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Save the Date:

Volunteer opportunity on
Thursday, 7 April 2022 at 5:00
pm at Greater Cleveland Food
Bank located at 15500 South
Waterloo Road

ASMC March Luncheon
Thursday, 24 March on zoom

AGA/ASMC PDI Tuesday, 26
April on zoom

Future Meeting Announcements

ASMC Board Meeting on
Thursday, 21 April at
2:30 pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Spring Everybody!

As the weather warms we announce the local AGA/ASMC PDI. The planning for this event has been going on since the winter. This event provides opportunities to network, earn continuing education credits, and hear from local experts on various financial issues. You will find more information in the newsletter. The event is on April 26th on zoom.

We are also looking for individuals to serve as chapter officers. Being an officer is a great way to learn or practice your leadership, speaking, and organizations skills.

We are planning a Spring Social event and I hope I will see you in person there!

Elena Baykal

ASMC Chapter President

NATIONAL NEWS



ASMC PDI Registration is Live

<http://asmconline.org/news/pdi-reg-is-live/>

ASMC Cool Press Release

<http://asmconline.org/category/news/>

Extended Deadline for ASMC Essay Contest

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Due to popular demand, we have extended the ASMC Essay contest due date to March 31st. This year, the topic focuses on how we organize/operate during difficult times. Specifically, the question is 'What should your organization do now to prepare to operate more effectively through future pandemics or other similar contingencies?' Putting pen to paper to further our career field is an important aspect of leadership and can also provide financial benefits (1st place winner receives \$750; 2nd place \$500; and 3rd \$250). We encourage any members of our financial management community to help shape our future! (Note: if you already submitted and would like to use this added time to edit your submission, please contact Sam Grable at samgrable@aol.com)

Member News



Greetings members!

Please join the ASMC Cleveland Chapter for our March Luncheon:

Speaker: Honorable Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights, Ohio
Topic: "The C suite (also - "c-suite" or "c-level") She Suite"
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022
Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89270894840>)
Note: You must access Zoom from a personal device.

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 to Lillian Powell (lillian.powell9.civ@mail.mil) and Stan Foster (earl.s.foster.civ@mail.mil) by COB Wednesday, March 23, 2022, if you would like to attend.

We hope to see you there!

Member News



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: Thursday, April 7, 2022, from 5:00-8:00 PM

RSVP: To volunteer, email Jennifer Gutierrez (jennifer.k.gutierrez2.civ@mail.mil) by NOON on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. 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 please see the attachment.

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.

Thank you,
ASMC Community Service Committee

Member News



Greetings Members!

AGA/ASMC Local PDI April 26, 2022

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will once again host our annual Local Professional Development Institute (PDI). This year's PDI, "Evolution of Government Finance", is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

The event will be held virtually via Zoom; it must be accessed from a personal device. The Zoom meeting room will open at 7:00 a.m. The PDI begins at 7:30 a.m. and concludes at 12:00 p.m. This event is open to all and 500 seats are available.

This event will provide four Continuing Professional Education (CPE) units and/or four Continuing Education and Training (CET) units for FM Certification maintenance.

Registration instructions for DFAS Cleveland Operations employees (Must be completed by 4/8/22):

Submit a SF-182 Request for approval from your supervisor. See the attached for instructions.

Once your supervisor approves the SF-182, register here: AGA Cleveland Chapter (agacgfm.org)

Registration instructions for all others (DFAS Non-Operations employees, non-DFAS registrants, etc.) (Must be completed by 4/8/22):

Follow your organization's procedures for submitting an external training request.

Once approved, register here: AGA Cleveland Chapter (agacgfm.org)

For questions regarding the registration process, DFAS-CL employees should contact Kimberly Stahley at kimberly.m.stahley.civ@mail.mil (SF-182), or Elena Baykal at elena.v.baykal.civ@mail.mil (all other questions).

Thank you,
AGA/ASMC Cleveland Local PDI Committee

Member News

What's your favorite leadership quote?

"Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway."

– Earl Nightingale *(contributed by Victoria Nord)*

"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant." – Max DePree *(contributed by Jacquie McKown)*

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't want to go, but ought to be." – Rosalynn Carter *(contributed by Whitney Joy)*

"Somebody's request is not your demand. If someone is asking for help, do your best to assist them, but make sure you don't do the work for them. If you do, you'll create a stressful situation for yourself and rob them of the opportunity to learn and grow." – Cy Wakeman *(contributed by Shana Rose)*



"Mythos" by Stephen Fry. If you're into mythology, this book provides a fun and fresh take on more classic versions of Greek myths.

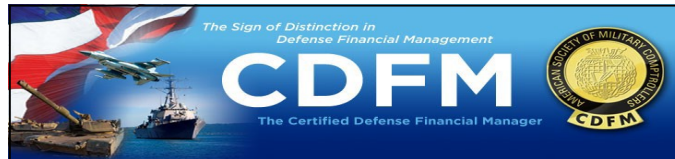
(contributed by Jessica Ciccolini)

"The Last Thing He Told Me". Laura Dave is a master story-teller. The interweaving of a complex family relationship that triggers goosebumps and tears when Hannah finds what is lurking in Bailey's past. It is fast-paced and never letting up. It keeps you wanting to know what happens next. *(contributed by Jacquie McKown)*

My favorite book is "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F***" by Mark Manson. Really puts into perspective what you want to prioritize for yourself. I recommend everyone should read it, if you haven't already done so. *(contributed by Victoria Nord)*

What's the best thing you've read this year? What did you like most about it?

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

February 17, 2022

2:30-3:30PM

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

President

Local PDI is coming up.

Planning Spring Social.

President-Elect

No updates

Nominations/Scholarship

Scholarship applications are being reviewed.

Membership

Looking for ways to bring back expired members.

Program

March Luncheon is on March 24.

AGA/ASMC PDI on April 26, 4 hours, 4 CPEs.

Treasury

Prepared February statement.

Community Service

What: Volunteering/repack

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

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ASMC Treasury Report

ASMC - Cleveland Chapter
Finance Report
Chapter Year 2021-2022
Feb-22
Feb 1st thru Feb 28, 2022

Earnings/ Receipts

Interest Earned	\$	18.93	Total
Luncheons	\$	-	
Social Events	\$	-	
Conferences/Seminars	\$	-	
Membership Rebates and Dues Collections	\$	202.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	53.29	
Total	\$	274.22	This balance

Expenses

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

Beginning Accounts Balance (Last months ending balance)	\$	21,774.02
Petty Cash On Hand	\$	100.00
Add Earnings/Receipts	\$	274.22
Subtract Expenses	\$	-
Ending Accounts Balance	\$	22,148.24
Ending Petty Cash	\$	100.00
Month End Balance	\$	22,048.24

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