



Southside Journal



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 45 years

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT,

MS. NISHA DOWDELL

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the warm weather. As we move into the last quarter of Term 2022-2023, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and update you on some of the exciting things happening in the chapter.

Firstly, I am thrilled to announce that scholarships were awarded to seven deserving local High School students last month at our Annual Scholarship Luncheon, see page 3.

Additionally, our membership has grown significantly over the past few months. We have welcomed many new members, and we are excited to have them join our chapter. I strongly encourage every member to reach out to someone who is not a member and share the benefits of joining ASMC. Once upon a time, while attending a lunch and learn, a colleague shared her reasons for being a member. I immediately joined and have been a member for nine years. My main reason is training with like-minded professionals. There are over 55,000 DoD Financial Managers and surprisingly, less than 50% are affiliated with ASMC.

Secondly, we have some exciting events planned for June and the upcoming months. We are hosting a Paint Night where the proceeds go towards the scholarship fund. This should be an evening of fun where we can connect with each other, show our creative skills, and share plenty of laughs. We will also continue to host virtual training opportunities to earn CETs.

In addition to these events, we are working on several initiatives to support our members starting July 2023. We are developing an early careerist program to connect members with experienced professionals in their field. Study groups will be created upon request to assist members preparing for their CDFM exams.

Finally, I would like to remind members that our chapter is always looking for volunteers to help with events and initiatives. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support of our chapter. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Please send any topic ideas you may have for monthly training to asmcsouthsideva2@gmail.com and it 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

Sip and Paint Night SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

FROM 5-7 PM

Come out for a great night of Painting,
food and drinks with fellow FMers

*\$25
per person*

(FOOD AND BEVERAGES NOT INCLUDED IN COST)

Cesare's Ristorante & Pizza
13301 Rivers Bend Blvd., Chester, VA



Make Payments via Cash App (\$Yoenid) to
Yoenid Gordon. For other arrangements email Yoenid.Gordon@dla.mil

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA
CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

2023 National ASMC Awards

Distinguished Overall Chapter Competition
Five Star Rating
Community Service Excellence
A Category Distinguished Communication

Volunteers Needed for the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series Race at the Richmond Raceway

JULY 29, 2023 - 11AM-5PM
JULY 30, 2023 - 12-6 PM
10 PEOPLE PER SHIFT



Please come out and volunteer with us
at the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series Race.
The races at the Richmond Raceway are
our main fund raising events. The
proceeds go towards the scholarships
the chapter awards each year to
deserving graduating high school
students.

To sign up, please email Mark Patterson at
mark.patterson@deca.mil.

**Space is limited and 100% commitment is required
due to the need of the event.**

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

NISHA DOWDELL



Congratulations to National ASMC
Category A 2023 Recruiter of the Year, our
President, Nisha Dowdell, President of
Southside ASMC chapter.

This award is given to the one member in
each chapter size category who recruited
the highest number of new members.

MARK PATTERSON



ASMC Southside
Chapter 2023
Volunteer of the year
goes to Mr. Mark
Patterson. His
dedication to our
chapter is unparallel.
Thank you Mark for
your continuous
support of the
Southside chapter
volunteer events.

SHEA MCCULLOUGH

Defense Logistic Agency Vice President, Mr.
Shea McCullough, graduated from OSD
Advana U Pilot BusinessAnalyst Training
Cohort 2

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/s
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CONGRATULATIONS 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The chapter awarded 7 deserving high school students with scholarships for their university or college of their choice. Scholarship Chair, Shanna Burnett, DeCA Vice President, Marina Goode and SSVVA President, Nisha Dowdell reviewed 28 high school scholarship applications. The applicants made the review process extremely difficult as they were all dedicated and wonderful students. Their academic achievements stood out in varying ways. After a long review process we are pleased to announce 7 scholarship winners:

- Jamaica E. Weaver** Dinwiddie HS
- Colby J. Taylor** Deep Run HS
- Lauren E. Parham** Dinwiddie HS
- Trisha Nagulagari** Freeman HS
- Lillianne G. McMinn** Thomas Dale HS
- Cameron A. Boyd** Prince George HS
- Kevin Meza** Appomattox Regional Governor's School



JAMAICA WEAVER



COLBY TAYLOR



LAUREN PARHAM



TRISHA NAGULAGARI



LILLIANNE MCMINN



CAMERON BOYD



KEVIN MEZA



MEET US AT THE GATEWAY: THE FUTURE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



Author: Shea McCullough, DLA Vice President

Attending the 2023 ASMC PDI was a remarkable professional training experience with record setting attendance, maximizing the opportunity and feel the FM modernization excitement others share throughout the Department as we progress into a different modern and auditable environment. This allowed to leave with elevated intrinsic motivation and empowerment to my Process Management team thirsty for innovation and fuel the J8R end user interactions we provide support to as a local EBS Finance Help Desk. One such interaction was Nick Dunnuck with Significance Incorporated who spoke on Data Analytics and Decision Support Systems.

I originally met Nick a couple of years ago at virtual DoD modernization summit while he was still in the military working in a Finance office. I was inspired by his young innovative spirit and confidence as he worked to modernize his office's pay operations on self-initiative. So, it was no surprise to me when I saw he was a speaker at the PDI and was excited at the opportunity to have a conversation with to discuss current modernization ventures such as Advana and was not disappointed in the interaction with a genuine exchange of ideas.

Nick and the conversations with him can do a couple things for our organizations. One such item being him obtaining an idea of what a major playing agency as DLA is at, some challenges being faced, and to assist provide some innovative lateral thinking to move the workforce past such as, limited access to data or a lack of personnel data literacy.

The biggest piece of advice I took from him, was to be compelling. When thinking to past failed modernization efforts either to due leadership buy in, communication, or team member data literacy challenges, and when compared to the successes this was very much true. As a result, upon returning to work I identified a software listed on DLA's approval list to implement automations and with the ethical and careful use of Generative AI, was able to fill some technical gaps such as how to connect it to SAP to explore some possible future ideas. This will be critical to gather buy in from end-users and leaders, and hopefully motivate an increase of rate in personnel data literacy advancement. It is important to note, the Need to Know concept for AI applies and no one should input governmental or sensitive information to mitigate risk of being used by those without the Need to Know.

The second person I engaged in conversation with that continued after leaving the PDI to my delight, was Ed Fritts from Significance Incorporated. Meeting Ed was not by chance, but planned once I saw he would be speaking, and I would have the opportunity to do so. I have been taking monthly lunch quick tips and tricks trainings over the past few years through another company he is affiliated with called Tek South. Aside from meeting someone that I have been listening to recorded trainings of in an excited nerd kind of way, I had some specific questions regarding Power BI and Power Automate and did so later when meeting him outside of the PDI training session. Ed does a fantastic job



of empowering intimidated personnel and being compelling to gather buy in; two things I face regularly helping end user analysts. Ed provided me a great set of resources to take back with me to my team, but the largest impact to my organization I believe he has was through the questions I asked in the training regarding some possible Microsoft's Power Automate, Department's Advana ideas, and data integrity internal controls.

The third interaction I chose to discuss was Ms. Audrey Davis. In this, I was able to better understand her attitude and beliefs surrounding the financial modernizations, beyond just past exemplary success. As result, when I saw she would be there and to become the new ASMC President, was exciting as she has an infectious way about her that seem impervious to the heavy lift senior leaders face and weather through, especially DFAS in modernizing the Department's Financial Management processes and capabilities; organizational change management is already a large and long-range challenge. She can have a substantial impact on our agencies by modeling, empowering, and motivating other leaders to assist with modernization buy in as we push the Department into a new technology era, and finally continue the audit implementation of the CFO Act of 1990. Additionally, our agencies rely heavily on DFAS for financial operations, wherein getting access or assistance can be a challenge.

Aside from these individuals, I thoroughly enjoyed the general sessions with Shilpi Agarwal from Open AI and Chat GPT developer speaking on the use of ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), I always enjoy listening to the Honorable David Norquist and his light humor, the Air Force and Space Force's leaders speaking on leading through crisis' was fantastic, the "Economic Environment and the Application of Economic Tools Supporting Financial Managers" was the most enjoyable economics or national debt learning I have ever had, and not least, learning about how better approach NFRs in both strategy and attitude.

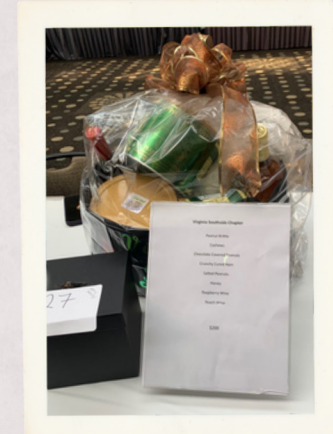
However, I will need leave the rest for a future conversation. Such as how to put Greg Little's from OSD's Deputy Chief of Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office and his NFR competitive dialogue to sleep and build points to put on next year's PDI scoreboard for my agency to give him some back, or the massive complex task of PPBE reform across astronomical in size activities performing very different missions. It is safe to say, attending the 2023 ASMC PDI and the quality and scale it was delivered was transformational and empowering, maximizing the development opportunity, feeling FM modernization excitement others share throughout the Department as we progress into a different data and auditable environment. This equipped me with more than information or a good time, but the intrinsic motivation to use as fuel and empowerment needed to continue modernizations efforts the Department faces currently, as well as tomorrow.

2024 PDI SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

2024 PDI will be held in Arizona



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE				
Monday, May 29	Tuesday, May 30	Wednesday, May 31	Thursday, June 1	Friday, June 2
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2023 BASKET DONATED

Our Chapter donated a basket for auction at the 2023 PDI in St. Louis.

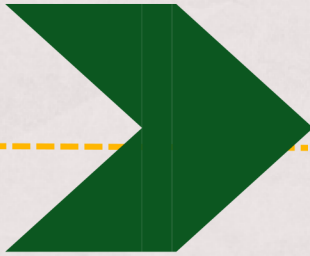


Professional Development

<p>Fiscal Law</p>	<p align="center">July 11-13</p> <p>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-11-13-july-2023/</p>
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<p>Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course</p>	<p align="center">Multiple Dates</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: https://asmconline.org/event/fiscal-law-11-13-july-2023/</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/PDF/Default.aspx</p>

NATIONAL ASMC NEWS

CDFM Enrollment Discount



Initial Enrollment

Take the first step for becoming a CDFM today by enrolling in the CDFM Program, which gives you 2 years of testing eligibility and is non-refundable. Note: You do not have to become a member of ASMC to enroll or take the CDFM exams, but we encourage you to consider the **advantages of membership**.

We are kicking off CDFM Month–May–with a special offering: now through June 30, 2023, new CDFM Program enrollees receive half off the regular price!

ASMC Members \$20

Non-members \$35

For more information visit: <https://asmconline.org/cdfm/enroll/>

Obtain Access to Recordings

If you missed the Program/Budget Summit, you may still obtain access to the event's recordings. The cost is \$165 for ASMC members and \$195 for non-members.

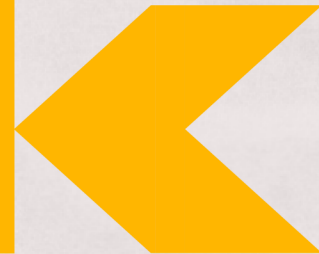
To serve our community and bring together the military and civilian worlds, ASMC designed this new event as a forum to discuss and share defense program and budget priorities.

The event provided a forum for the Department of Defense and Military Services to highlight their operational program and budget priorities for the years ahead.

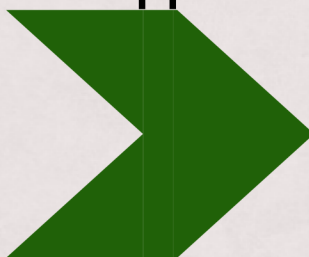
Do not miss this opportunity to hear directly from defense services and leave with fresh ideas for collaboration and understanding of how your organization can support initiatives and design win-win opportunities for public and private. Key players in the defense financial management community were in attendance. Catch up on what you missed. Obtain access to the recordings from the Program/Budget Summit.

For more information visit: <https://asmconline.org/pd/program-budget-summit/>

Program/Budget Summit



CDFM Practice Test App



CDFM™ Practice Test App for Modules 1, 2, and 3

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.
- 240+ glossary flashcards to ensure you're familiar with the necessary terminology.
- The CDFM Candidate Handbook and additional resources to help you prepare.
- The ability to create custom quizzes and tailor your learning.
- An advanced progress-tracking tool that indicates how you are performing on each question and in each domain.
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