# American Society of Military Comptrollers Aviation Chapter

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Chapter President Ane Graham October 2019

Greetings Aviation Chapter!

The season has now evolved into fall and the weather is starting to get colder. As the holiday season quickly approaches, let's take some time to relax, enjoy down time with our loved ones, and reflect upon our blessings as we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year.

We're approximately six weeks into FY20 with only a few days remaining until our current CR expires, which leaves us wondering what's to come? White House sources indicate the President is likely to sign another short-term CR in order to prevent a government shutdown (https://federalnewsnetwork.com/government-shutdown/2019/11/white-house-downplays-shutdown-chances/). Brig Gen Pletcher also discussed our budget challenges during his briefing at the October luncheon. There are a lot of unknowns at this point, but we will press forward, continue to do our jobs, and support the mission as we always do.

The Aviation Chapter is looking to enhance our monthly Newsletter by including more photos, articles, and announcements about YOU, our first-rate members! Each month, as the calls are sent out for Newsletter content, please contribute and let everyone know about your promotions, retirements, degrees, certifications and any other updates to include volunteer activities, even if they're not ASMC-related. Be sure to take photos as well so we can include them with your achievement. Maybe even submit an article about your job duties or your volunteer experience. You don't have to be an accomplished author to write an article, just jot down your ideas, put them in order, and then have someone else take a look at your article and provide some editing suggestions. You're making significant accomplishments and we want to show others what a dynamic organization we have!

With the start of the new fiscal year, Ms. Markina McKnight stepped down from her position as Professional Development Chair, and the Aviation Chapter would like to express our sincere appreciation for the top-notch work she has done for ASMC. Thankfully, our Chapter remains fortunate to benefit from her volunteerism, because she offered to Chair the 2020 Dayton Air Show volunteer committee. The Professional Development position wasn't vacant long, as Ms. Rhonda Pepitone from the SAF/FMF AF Accounting Operations Center offered to fill the position. She has already discovered some good volunteer opportunities and is excited to share them with our Chapter.

Although the mini-PDI doesn't occur until spring of 2020, it's never too early to start planning that event. Thank you to Ms. Regina Elliott and Julie Louthain, both from AFLCMC/WWM, for undertaking this huge responsibility! These ladies have some promising new ideas and have already held a meeting to begin discussing those plans. However, they are both new to planning the mini-PDI, so they are asking for some input from past planners to provide continuity, lessons learned, helpful tips, etc. If you have anything you would like to offer, please reach out to them. They will appreciate the help!

Planning is already underway for our November monthly meeting and our December ASMC Christmas Party. Both meetings will be held in the 88 CPTS Conference Room in Building 1, and we look forward to seeing you at both meetings!

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## **AVIATION CHAPTER LUNCHEON**

October Member Meeting 24 Oct 2019 Maj Gen John Pletcher



Upcoming Member Meetings: Nov 18, 2019 David Speed, Contracting Branch Chief, AFLCMC/HIKB Location: Bldg 1, 88th CPTS, Conf Rm 131B, Door 37H Topic: Leading from the Middle



**Armed Services Blood Program** blood drive held at 88th CPTS on 28 October. Pictured from left to right: Raymond Casul, Director of the Air Force Financial Systems Operations; Keith Tarnovich, 88 CPTS/FMA2, and ASMC Aviation Chapter President Ane Graham, 88 CPTS/FMA1.



#### Moves:

Jonathan Spencer, moved from AFRL/RXF to AFRL/FZC Kristen Wentworth moved from HQ AFRL/FZAS to AFRL/SBRF

### Promotions:

Jim Howard, AFLCMC/WIH, GS-13 Schautan Reed, AFLCMC/WIH, GS-13

### **Congratulations**:

Heather Dewell, AFRL/FZFC, MBA Park University



#### Honor Flight Dayton, 26 October 2019

Ms. Ane Graham, ASMC Aviation Chapter President, had the privilege of participating in the Honor Flight Dayton reception at the Dayton International Airport on 26 Oct 2019. The National Honor Flight program was created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. The Honor Flight Dayton is one regional hub that is part of the National Honor Flight network, and it's mission is to take veterans of the WWII, Korean Era, and Vietnam Era wars to see their national memorials in Washington, DC. These trips are provided at no cost to all qualified veterans. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans.

In addition to escorting WWII, Korean, Vietnam era and terminally-ill veterans from any war to Washington, DC, Honor Flight Dayton also proudly honors (1) deceased veterans who were unable to see their memorials and (2) living veterans who are no longer able to travel to see their memorial through a program identified as Honoring Yesterday's Heroes. Honor Flight Dayton will bring the veteran's photo with them during one of their scheduled Honor Flight trips to Washington DC. While there, they will photograph the veteran's picture alongside a folded flag with the appropriate memorial in the background. After the trip, the family will receive an "8×10" color photo and a certificate from Honor Flight Dayton honoring their veteran.

Honor Flight Dayton receives no Local, State or National government sponsorship and are comprised strictly of volunteers. Honor Flight Dayton's funding comes from individuals, Fraternal organizations and companies who wish to recognize the great accomplishments and sacrifices of our Veterans.

If you've never been, you're missing out on an amazing event that honors veterans of the WWII, Korean Era, and Vietnam Era wars.

For further information or to how to volunteer: http://honorflightdayton.org/



Lt Col Stephen Gray, Commander, 88th Comptroller Squadron meeting his Honor Flight veteran



Col Thomas Sherman, Commander, 88th Air Base Wing, Honor Flight Dayton Guardian for his father



Lt Col Stephen Gray and his Honor Flight veteran meeting former US Senator Bob Dole, WWII veteran



Lt Col Stephen Gray with an Honor Flight veteran who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam



Col Sherman saluting Senator Bob Dole, recipient of two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor



Greeting the return of the Honor Flight L to R 2Lt Hannah Murray, & 2Lt Troy Rivers, 88 CPTS/FMF, MSgt Jose Lopez Rosa, First Sergeant for WSA, 88 CPTS, 88 CES, & 788 CES



Ms. Ane Graham



## TREASURERS' REPORT/CHAPTER CALENDAR

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## September 2019

## Treasurers: Dawn O'Connell and Rebecca Workman

|                  | WPFCU -               | Fidelity -          | Fidelity -           |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                  | Chapter General Funds | Chapter Investments | Augsburg Scholarship |
| Beginning Balace | \$16,711.00           | \$98,906.40         | \$101,273.19         |
| + Income         | \$0.05                | \$0.00              | \$2,326.16           |
| - Expenses       | \$4,811.98            | \$1,730.76          | \$0.00               |
| Ending Balance   | \$11,899.07           | \$97,175.64         | \$103,599.35         |

Note:

The Fidelity ending balances are <u>**30 September 2019**</u>. The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.

| Aviation Chapter Calendar |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Nov 18                    | Nov Member Meeting, David Speed, Leading from the Middle |



#### Pay Ransomware or Not?

Ransomware, a type of malware which encrypts a user's files and holds them for ransom, has been around for many years. A few years ago, this type of malware captured public attention when WannaCry, Petya, and NotPetya ransomware programs had global impacts. While preventing an infection in the first place is the best way to handle ransomware, a question as to what to do when a user does get attacked comes up. Should the ransom be paid or not? In many cases, the suggestion most users will find is to NOT pay the ransom. This advice often cites reasons such as paying only encourages more attackers to use ransomware, you become flagged as "paid" and likely to be attacked again, and the fact that most users do not successfully retrieve their data following the payment. Some ransomware now simply destroys the data and pretends it is being held for ransom. If it is a single user and the data is mostly backed up, not paying the ransom makes sense. However, if the victim is a business, organization, or city that cannot function without the data, then payment becomes a more feasible course of action. At the end of the day, the decision to pay will come down to whether or not the data was backed up recently and if the situation is dire enough to gamble on paying the ransom.

Bottom line, practice strong cyber hygiene (e.g., only visit or use apps and sites from trusted sources, backup your data regularly) to minimize your risk of being attacked and minimize the damage done if you are.

#### **Broken Links in PowerPoint**

PowerPoint slides are an easy way to create and share information. They can even be linked to other sources such as an Excel file. Unfortunately, the linked external file may be moved, renamed, or deleted. When this occurs, the PowerPoint slides will contain a broken link. PowerPoint will provide the user with a message stating that a linked file is unavailable when they open a set of slides containing a broken link. Fortunately, this is a relatively easy issue to handle within PowerPoint. Open the slides containing the broken link and click on File. Under the Info section, which should be the selected section by default, click on "Edit Links to Files" which can be found under the Related Documents section in the lower-right corner of the window. The Links window will appear listing all broken links with some options (e.g., update, change, and break) for handling the link. Hopefully this will help some users as manually tracking down the broken links can be tricky depending on how the slides were built.

#### Vulnerability in Old D-Link Routers Will Not Be Patched

Last month, a Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerability was identified which affects a few specific D-Link router models. This vulnerability is a critical one as it can be executed without an authenticated connection to the router. In short, an attacker could take control of the router without ever needing to crack the network's password. D-Link announced that it would not be patching this vulnerability because the models are past their end of life and are no longer supported. This recent vulnerability and the vendor's response is an excellent example of why you should be aware of you router's end of life and refresh it before it loses support. Below are the three US D-Link models/hardware versions/firmware versions which are vulnerable. If you have one of these routers, you should consider replacing it.

DIR-655/Hardware Revision Cx/Firmware 3.02b05 and below (older) DIR-866L/Hardware Revision Ax/Firmware 1.03b04 and below (older) DIR-1565/Hardware Revision Ax/Firmware 1.01 and below (older)

#### Excel Named Ranges and the Name Manager

Named ranges are a very useful feature in Excel. Whenever you select one or more cells (e.g., A1:A5), you have selected a range. Excel gives you the ability to name any range you want. For example, within the cells A1:A5 you have entered the number of tickets sold in the last five months. You could name this range "TICKETS\_SOLD". Now you can use the name in a formula instead of the specific address. If you want the average tickets sold, you could use the formula "=AVERAGE(TICKETS\_SOLD)" instead of "=AVERAGE(A1:A5)". Naming ranges can help you remember the location of important data and make your formulas easier to read. Below are two ways to name a range.



The first step to naming a range is to select the range you wish to create a name for. In the "FORMULAS" tab of the ribbon, click on the "Define Name" button in the "Defined Names" group. The "New Name" window will open. In the "Name" box, enter the name you would like to use for the range shown in the "Refers to:" box. Once you have the name entered and range selected, click the OK button.

Another method for naming ranges is to select the range then click on the Name Box. The Name Box is a box in the upper left-hand corner of your spreadsheet. It is to the left of the formula bar. This box will usually display the first cell of the currently selected range. Type the name you would like to use for the selected range and press enter. The name of the range should appear in the box whenever you select that range.

Excel's Name Manager enables you to create, edit, and delete named ranges. You can find the "Name Manager" button in the "FORMULAS" tab of the ribbon. Alternatively, you can press Ctrl+F3. If you are using tables, you will only be able to change the table name in the Name Manager. To edit a table range or delete the table formatting, you will need to use the "Resize Table" and "Convert to Range" buttons respectively. These buttons are found in the "DESIGN" tab that appears in the ribbon when you select a range within a table. Instructions with pictures can be found here.

Note: Range names cannot start with a number, contain spaces, or conflict with an Excel built-in name or reference (i.e., any function names or cell names and sheet names within the workbook). Using an underscore instead of a space is helpful (e.g., TICKETS\_SOLD).

#### PowerPoint Eyedropper and Adobe Color Wheel

Color choice is an essential aspect in the creation of a presentation. Sometimes, you may pick a color you want or have an image you want to use but it is not one of the default color choices for fonts or shape fills. PowerPoint 2013 added the Eyedropper tool to a variety of object color selections (e.g., font color, shape fill, outline). The Eyedropper enables a user to set the color of the selected object by clicking on a color somewhere in the slide (e.g., an image, shape, text). This makes matching non-standard colors in your presentation much easier. PowerPoint has placed the Eyedropper tool in several locations depending on what type of object you are formatting. To find it, select the object then go to the color dropdown (e.g., font, fill, outline) and you will see the color pallet with standard and recent colors below it. At the bottom of the dropdown you will see the Eyedropper. After selecting the Eyedropper, your cursor will change to an Eyedropper with a box giving a preview of what color will be selected when you click.

Now that you have your color selected, you can begin designing the rest of the slide or presentation. The use of complimentary colors can make your slides look much better but not all of us have an eye for picking them. Fortunately, Adobe had created an interactive color wheel which can be used to create a variety of color combinations (e.g., complimentary, monochromatic, analogous). This helpful tool can be found at: https://color.adobe.com/create

#### **PowerPoint Shortcut**

Ctrl+M Creates a new slide

Ctrl+D Duplicates the selected slide

Ctrl+R Aligns the selected text right

Ctrl+L Aligns the selected text left

Ctrl+J Justify format is applied to the selected text

Ctrl+T Opens the Font window for the selected text

Shift+F3 Cycles case of the selected text between all uppercase, all lowercase, and sentence case. Note: this does undo any acronyms or other special case formatting



### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

#### ASMC – Aviation Chapter Executive Board Meeting Minutes 17 October 2019 (0930-1030)

- I. Call to Order at 0930 President: Ane Graham
- II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Dawn O'Connell (A) Secretary: JoAnne Wills President-Elect: Sheena Fast (A) Vice-Presidents AFAA: Kathryn Nash (A) AFLCMC: David Ohs AFMC: Terri Desch (A) AFRL: Kristen Wentworth At Large: Amy Williams (A) Contractors: Patrice Solorzano 88th CPTS: Shannon Noles

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Audit: Susan Duening Erine Chandler Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills Awards and Recognition: Chris Lahmann Chapter Competition: JR Frazier Communications: Colleen Robinson (A) Community Activities: Vacant Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason Membership: Angela Brown (A) Professional Development: Regina Elliott (A), Julie Louthain Programs: April Kettlewell, Tammy Pendergast (A) Ways & Mean: Nathaniel Belvo

(A) = In attendance

#### III. General Business:

#### A. OLD:

- i. Open positions: Community Activities Chair, Golf Outing POC
- ii. 2019-2020 Budget

1. Ane reminded everyone to submit their budget forecasts if they haven't done so already.

iii. Mini-PDI lunch discussion & Mini-PDI planning

1. Ane spoke about the Mini-PDI planning meeting that was chaired by Regina Elliott and Julie Louthain on 16 Oct. A lot of good ideas were discussed, but Regina and Julie are seeking advice/lessons learned/continuity from members who have been involved in planning in the past. Regina said she would send out an email to request further input. Ane mentioned that another planning committee meeting would take place in the near future.



B. NEW:

i. Newsletter photos, articles, announcements (promotions, retirements, degrees, certifications, etc.) & updates (activities of interest concerning members)

1. Ane and Colleen encouraged VPs to solicit information from our ASMC members to include in the monthly newsletters. Almost any sort of information is welcomed as long as it involves an ASMC member, even community service or volunteer activities that are not sponsored by ASMC. VPs were asked to send email announcements concerning ASMC to their entire organization, not just to ASMC members, and to speak about ASMC at All Calls or meetings to help promote the organization, recruit new members, and increase interest in our Chapter.

ii. Volunteer Opportunities

1. The Salvation Army Holiday Meal Assistance program

2. House of Bread ASMC Aviation Chapter Service Dates

- a. Saturday, 16 November, 0900-1400
- b. Saturday, 14 December, 0900-1400

c. Sheena said that she has helped out at House of Bread before and had an enjoyable experience. She explained that volunteers would help prepare the meals, with instructions and assistance from the staff, and then start serving the meals around 1100. She advised that volunteers will be on their feet the entire time. She also mentioned that children over a certain age are also welcome to volunteer.

3. Kathryn added that the Fairborn Senior Center is always looking for volunteers to help serve Thanksgiving meals

4. Tammy added that she will send out an email soon for the Christmas Angels

5. Ane will compile all of the volunteer information to announce at the October luncheon/ meeting and will also send in an email to the VPs.

iii. Next member meeting:

1. Thursday, 24 October, Maj Gen John Pletcher @ Holiday Inn on Colonel Glenn across from WSU – topic TBD

iv. Meeting adjourned at 0952



#### **ASMC National Awards Program**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) offers a number of opportunities for chapters, membership and the defense financial management community to be recognized for their outstanding achievements through the ASMC National Awards Program. Some of these awards include scholarships, achievement awards, membership awards in areas such as essay contests, chapter leadership, and corporate members, and chapter awards in recognition of community service, chapter communications, and membership growth. For more information including nomination and deadlines, please visit https:// asmc.secure-platform.com/a. Questions may be directed to awards@asmconline.org or the direct contact listed in each program rules link.



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## 2018-2019 Executive Board

| President       | Ms. Ane Graham                          |
|-----------------|---|
| President-Elect | Ms. Sheena Fast                         |
| Secretary       | Ms. JoAnne Wills                        |
| Treasurers      | Ms. Rebecca Workman; Ms. Dawn O'Connell |

## **Organizational Vice Presidents**

| 88th CPTS VP  |
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| AFAA VP       |
| AFIT VP       |
| HQ AFMC VP    |
| AFRL VP       |
| AFLCMC VP     |
| At Large VP   |
| Contractor VP |
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| Ms. Shannon Noles     |
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| Ms. Kathryn Nash      |
| Eliminated            |
| Ms. Terri Desch       |
| Ms. Kristen Wentworth |
| Mr. David Ohs         |
| Ms. Amy Williams      |
| Ms. Patrice Solorzano |
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### **Committee Chairs**

| Audit                    | Ms. Susan Duening; Ms. Erine Chandler      |
|--------------------------|--|
| Augsburg Scholarship     | Ms. JoAnne Wills                           |
| Awards and Recognition   | Mr. Christopher Lahmann                    |
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| Communications           | Ms. Colleen Robinson                       |
| Advertising/Publicity    | Ms. Anita Kerns                            |
| Newsletter Editor        | Ms. Colleen Robinson; MSgt Pedro Padilla   |
| Photographer             | MSgt Pedro Padilla; Ms. Colleen Robinson   |
| Webmaster                | Mr. Jonathan Paden                         |
| Community Activities     | Vacant                                     |
| Health & Wellness        | Mr. Fernando Mason                         |
| Membership               | Ms. Angela Brown; Ms. Cynthia Payne        |
| Professional Development | Ms. Regina Elliott; Ms. Julie Louthain     |
| Early Careerist          | Ms. Saundra Moncree                        |
| Programs                 | Ms. Tammy Pendergast; Ms. April Kettlewell |
| Tickets                  | Ms. Jeannette Dennis                       |
| Ways & Means             | Mr. Nate Belvo                             |

