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Chapter President

Sheena Fast

Greetings Aviation Chapter!

I'm excited to start the new chapter year as President of the Aviation Chapter. First of all, I want to give a big THANK YOU to our outgoing President, Ane Graham, and all of the officers, committee chairs, and volunteers who keep our chapter going. This past year certainly had challenges, which will continue into the new chapter year. I'm hopeful that we'll get back to holding in-person luncheons, but in the meantime, I encourage you to take part in professional development via our virtual luncheons. Also, we have a number of positions that need filled: Secretary, Audit Committee Chair, Programs Committee Co-Chair, Professional Development Co-Chair, and Photographer. Please contact me or the Vice President for your organization if you're interested in filling any of these positions.

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July Virtual Member Meeting

Mr. Raymond Casul, Director of Air Force Financial Systems Operations (AFFSO), presented the AFFSO Robotic Process Automation (RPA). Topics covered were:

- What is RPA?
- The benefits of automation
- Automation Capabilities
- How RPA can help FM
- AFFSO automation examples
- How to get involved

For further information contact the RPA org box: saf.affso.rpa@us.af.mil or Mr. Michael Green, DSN 672-2263 or commercial 937-522-2228.

Slides for this presentation and other Monthly meetings can be found on the ASMC Aviation Chapter web page - <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/luncheon/>

Upcoming Member Meetings:

August - TBD



Welcome

Col Jason Holcomb, SAF to HQ AFMC/FMA
Tasha Wood, Industry to HQ AFMC/FMFR
David (Bryan) Jones, AFLCMC to HQ AFMC/FMMW
Vivian Bankston-Franklin, PAQ HQ AFMC/FMMI
Erin Marks, AFLCMC to HQ AFMC/FMC
Amy Kitzmiller, AFSC to HQ AFMC/FMAH
Steven McMillan, Industry to HQ AFMC/FMFS

Farewell

Col John Hansen from HQ AFMC/FMA to USSTRATCOM
Kevin Locker, HQ AFMC/FMC to Industry
Don Oreskovich, HQ AFMC/FMAI to Deployment

Congratulations

Justin Thorpe, 88 CPTS/FMZ, completed the 7-9-11-12 training program
Matt Fortner, HQ AFMC/FMFA, promotion
John Hill, HQ AFMC/FMAH, promotion
Rhonda Tubbs, promotion

Retirement

Randy Bradley, HQ AFMC/FMC and former ASMC Aviation Chapter Vice President (2750 ABW), Investments Committee Chairperson, and Publicity Chairperson



FERS Retirement Planning Tool Update*
By Randy Bradley, HQ AFMC/FMC

As I prepare for my retirement effective 31 July 2020, I wanted to distribute the “Production” version of the FERS Retirement Planning Tool to everyone who has either received a previous version and/or a demonstration of the tool. This is the version that contains all of the latest factors and bells and whistles from the recommendations of everyone who beta tested it. The FERS Retirement Tool was carefully crafted using many of the same principles used by a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and the tax formulas contained in the tool were validated by a government employed Certified Public Accountant (CPA). The tool accounts for the following income sources:

- FERS Basic Retirement Benefit (Pension)
- FERS Annuity Supplement (if applicable)
- Social Security Benefits
- TSP Withdrawals (Traditional and Roth)
- IRA/401(k) Withdrawals (Traditional and Roth)
- Other Pension Benefits (e.g. Air Force Reserves, former employer, spouse’s pension)
- Other Income (e.g. Rental income)
- Sale of Accrued Annual Leave

What you will need to get started:

- Current LES
- Estimated High-3 (page 6 of your Total Compensation Statement in the GRB Platform)
<https://w45.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecureNet40/CheckPortal.aspx>
- Current TSP balances (Traditional and Roth)
- Current IRA/401(k) balances (Traditional and Roth)
- Annual Social Security Statement

How to get a Social Security Statement <https://faq.ssa.gov/en-us/Topic/article/KA-01741>

Other employer pension statement (e.g. Air Force Reserves Retiree Account Statement)

If you copy and paste your inputs from a previous version into the updated tool, which can be found on the ASMC Aviation Web page <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/professional-development>, please **use the Paste Values option**. Also note that you must enable the Printer Friendly LES in myPay if you enter your latest LES inputs into the tool directly from the myPay website. Many, MANY THANKS once again to George Diehl, Kevin Locker, and Summer Bartshe for their expertise and assistance in the development of the tool, and the support we received from Ms. Teresa Frank and the HQ AFMC/FM Front Office to help make it all happen!

Unfortunately we weren’t able to get the tool distributed to the audience I had anticipated it would be made available to. You can scroll down to the 18 Jun 20 email from USAF AF-A1 (USA) for the specifics but the long story short is that the Air Force’s current digital transformation and streamlining efforts prevent the tool from being distributed for Air Force wide use.

I’ve worked with some of you over the years and it’s been a real pleasure! I feel blessed that I could give the Air Force over 39 years of service (35 years as a civilian here at W-P and 4 years of Active Duty in the AF). That time also includes 17 years in the Ohio Air National Guard from which I retired in 1999. My blood truly runs blue!

In closing, I’d like you to know that I’ll be available to answer any questions with respect to the retirement planning tool and/or be happy to guide you through some of the tool’s “what-if” analyses. Please don’t hesitate to reach out. My personal email address is oh2ny98@gmail.com.

*Ref August 2019 Member Luncheon and Newsletter



TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2020

Treasurers: Dawn O'Connell and Rebecca Workman



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$15,575.27	\$111,398.40	\$109,591.77
+ Income	\$0.06	\$839.66	\$3,712.42
- Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$15,575.33	\$112,238.06	\$113,304.19

Note:

The Fidelity ending balances are 30 June 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

August	TBD



Rent or Buy Router/Modem

When purchasing internet service, a decision which many users should consider is whether or not they should rent the router and modem from their selected internet service provider (ISP). Unfortunately, this decision can be a little tricky for some. The balance between cost, level of control, and autonomy of network maintenance are major factors. Below are some pros and cons which users may want to be considered when deciding whether to buy hardware or rent it from the ISP.

Renting Router and Modem:

Renting is by far the simplest option and require the least amount of technical knowledge. The hardware will be guaranteed to be compatible with the ISP. More accessible ISP technical support as they will have specific technical details and capabilities for supporting the hardware they provided. For users who have no interest in managing their settings and hardware, renting is the ideal options. However, renting is likely the more expensive option over time. Within nine to twelve months, renting begins costing more than purchasing similar or better hardware. Many ISPs now save the settings (e.g., WIFI name and password) on the rented hardware to the user's profile. Depending on privacy preferences, this may be an issue for some users. Security features and firmware updates are limited to what the ISP provides and may be infrequent.

Buying Router and Modem:

Buying provides users with the most control and requires some degree of technical knowledge depending on the desired features of the hardware. Purchased hardware can have more features such as guest networks, advanced network controls, firewalls, etc. which may not be available on ISP hardware. The extra features give users more control over their network and more privacy. In most cases, users can take their hardware and switch between ISPs without the need to return the old ISP hardware and waiting to receive the new ISP hardware. However, buying does come with need for a little more effort to get everything up and running. Additionally, users would want to verify that the hardware is compatible with the ISP although this would only be an issue with very small or local ISPs. Finally, some ISPs may blame the hardware for any service issues.

Guest Networks

Most standard networks enable connected devices to communicate with each other and the internet. Many routers today now come with the additional capability to create a guest network. Guest networks are a separate network your router creates where none of the connected devices can see or talk to each other but can only use the internet. The usage of a guest network can add an extra layer of security to your home network. In most cases, if you have an infected device on your guest network, the rest of your devices are isolated and safe. Additionally, devices connected to your guest network are unable to access the router's settings. In general, users should implement a guest network if possible. If a device does not require access to other connected devices (e.g., network printer or hard drive), then they should be using the guest network. Smart/Internet of Things (IoT) devices, children, and guests should, at the most, only be allowed to connect to the guest network. When setting up a guest network, use a WIFI name and password that is different from your normal WIFI name and password.

PowerPoint Media Presentation Shortcuts

Sometimes it can be difficult to run media while you are in the Presentation Mode of PowerPoint. Many times this is simply due to not being able to find your cursor since your computer is often connected to the projector as well as a monitor. Here are a couple of tips on how to run media without a mouse that may help you out. If you are using hyperlinks in your presentation, you can simply press Tab to cycle forward through the hyperlinks on the slide and Shift + Tab to cycle backward through them. Pressing Enter while a hyperlink, the link will be opened.

When you are playing audio/video files in your presentation, there are a few shortcuts that can help you react quickly if there is an issue while the media is playing. Ctrl+Space or Alt+P will toggle between play and pause. Alt+↑ and Alt+↓ will increase and decrease the volume respectively. Alt+U will mute the sound.



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

I. **President:** Ane Graham called to order at 1009

II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Workman, Dawn O'Connell

Secretary: JoAnne Wills

President-Elect: Sheena Fast (A)

Vice-Presidents

AFAA: Kathryn Nash

AFIT: Eliminated

AFLCMC: David Ohs

AFMC: Terri Desch (A)

AFRL: Kristen Wentworth (A)

At Large: Amy Williams (A)

Contractors: Patrice Solorzano

88th CPTS: Shannon Noles

Committee Chairs:

Audit: Susan Duening

Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills

Awards and Recognition: Chris Lahmann (A)

Chapter Competition: JR Frazier

Communications: Colleen Robinson

Community Activities: Rhonda Pepitone

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason

Membership: Angela Brown, Cynthia Payne (A)

Professional Development: Markina McKnight (A)

Programs: Tammy Pendergast (A)

Ways & Means: Nathaniel Belvo (A)

(A) = In Attendance

III. General Business:

A. OLD:

- i. Kristen Wentworth sent out an email to AFRL asking for someone to fill in as VP while she's out on extended leave. Tammy Pendergast will do it if no one else volunteers.
- ii. Open positions: Audit Committee Chair; Programs Committee co-chair; Professional Development co-chair; Photographer, Secretary
- iii. Chapter coins: trying to track down artwork; Sheena advised to take a picture of a coin to use in place of artwork; Ane will send out email asking for someone to take a picture



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- iv. National & Local Annual Awards: Voted in favor of contacting the winners to determine whether they would like to receive via a formal presentation or if they would prefer receiving the award in the mail. Can also ask the winners if they can't or don't want to do an in-person presentation, would they like to have ASMC join in on a virtual staff meeting to make the announcement/virtual presentation, and then mail the award separately? Also waiting on local awards order to complete; Chris hasn't been able to get in to get awards ordered yet, but planning to do next week.
- v. Treasurers need budget inputs for PY 2020-2021; Ane will follow-up with Treasurers
- vi. Markina asked about CPEs for last month's DCS and how attendees get credit; need to check website; Tammy will find out
- vii. Colleen requested soliciting more member news from other organizations in addition to HQ AFMC. Also, looking for topics for newsletter articles that people would be interested in reading.

B. NEW:

- i. Aviation Chapter received the following Chapter Competition Awards for 2019-2020: Overall Chapter Competition (Meritorious Award in A1 Category), Five Star Recognition, Community Service, and Communications (Meritorious Award in A1 Category)
- ii. David Ohs is stepping down from the position of AFLCMC VP. Dawn Holding (Section Chief, International Division Financial Support Branch, AFLCMC/WFFI (AFSAC)) has expressed interest in taking over the vacancy.
- iii. Next member meetings:
 - 1. 23 July: virtual meeting via DCS; Mr. Raymond Casul, Director of Air Force Financial Systems Operations, will be speaking on "Robotic Process Automation (RPA)"
- iv. Ane closed the meeting by thanking all of the Executive Board members for helping out during the year, pulling together to plan and volunteer for events, and supporting her throughout her term as President. She looks forward to Sheena's term as President and knows she will have a successful year.
- v. Meeting adjourned at 1029.



Virtual CDFM Refresher Sessions

Virtual CDFM Refresher Sessions for Modules 1-3 are now available online! Join us for live, instructor led training between May and June. For more information, please visit the CDFM refresher page: <https://asmconline.org/pd/training/refreshers/>

Upcoming Virtual Training

Status Reports - How to Give Your Boss the Best Update, Ever!

When: Aug 17, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (ET)

In the “Status Reports: How to Give your Boss the Best Update Ever” webinar, you will meet EFAR (Enemy, Friendly, Administrative needs, and Request), the time-tested-and-true recipe for composing status reports. EFAR is based on the military Situation Report (SITREP) and will work wonders in helping you keep your reports on point, give necessary and relevant information to the right people, and get the right results. During the Status Reports webinar, EFAR will be explained, unpacked, and practiced. After the webinar, attendees will look for opportunities to exercise this powerful tool via any communication channel: spoken, written, or electronic.

Peter Tyson is a trained US Navy helicopter engineering test pilot, test pilot instructor, and Acquisition Professional. After 21 years on active duty, Peter now provides workforce training and development, primarily for the 8 NAVAIR sites across the US, but also for other government agencies and industry partners. Peter provides training on an array of professional subjects, including program management, logistics & sustainment, and test & evaluation with in-person and virtual formats. He also teaches public speaking, professional writing, critical thinking, and risk management skills to individuals and teams. Finally, Peter spends much of his time supporting and helping subject matter experts learn to train and share with others.

Date: 17 August 2020

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm ET (Virtual doors open at 11:30)

Cost: \$29.00 for members and \$49.00 for non-members

CPE's: One (1) CPE

Venue: Live Online Webinar via Zoom Meeting.

To view the full FM Virtual Training Program schedule and course descriptions, go to the FM Online “CET Resources” page at <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/CET/cet.aspx>.



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Webmaster	Mr. Jonathan Paden
Community Activities	Ms. Rhonda Pepitone
Health & Wellness	Mr. Fernando Mason
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Early Careerist	Ms. Sandra Moncree
Programs	Ms. Tammy Pendergast
Tickets	Ms. Elaine Norsworthy
Ways & Means	Mr. Nate Belvo

