled as well.

Starting to meet AGA and discuss Joint Local PDI for Spring 2022.

Treasury

Prepared October statement.

Community Service

What: Volunteering/repack

Where: Greater Cleveland Food Bank, 15500 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland 44110

When: Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 5:00-8:00 PM

ASMC Treasury Report

ASMC - Cleveland Chapter
Finance Report
Chapter Year 2021-2022
Oct-21
October 1st thru October 31st, 2021

Earnings/ Receipts

Interest Earned	\$ 3.01
Luncheons	\$ -
Social Events	\$ -
Conferences/Seminars	\$ -
Membership Rebates and Dues Collections	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 3.01</u>

Expenses

Membership Dues & Subscriptions	\$ -
Luncheons	\$ -
Social Events	\$ -
Conferences/Seminars	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ 161.89
Charitable Contributions	\$ -
Promotional	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
Scholarships	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 161.89</u>

Beginning Accounts Balance (Last months ending balance)	\$ 21,774.02
Petty Cash On Hand	\$ 100.00
Add Earnings/Receipts	\$ 3.01
Subtract Expenses	<u>\$ (161.89)</u>
Ending Accounts Balance	\$ 21,715.14
Ending Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Month End Balance	<u><u>\$ 21,615.14</u></u>

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