



# Southside Journal

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## A Message from Our President, Mr. Anthony Starks

I welcome you to our spring issue of the ASMC Chapter newsletter. I am humbled to represent this storied Chapter this year as we mitigate the lasting challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether in the form of adapting to revised processes and increased use of telework or addressing the prolonged insulation from others, the members of this chapter are truly an inspiration. I have had the privilege of watching members support each other personally through sickness and professionally by absorbing additional work to their already bulging workload.

Our annual Mini-PDI Gala is scheduled for March 17, 2022 where we will bring engaging speakers and valuable training through an array of workshops. Attendance will earn Continued Education Training (CET) credits that can be used to support Financial Management (FM) or Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certifications. Also, our members are actively working on exciting strategies to learn from others, encourage collaboration, and to make new acquaintances. I would be remised not to commend the hard work performed our elected officers and volunteers. And I look forward to upcoming events and the opportunity to meet new friends and colleagues as COVID-19 conditions begin to improve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We are always looking for new voices with innovative ideas and suggestions to improve and grow the Chapter.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you.

## Upcoming Events

- Annual Mini-PDI  
March 17, 2022
- High School Scholarship  
Applications due  
March 17, 2022
- Chapter Competition Due  
to Marina Goode March  
31st
- Richmond Raceway April  
2, 2022
- Last Saturday of the  
month, "Feed the Hungry"
- Chapter Meetings held the  
first Thursday of the  
month from 11:30-12:30

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### Chapter Website

[www.asmcsouthsideva.org](http://www.asmcsouthsideva.org)

"Life happens. Adapt.  
Embrace change and make the  
most of everything that comes  
your way."  
- Nick Jonas



## 23rd Virtual Mini-PDI: “MODERNIZATION of FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT”

Please remember, this is an all-day event and will be held on

**Wednesday, March 17, 2022,  
8:30 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.,  
on our virtual platform  
MS Teams.**

You will receive up to 6 CETs credits that you can use toward your FM Certification and/or CDFM.

Deadline to register or cancel will be March 15, 2022.

**Cost for members - \$10  
Cost for non-members - \$30**

If you have any questions please contact Nisha Dowdell at [nisha.r.dowdell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nisha.r.dowdell.civ@mail.mil)

Workshop #1:  
“Leveraging Data for Decision Support”

Workshop #2:  
“Dare to Win the Cost of Not Taking Risks”

Workshop #3:  
“Navigating Your FM Career”

Workshop #4:  
“Resource and Workload Modeling at DCMA”

Workshop #5:  
“Accelerating Change and Transformation Through Knowledge Management Solutions”

Workshop #6:  
“Data Analytics”

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**DUE MARCH 17, 2022!**

The chapter will be awarding high school seniors scholarships up to \$1000.00. Please see the chapter's website for more details.

<https://www.asmcsouthsideva.org/asmc-scholarship-program>



## Member Highlight

***Congratulation Grant Hampton on your CDFM Certification February 6th, 2022***

## Community Service

**“FEED the HUNGRY”**



Last Saturday of the month from 12-4pm at the

United Methodist Church

22 E Washington St, Petersburg, VA Sign up with Cathy Dale at [Cathy.j.dale.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Cathy.j.dale.civ@mail.mil)

***Southside ASMC wants to congratulate Margaret Richardson and Nadine Williams on their retirements late 2021.***

## NASCAR Toyota Care 250 at the Richmond Raceway

**April 2, 2022 arrive at 08:30 am**



We will be working the Richmond Raceway to raise money for our scholarship program.

Any ASMC members, family members or friends above the age of 18 are eligible to work the race for us as an usher.

Sign up NLT March 22, 2022 with Mark Patterson at 804-734-8000, x48765 or [Mark.patterson@deca.mil](mailto:Mark.patterson@deca.mil)

## Past Chapter Meetings

For full details of the chapter meetings click here

- Feb. 2022 Treasurer discussed outstanding accounts receivables. Community Service suggestions requested. Scholarship allocations sent to schools for applicants. Mini-PDI details finalized.
- Jan. 2022 Creation/updating Chair Handbooks Chapter competition status and areas of improvements discussed. Communication: Need volunteers to highlight in newsletter and website; finalized Mini PDI details for website. Scholarships: voted on awarding same amount as 2021. Checking to see if chapter qualifies for Amazon Smiles.
- Dec. 2021 Holiday gathering details arranged and finalized. Mini-PDI: asked boards for leads on speakers and themes. Also discussed workshop formats.

### **Nominate an ASMC Southside Member for an Award**

**Iron Pillar Award  
Inspiring Leader Award  
Volunteer Award  
Newcomer Award**

## Become a Member – It’s Worth it!!!

ASMC members have exclusive access to some exciting new content, beginning with Engage.

Engage is a valuable online professional collaboration tool, available to ASMC members and chapters. And as always, ASMC members receive quarterly issues of the AFC, Armed Forces Comptroller journal.

ASMC membership is available to individuals who have been or are employed in defense financial management, as active duty or civilian personnel for DoD or USCG.

ASMC membership is also available to persons who do not meet the above qualifications, but demonstrate an involvement or interest in the defense

financial management field.

**BECOME A MEMBER**

### Want to become a member?

Contact Mark Patterson at [mark.patterson@deca.mil](mailto:mark.patterson@deca.mil) or 804-734-8000 X48765 or any Southside VA ASMC Chapter Board Member

[Membership Application](#)

#### National ASMC

##### ASMC News

<https://asmconline.org/>

##### ASMC Journal

<https://asmconline.org/resources/afc-journal>

##### ASMC Training

<https://asmconline.org/pd/training/>

##### ASMC Scholarships

<https://asmconline.org/membership/awards/scholarship/>

## Become Part of the Elite 13% of CDFMers

The Certified Defense Financial Manager™ (CDFM) credential, offered exclusively by the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC), is the premier certification recognizing the verified competency, professionalism, and expertise of defense financial managers. The CDFM is more



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than a designation behind your name. The preparation for—and successful completion of—the required examinations provides certificants with broad knowledge across a range of disciplines. Whether a DoD employee or an individual in the private sector, the CDFM Program exposes you to the fundamentals you need to succeed in the defense financial management field.

Contact National ASMC at [certification@asmconline.org](mailto:certification@asmconline.org) to learn more about the CDFM.

## Professional Development Opportunities

### March 15 from 12:00-13:00

Overview of the Antideficiency Act (ADA). Analysis of all ADA violations reported from 2005-2019 – by agency, cause, and discipline imposed on those found responsible. Preventing ADA violations.

<https://asmconline.org/pd/the-antideficiency-act-what-not-to-do/>

### April 4-5 at 08:00

CDFM Module I Refresher Course includes 14-hours of virtual, instructor-led, training covering Defense Resource Management Environment content.

### April 7-8 at 08:00

CDFM Module 2 Refresher Course includes 14-hours of virtual, instructor-led, training covering Defense Resource Management Environment content.

### April 25-29 at 08:00

The Virtual Instructor-Led EDFMTC

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course is a 5-day, 40-hour, intensive financial review course. It is taught in three modules.

1. Resource Management Environment
2. Budget and Cost Analysis
3. Accounting and Finance

#### Past Chapter Training Opportunities

Feb. 2022	“Leadership Growth through Self Examination”
Jan. 2022	“Government Audit Process”
Dec. 2021	“Operating Under Continuing Resolution”

# Southside Virginia ASMC

To provide professional development and promote ethical behavior in all aspects of Military comptrollership.

We are a non-profit educational and professional organization for both military and civilian personnel. Southside Virginia ASMC promotes the education and training of its members.

Also, we support the development and advancement of military comptrollership. Our society provides programs to keep members well-informed on current events, and we encourage the exchange of information, techniques and procedures. We meet monthly to plan all future events, community service, and luncheons. Our group engages in community service projects locally.

This chapter provides scholarship opportunities to local high school students every year.

## Chapter Website

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## 2021-2022 Executive Board

### Appointed Officers

President:	Anthony Starks	<a href="mailto:anthony.d.starks.civ@mail.mil">anthony.d.starks.civ@mail.mil</a>
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### Committee Chairs

Chapter Competition	Marina Goode
Communication	Yoenid Gordon
Community Service	Cathy Dale
Membership	Mark Patterson
Programs	Open
Education & Training	Open
Scholarships & Awards	Nisha Dowdell
Ways & Means	Mark Patterson

