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## Washington Chapter

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## President’s Message

Happy Belated New Year to everyone. I hope everyone had an opportunity to rest and enjoy the company of friends and family because we have a busy year ahead of us. In March we will have our Regional PDI. A special shout out to Deb Delmar and the team putting this together. I also want to thank our Corporate Sponsors for their generous support allowing government employees to attend free of charge. We wear different colored badges, but our contractors share the same dedication and goals as we do. The theme for this

year’s PDI is “DoD Resource Management: Vital Professionalism in Tough Times” with many great speakers invited.

2013 has been a difficult year between furloughs and a government shutdown. It is easy to feel sorry for ourselves, but we must always remember our mission and the people who count on us. We are part of the United States Department of Defense, protecting the world’s greatest democracy and the people we serve are our soldiers, sailors,

airmen, marines and their families who depend upon us. All of us are critical to this enterprise so stay focused on our jobs, don’t get distracted and seek out new challenges such as your CDFM if you don’t have it yet and the FM Certification as it rolls out.

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to friends and supporters such as Ms. Commons, Assistant Secretary Financial Management USN; Mr. Joe Quinn FIAR Director, and more recently Ms. McGrath



*Mr. Doug Bennet, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller*

Deputy Chief Management Officer and welcome Ms. Reburn as the Assistant Secretary Financial Management USN and Ms. Margo Sheridan as the FIAR Director.



## STAY CONNECTED

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# Who Let the Dogs Out?

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Mission. On Columbus Day, after nearly a week of cold, damp weather more aptly suited to London than Washington, DC, the golden rays of the sun first peeked through and then finally conquered the cloudy skies over International Country Club. What began as a brisk fall day soon turned reminiscent of the waning days of an Indian summer, as over 100 employees of Kearney & Company were joined by their clients, friends, and family members to support one of the most dynamic emerging nonprofit organizations devoted to helping our Wounded Warriors: Warrior Canine Connection.

Founded in 2011, Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) builds upon Executive Director Rick Yount's 17 years of experience working with service and therapy dogs. Along with their teammates at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), the WCC strives to develop a safe, effective, research-based non-pharmaceutical intervention program to help treat Wounded Warriors suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and mild traumatic brain injury (TBI). Consistently among senior-ranking military officials top priorities to be addressed, TBI has been diagnosed in more than 280,000 service members, and PTSD was diagnosed in more than 40% of veterans treated at American health centers between 2003 and 2008 being diagnosed with PTSD or other mental health issues according to a 2009 study by Seal et al. Yet, despite treatment with empirically supported interventions, 60% of PTSD patients still meet the criteria for PTSD after treatment,

according to a 2008 study by Smith et al.

Enter WCC, and its unique, holistic method of treatment.

Combining a clinical eye towards research with therapeutic treatment applications, WCC utilizes Wounded Warriors in the training of its service dogs. This is a mutually beneficial process: the Wounded Warrior receives the many therapeutic benefits from training the dog, and the dog is being trained to be certified as a service dog and will eventually be donated to a Wounded Warrior with mobility impairments and PTSD. The dogs' training program is rigorous and detailed—they are trained to perform approximately 90 commands, from picking up a dropped credit card or

cane to opening doors and much more—and are expected to perform these commands with 90% accuracy the first time they are given them prior to graduating the program. Thus far, there is strong anecdotal evidence to suggest that this involvement enhances both the long-term efficacy of the program, as well as providing more contact with the dogs for a larger number of Wounded Warriors than if the dogs were trained professionally in isolation before being given to a single Wounded Warrior/family. The end result is an efficient program that internally maximizes its own capabilities and is leading the way in research of this important aspect of Wounded Warrior care. Furthermore, as a member of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), WCC meets the high standards required to be counted among the very best charities that federal employees can support, and that support is

well-deserved. As Yount explains, "Being around those Wounded Warriors who have sacrificed so much is such a humbling experience and really puts things into perspective."

At the end of the tournament, WCC was presented with a \$20,000 check on behalf of Kearney & Company. "It was a distinct pleasure to team up with Warrior Canine Connection for our golf tournament this year," Kearney & Company CEO Ed Kearney explained. "When Rick spoke in detail about one of the many Wounded Warriors his organization has helped over the past two years, I thought it resonated with one of our core values at Kearney & Company – helping those who have served this country find the support they need." For more information on WCC, including how to donate or volunteer, please visit their website at

<http://warriorcanineconnection.com> or contact Bill Sandberg, Director of Marketing and Corporate Partnerships at [bill@warriorcanineconnection.org](mailto:bill@warriorcanineconnection.org).

Warrior Canine Connection is a tax-exempt, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, CFC#94624

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# Holiday Social *Recap*

Thank you to the over 50 individuals that donated over 120 toys to support the U.S. Marine Corp Toys for Tots program at the December 19, 2013 holiday social. In addition, thank you to the over 50 individuals that donated the 230 pounds of food and \$190 cash at the holiday social! We donated the food and cash to the Capital Area Food Bank, which supports the Washington DC area.

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## Upcoming Events *January Luncheon*

Sponsored by Washington Chapter US Army Members

### Topic to Be Announced

Wednesday, 14 January 2014

Mr. Thomas Steffens,  
Director of Accountability and Audit Readiness  
ASA Financial Management and Comptroller



Sheraton Crystal City  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202  
(Discounted parking rates for ASMC members)

Social 1130, Lunch 1200

Register at

<https://secure.rhq.com/ireg/public/index.cgi?evid=R13-06-01-ASMC>

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## Membership

***Help us achieve our President's vision for the 2013-2014 Chapter year by encouraging your colleagues to join our growing network of professionals!***

As a member of the ASMC, you already know the many benefits of being a part of a global community of defense resource managers. Joining the ASMC is an investment in yourself, your professional development and your career.

Regardless of where you are in your career, your ASMC membership offers many paths and opportunities to learn from and interact with your colleagues in ways that will help you meet your professional goals.

For more information on the many benefits of being an ASMC member, visit

<http://www.asmonline.org/membership>.

# *ASMC-Washington Chapter Achievement Awards Program 2013-2014*

This year the Washington Chapter will sponsor an awards program that recognizes Chapter members who have made outstanding contributions in the following fields:



Accounting and Finance  
Analysis/Evaluation  
Auditing  
Budgeting  
Business Management/Acquisition  
Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller Support  
Contractor Support  
Cost Analysis/Acquisition  
Education/Training/Career Development  
Financial Systems  
Intern/Trainee  
Resource Management  
Team Achievement - Large (11-20 members)  
Team Achievement - Small (2-10 members)



Any office or person in the Department of Defense or the US Coast Guard (to include National Guard or Reserve Components) may nominate a person who has demonstrated outstanding performance during Fiscal Year 2013 (1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sep 2013).

Instructions, guidance and forms for submitting awards can be found on the Chapter's website. Please contact Carol Campbell at [ASMC\\_AWARDS\\_2013@cox.net](mailto:ASMC_AWARDS_2013@cox.net) if you have any questions, need additional information or wish to volunteer on the Awards Committee.

**The Deadline for Washington Chapter Award Submission is  
January 17, 2014.**

Washington Chapter Awards will be presented to the winning individuals and teams at the 2014 National Capital Regional PDI.

The Washington Chapter awards program **is not affiliated with the National ASMC awards program**, but is very similar. Those members who submit nominations for competition **are encouraged to also submit nominations at the National level, whose deadline is January 31, 2014.**

# National News

from the National ASMC

## **House proposes short-term CR to avoid possible shutdown**

Friday, January 10th, 2014

As early as Monday January 13, the House will vote on a three-day Continuing Resolution (CR) to give the Appropriations Committees more time complete action on the FY2014 Omnibus Appropriations bill. A Senate vote will quickly follow the House action. The current CR is set to expire on Wednesday, January 15.

House and Senate leaders are confident that the \$1 trillion Omnibus Appropriations bill (including all 12 FY2014 appropriations bills) is close to completion. But, they are also eager to avoid any chance of a government shutdown, and a short-term CR is a necessary precaution.

House Appropriations Committee chairman Harold Rogers (R-KY) has indicated the committees will work over the weekend to complete the bill. However, the bill probably will not come to the House floor until right before the current CR runs out on Wednesday. A new CR will provide extra time extra time for the House and Senate time to vote on the bill and send it to the president.

## **President implements a 1% pay increase for federal civilian employees and military personnel**

Friday, January 10th, 2014

Beginning in January 2014, federal civilian employees and uniformed military personnel will receive a 1 percent pay raise under an executive order issued earlier this month.

This will be the first across-the-board pay raise for federal civilian workers since their pay was frozen in 2010. During the pay freeze some did receive step increases and performance awards.

The executive order sets pay levels for federal civilian employees (executive level, senior executives, and general schedule employees), uniformed military personnel, and judges.

Tables attached to the executive order list the pay levels by grade/rank and by years of service for each category of pay plan. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) website includes a detailed explanation of each pay plan and their originating authorities.

In September, the president recommended the 1 percent pay raise, reaffirming his support for the raise that was included in his FY2014 budget request. Since that time Congress did not act to change that recommendation for civilian personnel. Congress did authorize a 1 percent pay raise for military personnel in the FY2014 Defense Authorization Act.

For more news and updates, visit  
<http://www.asmc.org>





# Training and Education

Our Chapter is sponsoring another webinar in December with representatives of Army G8 and Oracle. Check our website for details later this week!

AGA is offering three special one-day classes on internal controls and federal financial management for the staff of our Corporate Partners. The training will be offered December 17-19 in Alexandria, Va. The instructors are: Dave Hancox, CGFM, CIA, a faculty member at Siena College with more than 35 years of governmental auditing experience; and Steve Varholý, CGFM, CPA, who has more than 40 years of government financial management experience, including service as NASA's deputy CFO. More information about the courses and online registration is available on the AGA website. We hope that some of your staff will be able to attend.

## *EDFM Training Courses*

The chapter is exploring the possibility offering EDFMT courses in FY 2014. These courses will be funded by the chapter and provided by Archway Training. Details will be provided in future newsletters. The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course is a five-day, intensive financial management review course taught in three modules. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. For those individuals interested in attending the EDFMT Course, the current schedule is shown below

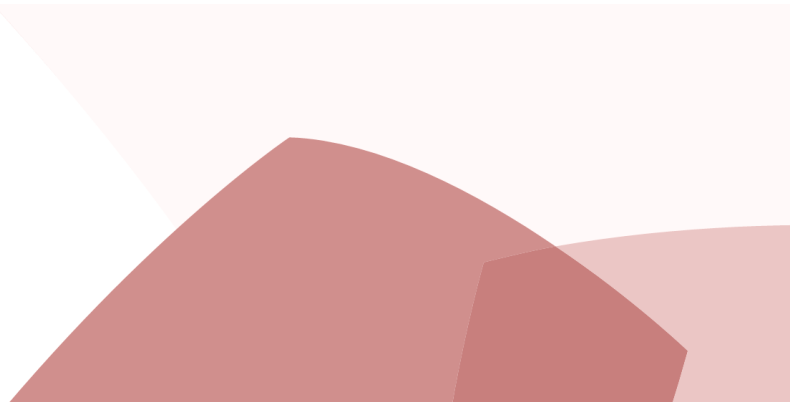
DATE	HOST	LOCATION
January 6-10, 2014	ARMY	Ft. Meade, MD
January 6-10, 2014	AIR FORCE	WPAFB, OH
January 13-17, 2014	DW-NSA	Linthicum Heights, MD
February 24-28, 2014	NAVY	Norfolk, VA
March 10-14, 2014	DW-DISA	Ft. Meade, MD
March 17-21, 2014	ARNG	Arlington, VA (JB Myer-H)

For more information on upcoming trainings, visit <http://www.asmcnline.org>.

## **Additional Learning Opportunities Are Available to ASMC Members at the Online Learning Center!**

The ASMC Online Learning Center currently offers recorded sessions from PDI 2012, as well as the quarterly Armed Forces Comptroller and recorded audio education sessions. PDI sessions and the AFC exams offer Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit and a certificate to validate user participation.

<http://www.asmcnline.org/educationtraining/online-education/pdi-online>



# CDFM Corner

THE 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. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTP://WWW.ASMCONLINE.ORG/CERTIFICATION/CDFM-INFORMATION](http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-information)

## *Congratulations to the Washington Chapter's new CDFMs!*

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