



SOUTHSIDE JOURNAL



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MS. NISHA DOWDELL

Happy Birthday Southside, our Chapter celebrates 45 years! We have had an eventful year thus far, since hosting an in-person training opportunity for the first time in three years and conducting the 3rd virtual Mini-PDI. Ms. Audrey Y. Davis, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and National American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) President visited Fort Lee in January and graciously presented information regarding "The Benefits of Being an ASMC Member." A lasting message from Ms. Davis' presentation should be a reminder for everyone, "thought leadership starts within." Thank you all for applying thought leadership and for attending the Southside Virginia ASMC Chapter 24th Virtual Mini-PDI "Analytics-The Measure of Tomorrow."



NISHA DOWDELL
Southside ASMC President

This year's event was a huge success with over 180 attendees. As Financial Managers, analyzing data is critical in the decision-making process. The only thing constant in a financial community, is change. Each presenter shared how the use of descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive analytics enhanced their organizations. The phenomenal presenters were: Mr. Rich Brady, CEO ASMC; Ms. Christine Frey, Director, Overseas Financial Operations Resource Management, DeCA; SFC Singh, Senior Budget Manager RDT&E (S&T), Army Futures Command; Ms. Kristin Riesbeck; SES, Director, Human Capital & Resource Management, OUSDC, Pentagon; Mr. Jason Buys, Comptroller, DLA Richmond; Mr. Shea McCullough, Financial Systems Analyst, DLA Richmond; and Tyler Duran, IT Portfolio Manager & Alexander Garner, Cost and Data Analyst, Augur Consulting. This event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the executive board and committee. I would like to acknowledge those who were instrumental in executing our 24th Mini-PDI: Mrs. Megan Truong, CASCOM Vice President; Ms. Cathy Dale, DCMA Vice President; Mrs. Marina Goode, DeCA Vice President; Mr. Shea McCullough, DLA Vice President; Mrs. Simone Woodford, IMCOM Vice President; Mrs. Lisa Headrick, Secretary; Mrs. Monica Rakes, Treasurer Mr. Mark Patterson, Membership Chair; Ms. Wanda West, Programs Chair; Mrs. Shanna Burnette, Awards & Scholarship Chair; and Mrs. Yoenid Gordon, Media and Publications Chair.

WELCOME

**David Adam, DCMA
& Naquel Perry,
DeCA**

Won 1 a free year ASMC membership from Mr. Rich Brady, National ASMC CEO, during our 24th Mini-PDI.

Congratulations and welcome to the new members of the Southside VA ASMC Chapter!

Please send any topic suggestions you may have for monthly training to asmcsouthsideva2@gmail.com. Your suggestions will be discussed at the executive committee meetings.

Ms. Nisha R. Dowdell, CDFM-A
President, ASMC Southside VA Chapter

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FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the Chapter's Website



www.asmcsouthsideva.org

CHAPTER NEWS

24TH ANNUAL MINI-PDI "ANALYTICS: THE MEASURE OF TOMORROW"

On March 16, 2023, the ASMC Southside Chapter held its 24th Annual Mini-PDI.

It was a huge success with 180 attendees. We had 7 AMAZING workshops covering an array of topics related to data such as data as a new currency, how to use science and technology to improve your data, how to make data work for you and how to present it.

If you attended the 2023 Mini-PDI, please fill out the surveys for the workshops attended to get your CPE credits.

**NEXT MINI-PDI MARCH 21, 2024
SAVE THE DATE**

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Megan Truong is the new CASCOM Vice President.
- Marina Goode is the new DeCA Vice President.
- Yoenid Gordon started a new position at DLA as a Business Analyst.

Volunteer With Us! FEED THE HUNGRY

The Southside ASMC chapter volunteered at the United Methodist Church in Petersburg, VA on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Our members prepared and served meals to those in need.

Thank you for volunteering.
From Left to right: Nisha Dowdell, Shea's Family member, Shea Mccullough, Doris Northington, Wanda West, Mark Patterson, Cathy Dale and Daisy Garcia (not in photo)



BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ASMC SOUTHSIDE CHAPTER

As an ASMC member, you become connected to a global community of defense resource management personnel. Regardless of where you are in your career, 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: <https://www.asmcsouthsideva.org/services-9>

BE PART OF IT

SOUTHSIDE ASMC *Sip & Paint Night*

**MORE INFORMATION
TO COME!!!**

We will be having a paint night fundraiser for our high school scholarship program.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NEWS

GOVERNMENT AUDITOR CONCERNED ABOUT 'FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WEAKNESSES' AS DEBT CEILING CRISIS LOOMS

The Government Accountability Office said Thursday that it could not issue an opinion on the reliability of the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements as the debt ceiling crisis looms.

Gene Dodaro, the U.S. comptroller general and head of the GAO, said it was especially concerning that the agency could not issue an opinion because there are domestic and international challenges that face the U.S. government. These include the debt ceiling crisis, climate crisis and immigration crises, and aid for Ukraine.

To read more visit:

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/economy/government-auditor-concerned-about-management-weakness-debt-ceiling>

ADVANCES IN EFFORTS TO RESHAPE FEDERAL FISCAL SERVICES

The Bureau of the Fiscal Service reports progress in efforts to modernize the government's fiscal management processes and practices.

The bureau, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and manages the government's accounting and payment systems, released its "Progress Statement 2022, The Future of Federal Financial Management."

The report provides an update on the bureau's progress implementing financial services that are "more efficient, more accurate, and deliver a better customer experience to the American public" as outlined in the 2018 version of the report.

In addition to providing a more streamlined, seamless, and modern experience for customers, the bureau says it wants to deliver services that will allow agency chief financial officers (CFOs) to refocus their attention from financial transaction processing to program performance, measurement, and reporting.

To read more visit: <https://fedmanager.com/news/advances-in-efforts-to-reshape-federal-fiscal-services>

THE BUSINESS OF DEFENSE

The U.S. defense industry is large, complex, and competitive. It is also lucrative for those companies able to navigate it successfully. The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) helps to bridge the gap between the boardroom and the battlefield, while supporting transformation in the defense sector. "The Business of Defense" Podcast brings you inside the companies working to achieve this, to hear directly from the business leaders, and to understand how they create value for their companies and their customers.

To read more visit: <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/shows/the-business-of-defense/>

ASMC RESPONSE TO STATUS UPDATE FROM CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, AND EXECUTION (PPBE) REFORM

ALEXANDRIA, VA / ACCESSWIRE / March 15, 2023 / The Congressional Commission on PPBE Reform (Commission) released a Status Update report on March 2, 2023. The Status Update provides information on the Commission's activities since it was established in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022. The Commission has gained valuable insights into how the PPBE process works from various stakeholder viewpoints as it proceeds on a roadmap toward an Interim Report in August 2023 and Final Report in March 2024.

The ASMC PPBE Reform Task Force (Task Force) reviewed and discussed the report with great interest. The Task Force applauds the Commission for its transparency into its activities and engagements to date. Moreover, the Task Force is encouraged by the wide range of inputs the Commission has received from the government sector, private sector, and academia, including from the Task Force itself.

To read more visit: <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/asmc-response-status-congressional-commission-140000340.html>

NATIONAL ASMC

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.

75 YEAR

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!

SPECIAL 75TH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD!

75th Anniversary

Membership Award

This special anniversary award recognizes ASMC members for outstanding accomplishment within the quarterly themes of the ASMC 75th anniversary jubilee. Nomination is through an ASMC chapter and is based on any minimum six-month period of time, spanning the 75-year history of ASMC!

For details visit the link below:

<https://asmconline.org/news/read-all-about-our-special-75th-anniversary-membership-award/>

MAINTAIN YOUR DOD FM & CDFM WITH BECKER!

ASMC is joining Becker Professional Education to bring you a new way of accessing the educational resources you need to help advance your career. Becker's Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses can provide the professional development you need and earn the CET credits required to maintain DoD FM Certification Program (DFMCP), CDFM, CPA, CGFM, CMA, CIA and other professional certifications. And for a limited time, Becker is offering ASMC members a 20% discount for On-Demand Subscription Courses!

For more information visit:

<https://asmconline.org/pd/offers-from-asmc-partners/becker-online-cpes/>



American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) is happy to announce our hybrid Professional Development Institute (PDI) in 2023! PDI is ASMC's premier training event and will be held in-person at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri from May 31 – June 2, 2023, with a virtual option available for those that attend remotely.

The PDI 2023 program will include General and Service Day sessions, mini-courses, and workshops that will focus on defense financial management competency areas. Speakers will discuss current issues in DoD and US Coast Guard financial management operations. Most importantly, the Mini-courses will provide participants the opportunity to obtain direct credit toward meeting certain DoD FM Certification requirements at Levels 2 and 3 of the program.

For more information visit: <https://www.pdi2023.org>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**ENHANCE YOUR CAREER THROUGH THE PROGRAMS BELOW.
YOU WILL STAND OUT!!!**

EDFMT 17-21 APRIL 2023

The Virtual Instructor-Led EDFMT Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course is a 5-day, 40-hour, intensive financial review course. It is taught in three modules: Resource Management Environment, Budget and Cost Analysis, and Accounting and Finance

The EDFMT courses will be delivered exclusively by Management Concept, Inc.

For more details visit: <https://asmconline.org/event/virtual-edfmtc-17-21-april-2023/>

FISCAL LAW 24-26 APRIL 2023

This course will principally cover Chapters 3, 5 and 6 of the GAO Redbook with particular emphasis on the three principal elements of Fiscal Law; the use of appropriated funds. Topics covered: Nature of appropriations law; Legislative history of appropriation and authorizations; brief review of agency rules and regulations; application of the Necessary Expense Doctrine; Attendance at Meeting and Conventions; Food for Government Employees; Gifts and Awards; Personal Expenses and Furnishings; Personal Qualification Expenses; Wearing Apparel; State and Local Taxes; Bonafide Needs Rule and the providing of Services; Advance Payments; Disposition of Appropriation Balances; Types of Appropriations; Anti-deficiency Act and Violations that lead to erroneous payments; Voluntary Services; Appropriation Augmentation; the Economy Act; Gifts and Donations.

For more details visit: <https://asmconline.org/event/fiscal-law-24-26-april-2023/>

BLOB

Budget Line of Business (BLoB) is a partnership between the Department of Education Program Management Office, the Budget Systems Branch at the Office of Management and Budget, and over two dozen Partner Agency budget offices focused on developing solutions to complex budget issues.

For more information visit: <https://budgetlob.max.gov/Home.html>

CDFM

Propel your career forward as a Certified Defense Financial Manager. ASMC offers the 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: <https://asmconline.org/CDFM/enroll/>

CFOA

U.S. Chief Financial Officer Academy (CFOA) offers graduate-level courses and services for middle-to senior-level personnel in the government financial management community to prepare them to create and lead 21st century government organizations

For more information visit: <https://cic.ndu.edu/Shared-Media-Manager/Academics/Graduate-Programs/Chief-Financial-Officer-Program/>

DOD-EC

The Department of Defense Expeditionary Civilian (DoD-EC) program allows civilians to apply their capability, experience, and knowledge as a crucial part of helping DoD accomplish its mission abroad.

For more information visit: <https://www.dcpas.osd.mil/policy/expeditionarycivilians>

FM STARS

FM STARS participants advance their breadth of knowledge and experience by being immersed in a different organizational environment. Participating organizations benefit from improved effectiveness, through exposure to best practices and alternate FM solutions. Provides the participant with a better understanding of the larger operational environment; and increases understanding of various individual roles in support of the DoD FM mission. Access via FM Online.

For more information visit: <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/PDP/Default.aspx>

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