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Team Redstone,

Thank you for your continued support in ASMC. I want to encourage you to think about coming out to one of the many great events that will be occurring this year. Our Chapter is filled with amazing professionals that are doing absolutely great work across the Arsenal in support of our soldiers and community. This month we got the pleasure of Thompson Gray providing a great run down on “Unleashing the Power of Data with Microsoft Office 365”. These monthly events are a great way to get Continuous Learning Points (CLPs) that could be used in support of your Department of Defense Financial Management (DoDFM) Certification, but most importantly, nothing is more valuable than building relationships with those in the profession. So, come out and meet someone new. You never know who you might work with and for in the future.

Special thanks to our speakers, Todd Johnston and Alan Johnson of Thompson Gray and it was great to see and have Richard Manley join us for lunch. I really appreciate the tremendous support from Thompson Gray and look forward to more engagements in the future. Next month in September we will be providing the membership an opportunity to view via MS Teams a virtual event. This brown bag meeting can be held collectively in your offices



Jeff Bacon
ASMC Redstone – Huntsville,
Chapter President

and/or at your leisure in your home. We all know what madness September brings so wishing all of you the very best as we close the fiscal year and get prepared for FY24.

On October 12th we are planning on having Chris Stockel, Definitive Logic Corporation come to Huntsville to present some new potentially forthcoming capabilities through the utilization of OneStream software. This demonstration may blow your socks off so get ready and mark your calendars. I think this will be a good opportunity for learning as well as networking. I’m looking forward to it!

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EXTERNAL LINKS

- **Local Website:**
asmc-rsa-hsv.org
- **Chapter LinkedIn:**
asmc-rsa-hsv
- **National Website:**
asmconline.org
- **Join ASMC:**
asmconline.org/membership/join/

Continuation of President's Message

If you didn't notice, this past month we have provided an additional way to RSVP for the monthly luncheons via Eventbrite. Be on the lookout and come out!

We are in the process of auditing fiscal records from the previous year and locking down budgets for this term. In addition, Tina Hinze our Training and Education Committee Chair is locking in our Redstone/Huntsville Mini Professional Development Institute (PDI) location and date in February. You will not want to miss this year's event – we are doing it differently and it is going to be by far the best Mini-PDI yet. So, thank you Tina for your continued service and to all the committee members that are assisting with the big day (Amy Reed, Debbie O'Neal, Elizabeth McCullough, Gina Hranilovic, Keedra Harris, Laura Oliver, Khoe Tran, Linda Jackson, DeOnah Young-Norfleet, Stacey Williams, Thaddeus Blake, Blake Thompson, and Petra Taylor). My apologies to those that I may have left off accidentally please know that I will make it right if I did.

I'm still waiting to see if Special Olympics will be a go this year in October – if so, this is a great way to volunteer and meet some of your ASMC family while serving and helping those in need. Rebecca Hunt, the Community Projects Committee Chair got me pumped up with the goal of achieving 1000 service hours for this year. We can do it – we have the right people – right now stepping up to make a difference.

So, I will end this message with one last food for thought and it is a quote from Grant Cardone, "your greatness is limited only by the investments you make in yourself". I hope each and everyone of you are doing well – don't settle for less. Invest in yourself and take full advantage of being part of ASMC. Thank you for what you do every day – what you do is important! If anyone has any questions or is wanting to know how to get more involved with this Chapter, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil.

Jeff Bacon

American Society of Military Comptrollers

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter President

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Announcements & Reminders

Today is a great day to review your **ASMC Membership Profile!** Please visit the ASMC website and update your contact information (email/phone/organization) today. Visit www.asmconline.org We still have some members that have not changed their email address from mail.mil to army.mil. Please review and update your email address ASAP.

ASMC Redstone-Huntsville Chapter Membership Committee:

Madisone Betts, Dana Wilbanks, and Debbie O'Neal



3 Sept - September Board Meeting

10 Sept - September PDE (Virtual)

3 Oct - October Board Meeting

10 Oct - October PDE

Our next **Executive Board Meeting is 3 Sept 2023 at 11:30 AM.**

Please make sure there is a representative from each committee present for the monthly board meeting if at all possible. If you or a representative from your committee are unable to make it, please send your committee updates ahead of time and let one of the officers know you won't be in attendance.



*Virtual attendees will need to provide personal email address to be granted access to Professional Development Events.

**Please note since we are conducting blended meetings, speakers must present at least 50 minutes to earn 1 CPE/CET. The first 30 minutes of the meeting is for those physically attending to allow time to check in and get their meal.

Chapter News Corner

August Monthly PDE

Special thanks to Mr. Todd Johnston, Director of Strategic Growth and Mr. Alan Johnson, Program Manager and Data Analyst of Thompson Gray, Inc who provided an exceptional presentation on “Unleashing the Power of Data with Microsoft Office 365” during our last monthly luncheon.



Attendees



Alan Johnson and Todd Johnston



Kembela McCrary, Kevin Kidd, and Jeff Bacon



Todd Johnston

Membership News Corner

ASMC Personal Impact

Meet Rebecca Hunt! Rebecca Hunt became a member of ASMC – Redstone/Huntsville Chapter in January 2021 and has been a value add to the Redstone Chapter since joining. Mrs. Hunt first learned of ASMC through a colleague who shared the ASMC Comptrollership Magazine with her. She quickly learned of all the things ASMC has to offer, including community outreach, various events, and the opportunity to engage with her peers in a similar career field.



Rebecca enjoys impacting the lives of others and says it makes her feel more authentic. She enjoys volunteering at the Homeless shelters, Soup kitchens and with Senior Helpers and makes it a priority to balance work and serving others. Rebecca has participated in and spearheaded clothing drives and feeding those in need through various settings. It is abundantly clear that Rebecca has a servant's heart, which is why she has served as the chapters Community Projects Chair for two years. At the National ASMC PDI earlier this year, the Redstone Chapter Community Projects was presented with the Community Service Award for having performed the most community service hours of all the ASMC chapters. For 2022, our chapter volunteered over 780 hours of community service. Rebecca's new goal is for the chapter to complete 1,000 hours of service and receive the recognition again at next year's PD.

Since her arrival in Huntsville, Rebecca has held FM positions with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Program Executive Office (PEO) Aviation, Army Materiel Command (AMC) and is currently serving as a as a Civilian Pay Analyst with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA). While serving with USACE, Mrs. Hunt took advantage of the opportunities offered to volunteer for to support Disaster areas. She performed a TDY mission supporting the California Wildfires in Napa Valley California for 47 days. In her current role with MDA, Mrs. Hunt provides quality Civilian pay customer service support to the Missile Defense Agency and its geographically dispersed employees.

One of the highlights Rebecca mentioned in her role as Community Projects Chair was stewardship. Given the limited budget for the committee, Rebecca was able to not only utilize funds to support Heroes Week, but with remaining funds, she was able to provide a monetary donation to support the Kidney Walk, MS Walk and New Futures Shelter in Northwest Huntsville. This accomplishment was personally rewarding for her, the committee and the chapter. We asked Rebecca what advice she would give those new to FM or ASMC and she says, "If you have the opportunity to join ASMC, please join and explore all opportunities within the chapter." Take advantage of the many networking opportunities and join in on reaching across the aisles to serve the less fortunate. "If you want to be a part of something rewarding, join ASMC!"

Thank you Rebecca for all that you do!

Rebecca Hunt

Community Projects Committee Chair

Certifications Committee

CDFM Scholarship Available!

Elsie Steffany Memorial Scholarship Award

- ✦ **Purpose:** This award will recognize one individual who demonstrates exceptional dedication to professional development and clearly committed to public service.

- ✦ **Award Criteria**
 - Entrants must be members in good standing of the American Society of Military Comptrollers at the time of submission and selection.
 - No member will be permitted to be a repeat winner.
 - Nominee must submit an essay of no more than 600 words addressing the following questions:
 - Why is public service in defense financial management important to you?
 - Why is professional development and the pursuit of the CDFM certificate important to you?

- ✦ **Application Process/Deadline** - Essays must be submitted by 31 December to the member's local ASMC chapter. Each ASMC chapter president may submit one nomination.

- ✦ **ASMC Chapter Nomination Deadline** – By 31 December.

Winners will receive email notification by 1 May and results will be posted on the ASMC website.



Certifications Committee

Congratulations to our fellow ASMC Chapter members who recently earned their Certified Defense Financial Management (CDFM) certifications!

Laura Oliver, CDFM awarded January 2023
Whitney Fling, CDFM awarded February 2023
Janet Fallo, CDFM awarded January 2023
Leah DellaCalce, CDFM awarded March 2023



Elizabeth (Liz) McCullough
Certifications Program Committee Chair

Certifications Committee



The Certifications Program Committee is looking for a group of active CDFM credential holders (2 – 3 folks at minimum) who recently obtained their certifications within the last 1 – 2 years and who are interested in volunteering to lead and facilitate the chapter's CDFM Study Groups beginning in Jan 2024 thru May 2024 to prepare CDFM candidates for the examinations. Their services will be rotational with other Modules

1, 2 and 3 facilitators. The study groups will be held for one hour on weekdays during the regular lunch period. All study group attendees will earn 1 CET for their participation and be responsible for having their own study material (EDFMT most preferred).

Point of Contact: Elizabeth McCullough, Chairperson, Certifications Program Committee, at email elizabeth.a.mccullough@usace.army.mil.



Elizabeth (Liz) McCullough
Certifications Program Committee Chair

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Have you attended a monthly PDE and are looking for your training certificate for CET credit?

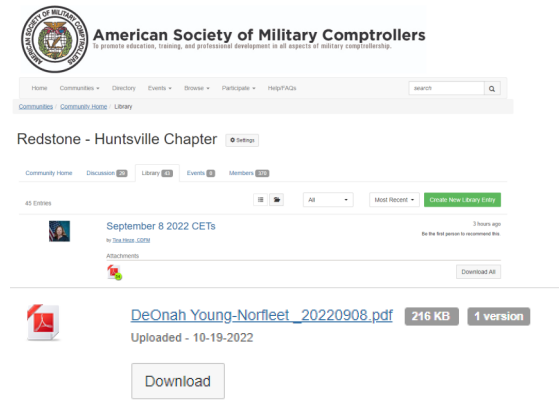
Follow the steps below to download your certificate!

Step 1. Log In to the ASMC Member Portal:

[Redstone - Huntsville Chapter - American Society of Military Comptrollers \(asmconline.org\)](http://asmconline.org)



Step 2. Click on the monthly PDE that you attended



Step 3. Locate your name and click Download

Step 4. Save CET Certificate to your computer.



Webmaster Committee

Membership News Corner

Welcome to Our New Members!!

WELCOME to our new members that have joined the Redstone/Huntsville chapter! We are beyond excited to see what great things you do in your career and in our chapter.

NEW MEMBERS:

Craig Feight (July 2023)

Shella Roberts (July 2023)

hello



Our Chapter appreciates YOU! Please send us your suggestions on anything we can do to make your membership more valuable.

RETIRED MEMBERS:

Retiree Membership recognizes those ASMC members that are “fully retired” and not working in any profession other than occasional volunteer work. Unless requested by the Retiree member, Retirees will remain dues paying members in order to continue receiving a printed copy of the AFC Journal. (Retirees may request to be non-dues paying members and receive online AFC access only.)

2023-2024 Redstone/Huntsville ASMC Membership Committee:

Madisone Betts

Stephanie Russel

Khoe Tran

Community Projects News Corner

2023 Special Olympics

The **Special Olympics** will be held on **17 October 2023** with a rain date of 19 October 2023 at the Milton Frank Stadium.

This is another one of our very special events that has not been held since Covid. We are so glad they are finally getting back to it! This event is worth taking a day's leave and helping these special Athletes.

The mission of the **Special Olympics** is to provide year-round sports, training, and athletic competition to give them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

There will be more information about signing up for this event coming soon!

For questions about this event, please contact Debbie O'Neal, onealdeb@nehp.net 256-783-4724.



***Special
Olympics***

Also, please be on the lookout for more information on the Whistle Stop event held in October!

Rebecca Hunt
Community Projects

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2023 Heroes Week



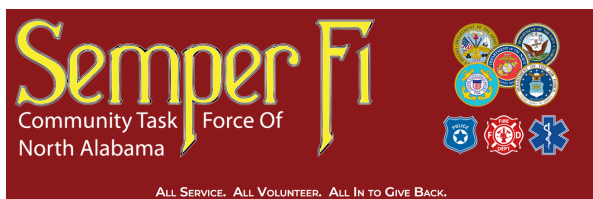
Heroes Week will be held **7-12 November 2023** this year!

What is Heroes Week? It is a program in which veterans, from across the county are brought to Huntsville or North Alabama for a **“Welcome Home”** which many never received due to their injuries.

We are asking for **Volunteers** to work the **Operations Desk /Information Desk**. This desk will be set up at the Westin Hotel a Bridge Street. You can serve a 3-hour slot or more if you wish. **ASMC** supports this event by manning the Operations Desk at the hotel where the guests are staying during the week, providing information, direction, and general support for the event as needed. This is one of our most rewarding events and gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation to these heroes.

There will also be other opportunities to serve, such as the **Welcome** at the Huntsville Airport and motorcade to the Westin Hotel, **Marine Corps Ball**, and **Veterans Day Parade**. This year they are also encouraging every volunteer to attend the **Farewell Dinner, at the Redstone Harley-Davison**.

For additional information and to sign-up to volunteer, please contact **Debbie O’Neal**, onealdeb@nehp.net, phone 256-723-2314 or 256-783-4724.



Rebecca Hunt
Community Projects

Newsletter News Corner



Want to volunteer to help with the newsletter?

Want to contribute articles, pictures or ideas?

Know someone that should be honored for their contribution?

Know someone retiring or that has passed on from our chapter that we should pay tribute to?

Send them to the Newsletter Community Chair, DeOnah Young-Norfleet via email at dyoung-norfleet@bdo.us or deonah.t.young-norfleet.ctr@army.mil.



DeOnah Young-Norfleet

Newsletter Chair

2023-2024 Executive Board and Committees

EXECUTIVE BOARD	OFFICER
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**ASMC Huntsville/Redstone Chapter
2023 - 2024 Chapter Year
Board Meeting Minutes**

July Meeting Date: 6 Jul 2023, 1100, Next meeting scheduled for 3 Aug 2023

Attendees:

Name	Present	Name	Present
Jeff Bacon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Hunt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debbie O'Neal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adriene Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daphne Turner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Madison Betts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keedra Harris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kembela McCrary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laura Oliver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Kari Childress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Tina Hinze	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thaddeus Blake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gina Hranilovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Beth Hodges	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Howe	<input type="checkbox"/>	De'Onah Young Norfleet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth McCullough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petra Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kristin Hinton-Willis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vivian Kimble	<input type="checkbox"/>

Open-up Meeting – Jeff Bacon (President) –

The following personnel were elected to the 2023-2024 Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers:

- President: Mr. Jeff Bacon
- Vice President: Ms. Debbie O'Neal
- Treasurer: Ms. Daphne Turner
- Assistant Treasurer: Ms. Keedra Harris
- Recording Secretary: Ms. Kari Childress
- Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Laura Oliver

One thing that I promise you. I'll be on time, and I will keep this pretty short and sweet, and we will get back to work. We'll get in, get out, and get whatever it is that we need to say said, and then we'll take anything offline if we need to have outside meetings. Thank you, everybody. I'm back. It's good to be back, I'm looking forward to a good year. I think I am re-energized and excited to kind of see where we're headed. I think Colonel Glover did exceptional job from what I could see from the outside. I tried to not get in his way, to advise as much as I possibly could to give him the ability to do what he wanted to do for the chapter. I think he was a great leader as far as recognizing people. Nothing this chapter is done without our committee chair. So, with all that said, I'm looking forward to just kind of picking up where you left off and moving forward in the right direction. One of the most important things that we need to focus on right now is just now that this term has started, is getting our budgets established. We haven't got anybody left here. We need to look at where we are at financially. Are we on budget, off budget where we need to attack. I'll send out an email to everybody to kind of think about their budget

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increase or think about what you wanted to accomplish this year so we can vote on it at our next board meeting.

Financial Reports – Daphne Turner (Treasurer) – Keedra is the assistant treasurer. I've already told her that this year we should be able to get everybody else on the account. Last year there was a hiccup with the minutes, but the minutes are in, and I see it's on there. So Keedra should be able to be on there. And I don't know if you want to be on there or maybe Debbie, but at least one more person, the treasurer, the assistant, and then one more person. I'm going to need a signature to move the names over for the investment because I have not been able to get in there. But as soon as we're able to get those signatures and I can send it in, then I'll be able to update that part. Jeff Bacon stated "establishing budgets, and we need to go ahead and get out kind of the budget template. So probably want to start thinking about and figure out what they want to do this year so we can talk about it next board meeting and vote on it."

As of June, the balance is \$88,047.93. We had checks written in June totaling \$4,195. And I'll send this to everybody. There was a check written. Check. 1829 to Colonel Glover for the ASMC coins. Check. 1830 to Bowman's Enterprises for the Redstone Federal Credit Union. Plaque check written to me for \$60, for \$320. Gift cards from Starbucks for the recruitment winners, check 1832 to Redstone Federal Credit Union to the Atrium paying the luncheon bills. And apparently there was a bill from July of 2022 that we hadn't paid, so that had to be paid. Tamara Bucky gift cards, \$105. Scholarship recipient Jordan Farmer and the other scholarship recipient Briley Lake for \$500. That's where the \$4,195.95 came from. Then we had checks cleared of \$5,195. There is another check out. We had a deposit of \$349, and that's what gave us the 88 47.93. So as of right now, because I don't have a clear picture of the Morgan Stanley account, it's showing \$49,515. But as soon as I get that form signed and can get in there and see what's going on, I'll update all of the months, and then we'll have everything updated.

Attendance/Facilities/Ways & Means – Committee Chair Daphne Turner – No updates at this time.

Audits – Committee Chair Nancy Howe – No updates at this time.

Awards/Scholarship – Committee Chair Adriene Fields – No updates at this time. I look forward to working with you guy and on the committee.

Certification Programs – Committee Chair Elizabeth McCullough – No updates at this time.

Chapter Competition – Committee Chair Debbie O'Neal – Everything is up to date at this time.

Community Projects – Committee Chair Rebecca Hunt –

Constitution/By-Laws – Committee Chair Kari Childress – No updates at this time.

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Early Careerist – Committee Chair Kristen Hinton-Willis – No updates at this time.

Membership/ Corporate – Committee Chair Madisone Betts –

Newsletter/Publicity & Photos – Committee Chair De’Onah Norfleet – Everything is pretty routine month to month to me. The like to see it get sent out a little sooner than towards the end of the month, especially depending on holidays and everything like that. So just a collaborative effort with getting those inputs to be in the newsletter maybe sooner. That way, we can get it reviewed by you and Debbie and get it sent out to the chapter. I try to aim around the 15th of each month to kind of get all those inputs in so that I can update the newsletter and get it prepared for you all to review.

Nominating – Committee Chair Kari Childress – No updates at this time.

Philanthropy – Committee Chair Gina Hranilovic – No updates at this time.

Programs – Committee Chair Petra Taylor – I've reached out to people, asked them. I do have somebody from AMCOM, Mr. Brian Dempsey. He's supposed to get back with me. He just didn't know exactly what month. Petra and Jeff will be getting together soon to start planning the year.

Special Events – Committee Chair Kembela McCrary – No updates at this time.

Training & Education – Committee Chair Tina Hinze – No updates at this time.

Webmaster & Social Media – Committee Chair Thaddeus Blake – No updates at this time.

Close-out Meeting – President Jeff Bacon closed out the meeting.

*****NOTHINFOLLOWS*****

National ASMC News Corner

OCTOBER 26, 2023

DATA ANALYTICS & DECISION SUPPORT VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



Financial Management in the Age of Generative AI

Conference Details

- **Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00AM until 3:45PM

Location: Virtual

Registration Rates

Early Bird Rates – Opens September 6, 2023 until September 30, 2023:

- **\$79** – Government (Member or Non-Member)
- **\$109** – Member (Non-Government)
- **\$169** – Non-Member

Regular Rates – After October 1, 2023:

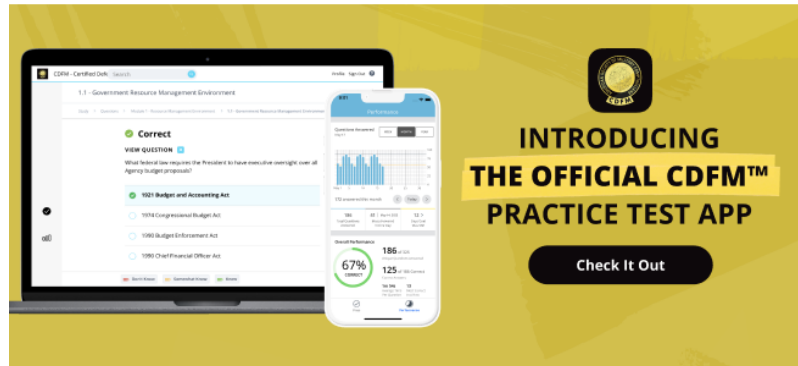
- **\$99** – Government (Member or Non-Member)
- **\$129** – Member (Non-Government)
- **\$189** – Non-Member

Registration link and agenda details will be provided soon.

For more information and to register, click [here!](#)

National ASMC News Corner

The **CDFM Practice Test Mobile App** (also available on web) is an assessment resource for individuals preparing to take the CDFM exams. This tool is designed to help build your confidence and identify areas in which additional exam preparation may be needed.



3 Modules–3 Months–Unlimited Access!

\$59.99 gives you 3 months of 24/7 access to:

- 320+ practice questions in all CDFM exam module 1, 2, and 3 domains.
- 380+ flashcards featuring important acronyms you may encounter on the exams.
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- The CDFM Candidate Handbook and additional resources to help you prepare.
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- An advanced progress-tracking tool that indicates how you are performing on each question and in each domain.
- Mobile App and web access



You can also purchase the CDFM Practice Test on the web from

<https://asmc.builtbyhlt.com/sign-up>.



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