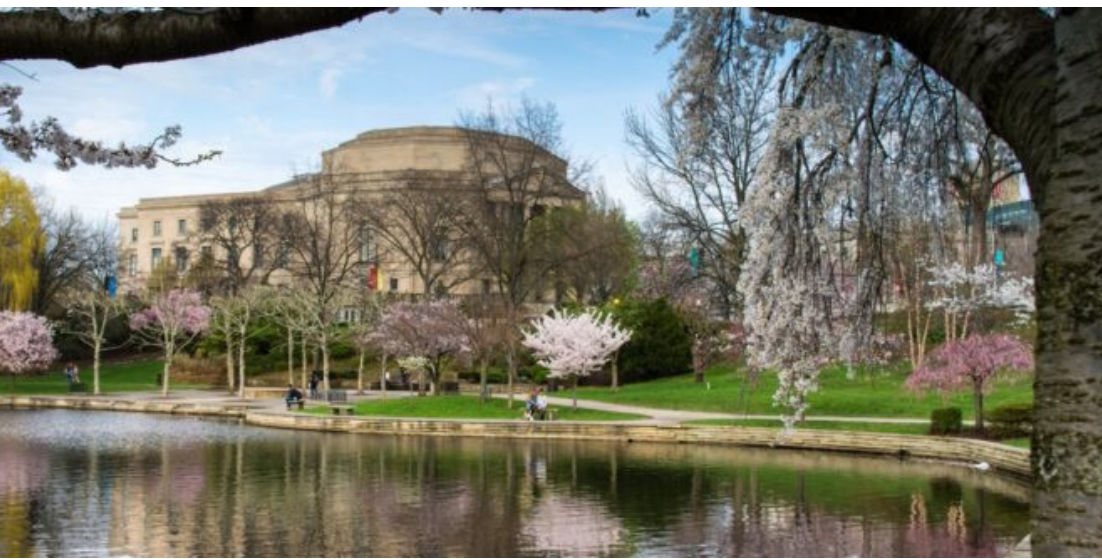


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ASMC NATIONAL NEWS

PDI 2024 Early Bird Rates - Register by April 30

Each year, the National Professional Development Institute (PDI), ASMC's premier training event, takes place in a different city around the country. This three-day, hybrid event enhances the knowledge and skills for financial managers in the Department of Defense, US Coast Guard, and public and private sectors. PDI provides attendees with best practices toward meeting the complex challenges of today's fiscal environment, aligned with the five strategic goals of the DoD FM Strategy.

PDI 2024 will be held May 29-31 in person at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona with a virtual option available. The PDI 2024 hybrid format offers more than 100 educational sessions with over 300 speakers, and the ability to earn up to 150 continuing professional education (CPE) units, including live on-site sessions, live-streamed sessions to the virtual platform and recorded content post-PDI.

Register for PDI 2024 and join your FM community in Phoenix (or online)! Visit the [PDI registration page](#) to take advantage of early bird rates by April 30.

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PDI 2024 Call for Volunteers!

PDI 2024 in Phoenix will be supported by the Thunderbird, Cochise and San Diego chapters - but ASMC needs more volunteers to make this event even better. Please complete the [Application Form](#) if you would like to lend a hand with hospitality, program support, administration, philanthropy, or special events. The interest form contains a short description of each committee. NOTE: You must log into <https://engage.asmcnline.org/> to access the application form.

The planning committee is still looking for 5 volunteers.
Deadline to sign up – April 15, 2024.

We Are All Swifties at Heart

ASMC CEO Rich Brady sees the true value Taylor Swift brings to everything she touches as a value creator. Whether a “Swiftie” or not, he uses her example to compare the modern-day accounting and financial professional as “orchestrators of value creation,” ultimately “bridging the gap and finding synergies between and execution.”

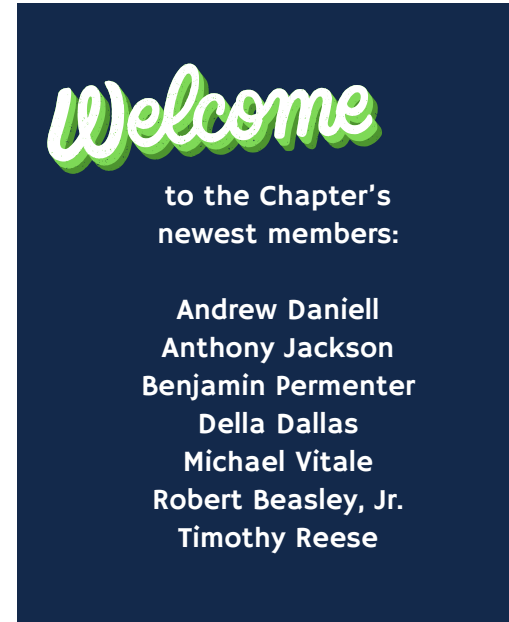
[Read the full article, “We Are All Swifties at Heart” on sfmagazine.com.](#)

MEMBER NEWS

REGISTER THRU MARCH 28 – ASMC CLEVELAND’S MARCH LUNCHEON

On Friday, March 29, the Cleveland Chapters of ASMC and the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) will co-host a brown-bag luncheon featuring Mr. James D. Peccia III, MGen (R), Principal, Kearney & Company. This event is open to anyone who wants to attend – feel free to invite non-members!

- **Topic:** “Advancing our Leadership Series: Pulling Together & Leading the Way”
- **Date:** Friday, March 29
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Both In-person and Virtual via Zoom Platform
 - **In-person:** AJC Federal Building 1240 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199, Conference Room 2889
 - **Virtual:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84057087340?pwd=3bsia8lbnt1YDgwgyoeYwH0w1T8cmZ.1>, Pass code 379113 to enter Zoom room. NOTE: Attendees must use a *personal device* to attend via Zoom.
 - **Alternative options to access virtual platform:**
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 840 5708 7340, then enter Pass code: 379113
 - Dial-in number: 1.309.205.3325, Pass code: 840 5708 7340# US
- **CPEs:** Attendees can earn 1 CPE.
- **RSVP:** Please indicate In-Person or Virtual in email. RSVP by 5:30 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2024, to Stan Foster (earl.s.foster.civ@mail.mil), Erica Fleischer (erica.l.fleischer.civ@mail.mil), and Lillian Powell (lillian.powell9.civ@mail.mil).



Volunteer @ the Greater Cleveland Food Bank



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
 13815 Coit Road, Cleveland 44110
When: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 6:00-8:00pm
Who: Both adults and children age 14+ can volunteer. Children between the ages of 14 -16 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
RSVP: To volunteer, email Elena Baykal (Elena.v.baykal.civ@mail.mil) by close of business on Monday, April 1, 2024. She will forward you a link to register for the event.

Find information on the Food Bank's impact in the local community by visiting <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/our-impact/overview>.

Members Serve Neighbors with the Cleveland Food Bank

Earlier this month, Cleveland Chapter members had a chance to volunteer at the Food Bank's Healthy Choice Market, part of the **Community Resource Center** which opened in November 2023. Located in the in the Food Bank's former distribution building on South Waterloo Road, the Community Resource Center is a one-stop shop for community members to access a healthy choice food pantry and connect with over a dozen social service partners.

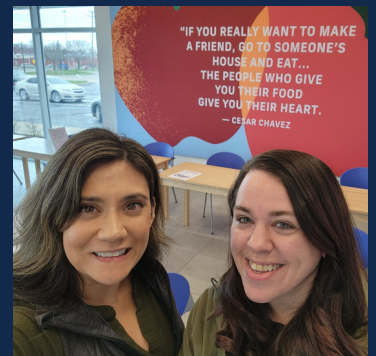
Volunteers spent time stocking shelves and assisting clients with shopping and bagging groceries. The volunteer sessions were a great way to represent the chapter while showing some love to our neighbors in the local community. If you're looking for a way to make a positive impact in the local area, please consider taking advantage of one of the many community service events organized by the Chapter.



Left (left to right): Erica Fleisher, Jessica Ciccolini, & Shana Rose

Right: Jessica Ciccolini & Shana Rose

Below: Zenabou Siambo, Rosemarie Hammond, Lynn Zielaskiewicz, Erica Fleisher, Mike, Monroe Kidd, Lillian Powell, & John Giammo



We Want You!... to Nominate Cleveland Chapter Officers

The Chapter's Annual Officer Nominations period runs through Friday, March 29. To submit nominations - no more than one name per position - please do so via the following link: <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/AnGx2zNz5a>; or you may email your nominations to victoria.p.nord.civ@mail.mil.

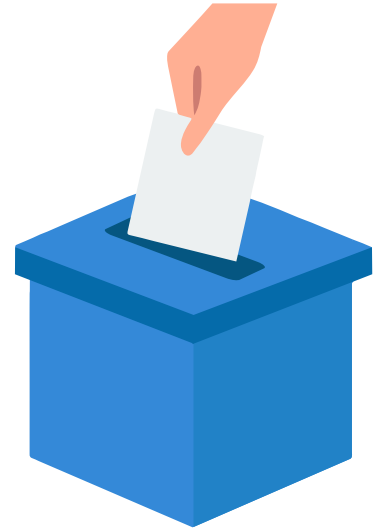
Please note that Elena Baykal, currently the President-Elect, will be the Chapter President for the 2024-2025 program year.

Before nominating fellow chapter members, please reach out to ensure they are interested in running for office. Incumbent officers must self-nominate or be nominated by another member if they wish to run for their current office. In addition, please remember each person may only run for one 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, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Those nominated will be notified by April 1st. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to VP of Nominations, Victoria Nord.



CDFM INFO



Coming Soon for DFAS Employees – 20 Seats Still Available for Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)

DFAS is offering Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) – ASMC's Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) prep course – through a virtual online delivery platform. The course is scheduled to run Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10, 2024.

Attendees can earn 40 CPEs by taking this course. DFAS employees interested in taking this training course should express interest with their supervisor and/or chain of command, and self-register via DFAS Learning Central. The registration close date is May 4, 2024.

Want to become a CDFM?

Are you interested in becoming a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM)? Have you read through the [CDFM Certification information](#) but want to talk to someone who has gone through the certification (or recertification) process? The Cleveland Chapter's CDFM Committee is here to assist you and answer your questions, whether you're still considering your professional development options or already progressing down the path to certification. Reach out to Kira Swanson (kira.swanson.civ@mail.mil) and/or Jessica Ciccolini (jessica.k.ciccolini.civ@mail.mil).



A Message from the President



Greetings members,

The Cleveland Chapter's monthly luncheons are a great opportunity for professional development. I invite you to join us this Friday for our March luncheon! Our chapter welcomes guest speaker, Mr. James D. Peccia III, Major General (USAF Ret.) as he shares his expertise and wealth of knowledge about leadership and how important it is for us, as professionals, to "Advance our Leadership by Pulling Together and Leading the Way." His name may sound familiar as he presented at the AGA & ASMC Local PDI 2023, and we are honored to have him join us again. Mr. Peccia is a dynamic speaker who incorporates both his military and civilian experiences into his briefing. You *do not* want to miss this luncheon briefing. You still have time to join us either virtually or in-person. I look forward to seeing all of you!

Are you looking for ways to be more involved in the Cleveland Chapter? Well, look no further because the time is now! The Chapter's 2024 Annual Officer Nominations period started Thursday, March 21, and runs through Friday night, March 29. Please be advised that the individuals you nominate should accept prior to submitting their names for a position. Also, members can self-nominate for any of the six officer positions. I encourage members to consider running for an officer position. These leadership roles provide opportunities for professional growth and learning, collaboration and teamwork, and practicing other skills. Remember to submit your nominations today. Good luck to all the nominees!

Another great educational opportunity is available to DFAS employees! The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT), ASMC's CDFM prep course, will be offered through a virtual online delivery platform. The instructors will cover all three modules that you need to pass to earn your CDFM. Mark your calendar; this course is scheduled for Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10, 2024. If anyone is interested in taking this training course, please express your interest with your supervisor and/or chain of command. Join your fellow chapter members who have earned their CDFM certification. I look forward to adding your names to the Cleveland Chapter CDFM rolls! The registration deadline for this course is Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Members, thank you for the overwhelming responses to attend the upcoming 2024 AGA & ASMC Local Professional Development Training (PDT/PDI)! The planning committee is excited to present amazing speakers who will bring perspective to the theme "Resilient Finances: Adapting to Change." At this year's PDI, we will once again welcome ASMC CEO Rich Brady, who has graciously accepted our invitation to be one of our guest speakers. I hope to see you there!

Thank you all for your time.

Warm Regards,

Lillian

Lillian Powell
ASMC Cleveland Chapter President

BOARD MEETING RECAP

March 2024

Attendees: Lillian Powell, Kira Swanson, Elena Baykal, Victoria Nord, Stan Foster, Alex Kearney, Erica Fleischer

Schedule conflict: Shana Rose, Jessica Ciccolini, Jeannine Anderson, Tiffany Douglas

VP of Programs / Jeannine Anderson

- March Luncheon (3/29):
 - Feat. Mr. James D. Peccia III, Principal, Kearney & Co
 - Hybrid brownbag luncheon; cohosting with AGA
- April Luncheon (4/17):
 - Feat. Sandra McIntire, DFAS Director of Metrics & Initiatives Office
 - Hybrid brownbag luncheon; TBD if we will cohost with AGA
- Planning Social for April

Local PDI 2024 (5/2 @ Doubletree Downtown CL)

- Speakers: Need 11 total
 - Confirmed: 8 speakers
 - Awaiting confirmation: 4 speakers
- AGA has reached out to AGA National for speaker.

VP of Nominations / Tori Nord

- Nominations
 - Open 3/21 thru 3/29 - email went out today
 - Emailed current officers to ask if they want to run for their current positions
- Scholarships
 - Offered 2; received 1 application
 - Awardee will be notified and asked to attend the Local PDI
- CDFM
 - DFAS offering online "Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)
 - Dates: Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 10, 2024
 - Earn 40 CPEs
 - Attendees will receive a hard copy study book for all 3 modules once enrolled in course
 - ASMC National has stated that changes will be made. For further details, visit www.asmcnline.org

VP of Membership / Tiffany Douglas

- New Members - Welcomed new member to ASMC chapter with Welcome Package and event announcements including luncheons, community service events, and newsletters.
 - As of 3/21/2024, two new members joined the chapter.
 - February 2024: three new members joined the chapter
 - January 2024: two new members joined the chapter
 - Total new members joined for program year: 16
- Member Recruitment Drive
 - Planned for March 2024; but postponed to April/May due to mission priorities/schedule.
 - Planning to hold in the AJC Federal Building
 - Checked with GSA about options to set up (in the cafeteria or a nearby room)
 - Ask officers and members to support the VP of Membership and committee at these events
 - Ask board to volunteer time to speak to individuals who are interested to learn more about ASMC and benefits to joining our chapter.

President-Elect / Elena Baykal

- Community Service
- Volunteer at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank on the following dates:
 - Saturday, March 23, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
 - Tues, April 2, 2024, and Wed, April 24, 2024 6 PM – 8 PM
- Elena Baykal will be the POC for the April 2 announcement

Save the date

March Lunch & Learn

Friday, March 29,
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, feat.
James Peccia III, MGen (R),
Principal, Kearney & Co

- RSVP by 3/28 @ 5:30 PM
- See PG 2 for additional info

Community Service

@ the Greater
Cleveland Food Bank

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024,
6:00-8:00 PM**

What: Volunteering/Repack
Where: 15500 South
Waterloo Rd., Cleveland
44110

See PG 3 for additional
details and registration
instructions.

BOARD MEETING RECAP

March 2024 (continued)

Treasurer / Alex Kearney

- PDI 2024 -
 - Received emails from Kearney & Co re: remitting payment for registration. Alex will ask number of attendees.
 - In process of setting up Square to accept PDI payments in amount of \$120.00 for each attendee.
 - Discussion about fees charged by Square. Elena added that AGA & ASMC always split/share the service fee charged by Square.
 - Alex will go back to look at the last year (LY) service fee charged for using Square for payment transactions and he will notify the board.
 - Victoria provides insight that the Square service fee charge is approx. 2.9% plus 36 cents. Only charge when using Square. Calculated per transaction.

President / Lillian Powell

- Lillian and Elena attended ASMC National Leadership Call in March
- National PDI 2024 (Phoenix, AZ) -
 - ASMC National will announce updated brand / name change at National PDI
 - Breakfast & Lunch will be served in the Exhibit Hall; Lunch will be buffet/box lunch (Grab and go)
 - Awards will be recognized with various mediums, including stage, video and a Wall of Honors
 - No CDFM Testing onsite (paper test) - Attendees can schedule to take test virtually using their own device
- A chapter leader on the call inquired about which cities will be considered for the next National PDI and how to get on the list.
 - Rich Brady stated next National PDI 2025 will be hosted in New Orleans, LA
 - Chapter leaders on the call asked to add their city for consideration - Lillian asked that Cleveland be considered - last hosted in 2004
- Chapter Charity Raffle
 - Wednesday - Friday, outside Exhibit Hall
 - Benefiting the Paralyzed Veterans of America (Arizona Chapter)
 - Chapters can provide up to three items/baskets.
 - Chapter must sign-up to participate; Cleveland always participates in the charity fundraiser. Will sign-up for this year as well.
 - Ticket will be sold as a sheet in quantities of 10 and 25.
- There still is a need for 15 volunteers to assist ASMC National PDI 2024. See newsletter for additional information and link.
 - Reduced registration fee
 - Must arrive on May 28 for a 4 PM meeting for all National PDI Volunteers
- Submit information for newsletter to Jessica
- High School scholarship endorsement for high school student
 - Scholarship offered by ASMC National



SAVE THE DATE

April Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, April 17,
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, feat.
Sandra McIntire, DFAS
Director of Metrics &
Initiatives Office

- Hybrid brownbag
- Watch your email for additional details

Local PDI

@ the Doubletree Hotel,
Downtown Cleveland

Thursday, May 2, 2024

This seminar, co-hosted by the Cleveland Chapters of ASMC and AGA, is a way for members and other government employees to earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits and to network with other professionals. This year's theme is **"Resilient Finances: Adapting to Change."** Change is inevitable, and government financial professionals need to be resilient. This year's PDI focuses on agility, adaptability, and overcoming financial challenges.

Registration for this event is ongoing. Be sure to adhere to the registration instructions specific to your organization/ employer.