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President's Message

Sue Goodyear



Hopefully by now you have gotten to know this year's Chapter Executive Board and have reached out to either volunteer to be on a committee or given your ideas of what you would like to see the Chapter do to create value to our membership to a Board Member/Committee Chair. We are looking forward to the Early Careerists' sponsored social on 16 Sep. It is not just for Early Careerists but for all members and a great chance to socialize in a relaxed setting and meet all generations of Comptrollers.

For those that participated in the ASMC/AGA Golf Tournament in July, I heard it was a day of healthy conversation and competition. Thanks to all of the volunteers that made that event possible. Congratulations to all of the winners.

This last week offered a couple of amazing training opportunities for the DOD FM and the ASMC communities. Both events highlighted the publication of the Interim report from the Legislative Commission on PPBE Reform. I haven't made it through all 193 pages just yet, but I would recommend that everyone read the 2-page Executive Summary at least. Their recommendations are far reaching, with some being easy to implement and others that will take time with a lot of back and forth to get right. They do talk about what is working in the current process. The Commission is still accepting comments on the report and on reform on their website. The National ASMC PPBE Reform Task Force will also continue to send out surveys to collect feedback on multiple areas from the report to ASMC membership so watch for those.

For those that attended the DOD FM Conference 30-31 August, the theme was all about change - how to manage it and use it to be better in the Financial Management craft. A wide variety of speakers from all aspects of Change Management gave us food for thought. There was emphasis on data and robotics and the future of the Comptroller. LTC Jayme Hansen's article this month in the newsletter has added to that discussion and I encourage you to read it and think about how the changing world will enable how each of us does our job. We would like to expand the Chapter's opportunities to hear from great speakers or provide our membership with broadening events that will continue this theme of Change. If you were particularly impressed with a topic, heard a speaker that inspired you, or would like a deeper dive into a topic, please reach out to the Executive Board.

Now that we are entering September, this is the month where Comptrollers become everyone's best friend as the budgeteers always have a little money to help a mission. Also, this is a time where we balance yearend closeout with a new Fiscal Year, possible CR, audit closeouts, financial statements and of course Program Budget Decisions/Program Decision Memorandums, with J Books that all flow across a Comptroller's desk in the fall.

It appears that FY24 will again start with a Continuing Resolution and even though they have become the norm, each year they bring different challenges to managing resources

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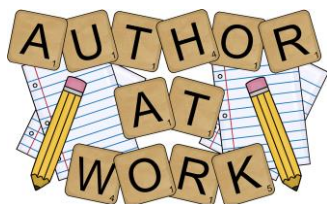
Date / Time	Upcoming Events / Sponsor / Speaker / CPEs	Location
16 Sep 23 / 1200-1400	Washington-based 75 th Jubilee Lunch including burgers, beers/sodas, and munchies. No cost for ASMC members.	Island Time Bar & Grill, Arlington, VA
19 Sep 23 / 1130-1300	Community Service Event – Virtual Card Making (Cardz for Kidz)	MSft Teams (sign up by 13 Sept here)
20 Sep 23 / 1200-1300	Chapter Luncheon Meeting / Army / Mr. Stephen Sullivan / 1 CPE	Link
4 Oct 23 / 1200-1300	ASMC Washington Chapter Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
18 Oct 23 / 1200-1300	Chapter Luncheon Meeting / Navy / Speaker TBD / 1 CPE	Teams
26 Oct 23 / 0900-1600	ASMC Data Analytics & Decision Support Virtual Conference	Virtual
1 Nov 23 / 1200-1300	ASMC Washington Chapter Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
15 Nov 23 / 1200-1300	Chapter Luncheon Meeting / Air Force / Speaker TBD / 1 CPE	Teams
29 Nov 23 / 1800-2100	Washington Chapter Holiday Social	Army Navy CC, Arlington, VA
6 Dec 23 / 1200-1300	ASMC Washington Chapter Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
14 Mar 24 / 0800-1700	Washington Chapter NCR PDI	DC Convention Center

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to meet the critical mission of each of the DOD organizations. We can all watch the news as the path forward plays out on a public stage. During a CR period, our community becomes the stronghold that figures out the tough challenges and we will continue to do so.

I know everyone is busy with their personal and professional lives, but I hope everyone will take advantage of the great weather and the Washington Chapter ASMC events we have planned. Also, take the time to think about what would make the Chapter more meaningful to you and your career and provide those ideas to the Executive Board. Have a great Fall!

Sue



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Featured Article



Comptroller of the Future

by LTC Jayme Hansen, Director/CFO, Resource Management,
A.T Augusta Military Medical Center, Fort Belvoir, VA

In the past year, I was fortunate to work with the Harvard Chan School of Public Health to design Defense Health Agency's (DHA) leadership program for CFOs and attend ASMC's Federal CFO Academy. The CFO Academy was future-leaning and pushed the ambition of being a financial executive. With the Harvard program, I challenged them to design a program that looked at future challenges and assisted DHA's leadership in responding to these issues and threats. Listening to experts from both programs taught me that Comptrollers straddle their focus between compliance vs. strategic activities and will need to sharpen their soft skills to lead their organizations effectively. Here are some of the lessons I learned along the way:

Operational Understanding: Gone are the days when Comptrollers sat in their offices and worried only about the numbers. Comptrollers must transform their role from compliance and transactional leadership to becoming strategic partners with the leadership and organization. The future Comptroller will need to walk out of their office and observe and understand the operational requirements to make informed decisions and recommendations for the organization. An excellent example of this comes to mind when I was working as a Comptroller in Kenya and was visiting a remote site where we collected biological samples to understand the evolutionary changes of specific microbes. During the visit, I noticed that one of the sites operated a nitrogen generator that pulled the nitrogen out of the atmosphere and used the fringed nitrogen to keep the microbial samples from degrading. When I returned to the home office, I noticed that the organization spent hundreds of thousands of dollars purchasing nitrogen from the local economy. Subsequently, I looked to see if operating a larger nitrogen generator was operationally and fiscally viable. The short answer was that the capital investment into a larger generator would return a high Return on Investment (ROI), reducing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of annual expenses. A caution on the inverse, when Comptrollers make organization-altering decisions in a vacuum, they may negatively impact their organization's short- or long-term mission.

Fielding Technology: Quoting one of my favorite authors, in his book, Good to Great, Jim Collin stated that the best way to use technology is to use it as "an accelerator of momentum rather than a creator of it." I have seen this on numerous occasions where organizations have invested in new systems and software packages only to abandon them when their leadership changes or after an unsuccessful initial implementation. The implementation and integration of technology into the workforce will only increase over time. Comptrollers will need to work with their leadership to advise them not to embrace every technological fad and realize that technology alone does not solve problems. Instead, Comptrollers must shift the conversations, attitudes, and thinking to whether the technology enables the organization to increase productivity, effectively meet the mission requirements, or provide efficiencies. When adopting automation or analytics methodologies (e.g., Performance Management Framework, Balanced Scorecard, etcetera), ensure the organization seeks to eliminate non-value-added and duplicative work or initiatives.

Effective Communication: I have the privilege of proctoring Comptroller Interns. I stress to them each year that they need to learn to become effective communicators to be successful Comptrollers. ASMC CFO Academy echoed what I have been teaching for years. When senior finance executives and thought-leaders look ahead to the skills required for Comptrollers in the future, they see that cross-functional communications rank as one of the highest professional competencies needed for finance teams to deliver high and quality performance. Comptrollers, deservedly or not, are often perceived as being poor communicators. Many Comptrollers in the past have concentrated on sharpening their skills to become technical experts in budgeting, accounting, compliance, and audit, instead of working to become skilled and effective written and verbal communicators. Here are a few tips about improving communication. Cultivate empathy: in a fast-paced and ever-changing world, Comptrollers must slow down to truly listen to what others are saying to gain clarity, to

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truly listen to what others are saying to gain clarity, mutual understanding, and buy-in and to help others to feel that they are a valued and respected part of the team. Through clear and effective communication, a comptroller's goal is to influence people toward a shared understanding that promotes the mission or common purpose—unnecessarily flexing authority to force things to happen is often unsuccessful or short-lived.

ChatGPT: I have had many discussions with other Comptrollers on how the use of AI may significantly shape how we do business. Tools like ChatGPT will greatly enhance our ability to accomplish our mission. ChatGPT only builds a lattice for written communication. A human subject matter expert will always need to ensure accurate content and place human experiential elements back into an AI's often clinically sterile writing.

Social Media: Comptrollers must be involved in social media sites like LinkedIn and Facebook. Comments others make on social media could warn Comptrollers of issues before they arise. It's also a platform where a Comptroller can share their ideas and obtain instant feedback. Using #hashtags, Comptrollers can expand their reach and speak to a broader audience. Social media is a tool that can be very effective if you learn how to use it properly. For example, I have found potential hiring candidates for some of our vacancies and made important professional contacts. Lastly, letting some of your human and empathetic side of you show on social media allows people to connect personally with you, which builds trust and a healthy rapport.

White Space: The work and life of a Comptroller become increasingly complex, and issues tend to be emergent rather than predictable. I have seen many Comptrollers seek to have their calendars scheduled and filled back-to-back for weeks -- a strange badge of honor. When they go on vacation, they take their laptops and say, "I only logged in to respond to emails." First, your organization needs you to have white space so that you have time to think strategically and exercise the creative side of the brain to find solutions. White space also allows you to reflect and find ways to thank your team or to take time to develop your subordinates. You need to add white space to also take care of yourself. A supervisor made a space in his office to take naps. They blocked off the time they needed to optimize themselves and were one of the most successful and productive individuals I have ever worked for.

Leadership Training: Most Comptrollers are great at ensuring they are technically proficient and sharpen their skills by attending PDI or enrolling in a course through an external agency such as Management Concepts. Yet when it comes to leadership training, many organizations utilize the Peter Principle – or allow individuals to progress until they have failed. Successful transformation is not possible without leadership available to set the strategic objective or the skills to obtain buy-in from the workforce. Suppose your organization commits to developing its leaders. In that case, it improves attracting, developing, and retaining talent and increases success when navigating change. Funding and time must be carved out of the budget and calendar to invest back into our people. Such practices follow the "People First Leadership," a book that theorizes if you take care of your people, everything else will follow through with mission, productivity, and success.

Final thoughts: We all have ideas about what makes a great Comptroller and what it takes to develop someone to become a highly skilled and effective leader. In this short write-up, I could not expand on numerous other traits and competencies in developing the Comptroller of the Future. I would like to hear your thoughts about what is needed or missing from this article. The best way to produce a good leader is through investment and ensuring continuous development and growth. There is room for learning, even at the top, especially Comptrollers.

LTC Jayme K. Hansen enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1989 as a private and obtained four occupational specialties: Cook, Combat Medic, Nurse, and Computer Operator Specialist. He reached the rank of Staff Sergeant who deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm, and completed a Humanitarian tour to Panama. At Ft Drum, NY, he obtained an ROTC Green to Gold Scholarship at Clarkson University. He graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned in 2001. LTC has had a distinguished career, first serving as a Medical Platoon Leader for the "Band of Brother's Unit," also known as the 1-506th Infantry Battalion. Then he commanded at HHD 168th ASMC and the HHC 121st GH in Korea. LTC has worked as a Healthcare Comptroller since 2008: 62nd Medical Brigade in support of Enduring Freedom and Defense; US Embassy with USAMRU-K located in Kenya, Africa; and at USAMMCE and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Europe. LTC Hansen then served as the Executive Officer G-8/9 at the Office of the Surgeon General and currently serves as the CFO at A.T. Augusta Military Medical Center.

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August 2023 Meeting Recap



Ms. Debra Del Mar

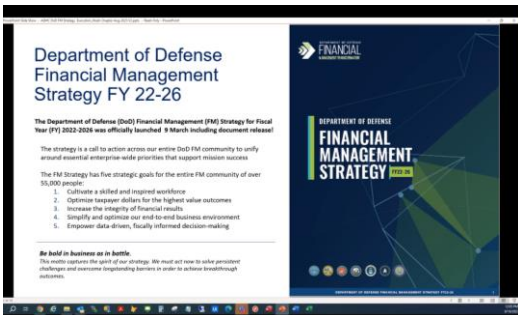
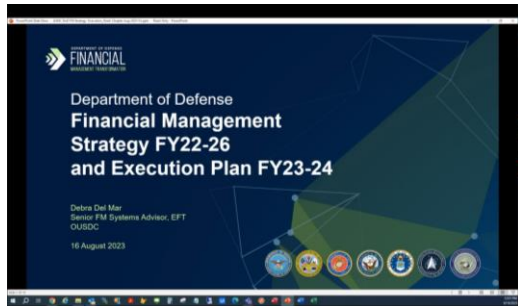
Principal Advisor to the Deputy Comptroller for Enterprise Data and Business Performance

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Date: Wednesday, 16 August 2023

Topic: DoD's Financial Management Strategy

Location: Virtual Luncheon via Zoom for Government



For our August lunch meeting, the chapter hosted long-time chapter Executive Board member and ASMC ambassador Ms. Debra Del Mar, Principal Advisor to the Deputy Comptroller for Enterprise Data and Business Performance, Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Financial Management/Comptroller. After brief check-ins of critical attendees, Ms. Sue Goodyear, ASMC Washington Chapter President, provided a quick back brief since our last meeting (June) to speak to our great golf tournament turnout plus donation success, and gave a nod to the forthcoming September networking event occurred too (register ASAP). Then, Ms. Goodyear announced our President-elect and newest Executive Board member news – Ms. Alaleh Jenkins, who will become the chapter president next year. Finally, Ms. Goodyear kept Ms. Del Mar's introduction abbreviated citing how well-known and respected our speaker is.

Ms. Del Mar proceeded to provide a presentation on the DoD's Financial Management Strategy from the origins to current mission and vision, but also updates relevant to all of our respective areas. Examples include the Marines' proximity to passing an audit, asserting G-Invoicing is like the introduction of the fax machine, and longstanding tech and system snags making major strides. After the five DoD FM Financial Management Strategy goals, Ms. Del Mar gave us a look at what's next with 6 distinct initiatives we're all a part of making realities. A common theme throughout was the Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound (SMART) goals with plenty of tying throughout the financial management lines of effort we know and love. Wonderful brief plus bonuses!

Ms. Goodyear and LT Lianora Smith, chapter secretary, took turns inviting questions, additions, and answers followed by reminders of forthcoming events like volunteer opportunities, the September 16th ASMC chapter networking social for those in the area, and wrapping the meeting up for this month's luncheon. Be sure to stay tuned to the chapter website, but also on the socials like LinkedIn for events and luncheons alike.

Please register for the next meeting at WWW.WASHINGTON-ASMC.ORG or contact your Service Secretary



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September 2023 Lunch Meeting Speaker



Mr. Stephen "Sully" Sullivan

Chief Financial Officer and Director for Resources, Installations, and Materiel, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Location: Virtual Luncheon via Zoom for Government

Mr. Stephen "Sully" Sullivan was selected to the Senior Executive Service in August 2019. Since June 2021, he is serving as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Director for Resources, Installations, and Materiel (DRIM) for the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve (OCAR). In this role, he is responsible for the oversight of the Chief of Army Reserve's Title 10 responsibilities for four separate appropriations: Reserve Personnel, Army (RPA); Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve (OMAR); Military Construction, Army Reserve (MCAR); and the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA) totaling \$8.2 billion. As the CFO/DRIM, he also oversees the real property accountability, sustainment, restoration, and modernization; equipping; and logistics requirements for 189,500 Soldiers and 11,000 Civilians supporting 2,161 units, 5 installations, and 742 separate facilities operating in all 50 states, 5 U.S. territories, and 24 countries.

Prior to joining OCAR, Mr. Sullivan served as the Associate Director for Military Operations in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD(C)) where he was responsible for the oversight of the Operation and Maintenance and Working Capital Fund accounts of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The \$208 billion annual budget request resourced the training, organic and depot maintenance, supplies and equipment, civilian manpower, installation support, and operations (including overseas contingency operations) which sustain the readiness of the Military Departments and the global operations of the Combatant Commands in support of the National Defense Strategy.

Previously in the OUSD(C), he served as the principal financial analyst and program manager for the \$4.7 billion Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF) annual funding program which resourced the equipment, training, infrastructure, and sustainment requirements of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) consisting of the 382,000 members of the Afghan National Army, National Police, Air Force, and Special Security Forces.

Mr. Sullivan attained the rank of Colonel and retired from the U.S. Army in 2017 at the culmination of a 23-year active duty career as an Aviation and Financial Management officer. His service includes two year-long combat deployments in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (Camp Arifjan, Kuwait) and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan) and assignments with the 3rd Infantry Division (Fort Stewart, GA and Kandahar, Afghanistan), the 18th Financial Management Center (Fort Bragg, NC and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait), the 10th Mountain Division (Fort Drum, NY), and the 25th Infantry Division (Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii).

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College – Intermediate Level Education, the Aviation Officer Basic & Advanced Courses, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training, and the UH-60 Aircraft Qualification Course. His awards and qualifications include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (2nd Award), the Army Aviation Association of America – Order of Saint Michael (Bronze Award), Distinguished Member of the Regiment of the U.S. Army Finance Corps Association, as well as the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification, Senior Army Aviator, Parachutist, and Air Assault Badges.

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ASMC & AGA Annual Golf Tournament 21 July 2023

This year's ASMC/AGA Golf Tournament was held on Friday, 21 July, at the Fort Belvoir Gunston and Woodlawn courses. We were excited to see an increase in participation this year, with the event being held on a Friday. The continued success of this event can be attributed to the dedicated government and corporate Golfers, our outstanding Corporate Sponsors, and the terrific volunteers working on and off the course. It was a great sunny day to be on the links!

Amidst the festivities, our ASMC and AGA members generously gave to those less fortunate by donating over 232 pounds of food goods and non-perishable items from 31 donors for the Capital Food Bank. Thanks to **Jeff Norris** for ensuring we supported this worthy cause.

ASMC Golfers 201 / AGA Golfers 15

67 Government golfers * 149 Corporate golfers * 216 Total golfers

Special thanks to **Deb Del Mar** for her opening remarks and **Terry Millner** and **Matt Hunt** for their excellent job as the Co-Golf Tournament Chairs.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped before, during, and after the event!

Marion Buchite
Brunella Buck
Levi on Buck

Christ Donaldson
Rita Finney Gaddy
Krissia Hunt

Kris Kershaw
Lenora Smith
Salome Tinker

Thank you to Fritz Diekmann and everyone at Fort Belvoir Golf Course for their outstanding support!



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Congratulations to our 2023 Golf Tournament First Place Winners!

Woodlawn Course: 56



Dave Baca
Steven Denslow
Chris Denz
Chuck Nimmo

Gunston Course: 52



Adam Johnson
Jon Hendricks
Adam Langknecht
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PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR IN-PERSON MEET AND GREET
IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 75TH JUBILEE, THAT IS
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EARLY CAREERIST LEADERS BUT OPEN TO ALL!

**WE WILL PROVIDE FOOD AND A
COMPLIMENTARY DRINK TICKET.**

THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR
ASMC CEO-RICH BRADY, THE 75TH COMMISSION
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SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023
11AM-12:30PM**

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ASMC Virtual Community Service Event!

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Card Making Session (via Microsoft Teams)



Let's get together and celebrate joy! A wonderful opportunity is here, and it consists of thoughtfulness, creativity, and hope. Please donate your time and participate in a virtual event for Cardz for Kidz!

We invite you to join your fellow ASMC Washington Chapter members as we create handmade cards for sick, recovering, or traumatized children, seniors, and families around the world. Cardz for Kidz is a non-profit organization whose mission is to hand deliver cards to those individuals who need of a reminder of hope. The organization started in 2010 with one location but has grown to over 400 locations in over 40 countries, including all 50 U.S. states. Their motto is #TooSmallNoSuchThing.

Please join us to create handmade cards for individuals who will appreciate your thoughtful designs and messages. **We are looking for as many volunteers as possible** and hope you'll join us in this relaxing yet meaningful community service event! We encourage you to include your family and friends in this fun event. You may join the event for all or part of the time!

Please come prepared with paper/construction paper, pens, markers, and any child safe decorations that you would like to use to decorate. As we are holding the event virtually, you will also need to cover the cost of mailing the handmade letters from your location to Cardz for Kidz.

To sign up for this wonderful opportunity, please send an email to Irfan Satriadhi (isatriadhi@kpmg.com) ASMC Washington Chapter member and Ezi Ugbo (eugbo@kpmg.com) volunteer, by **September 13**.

Additional information about Cardz for Kidz can be found at

<https://cardzforkidz.org/>



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Early Careerist News

Coffee Chat
Coming again soon!



Early Careerists Coffee Chat Series

Early Careerists will be re-starting Bi-Monthly Virtual Coffee Chats – alternating with in-person volunteer opportunities and get togethers. PLEASE get engaged – it will be worth your time!

*As a future government or industry leader in Defense or US Coast Guard FM,
ensure your training needs are met with:*

- ❖ Social and Networking Events with other Early Careerists, as well as Senior Leaders
- ❖ The opportunity to correspond and collaborate with a Senior Mentor/Coach
- ❖ Cost-effective training and education to obtain CPEs and highly valued Certified Defense Financial Manager test-based credential
- ❖ In-person ASMC Monthly Luncheons at a discounted rate (when they resume)
- ❖ An active community of cohorts within the ASMC National Engage Platform - Early Careerist Forum (details to follow)

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Training & Education

The ASMC Washington Chapter is sponsoring the following mini-course at no cost to our members.

MINI-COURSE (F3589)

Internal Control: Meeting Federal Requirements for Accountability

This mini-course will help participants in reducing the risk of waste, fraud, and mismanagement within their agency, and supporting accountability efforts. Participants will learn what controls are and why they are important; the requirements, standards, and guidance available for internal controls; the importance of risk management; and the eight steps in an internal control process. In addition, the course will cover the relatively new requirement for Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), addressing risks to an agency's strategic objectives.

DoD Certification Level 2

Competency: Concepts, Policies and Principles of Budget – 2.5 hrs (PL3)

November 16, 2023

Two Sessions Available

- AM SESSION 8:30-11:30 AM
- PM SESSION 12:30-3:30 PM

Register by November 13, 2023

VIRTUAL

Please visit ManagementConcepts.com/pm_elearning_sysreq for the hardware and software requirements.



To register, visit ManagementConcepts.com/ASMC-Registration

Due to high demand, please notify Management Concepts if you are not able to attend after registering.

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ASMC Value Proposition

ASMC supports	A global community of defense financial managers, military comptrollers, and corporate members
Who need	Convenient, affordable, and collaborative opportunities for leadership and education that further enable the support of warfighters, the National Military Strategy, and the overall federal financial management (FM) profession, while enhancing their career development
By providing	Educational materials, training courses, the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certification; leadership opportunities at National and Chapter levels, opportunities to enhance communication skills and contribute to the federal FM body of knowledge; and in-person and virtual access to a global network of peers, and a knowledgeable and customer service-oriented staff
As a result	Financial managers who are members or certificants of ASMC are equipped with the latest innovations, industry knowledge, and best practices; possess a broader understanding of defense FM policies and operations; and differentiate themselves as highly qualified candidates for positions within the DoD, the United States Coast Guard, other federal agencies, and the private sector
Because of	ASMC's status as a premier defense financial management education provider, it is recognized as a prestigious organization for leaders and other individuals serving in or supporting the defense FM community
Unlike	Competitive membership organizations or educational programs that provide products and services to the financial management profession but do not offer ASMC's unique specialization in military comptrollership



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Celebrate with ASMC
in 2023!

Find out all the ways you can join in celebrating, from podcasts to training classes, chapter events, and corporate functions.

#75YearsofASMC

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)'s 75th Anniversary Commission is excited to celebrate the founding anniversary of the Society in San Antonio, Texas in 1948. Our 75th Jubilee Theme – Leaning Forward While Looking Back to Enhance Value – captures the essence of a tight community of proficient professionals devoted to executing the military mission with utmost excellence.

The ASMC challenge – and opportunity – for 2023: galvanize our community, enhance value, and grow membership! To deliver this outcome, the 75th Jubilee strategy is chapter-centric given they are the lifeblood embodying the great legacy of ASMC values of competence, leadership, and grit!

More details and ways to get involved this year will be shared soon!

Our celebratory items will be organized across quarterly themes below that reflect the significant impact financial and resource managers have had over the last 75 years [even extending back to the birth of our great nation] and continue to make us strategic value partners to the warfighters to preserve freedom and protect our way of life.

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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/>

Congratulations to our newest Washington Chapter CDFMs!

Yupeng Liu

Tony Lou

John Rutledge

Eric Timko

Arfa Vasim

Fredrick Winfield

While most candidates in the CDFM program are civilian or military/reserve members of the Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps or employees of defense contractors or suppliers, the CDFM program is open to all candidates who have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and meet the following work experience qualifications:

Have the required number of years of defense-related financial management experience outlined below:

- **Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher;** or
- **Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.**

OR

Do not have defense-related financial management experience, but can meet the following criteria outlined below:

- **Four (4) years of Federal government-related financial management experience;** and
- **An Associate's degree or higher.**

There are three steps involved with earning your CDFM:

1. Enroll in the CDFM Program. Your enrollment is valid for two (2) years, during which time you must take, and successfully pass, the three CDFM module examinations.

2. Submit Your Verification of Financial Management Experience Form. This form, which must be signed by a supervisor who can verify your work experience, must be returned to ASMC after enrolling in the CDFM program. You do not have to submit this form prior to taking a CDFM examination, but it is required prior to the awarding of the CDFM designation.

3. Purchase and Schedule the CDFM Examinations. Be sure to carefully – and completely – read the criteria associated with each testing option for the CDFM examinations. Failure to do so can result in the purchase of the wrong CDFM examination and/or the inability to test at your preferred location



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*SEEKING All Audit fans – our Audit Committee needs volunteers to support our Audit Chair - please contact Dave Zavada, Washington Chapter Audit Chair to help out 😊 fun and learn!

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