



Southside Journal

President's Message

Greetings,

As the year ends, I would like to take a moment to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation for each one of you. It has been an extraordinary year filled with countless achievements, growth, and collaboration.



I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together as a chapter. We have truly made a difference from organizing successful training events and workshops to making a positive impact in our community. Your commitment, dedication, and passion have been instrumental in our collective success.

During this holiday season, I encourage you to take some time to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with your loved ones. It is a time to reflect on our accomplishments and set new goals for the upcoming year. Let us also remember those who are less fortunate and find ways to spread joy and kindness.

As we look forward to the new year, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our chapter. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence, foster a supportive community, and make a lasting impression.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. May this holiday season be filled with love, joy, and peace. Thank you for your unwavering support, and I am truly grateful to have you as part of our Southside VA ASMC Chapter.

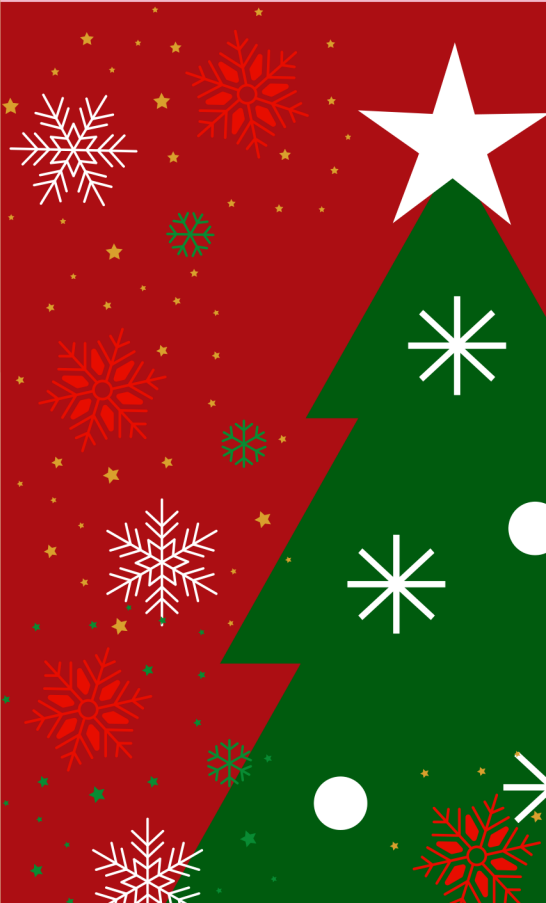
Happy holidays!

Warm regards,

Nisha R. Dowdell, CDFM-A
Chapter President

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JINGLE, JINGLE, JINGLE...IT'S TIME FOR US TO MINGLE!

Southside ASMC Annual Holiday Celebration

“Invest in Yourself”

Guest Speaker

MARINA GOODE

Resource Analyst, DeCA

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

In-person
1 CET

50/50
RAFFLE

DECA

Complimentary Appetizers, Table games, and more.

Lucas Italian Restaurant
6411 Courthouse Road, Prince George, VA

Limited to 50 people-RSVP Required by December 1st
RSVP with Monica Rakes (Monica.Rakes@deca.mil)

Southside VA and AGA VA Peninsula Chapters Present

Guest Speaker

MARISOL CRUZ CAIN

Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity,
U.S. Government Accountability Office.

January 18, 2024

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

1 CET

Virtual Training through MS Teams

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To register for a CET training, please contact your organization's Vice President (VP).
See your VP on page 11.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAPTER'S GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mark Patterson Continuing Education Grant

Are you advancing your career through education? Can you use some financial help? Apply for the Mark Patterson Grant, this is a \$500 grant. For the requirements visit, www.asmcsouthsideva.org/copy-of-awards

Application due December 31, 2023

NOMINATE A MEMBER TODAY

The Southside Chapter offers awards to those member who demonstrate the Chapters core values. We offer 3 awards.

Nominate a member or yourself.

The Iron Pillar Award

The Inspiring Leader Award

Southside Virginia Achievement Award

For the requirements visit, www.asmcsouthsideva.org/copy-of-awards

Nominations due December 31, 2023

High School Student Scholarships

Do you have or know a high school senior, graduating in 2024? Then apply for the Southside ASMC High School Senior Scholarship.

We will be accepting applications in 2024.



For the requirements visit,
www.asmcsouthsideva.org/scholarship-program

CONGRATULATIONS, ON YOUR RETIREMENT!



Mrs. CYNTHIA MORGAN

Chief Financial Officer/Director Resource Management

Southside ASMC wishes you a retirement filled with joy, peace, and relaxation. You have given us so much, it's time for you to reap the rewards.

Congratulations on your retirement! Here's to many years of fun and adventure.

Cynthia L. Morgan is the chief financial officer/director resource management for the Defense Commissary Agency, headquartered at Fort Lee, VA. Mrs. Morgan is responsible for all financial aspects of the agency's retail sales and operating budgets. This includes budget oversight of approximately \$5 billion in DeCA resale funds, \$1.4 billion in operating funds and over \$200 million in commissary surcharge funds, annually.

DeCA has approximately 15,000 employees serving in a headquarters and five area offices supporting 236 commissaries located in 13 countries around the world. She also serves as the agency liaison with the Office, Secretary of Defense, Comptroller's Office and the Defense Finance and Accounting Services.

Mrs. Morgan previously served as budget officer where she managed the agency's budget policy, requirements, analysis, execution and manpower activities. Before that assignment she worked as director of accounting, where she managed the reporting of the agency's financial statements, financial audit and financial operations.

Mrs. Morgan has 36 years of experience within the financial management community with DeCA, DFAS and DLA.



MR. STEPHAN DAVIS

DIRECTOR, BUDGET AND MANPOWER DIVISION
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, DECA

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, Mr. Davis was presented with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in Senior Staff. He stated "It is a great honor, I am humbled to receive it." Mr. Davis viewed this as a team effort and thanked his team at DeCA.



MR. MICHAEL MOYERS

CHIEF OF HEADQUARTERS BUDGET, DECA/ SOUTHSIDE VA PRESIDENT ELECT

Mr. Moyers was born and raised in a very small town (less than 2,500 people) in rural West Virginia.

- 1992 -1996 Entered the US Coast Guard Academy and graduated with a BS in Government
- 1996-1998 Served as the Weapons and Combat Information Officer in CGC HARRIET LANE, home-ported in Portsmouth, VA
- 1998-2001 Served as Law Enforcement Detachment Officer in Charge TACLET North, home-ported in Portsmouth, VA
- 2001-2003 Served as Operations Officer CGC BEAR. All of these units were home-ported in Portsmouth, VA (1996-2003 ventured all of the Caribbean and eastern Pacific.)
- 2003-2005 Assigned as Commanding Officer CGC LIBERTY, Juneau AK
- 2005-2009 Assigned as a portfolio manager at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC, where I was responsible for Planning, Programming and Budgeting the Coast Guard's annual O&M budget submissions.
- 2009-2011 Returned to sea in CGC SPENCER as Executive Officer Boston, MA. His duties again took mMr. Moyers all over Central/South America from the tip of Argentina to as far north as Iceland and everywhere in between.
- 2011-2016 He spent the remainder of his career back at CG Headquarters, working on CG Budgets. My largest project at that time was the National Security Cutter (NSC), which is the CG's largest and at the time newest fleet of ships, bringing the CG up to date with technology and capability.
- 2016-2018 Following his retirement, Mr. Moyers landed a contracting job at the Navy Yard, Washington DC, working for KPMG under the FIAR contract on government audits.
- 2018-2020 He moved to Richmond area and worked for DLA under another KPMG contract
- 2020-2022 Started working at DCMA as a Budget Analyst
- 2022-2023 He accepted a position with DeCA as the Chief of Store Ops Execution
- 2023. Moved lateraled to the Chief of HQ Budget, also with DeCA RM.



Happy 60th Birthday Wanda West!



On December 1st, our program chair celebrated her 60th birthday.
Ms. West hope you have a blessed birthday.
We wish you many more to come.

Chapter News: Annual Mini-PDI-6

Southside Virginia ASMC & AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapters Present



25th Annual MINI PDI



“Crossing the Financial Bridge **TOGETHER**”

EARN 7 CETS

MARCH 21, 2024

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET

VIRTUAL EVENT (MS TEAMS)

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE

Early-bird

DISCOUNT

**REGISTER
BY
FEBRUARY
22, 2024**

Registration link will be available December 18th.

POC: Jennifer Goodson, Jennifer.goodson@deca.mil

Join ASMC and become a member to avail registration discounted rate!

Become a Member Today

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.ASMCSOUTHSIDEVA.ORG/SERVICES-9](https://www.asmcsouthsideva.org/services-9)

Chapter News: Community Service Opportunities-7

JOIN THE SOUTHSIDE CHAPTER

in distributing food to those in need.

Saturday, January 27, 2024

J.A. Chalkley Elementary School
3301 Turner Road, Chesterfield, VA

Dress warmly as this is an outside event.



Past Community Service Events

TRUNK OR TREAT

On October 29, 2023 the Southside VA ASMC Chapter volunteered at the Westcreek Hardywood Trunk-or-Treat in support of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now). We had 11 members and 9 family and friends come out to support the event.

Our members decorated a trunk, donated over 25 bags of candy and treats, and volunteered their time to handout candy to over 300 children.



THANK YOU *Thank you* SO MUCH!

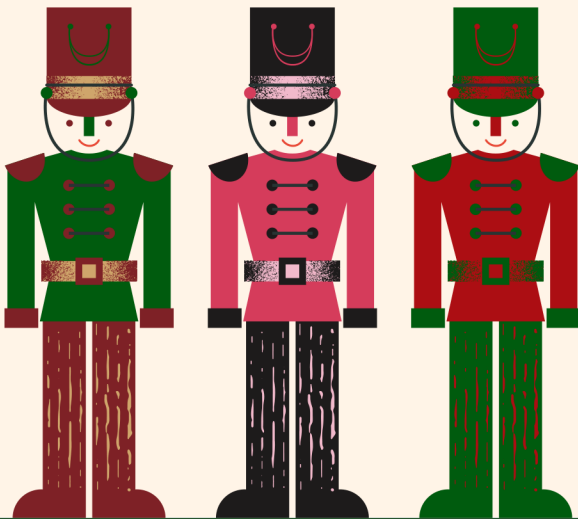
Lisa Headrick
Marina Goode
Nisha Dowdell
Shanna Burnett
Kyerra Leonard
Mark Patterson
Rosie Leonard-Greer
Yoenid Gordon and Family
Nikiesha Roney and Family
Shea McCullough and Family
Stacey DeCordova and Family

Simone Woodford
Erica Chambliss
Stephan Davis
Megan Truong
Wanda West

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On Saturday, November 18, 2023 the Southside VA ASMC Chapter volunteered with the Chesterfield Food Bank at Virginia State Multipurpose Center. Here our members and their families collected and delivered groceries to hand out to families. Our chapter continues to give their time to serve those in need.

Thank you for coming out and supporting the Southside VA ASMC Chapter!



↓ IF YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR ↓

Yoened Gordon at yoened.gordon@dla.mil



KEY DEFENSE FINANCIAL
PRIORITIES FOR 2024

PROGRAM/BUDGET SUMMIT 2024

January 18 | Arlington, VA

Thursday, January 18, 2024
12:00PM ET – 8:00PM ET

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel
900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA

To Register visit: <https://asmconline.org/pd/program-budget-summit/>

The 2nd annual Program/Budget Summit (P/BS) will bring together defense financial management professionals from the government and commercial sectors to discuss the key issues facing defense financial management in 2024.

Through discussions, participants will discover how to identify opportunities, mitigate risks, and develop innovative solutions to address the most pressing needs in defense financial management today.



ASMC

PDI 2024

BUILDING UNITY IN THE FM COMMUNITY

Phoenix, AZ

May 29-31, 2024



Join ASMC for this fantastic opportunity to learn and interact with participants from Service HQs and major commands, and to collaborate with leadership and peers. This event also showcases individuals and teams recognized by ASMC for their excellent contributions to the field of defense financial management in 2024. The PDI 2024 program will include general and Community Day sessions, mini-courses, and sessions focused on multiple defense financial management competency areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
<https://www.pdi2024.org>

Professional Development

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| <p>Fiscal Law</p> | <p>January 30- February 1, 2024 and April 23-25, 2024 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 under 31 USC 1301, under 31 USC 1502, and 31 UCS 1341/1517. To Register Visit: https://asmconline.org/event/fiscal-law-30-jan-1-feb-2024/</p> |
| <p>CDFM Refreshers: Modules 1-3</p> | <p>If you are looking to take the CDFM Refresher courses, National ASMC will be hosting them in February. For more information visit the links below. https://asmconline.org/event/cdfm-module-1-refresher-course-february-13-14-2024/ https://asmconline.org/event/cdfm-module-2-refresher-course-february-15-16-2024/ https://asmconline.org/event/cdfm-module-3-refresher-course-february-20-21-2024/</p> |
| <p>Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course</p> | <p>Explore the areas of Defense financial management beyond your current daily responsibilities to understand the big picture and help ensure more cohesive financial management operations. To Register Visit: www.managementconcepts.com/course/id/5620</p> |
| <p>BLOB Budget Line of Business</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>CDFM Certified Defense Financial Manager</p> | <p>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/</p> |
| <p>CFOA</p> | <p>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/</p> |
| <p>DOD-EC Department of Defense Expeditionary Civilian</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>FM Stars</p> | <p>Get 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</p> |

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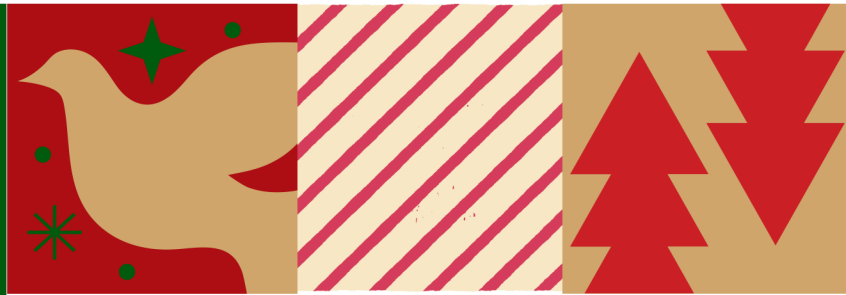
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