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Chapter President

Sheena Fast

Greetings Aviation Chapter Members!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is ready for fall! September is a busy month with fiscal year end, kids starting school, and fall sports kicking off. I hope everyone gets the chance to get out and enjoy the cooler weather. We will be setting up times to present (or mail if necessary) awards to our local award winners, so keep an eye out for next month's newsletter, when we should have some pictures of both the local and national award winners. See below for some 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. A big THANK YOU to JD Lawson for his presentation on leadership for our August meeting. We're looking forward to hearing from Lt Col Wolfram from the 88th Comptroller Squadron in November.

*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!).

*Virtual EDFMTC. Taught by two instructors over the five day period using Zoom, they conducted the virtual course in July and August, and are planning to conduct an average of one virtual EDFMTC per month. The next V-EDFMTC course is scheduled for 14-18 Sep.

*National is having a monthly drawing for members who renew on-time or early – so remember to check when your membership expires. CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher Lauer, who won the July drawing for the 3-year renewal – he wins a \$150 gift card!

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

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Website: <http://www.asmc-aviation.org/>



- **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.

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 has a great last month of the fiscal year!



August Virtual Member Meeting

Mr. James “JD” Lawson, Chief, Financial Services, Air Force Research Laboratory, Presented Leadership Lessons I Learned from my Grandbabies. Key takeaways covered were:

- Thirst for Knowledge
- Empathy & Humility
- Being Optimistic
- Passion & Energy
- Learn to Adapt & Stay Resilient
- Honesty
- Going Outside Your Comfort Zone
- Laugh
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Slides for this presentation and be found at <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/AFFSO-RPA-Program.v4.pptx> and other Monthly meetings can be found on the ASMC Aviation Chapter web page - <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/luncheon/>

Upcoming Member Meetings:

September - TBD



Congratulations

Our very own ASMC Aviation Chapter AFRL VP, Kristen Wentworth, gave birth to a baby girl, Rosalie Marie, on 27 July, weighing 6lbs 15ozs and 20 inches long.



Defense Acquisition University (DAU) - Upcoming Opportunities for Continuous Learning Points (CLP)

In line with the National Defense Strategy, DAU webcasts focus on engaging and empowering you, the acquisition workforce, by keeping you up to date on a variety of current topics in defense acquisition, innovation, leadership, digital readiness, culture change, and design thinking among others. In addition to DAU faculty presenting on important acquisition topics such as the Adaptive Acquisition Process, OTs, Mid-Tier and SBIR programs, the events include moderated discussions with thought leaders from the DoD, industry and academia. The DAU Webcasts are curated, online web audio events in two formats: 1) a topic presentation by one or more speakers with a visual component of the presentation slides discussed and 2) a moderated discussion with a moderator and up to three speakers from DAU, the workforce, industry and/or academia. Occasionally, DAU develops webcasts into live events that are also livestreamed. There is no need to sign up in advance. At the time of the event go to the event page and join by clicking on the Webex link provided on the program page. All DAU webcasts are recorded and are made available on our past events page once the recording has been processed. By attending these webcasts you can also earn up to 1.5 CLPs per session.

Here are a few ways you can earn CLPs this month:

September 15 -- AAF Webcast: DoDI 5000.83 Technology and Program Protection to Maintain Technological Advantage
Recently, three new policy documents supporting the Adaptive Acquisition Framework were released, including DoDI 5000.83 - Technology and Program Protection to Maintain Technological Advantage. Ms. Melinda Reed, Director for Resilient Systems, OUSD(R&D), will discuss the implications of this new instruction, including new requirements for S&T professionals. This episode will also provide some great insights for members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce in the Program Management and Engineering career fields.
More information: <http://go.usa.gov/xG2AT>

September 23 -- TEDxDAU 2020: Art of the Possible
It's only three weeks away now! This year's virtual, no-cost event can net you up to 6 Continuous Learning Points -- all for listening to 12 fantastic speakers share their inspirational stories while networking with peers and other Defense professionals. In an era of critical thinking, this is a great opportunity to challenge your own perspectives while hearing about non-traditional methods and approaches others used to overcome adversity.
More information: <http://go.usa.gov/xG2AK>
Make your TEDxDAU experience more robust with the Whova app. By registering a Whova account with the same email address you used for TEDxDAU, you will be able to access forums, polls, real-time information and directly network and engage with other participants and speakers - all from the convenience of your phone or tablet. Find out more in your registration email.

October -- New AI Pilot for CON 0070 Source Selection
You can earn up to 4 Continuous Learning Points and course credit in as little as 3 hours for participating in our new Artificial Intelligence-driven pilot on Source Selection. This interactive module will provide an overview of source selection, the source selection organization, roles of source selection team members and emphasize the importance of close communication between the Government and offerors throughout the source selection process.
More information: <http://go.usa.gov/xG2AN>

Find more on these events and other webcasts through the DAU Events Calendar: <http://go.usa.gov/xG2Ap>
In addition, most of DAU webcasts are streaming on the DAU Webcast homepage and can be accessed anytime at <http://go.usa.gov/xG2Hm>



TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2020

Treasurers: Dawn O'Connell and Rebecca Workman



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$15,575.33	\$112,238.06	\$113,304.19
+ Income	\$0.06	\$6,883.84	\$6,710.84
- Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$15,575.39	\$119,121.90	\$120,015.03

Note:

The Fidelity ending balances are 31 July 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

September	TBD



Phishing and Vishing

Phishing has been around for a long time and is a persistent threat to our information. Automated emails and robocalls are the common tools for these attacks. As a refresher, phishing is simply an attack where a user is prompted to provide specific information. Fear and deception are the primary themes in the communications whether they are email or robocalls. Today, many of these attacks use information from previous data breaches so they can refer to an individual's phone number, email, address, job title, etc. to make the deception more convincing. These attacks always press some sort of urgency by threatening loss of computer access, account access, or even deactivation of social security number. The urgency and general unsolicited nature of these attacks (e.g., "your resume has been forwarded" when you never submitted one to start with) are big giveaways of the attack.

Unfortunately, a new attack has evolved from phishing called voice phishing, or Vishing. In short, an attacker will call a user and attempt to direct the user to a fake webpage. What makes these attacks more dangerous is that they are not robocalls. They are an actual person talking on the phone. Additionally, this person will have done some research on the company the user works for as well as some data scraping to collect relevant data. As a result, the attacker can reference the company, the company's IT software, the user's contact information, and even who the user's supervisor is. Many times, the attacker will be doing this under the guise of VPN troubleshooting. More sophisticated vishing attempts may even be pretending to call from a phone number which is associated with the user's company. The fake webpage will look nearly identical to the legitimate with information copied from the actual site. As the user inputs their login credentials into the fake login page, the attacker will be collecting and inputting the same credentials into the company's actual site enabling them to bypass two-factor authentication. This type of attack has increased significantly during the current COVID environment where many people are using some form of teleworking.

The best thing you can do to avoid falling victim to vishing is to be aware of how your company and its IT personnel would actually attempt to contact you. If a caller attempts to direct you to a specific website for any reason, use extreme caution. Most companies today encourage their employees and customers to access their online resources through known websites and not ask you to use an address they have not used before. Follow your instinct, if that voice in the back of your head starts raising questions, get off the phone and contact your IT office immediately through official channels.

TikTok

Many global cybersecurity concerns have been raised with respect to any technology or software services with links to China. Popular gaming and social media apps are no exception to this. Many experts in several countries have raised specific concern around the use of an app called TikTok. TikTok is a video sharing app which has been very popular with children. Unfortunately, the company which created the app is based in China and many of the concerns have to do with the risk of personal information becoming accessible to the Chinese government. This app serves as a good example of the persistent need for us to stay aware of what information we share and how we share it. The fact that this app is so popular with children stresses the need for parents to try and stay aware of what apps their children use while they cannot exercise good cyber hygiene on their own.

Special Offers and Spam Emails

Many companies offer gift card raffles, discounts, and free items to customers when they provide an email address. Similarly, some sites will offer free trials or more access to their content when an email address is provided. Of course, the result of providing your email address is spam. If you like to make use of such offers and discounts or cannot turn down a "freebie" but want to minimize the spam management, consider creating an alternate email address for this specific use. While this will not prevent said companies from tracking your behaviors, it will help you protect your primary email account to some degree. Try to keep in mind the cost of free in the virtual world.



**ASMC – Aviation Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
3 September 2020 (1100-1200)**

I. **President:** Sheena Fast called to order at 1103

II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Workman (A), Dawn

O'Connell **Secretary:** JoAnne Wills

President-Elect: Vacant

Vice-Presidents

AFAA: Vacant

AFIT: Eliminated

AFLCMC: Dawn Holding

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: Vacant

Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills

Awards and Recognition: Vacant

Chapter Competition: JR Frazier

Communications: Colleen Robinson (A) -

Community Activities: Rhonda Pepitone

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason (A)

Membership: Angela Brown (A), Cynthia Payne

Professional Development: Markina McKnight (A)

Programs: Tammy Pendergast - Looking at holding a social for September

Ways & Mean: Nathaniel Belvo (A)

(A) = In Attendance

III. General Business:

A. OLD:

- i. Open positions: Audit Committee Chair; Programs Committee co-chair; Professional Development co-chair; Photographer, Secretary, Award Chair
- ii. Chapter coins: trying to track down artwork. Sheena will contact Ane and check the status. Need to figure out how many we want to order as well.
- 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.



**ASMC – Aviation Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
16 July 2020 (1000-1100)**

Also working on the order for local awards. Discussed what to give individuals who were part of a team award. Terri suggested giving a certificate and coin for each person, and would like to see a ceramic coin to see whether it looks good. We discussed whether the individual names should be on the team plaque and agreed they should.

- iv. Colleen requested personnel submit member news for the newsletter.
- v. Angela stated she is working on updating the member list to send to the VPs, but asked about AFAA and AFIT. Sheena stated AFIT should go under At-Large, and Angela can send the AFAA list to Sheena, until we fill the AFAA VP position.
- vi. Tammy was not able to attend, but provided info that she is looking at holding a social for September.
- vii. Treasurers need budget inputs for PY 2020-2021.
- viii. Follow up with AFMC concerning President-Elect for PY 2020-2021. Terri will check with AFMC/FM leadership to see if we'll have someone.

B. NEW:

i. Next member meetings:

- 1. September – possible social? Patrice mentioned that with fiscal year end, this might be a challenge and suggested earlier in month (maybe week of 14-18 Sep, no later).
- 2. October – need a speaker
- 3. 19 November: Lt Col Wolfram, 88 Comptroller
- 4. Option to use CVR for future board meetings.

ii. Volunteers to fill positions:

- 1. Audit – Stephanie Burd (AFAA) and Michelle Hatton (AFAA)
- 2. Photographer - Tracey Hearnese (AFLCMC)

iii. Charitable contributions for speakers – keep the same or vote for new ones? We currently contribute to: 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 20 October. They invite the President, Treasurer, and Chairs for Membership, Programs, and Professional Development to attend. More info to come.

v. ACH form needs to be submitted to National for direct deposit of Chapter Rebates. Sheena provided the form before the meeting, and Rebecca stated she would submit today.

vi. Meeting adjourned at 1135.



What a year we've been having! Who knew back in March that we would still be social distancing in the dog-days of August! The onset of COVID-19 brought so many new experiences to each and every one of us. Whether it's working from home, home schooling children, reducing travel or wearing a mask in public places, all of us have to be creative and patient as we navigate this new lifestyle.

Here at ASMC, we are discovering new ways of accomplishing our mission and providing relevant professional training to DoD's financial management community. Whether working in an office or working from an office at home, our members can take advantage of ASMC's new low-cost virtual webinars covering technical, leadership and personal development topics. Keep an eye out for our upcoming webinars!

We even brought several of our highly regarded PDI mini-courses and workshops on-line in a Virtual PDI 2020 (V-PDI), free to ASMC members. It may not be Nashville, but it's an opportunity for members to earn up to 28.5 CPEs at no cost.

For those pursuing their CDFM Certification, ASMC is also providing virtual EDFMTC courses and CDFM Refreshers. We are also thrilled to offer a new delivery method to increase access to the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) examinations. Online proctored test delivery allows you to take your certification exam securely from your home or office.

Check ASMC's website to find out more about our educational offerings and CDFM examinations. Let us know how we are doing as well as what you would like to see from ASMC's Education Department in the future by emailing Education@ASMOnline.org.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Al Runnels, CDFM-A, CGFM
Executive Director
American Society of Military Comptrollers



2020-2021 Executive Board

President	Ms. Sheena Fast
President-Elect	TBD - AFMC
Secretary	Ms. JoAnne Wills
Treasurers	Ms. Rebecca Workman; Ms. Dawn O'Connell

Organizational Vice Presidents

88th CPTS VP	Ms. Shannon Noles
AFAA VP	Vacant
AFIT VP	Eliminated
HQ AFMC VP	Ms. Terri Desch
AFRL VP	Ms. Kristen Wentworth/Helen Barfield
AFLCMC VP	Ms. Dawn Holding
At Large VP	Ms. Amy Williams
Contractor VP	Ms. Patrice Solorzano

Committee Chairs

Audit	Ms. Stephanie Burd/Michelle Hatton
Augsburg Scholarship	Ms. JoAnne Wills
Awards and Recognition	Vacant
Chapter Competition	Mr. Clarence (JR) Frazier
Communications	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Advertising/Publicity	Ms. Anita Kerns
Newsletter Editor	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Photographer	Ms. Tracey Hearn
Webmaster	Mr. Jonathan Paden
Community Activities	Ms. Rhonda Pepitone
Health & Wellness	Mr. Fernando Mason
Membership	Ms. Angela Brown; Ms. Cynthia Payne
Professional Development	Ms. Markina McKnight
Early Careerist	Ms. Sandra Moncree
Programs	Ms. Tammy Pendergast
Tickets	Ms. Elaine Norsworthy
Ways & Means	Mr. Nate Belvo

