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Team Redstone,

Here we are at the end of the Fiscal Year (FY) wondering where the time has gone and reflecting on all the things that have happened over the course of the year. Crazy to think about as we close the FY and prepare for another great year in FY24. There is always constant change and looking forward to what the new year brings. I’m wishing each of you the best and no stress as we approach year-end!

This past month we were able to lock the 2023-2024 budget for this term. I would like to thank all the Committee Chairs and the Executive Board for coming together to make this a smooth endeavor. There were a lot of great ideas shared (very impressed with the dialogue) and I’m looking forward to seeing how everything plays out and is executed this year. The Chapter is successful because of our great Committee Chairs and all those serving in Leadership roles. I would like to thank Daphne Turner, our Treasurer for staying on point and getting everything locked down this past month.

Financial Audit is underway. I would like to thank our Audit Committee Chair, Nancy Howe in advance for ensuring that we’ve properly recorded and are operating above board reviewing independently our financial records. Look forward to the report for any inconsistencies, inadequacies, improper transactions and/or anything good that it reveals. It is a reminder that we all have fiduciary responsibilities, and we must uphold integrity and accountability.



Jeff Bacon
ASMC Redstone – Huntsville,
Chapter President

Our Awards/Scholarship Committee Chair, Adriene Fields put out an email to the Chapter to recognize a deserving ASMC member for their outstanding work and contributions. Thank you, Adriene, for your support and your committee for the outstanding efforts that you continue to do.

This month, we conducted a Professional Development Event “virtual brown bag” via MS Teams on JFMIP Initiative Update: Blockchain and Strengthening Payment Integrity through Identity Verification. Big kudos to our Webmaster Committee Chair, Thaddeus Blake who led off the event and championed it to the end.

EXTERNAL LINKS

- **Local Website:** asmc-rsa-hsv.org
- **Chapter LinkedIn:** [asmc-rsa-hsv](https://www.linkedin.com/company/asmc-rsa-hsv)
- **National Website:** asmconline.org
- **Join ASMC:** asmconline.org/membership/join/

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Continuation of President's Message

In addition, thank you to our Programs Committee Chair, Petra Taylor & our Training and Education Committee Chair, Tina Hinze for your support in making this possible. With year-end we know that we are limited on time and all I can really say and/or express is these monthly events do allow you an opportunity to gain CLP/CETs that can be used for your DoD FM Certification. That is a good way to not only learn something new, meet someone new, but a great way to get plugged in with those that share your profession.

Coming up next month, a significant and important event scheduled for **Tuesday, 17 October**. One of the best community service projects that we support is the Special Olympics. If you made it this far and are reading this nothing is more important than giving back and helping others. We haven't been able to support this event due to COVID in the past years. So, those that are new and don't know it is a magical experience. It's work, but it is meaningful work with purpose. If that sounds like something you are interested in please reach out to Debbie O'Neal @ onealdeb25@gmail.com, or Khoe Tran @ kqtran1@yahoo.com. The event will take place at Milton Frank Stadium between 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank you, ladies, and a big thanks to our Community Projects Committee Chair, Rebecca Hunt for your leadership and for going above and beyond supporting those in need!

Coming up next month, Definitive Logic will be presenting Data Analytics – OneStream. I hear that it is going to be something you don't want to miss. Please be on the lookout for the program flyer and signup/ come out to lunch. It will be on **Thursday, 12 October** at the Atrium (Redstone Federal Credit Union) off Wynn Drive. Why not?

This past month I received a phone call from someone interested in CDFM and wanting to know more about the program. If you are wanting to take your knowledge to the next level, we can help. Did you know we have study groups? If you have any questions about CDFM please reach out to our Certification Committee Chair, Elizabeth McCullough Elizabeth.a.mccullough@usace.army.mil.

This past month I talked with the President, President Elect, and Treasurer of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA). Soon, I'm trying to link up our financial folks with contracting folks. So, on the horizon please be on the lookout for a joint luncheon and potentially joint social events coming soon.

I can't express enough my appreciation to all those supporting ASMC. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil. Continue to be better than good – be great!

One last shout out and that is to our Publicity and Photo/ Newsletter Committee Chair, De'Onah Young-Norfleet who gets the word out on the street. Thank you for always be on top of things and for getting information out to our Chapter! You continue to impress and are doing an outstanding job!

Jeff Bacon

American Society of Military Comptrollers

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter President

5 Star Chapter

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.asmcconline.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, Khoe Tran and Stephanie Russell



5 Oct - October Board Meeting

12 Oct - October PDE

2 Nov - November Board Meeting

9 Nov - November PDE

Our next **Executive Board Meeting is 5 Oct 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

September Monthly PDE

On September 14, 2023, we conducted a Professional Development Event “virtual brown bag” via MS Teams on JFMIP Initiative Update: Blockchain and Strengthening Payment Integrity through Identity Verification. Big kudos to our Webmaster Committee Chair, Thaddeus Blake who led off the event and championed it to the end.

**September 14, 2023
Professional
Development Event -
Brownbag Training
Session**

**ASMC
Redstone /
Huntsville**

Topic:
JFMIP Initiative Update: Blockchain and Strengthening Payment Integrity through Identity Verification

Speakers:
Taka Ariga, Chief Data Scientist and Director of Innovation Lab, Government Accountability Office (Moderator)
Ram Gollakota, Senior Technologist, Innovation Lab, Government Accountability Office
Andrew Kurtzman, Assistant Director of Innovation Lab, Government Accountability Office
Kevin McDaniels, Senior Advisor, Office of Payment Integrity, Bureau of the Fiscal Service

Membership News Corner

ASMC Personal Impact

Kari Childress has been a member of our Huntsville-Redstone chapter since 2013. Kari was actively involved in several community events with Ms. Debbie O'Neal and quickly became connected to ASMC. One of the best things that she enjoys about our chapter is the networking opportunities, opportunities to serve, and continuing education credits from attending the monthly luncheons.



Kari has served on several committees over the years, including Special Events, Programs, Constitution and Bylaws, Nominating, Ad Hoc and is currently the Recording Secretary. Throughout her membership, she learned over the certification program that ASMC offers, and earned her Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certificate in 2017.

Ms. Childress served in the United States Army for two years as a Petroleum Supply Specialist. Afterwards, she started her DoD Financial Management career working at Missile Defense Agency as a Test Integration Contractor. Shortly afterwards, she applied for the CDP Program where she was involved in the career development series, serving in various roles. Kari spent a few years in Colorado Springs, CO supporting MDA before moving back to the Huntsville area. She currently serves as a member of the Integration Team in the Budget, Integration and Cost Division for Army Materiel Command (AMC) G8.

One of the highlights from her time as a member of ASMC is her involvement with the National PDI. She has enjoyed attending several PDI conferences over the years and being able to assist with the special events held at the National PDI in Atlanta last year. Kari's advice to those that are new to ASMC or DoD is to not be afraid to take chances! Earn your CDFM and continue to earn from one another.

Thanks for all your hard work Kari! We are glad to have you in our chapter!



Kari Childress
Recording Secretary

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



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

Membership News Corner

Announcing new Membership AWARDS

Let's grow our Chapter

Recruitment Awards

MONTHLY
Bring a "non-member" guest and be entered into the drawing for FREE admission for the next PDE

After registering, email your name and guest's name to:
Madisone.betts@mda.mil

QUARTERLY
Member who recruits the most new members—receives a \$50 cash award

Minimum of 2 recruits

Appreciation Award

Monthly drawing from Active membership list — winner receives a FREE ticket to the monthly PDE

Redstone/Huntsville Membership Committee
Madisone Betts
Stephanie Russell
Khoe Tran

2023-2024 Redstone/Huntsville ASMC Membership Committee:

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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 Russell

Khoe Tran

Community Projects News Corner

October Events

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

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.

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



WhistleStop, the Rocket City BBQ Festival, has been a beloved North Alabama tradition since 2001. As a primary fundraising event for the EarlyWorks Children's Museum, the festival raises funds allowing EarlyWorks to expand its offerings and better serve the community over the years.

Click [here](#) for more information!

Join us for Huntsville Hospital Foundation's 20th annual

Liz Hurley Ribbon Run!

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Downtown Huntsville

Click [here](#) to register!



Rebecca Hunt

Community Projects

Community Projects News Corner

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

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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!](#)

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