# American Society of Military Comptrollers Aviation Chapter



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Chapter President Sheena Fast

Greetings Aviation Chapter Members!

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and getting out to enjoy the neighborhood Halloween decorations! We have a number of things our members can participate in during the coming months. We are still doing the Christmas Angels project (and as it goes in 2020, just a little bit differently!) – see later in the newsletter for more information. Also, we are in the initial planning stages for the Mini-PDI, if anyone is interested in helping, please let me know.

We are still working on setting up times to present (or mail if necessary) awards to our award winners. Check out the award winners later in the newsletter, and keep an eye out for next month's newsletter, when we should have more pictures of local and national award winners. See below for some additional local and national ASMC news:

\*We're always looking for speakers – please let us know if you have a suggestion for a topic or speaker for future meetings. We're looking forward to hearing from Lt Col Wolfram, Mr. George Diehl, and Mr. Michael Brame over the next few months.

\*National has released the Virtual PDI 2020, with 28.5 CPEs offered at no cost to ASMC members. Go to https://asmconline.org/pd/virtual-pdi/ to register (make sure your membership is up-to-date first!). FREE CPE!!

\*Virtual EDFMTC. Taught by two instructors over the five day period using Zoom, they started the virtual course in July, and are planning to conduct an average of one virtual EDFMTC per month. The next V-EDFMTC courses are scheduled for 16-20 November and 7-11 December.

\*National is having a monthly drawing for members who renew on-time or early – so remember to check when your membership expires.

\*The Chapter is still looking for volunteers for a few open positions, to include Secretary, Programs Co-chair, Professional Development Co-chair, Awards Chair, and Ways and Means Chair.

Twitter: @asmctweets Facebook: www.facebook/pages/American-Society-of-Military-Comptrollers Website: http://www.asmc-aviation.org/ Please contact me or your organizational VP if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions about the positions. This is a great opportunity to get involved with our organization! See below for the responsibilities of each of these positions/ committees.

• Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Board. The Secretary shall also electronically retain copies of Chapter membership rosters and shall be custodian of all documents and permanent papers of the Chapter including prior year financial records. The Secretary shall be responsible for the distribution of official mail to appropriate board and committee members.

• Professional Development Committee shall be responsible for advancing the training and education of the Chapter membership. Specifically, this Committee shall establish education and training goals for the Chapter; plan, coordinate and arrange any seminars, training sessions or classes conducted by the Chapter; and accomplish other educational activities as directed by the Executive Board to include mini-PDIs. This Committee shall serve as liaison between the Chapter, ASMC National Headquarters, and the Host Chapter for all matters relating to the ASMC National PDI. When this Chapter shall participate as Host, and/or co-Host, for a national PDI, the Committee shall be responsible for planning and programming of such events.

• Program Committee shall arrange, schedule, and coordinate chapter meetings and social affairs. This Committee shall also be responsible for printing, distributing, and controlling tickets for the monthly meetings. This committee shall coordinate its activities with both the Communications and Ways and Means Committees. A specific function of the Program Committee shall be to obtain qualified speakers for Chapter meetings.

• Awards Committee shall be responsible for soliciting nominees for chapter awards and making recommendations to the Executive Board on proposed winners. All Chapters nominees will be forwarded to the National Office for consideration for the award at the national level.

• Ways and Means Committee shall be responsible for raising funds to achieve specific Chapter objectives. Activities of this committee shall be coordinated with both the Program and Communications Committees.

I encourage everyone to find ways to be active within our Chapter, by joining a committee, calling into our virtual presentations, and/or attending Chapter events. I hope everyone is enjoying the fall, and getting ready for the upcoming holidays!

Sheena Fast President, Aviation Chapter



## MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING

### September/October Member Meeting

Canceled due to Covid.



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Upcoming Member Meetings:

24 November - Mr. George Diehl, AFMC/FMC



#### 2020 Christmas Angels

It's that time of the year for the 2020 Christmas Angels. This is a joint venture between the ASMC Aviation Chapter and the American Legion Unit 776. Everyone has always been so generous in the past for these wonderful children. If you are interested, please see the information below or contact Tammy Pendergast.



#### **Congratulations**

Caleb Cannon, AFMC/FMRS, Promotion Thomas Luebbe, AFMC/FMMW, Promotion

#### Welcome

Marissa Moy, Industry to AFMC/FMRS Laura Edwards, DFAS to AFMC/FMRS Anthony Garrett, Industry to FMC

#### Farewells

Capt Tonya Satchell, AFMC/FMAH to Industry Anessia Carter, AFMC/FMAH to AFMC/FMRS

### ASMC Contractor Support Award Winners - CONGRATULATIONS!

Katie Keegan - National

Chris Marler - Local



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#### **October is Depression Awareness Month**

Living through the COVID-19 pandemic can cause stress and anxiety due to the uncertainty of the world around us. Experiencing these things, while also trying to social distance, can lead to feeling isolated, insecure, and hopeless, which can increase your risk for depression. Although controlling what goes on around us may feel impossible, you do have control of coping with your stress in a healthy way. Take the first step by doing a "checkup from the neck up" through this free, confidential, and anonymous screening tool at helpyourselfhelpothers.org/.

Getting support is essential in coping and improving mental health. Professional support services are available to the AF workforce and their families. Look for the signs. If you have feelings of sadness that are intense or continue for two weeks or more, you may be suffering from depression. Hoping mental health problems such as anxiety or depression will go away on their own can lead to worsening symptoms. Don't be afraid to reach out. If you have concerns or if you experience worsening of mental health symptoms, ask for help when you need it, and be upfront about how you're doing. If you're battling depression, contact your program for helpful resources. If you've been prescribed an antidepressant, continue to take it as directed, even after you've started feeling better. Make sure you stay with and follow your treatment plan including attending all sessions that you've established with your provider.

Build support and strengthen relationships:

**Make connections**. If you need to stay at home and distance yourself from others, avoid social isolation. Find time each day to make virtual connections by email, texts, phone, or FaceTime or similar apps. If you're working remotely from home, ask your co-workers how they're doing and share coping tips. Enjoy virtual socializing and talking to those in your home.

**Do something for others**. Find purpose in helping the people around you. For example, email, text or call to check on your friends, family members and neighbors — especially those who are elderly. If you know someone who can't get out, ask if there's something needed, such as groceries or a prescription picked up, for instance. But be sure to follow CDC, WHO and your government recommendations on social distancing and group meetings.

**Support a family member or friend**. If a family member or friend needs to be isolated for safety reasons or gets sick and needs to be quarantined at home or in the hospital, come up with ways to stay in contact. This could be through electronic devices or the telephone or by sending a note to brighten the day, for example.

Military members can contact their local mental health clinic for services. Military OneSource is another option available to military and their families. For more information, call (800) 342-9647 or visit militaryonesource.mil.

Civilian employees may contact the Employee Assistance Program for free, confidential counseling services at (866) 580-9078 or visit the EAP website at AFPC.af.mil/EAP.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## September 2020

## Treasurers: Dawn O'Connell and Rebecca Workman



	WPFCU -	Fidelity -	Fidelity -
	Chapter General Funds	Chapter Investments	Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$15,575.45	\$121,803.01	\$125,606.75
+ Income	\$500.06	\$1,673.09	(\$4,471.93)
- Expenses	\$64.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Ending Balance	\$16,011.51	\$123,476.10	\$120,134.82

Note:

The Fidelity ending balances are 30 September 2020. 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		
24 Nov	Mr. George Diehl, AFMC, Operations Research/Cost Analysis Division	



#### Cybersquatters

While several weekly tips have covered tips around careful web browsing and some specific examples of malware usage of deceptive web addresses, none have touched on Cybersquatters. Most malicious sites, browser hijackers, and malware tend to make use of cybersquatting. A Cybersquatter is simply an entity which has registered a web domain (e.g., Google.com) in bad faith. Any domain is available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. The domains can only be purchased for a limited period of time.

Many domains used by Cybersquatters will register names which make use of the name of a person, business, organization, or major world event (e.g., COVID-19). In short the site name will be the same but the domain may be different (e.g., swapping .com with .org). Alternatively, the site name may be misspelled or have an extra word in it. Many of these types of domain/site names will look legitimate at a glance which is what makes them so dangerous.

Many efforts are made to prevent Cybersquatting, for example companies will buy domain names which could be used by Cybersquatters attempting to impersonate them. Unfortunately, the fact is that most domains only cost about \$12-\$30 per year and there are too many ways to impersonate a company, organization, or person. In fact, someone bought Google's domain for \$12 a few years ago although Google quickly bought it back. The best thing any user can do is not use links from untrusted sources and when in doubt, navigate directly to a company or organization's site from a trusted search engine. Always make sure that the hypertext you are going to click on matches the actual hyperlink. This can often be checked by hovering your mouse over the link in most browsers.

#### Flash Player End of Life

Adobe launched Adobe Flash Player (i.e., Shockwave Flash) in 1996 which was over 30 versions, and 24 years, ago. We have all used this tool in one form or another. It was often used in websites to enable the use certain graphics, videos, and small games. Many of the original viral videos were likely distributed using this format. However, Adobe has set December 31, 2020 as the end of life for Flash Player. Many web browsers have been slowly pushing for the use of more advance and secure alternatives over the last few years and most will not provide support for the use of Flash Player next year. For most of us, this will be of minimal impact. However, if you have a particular site or online tool you use which is still based on Flash Player, you may want to consider an alternative if there are no plans to upgrade. Any users with Flash Player installed on their device, make sure it is kept up to date until moving to an upgraded version. As with any EOL for a major tool, users will be able to continue using it but each day it will become less secure and more of a risk to your cybersecurity.

#### **Keyboard Shortcuts for Tables in Word**

Pressing Alt+Home while in a table will take you to the first cell in that row. Pressing Alt+End while in a table will take you to the last cell in that row. Pressing Alt+Page Up while in a table will take you to the first cell in that column. Pressing Alt+Page Down while in a table will take you to the last cell in that column.



### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

#### ASMC – Aviation Chapter Executive Board Meeting Minutes 30 October 2020 (1000-1100)

#### I. President: Sheena Fast called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

#### II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Workman , Dawn O'Connell (A) Secretary: JoAnne Wills President-Elect: TBD Vice-Presidents AFAA: Heather Brodess (A) AFLCMC: Dawn Holding (A) AFMC: Terri Desch (A) AFRL: Kristen Wentworth/Helen Barfield (A) At Large: Amy Williams Contractors: Patrice Solorzano (A) 88th CPTS: Shannon Noles

#### Committee Chairs:

Audit: Stephanie Burd (A), Michelle Hatton Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills Awards and Recognition: Vacant Chapter Competition: JR Frazier Communications: Colleen Robinson Community Activities: Rhonda Pepitone Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason Membership: Angela Brown, Cynthia Payne Professional Development: Markina McKnight Programs: Tammy Pendergast (A) Ways & Mean: Vacant (A) = In Attendance

#### III. General Business:

#### A. OLD:

- i. Open positions: Secretary; Programs Committee co-chair; Professional Development co-chair; Awards Chair; Ways and Means Chair.
- ii. Chapter coins: Sheena will work on ordering coins in November.
- iii. National & Local Annual Awards: We will be contacting winners to determine whether they would like to receive their awards via a formal presentation, a virtual staff meeting, and/or mailing the award. Local awards are ordered, will be picked up within a week. For the team awards, the individual names are on the team plaque. Last month we discussed giving a certificate and coin for each person, there was no disagreement with this plan.



### ASMC – Aviation Chapter Executive Board Meeting Minutes None Scheduled

- i. Treasurers need budget inputs for PY 2020-2021 Committee chairs should provide by COB Weds 4 Nov.
- ii. Follow up with AFMC concerning President-Elect for PY 2020-2021 Terri sent email to leadership regarding the President-elect position, membership, involvement/positions open.

#### C. NEW:

i. Next member meetings:

- 1. September we did not have any meetings in Sept/Oct.
- 2. 19 November: Lt Col Wolfram, 88 Comptroller
- 3. Dec/Jan speakers booked.
- 4. Members should let Tammy Pendergast know about anyone who might be able to present for Feb/Mar.

5. Used CVR for this board meeting – Sheena will look for feedback on this method.

ii.Volunteers to fill positions:

- 1. Sheena encouraged everyone to personally ask a coworker to consider taking a position.
- iii. Charitable contributions for speakers

1. Current: Fisher House, Augsburg Memorial Scholarship, Building Homes for Heroes, USO-Wright Patterson, Wounded Warriors. We didn't have any comments on these, so we will continue as-is for now.

iv. National is planning an ASMC Chapters Townhall Meeting via Zoom on 10 November at 1200 EST. They invited the President, Treasurer, and Chairs for Membership, Programs, and Professional Development to attend. If anyone would like to attend, please let Sheena know, and she'll forward the zoom info.

v. Mini-PDI – We discussed the likelihood of being able to hold an in-person event in the spring, versus holding a virtual event. Terri, Dawn H., and Patrice all provided input supporting a virtual event and offered assistance via potential speakers, planning, or technical expertise.

vi. Future socials – discussed holding a virtual social (i.e. via Zoom) to help get more people involved in the chapter.

vii. Christmas Angels – Tammy stated that we are still doing them this year, although a little differently than normal. If anyone wants to participate, they can contact Tammy.

viii. Meeting adjourned at 10:29.



#### Keep them Coming! ASMC's Educational Offerings

"Awesome!" "Excellent!" "Keep them coming!" This is the kind of feedback ASMC is getting from our members and attendees after taking our virtual webinars and training courses we launched this spring. We are delighted that they have found our educational offerings valuable, and yes – we will keep them coming!

ASMC has expanded our Education calendar to include multiple training opportunities through December. We have scheduled technical webinars as well as webinars on productivity, leadership, and communications. For those who may have missed them, we will be repeating some of our most popular webinars later in 2020.

Additionally, we have five EDFMTC courses planned between September and December as well as CDFM Refresher Courses.

Keep an eye on our website Events column and your email for webinar and course announcements.

ASMC is pleased that our members continue to take advantage of the highly regarded mini-courses and workshops in Virtual PDI 2020. Members can earn up to 28.5 CPEs by watching our sessions for FREE! Just go to the ASMC website under Virtual PDI and register for PDI 2020.

Don't forget that staying at home can't keep you from taking your Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certification tests as ASMC is offering online testing through Pearson Vue! Please visit our website to learn more about the convenience of taking proctored exams from home or at your workplace.

ASMC would love to hear from you. Let us know what topics you would like to see presented in our webinars or trainings by emailing the Education Team at Education@asmconline.com.

Learn Every Day!

The ASMC Education Team

#### Salute to the Air Force! Happy Birthday!

Happy 73rd Birthday, United States Air Force! On behalf of our ASMC National Executive Committee and the HQ Staff, we salute our over 4,000 ASMC Air Force members – Military (Active Duty, Air National Guard, Reserve, and Retirees) and USAF Civilians. Since 1947, you have been "doing the impossible every day" as you pursue your mission with excellence and integrity.

As the Air Force Financial Management team continues its mission – to provide resources, financial services and decision support to deliver air, space and cyber capabilities for our nation – know that ASMC is proud to serve with you as we provide community and educational opportunities to help you "aim high" in your professional career and in service to our country.

Once again, Happy Birthday, Air Force from your ASMC colleagues!



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## 2020-2021 Executive Board

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AFLCMC VP	Ms. Dawn Holding
At Large VP	Ms. Amy Williams
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Recognition Chapter	Vacant
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