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A Message from Our President, Mr. Anthony Starks



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Winter is finally here and as I reflect on the past year, I am proud of all of our accomplishments and progress. Over the past months, I have been continuously impressed with our incredible chapter and the wonderful opportunities available for all of our members.

I have also been impressed with our elected officers and their commitment. Each elected officer has been actively involved in the development of training opportunities and community outreach, asking thoughtful questions and reviewing all aspects of our expenditures as well as anticipated revenues.

Any success this chapter has had would not have been possible without your hard work and diligence. The chapter will continue to focus significant efforts towards: education and training, community services and the Amazon Smile Foundation.

Please take the time to read our newsletter and reach out to elected officials for education and training and volunteer opportunities.

Wishing you a beautiful holiday season and a new year of peace and happiness."

Community Service: Feed the Hungry

Our chapter served a warm meal to others on November 27th. We partnered with Feed the Hungry at the United Methodist church in Petersburg, VA. Here we cooked and served a warm Thanksgiving meal to anyone who needed it. Pastor Tammy would have been short on volunteers if our ASMC Chapter had not volunteered. She was grateful. It was an amazing day.



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Upcoming Events

- *Data Analytics & Decision Support Conference, Dec. 8th, [read more](#)*
- *Virtual EDFMTC Dec. 13-17, [read more](#)*
- *Winner of 12 Days of Professional Development announced-Feb. 3, 2022*
- *Chapter Meetings held the first Thursday of each month from 11:30-12:30*
- *Look for our Annual Mini-PDI March 2022*
- *High School Scholarship Applications due March 9, 2022*
- *Monthly CPE Opportunities-updates on our website*

Chapter Website

www.asmcsouthsideva.org



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/>



Member Highlight

Congratulations Ms. Nisha Dowdell



Ms. Dowdell, CDFM-A, DFMCP3 is celebrating 10 years of Federal service and new position with DCMA as a Resource Analyst. We applaud the determination and effort you have demonstrated. We look forward to seeing all of the great things we know you will accomplish in the up-

coming years!

Did you earn a degree, obtain your CDFM certification, obtain your FM certification, receive a promotion, volunteer, etc.? If you answered yes to any of the questions or have something else to share, please email your organization's VP or Yoenid Gordon at ascsouthsideva2@gmail.com. We will include your accomplishment in our next newsletter.

2021 CDFM Certified Members

Mike LaMonica & Nathan Williams

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP!

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>

Past Chapter Meetings

For full details of the chapter meetings [click here](#)

Sept 2021	By-laws tri-annual review is due. Audit should be completed by the end of September. How can the chapter engage new employees? More volunteers needed for community service projects.
Oct 2021	Review of the By-Laws will be completed via the chapter website, due November 5th. Reach out to schools to ensure they have our most recent application in early December. Mini-PDI speakers and format finalized by late Dec.; hosted mid to late March 2022. Chapter Competition submission due March 31, 2022. NASCAR race brought approximately \$500 in revenue to the Chapter.
Nov 2021	Review of the By-Laws completed. Annual Audit results completed, waiting on results. Chair Handbook creation, Lisa providing template. Upcoming training with National ASMC. Committee Chairs discussed chapter statuses. Mini-PDI speakers and format finalized by late Dec.; hosted mid to late March 2022. Chapter Competition submission due March 31, 2022. Suggested 12 Days of Professional Development

Catching up on your professional development this holiday season?



Take the 12 Days of Professional Development Challenge and be entered for a chance to have your next ASMC membership paid.

The challenge runs from **November 26, 2021 – February 3, 2022**

You must complete 12 FM related courses in the indicated time frame. Once completed, please send an email with the certificates or course summary to asmcsouthsideva2@gmail.com for verification. Your name will be entered in the raffle.

**If you complete the challenge and recruit a new member, your name will be entered into the raffle once per each member recruited increasing your chances to win (i.e. recruit 2 members- your name will be entered 3x in the raffle). **

In the email please include your name, certificates of completion (12) or summary validation from FM online and contact information for gift delivery.



There are many other valuable benefits of retaining your ASMC membership—by taking advantage of ASMC's many programs, services and networking opportunities, you are benefiting your own career as well as building the defense financial management community.

- New educational opportunities, exclusive access to members-only content, online CDFM exams, live webinars, and virtual EDFMT courses;
- Resources to enhance your professional growth and development .
- Member rates for the National PDI, CDFM enrollment and textbook, CDFM renewal, & chapter level education & training events

Contact Mark Patterson at mark.patterson@deca.mil
[Membership Application](#)

RENEW ON TIME AND ENTER TO WIN A GIFT CARD

Each month, all on-time or early renewals for one or three years will be entered into a random drawing to win two \$50 gift cards and one \$150 gift card, respectively. Winners will be announced on the ASMC site and social media. For a chance to win the gift cards, renew your membership on time or early.

[<https://asmconline.org/membership/renew>]



DoD Targets 2028 for First Clean Financial Statement Audit

By: Jared Serbu

Pentagon financial leaders said they're making meaningful progress toward finally earning a clean audit opinion. So much so, in fact, that they're now willing to project a tentative timeframe for when it'll happen: 2028.

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee last week, Defense officials emphasized that the 2028 date is by no means a sure thing, but it's not chosen out of thin air either. It coincides with the current schedule for DoD officials to finish implementing corrective action plans to address the material weaknesses the first few audits have identified.

And Douglas Glenn, DoD's deputy chief financial officer said the department is reasonably confident that after three years of full scale financial audits, officials now know where the major problems lie.

Read more at: <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/defense-main/2021/05/dod-targets-2028-for-first-clean-financial-statement-audit/>

Professional Development Opportunities

Data Analytics & Decision Support Conference

08 DECEMBER 2021: 0900 – 1600 EST

Location: Event Power Platform

Register by December 6th at: <https://asmconline.org/pd/dataanalytics>

Earn up to 13.5 CPE's

Engage with Government and Corporate Leaders who will share best practices in data analytics and the decision process. see how to go beyond the data and create a transformation in your decision-making process by leveraging the data to create operational excellence

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Look for the Southside Virginia ASMC Mini-PDI Coming March 2022

Virtual EDFMTC Now Available!

13-17 DECEMBER 2021: 0800 - 1700 EST

Register at: <https://imis.asmconline.org/net/Products.aspx?category=vedfmmc>

Earn up to 40 CPE 's

- * 15-Finance
 - * 5-Business Law
 - * 3-BM and Organization
 - * 7-Personnel/HR
 - * 3-Auditing (Governmental)
 - * 3-Management Advisory Services
- One (1) FREE 2020 EDFMTC Textbook w/standard shipping rate



DoD FM VIRTUAL TRAINING

Looking for an opportunity to take FM virtual training courses, but are not able to commit to a day or two of training? Good news—the FM Virtual Training (VT) Program now offers 4-hour courses. Find out further details at <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/CET/cet.aspx>

Past Chapter Training Opportunities-2021

November	The Future of Finance and ASMC
October	Imputed Costs for Real Property & Environmental- How to Get There
September	Financial Improvement & Audit Remediation (FIAR)
August	DAI Financial System Tools & Reporting Capabilities

Southside Virginia ASMC

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

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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.



2021-2022 Executive Board

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