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Chapter President

Beth Jankowski

Greeting Aviation Chapter Members!

I remember my childhood holidays were filled with expectations based on the annual traditions that our family followed every year. For example, preparing our front room to give our needle-dropping evergreen center stage. Decorating that tree with old ornaments brings precious memories of past seasons. On our celebration day, the songs, gifts, food, and pure mayhem entered my memory banks. These memories brings together loved ones who are no longer with us and family not seen for most of the year. *The Pandemic* isolated many of us from friends, family, and co-workers. Some of our FM traditions, mostly consisting of food, have been put on the wayside. For example, the gluttonous Close-Out days, the office holidays parties, costume contests, and even hallway parades have not been seen for quite some time now for most of us.

We want to bring a sense of belonging and reconnection back to the FM community and thought we could feature pictures of YOU celebrating your traditions of the season. Not a picture person? Then share a story of your traditions (or a funny story traditions gone wrong). I will start:

Every year the grandkids would come our house to cut-out cookie dough, bake, cool, and decorate the cookies. It was a whole day event. Our adult children spent that time to go gift shopping!

See pages 4 & 5 to enjoy more stories and pictures. Email your picture (with caption) or your stories to our Editor, Colleen Robinson at colleen.robinson@us.af.mil.



LEADERS NEEDED!!

Do you want to add to your leadership toolbox? Join our team and volunteer to lead a committee! The job comes with great networking, visibility, and great fun! We are looking for leaders for the following committees: Professional Development, Community Activities, and Way&Means .

Twitter: [@asmctweets](https://twitter.com/asmctweets)

Facebook: www.facebook/pages/American-Society-of-Military-Comptrollers

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



November Member Meeting



On 10 November 2021, Ms. Sarah French, AFWERX Plus Chief Financial Officer presented her Leadership style. She explained that a leader does not need to know everything, but should know who has the answer. As the scope increases the amount of decisions you have to make, so does the scope of the number of mistakes you can possibly make. Ms French said that leading is not for the faint of heart as you must hold people accountable, own your team's actions, and make unfavorable decisions. Using a Servant leadership style, Ms French stressed the importance to be transparent, accountable, set expectations, and challenge teams to strive to remain the upper echelons of the Accountability Ladder. She ended the presentation with tools to become a better leader. She recommends to get a mentor, seek out people who have different strengths than you, develop leader skillsets, and use a proper inference when life happens (situation → thought → feeling → behavior).

Ms Jankowski, presented Ms French with a virtual Certificate of Appreciation and a donation in her name to the Fisher & Nightingale House, Inc. Ms Jankowski adjourned the meeting.

Upcoming Member Meetings:

Date: Wednesday, 8 December 2021

Time: 9:30am – 11:00am

Speaker: Ms. Olivia Lehman, Civilian Health Promotion Services

Topic: "Get Your Plate in Shape and Stress Less for Healthy Holidays"

Date: Tuesday, 25 January 2022

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Speaker: Mr James Oberg, DEAMS Functional Management Office

Topic: DEAMS Miscellaneous Payments

Date: 1 February 2022

Speaker: Olivia Lehman, CHPS Health Promotion Coordinator

Topic: Heart Health

More Training Opportunities:

Education Bulletin:

<https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/21288/FSS/FSD/FSDE/EE/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/84/December%202021%20Education%20Bulletin.pdf>

December Events Flyer:

<https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/21288/FSS/FSD/FSDE/EE/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/83/WPAFB%20Education%20December%202021%20Flyer.pdf>

January Events Flyer:

<https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/21288/FSS/FSD/FSDE/EE/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/85/WPAFB%20Education%20January%202022%20Flyer.pdf>



Congratulations

SrA Ivan Tendenilla, 88th CPTS/FMF, Financial Management Airman of the Year

Joseph Holderman, AFLCMC/WIHF, Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year

Erin Marks, HQ AFMC/FMC, Non-Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year

Sarah Flaherty, AFLCMC/FZH, Educator of the Year

Rebekah Buck, AFRL/FZAS, Resource Advisor of the Year - MAJCOM, FIELDCOM, FOA, or DRU level

Capt John Jayne, HQ AFMC/FME, Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Officer, MAJCOM, FIELDCOM, FOA, or DRU level

Kortney Wemple, HQ AFMC/FMFA, Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Civilian, MAJCOM, FIELDCOM, FOA, or DRU level

88th CPTS, Financial Analysis Office of the Year

88th CPTS, Financial Operations Office of the Year

AFRL/RSF, AFRL Team Financial Analysis Office of the Year

Angelica Friedrich, AFRL/RSF, AFMC 3rd Qtr Star Performer

General Larry O. Spencer Special Acts and Service Award

AFIMSC 6F Assignment & Deployment team

AFLCMC T-7A Budget Team

AFRL FZP Workforce Transition Team

AFRL FZF Team

HQ AFMC FM Data and Analytics

HQ AFMC AFWCF FIAR

HQ AFMC Centralized Asset Management - Execution Challenges

Retirements

Amy Williams, SAF/FMF AFFSO, ASMC Aviation Chapter At Large VP

Beth Bruggeman, AFLCMC/WNS Simulators Program Office

Rhonda Burnett, AFLCMC/WFF, AFSAC





"Share With us a Holiday Tradition, Memory or Something Special You or Your Family Does for the Holidays"

My grandma has one of the grandkids read Luke 2 (the birth of Jesus story) before we begin opening presents. We've been doing it for over 20 years, and she also has a special candle that we have to light when it's time to read it. There is 6 of us and now & since some of us are married ,spouses are incorporated in reading as well! We also go one at a time to open presents so it takes about 2 hours to go through it, and it was excruciating as a child! - Chris

Every Christmas Eve we attend the Christmas Eve service at my Husband's hometown church with his whole family. At the end of the service they pass around candles to each member of the congregation. The first candle is lit and then that candle is used to light the next candle, and that one is used to light the next candle, and so on until the whole congregation has their candles lit. Then they turn off all the lights in the church and everyone sings Silent Night. Usually not a dry eye left in the church. This Christmas Eve Church tradition has been going on since my mother and father-in-law were kids.

Another tradition is that every year our kids get one "big" gift from Santa. The big gift isn't necessarily the biggest or the most expensive, but rather the one gift they wanted Santa to bring them the most. That gift is unpackaged, unwrapped, built, and on full display and is the first thing they see come Christmas morning! We then take the next few minutes to play and focus on that one "big" gift Santa brought them before beginning to open the other gifts under the tree. - Kristen

My family has almost too many traditions, but one we actually attended just last weekend. We try every year to make it down to Cincinnati and attend their Holiday Pops concert at Music Hall. A super festive experience, the orchestra plays a wide range of holiday music and they have special guests come to sing some of the pieces. On top of that, Music Hall is decorated to the T and it's always fun to browse and appreciate the architecture, fantastic murals and the massive chandelier. - Evan Riethman, AFLCMC/FZC



A Christmas tradition my family enjoys is the day after Christmas! In order to shake some of the 'Christmas is over' blues, my family and I plan an event the day after Christmas such as visiting a museum, shopping at a gourmet grocery store for ingredients for a unique meal, or a movie. When we first started this, our kids were less than enthusiastic. But over the years, they look forward to it as a Christmas tradition and come up with different ideas as well! - Paul Cuesta, AFLCMC/HIF

For our Christmas traditions we attend the candlelight service at church on Christmas Eve and then come home and typically watch "A Christmas Story" and each open one gift before we go to bed. Each year we like to try and do something different, such as Clifton Mills, Woodland Lights, Carillon Park, or a drive-thru lights show. - Cindy Scanlon, AFLCMC/WVB

My tradition for holidays is to have sugar cookies made with all the kids names on them. Kids love to see their names and this is a fun tradition. My mother used to do this for our family when I was a kid and I have kept it going. - Ariel Quesinberry, AFLCMC/WFF



One of our family traditions is building gingerbread houses with friends and family. This event has ranged from 50-100 houses built throughout the day. - Jennifer Caplinger, AFLCMC/WFF



For our family traditions we do a few things:

1. We drive around neighborhoods at night to look at how people light up their houses
2. We have elf on the shelf who moves every night for the kids
3. We do Christmas Dinner with Turkey and Ham, hosting family and playing cards
4. We visit a different light show display every year with the kids

Erin Heider, AFLCMC/XA-AT

My daughters and I purchase matching PJs every year. We wear them on Christmas Eve, pop some popcorn, and watch Christmas movies. Our absolute favorite is The Muppets Christmas Carole followed closely by Elf! - Shannon Moore, AFLCMC/HIF



A favorite holiday tradition for me is going to church Christmas Eve with my family and then heading to relative's house afterwards for snacks and games. Each year there is a large stocking full of gifts for the kids. The children hold such anticipation for picking the dollar tree items out of that big stocking. - Jodi Pierri, AFLCMC/FZH



One of our family traditions is to open 1 gift and only 1 gift on Christmas Eve. Plus we always do stockings for each family member Christmas morning filled with personal hygiene items and small bags of favorite candies. - Randy Bosworth, AFLCMC/WAB

Every Christmas Day at noon our family has a big dinner at my Aunt's church hall. This is a family dinner that is also an open invite anyone in the church and any friends who don't have somewhere to go Christmas Day. My family makes the majority of the food and my Kids and I are responsible for making the dishes my mom used to make- Broccoli Casserole, Taco Salad, Deviled Eggs, and Sweet Potatoes. If you need somewhere to go Christmas Day, let me know! You're invited and will never eat better! - Dawn Holding, AFLCMC/WFF



One of our Christmas traditions is making cookies for Santa. - Corrine Jelic, AFLCMC/HIF



Christmas Angels 2021

The Christmas Angels 2021 project is finished. Tammy delivered the gift bags to the families all weekend and the parents were extremely grateful for everything they received. Many cried, there were lots of hugs, and so many smiles. Thank you for your support, as we wouldn't be able to do this every year without every single one of you. Every single gift card, donated gifts, gift bags, tissue, and candy is used each year for our Angels.





Looking for Job Opportunities?

Job Boards: <https://org2.eis.af.mil/sites/22788/Lists/AFMC%20FM%20Job%20Boards%20Links/AllItems.aspx>

Meet your **Chapter's Early Careerist Lead, Saundra Moncree**. Ms Moncree has been a financial manager for over four years and completed the Financial Management Training Program. She worked in AFLCMC and AFSAC, and achieved certifications for Financial Management (FM) Level II and Security Cooperation Workforce Development (SCWD) Basic Level. She is leading a team to bring specialized professional development to our early careerist. See her meeting notes below. Look for more activities in future newsletters.

Early Careerist Meeting

Attended Saundra Moncree - Lead
Ana Baller
Judy Brooks
Aminah Costner
Tracy Kremer
Nicole Foreman

Absent Beth Jankowski - Advisor
Jenifer Klump - Advisor
Tracey Hearn

Facebook – Tracy Kremer volunteered to be the POC of Facebook

Who is the Early Careerist? - Anyone who feels they are early in the career. No age limit.

Speakers - Sending invitations to the speakers for the January – April Luncheons.

Next meeting is either December 9 or December 16 after 3 pm.

Professional Development

The AY23-24 Civilian Developmental Education (CDE) applicant window will be opening soon on 18 January 2022. Now is the time to start thinking on where you want to focus your learning for the next year. We encourage you to log in to myVector early to review your profiles. This will provide you additional time to complete the applications and resume for all the opportunities you may be interested in applying for through the CDE call. Keep in mind how short the window of opportunity is each year. For more information, please contact Ms. Margaret Heard-McCurdy, MAJCOM Training Manager.

Applicants: **Understanding the CDE Process and Strengthening Your Application**

Date: 16 December; Time: 0800 – 1000 CST

Zoom for Government link (copy/paste link into your browser)

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16147937523?pwd=dnIWNHRqdVhvZUN2QTBoZE5UQXQyZz09>

- Meeting ID: 161 4793 7523

- Password: 992294

If unable to login, dial-in for audio only.

- Customer commercial (301) 909-7350, code 24734684# Or - DSN 94 (312) 723-7350, code 24734684#

Supervisors: **How to Talk to Your Team Members about CDE and Write Strong Endorsements**

Date: 16 December; Time: 1300 – 1500 CST

Zoom for Government link (copy/paste link into your browser)

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16147937523?pwd=dnIWNHRqdVhvZUN2QTBoZE5UQXQyZz09>

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TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2021

Treasurers: Dawn O'Connell and Rebecca Workman



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$20,110.98	\$152,826.68	\$140,063.86
+ Income	\$0.06	\$8,727.06	\$8,290.20
- Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$19,911.04	\$161,553.74	\$148,354.06

Note:

The Fidelity ending balances are 31 October 2021.
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

08 Dec	Speaker: Ms. Olivia Lehman, Civilian Health Promotion Services
25 Jan	Speaker: Mr James Oberg, DEAMS Functional Mgmt Office
1 Feb	Speaker: Olivia Lehman, CHPS Health Promotion Coordinator



Computer Shopping

In this week's tips, I am using the term "computer" a little more loosely than normal. So when I say computer, I am referring to laptops, tablets, desktops, etc. collectively. After covering some key terms, I thought I would try to help clarify a few items that pop up when you go computer shopping. Additionally, I will include some commonly recommended hardware specifications.

The hardware recommendations will be specifically for laptops since they are the middle ground. Here are two general guidelines for converting the hardware recommendations between devices. Desktops will generally have more powerful hardware than a laptop for the same price. Tablets and smaller devices will generally have hardware that is less powerful than a laptop for the same price. As the device gets smaller, the hardware becomes more expensive. This article does a good job of covering all of the components discussed below and more. Additionally, this article (<https://www.livescience.com/60965-laptop-buying-tips.html>) provides a quick list of recommended specs. Keep in mind that while this is an ideal time of year to buy laptops, the global chip shortage and supply chain challenges are creating very long lead times for certain hardware. If you are looking for cheap computers, keep in mind that Windows 10 will only be supported until 2025. You may want to check your potential purchase with these specifications (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-11-specifications>).

Terms:

Laptops

Ultrabook/Thinbook – these are thin and light laptops with a screen size in the 11 to 15 inch range that often have fewer ports and no CD/DVD drive and perform as well as some laptops.

Chromebook/Macbook – a popular type of lightweight laptop designed by Google/Apple respectively. Chromebooks are ideal for kids and students.

Notebook/Laptop – this is likely what you picture when you hear the term laptop; they have a screen size of 15 inches and up with a wide range of performance capability and hardware.

Desktops

Standard – a traditional desktop

Small/mini/compact – these desktops are usually half-the size of a normal desktop or less. Many of these desktops will be good if you want some combination of a small footprint, low power consumption, and quiet when running (e.g., low fan noise). Some companies have their own term for the smaller desktops. For example, Intel builds small desktops and refers to them as Next Unit Computing (NUC) computers.

Large/gaming – these desktops are often very large relative to a standard desktop. Gaming, high-demand processing, and servers are often the purposes of these desktops. Additionally, these desktops will have lighting effects, clear panels, and alternative cooling options (e.g., water-cooling).

Tablets, E-Readers, etc.

Tablets – are small touchscreen based devices that can have a screen size range from the size of smartphone to that of a netbook or small laptop.

E-Readers – are very similar to tablets. The primary difference is the screen. These devices use e-ink style screens. As a result, their screens will look like the pages of a book, use less power (i.e., longer battery life), and be easier to read in direct sunlight.

2-in-1, Convertibles, and Detachables

These devices are basically hybrids between laptops and tablets. In general, you can view convertibles as laptops with touchscreens that twist or fold over and convert the laptop into a very large tablet. Detachables, are tablets that connect to a keyboard with a built-in touch pad. The keyboard/touch-pad are often a part of a case/sleeve for the tablet or look like the bottom half of laptop, which the tablet snaps into.

Even though large varieties of computer types are available now, they all use the same type of hardware. One fact to keep in mind, as you decrease in size (i.e., desktop to tablet/smartphone), you will lose the ability to customize and me combination of the items described below.

Hardware (Common performance bottlenecks and/or cost drivers):

Operating System (OS) – This should be the first choice you make if you have not already. For laptops/desktops the two most common right now are Apple's Mac OS and Microsoft's Windows. For tablets and smartphones, Apple's iOS and Google's Android are most common. The choice of OS can limit hardware options in some cases.

RAM – this is the working memory of a computer, while 4 GB is the minimum I would recommend at least 8 GB. 16 GB would be good if you want a little higher performance and/or help your computer keep up with technology as it ages. Greater than 16 GB will only be a benefit if you do heavy gaming, video editing, or computations/modeling. RAM is relatively cheap and pretty easy to find/install. It may be worthwhile to check the price of the RAM you want compared of the cost of upgrading it when you buy the computer if you are comfortable making such an upgrade yourself. Anything



above 16 GB will likely cause large increases in cost and are only necessary for specific high-power usage beyond what was already listed.

Processor – this is the brain of your computer. While it is one of the more important components you select, due to inability to upgrade it later in portable devices, it is also one of the hardest to shop for. This article (<https://www.laptopmag.com/articles/laptop-buying-guide>) has a good breakdown of the most common processors. When in doubt, many sites do processor comparisons (e.g., Intel Core i7 vs AMD Ryzen 4000) and I would recommend reading the comparison summaries. Sometimes terms like hyper threading (i.e., allows one core to behave like two, a dual core act like a quad core, etc.) and overclocking/turbo boost (i.e., allows the processor to run faster than it is rated). This means that a 2.1 GHz processor can outperform a 2.5 GHz processor. Intel and AMD are generally to top two brands for this hardware. Intel is currently in its 11th generation of processors.

Battery – the battery is worth mentioning because it can be a large cost driver that can affect the weight and form factor of laptops and some smaller devices. Additionally, a larger battery may not matter if you plan to use your laptop as a desktop replacement. In this case, the larger battery may not be worth the cost since you will not utilize the extra capacity. Seven hours is becoming pretty common where eight or more hours is ideal when portability is important.

Touchscreen – this is a large cost driver that will come down to preference/intended purpose of the computer. For devices which are smaller than a laptop and convertibles/detachables a touchscreen is not optional and no longer a cost driver. While traditional laptops with the clamshell form factor often have a touchscreen option, 2-in-1 form factors often get the most benefit from touchscreens. All current operating systems are designed around touch capability and offer a variety of touch-based features.

Keyboard/touchpad – style (types of keys) and layout (standard keyboard size, number pad inclusion, additional media keys) vary greatly and can have a large impact on how much you enjoy using your laptop. Do not overlook the keyboard and remember to consider the size/placement of the touch pad relative to the keyboard. The keyboard and touchpad style, size, and layout will often be driven by the computer's screen size. For example, you often do not see the number pad until the screen size hits 15 inches or more. This item probably matters most for laptops since you buy the keyboard and mouse separately for desktops and the smaller devices only have a keyboard as an accessory. Backlit keyboards are a very popular feature today.

Screen size – is a major cost driver that is dependent upon your preference/intended use of the computer. Screen size generally drives the form factor as well as the larger sizes are usually a traditional clam shell style and medium to smaller sizes vary including 2-in-1 and detachable. Fifteen inches is the most common size for laptops and is basically the middle ground where you see the most variety. The screen size is also a major factor in the weight of the computer and battery life. Whether the screen is attached to the computer or a part of the device, the size and resolution will be the two primary items which make the cost increase. Eleven to twelve inches are usually the most portable and seventeen to eighteen inches are often the most powerful.

Storage: Solid State Hard Drives (SSD) and Hard Disk Drives (HDD) – HDDs have been the primary storage medium for decades. Over the last decade SSDs are basically the next generation of hard drives, they are lighter and often use less power than a traditional HDD while performing at higher speeds. These are most useful when you are going for a portable or high performing computer. The cost per GB for SSDs has become competitive with HDDs. You can get by on 250 GB pretty easily but I would recommend 500 GB to 1 TB if it doesn't cost too much. However, for devices which are smaller than a laptop and convertibles/detachables, solid state memory is the only option and no longer a cost driver. An ideal setup for desktops is the "dual drive" option where a smaller SSD is used for the operating system and a larger HDD is used for file storage. An external drive is often a good option for expanding storage capacity.

Note: A new form of SSD, M.2 SSD, has become more common. A variety of types of M.2 are available and are often high performing but come at a premium.

Graphics Card/Chip or Dedicated Graphics – a graphics card should be considered for users looking to do more intense processing such as heavy gaming, video editing, or computations/modeling. For basic use, a graphics card is not necessary. Nvidia and AMD are currently the top brands for this component.

Note: Graphics cards had faced a shortage with the emergence of cryptocurrency and cryptomining. Any users looking to do some cryptomining will need to check the graphics cards as manufacturers have begun to make a majority their cards less useful for cryptomining in face of the current chip and supply shortage.

Ports – Similar to the keyboard and touchpad, a device's ports is an important factor that is sometimes overlooked. Do you need an HDMI port or do you have multiple devices that use USB C, which you want to plug into the computer? USB C and Thunderbolt are becoming very popular standards. Consider if there are enough USB ports or if you need an audio jack. Do you not need many ports as long as the computer has Bluetooth?

DVD/Blu-ray drives are becoming less common and often limit other options. Consider an external DVD/Blu-ray drive as an alternative so you do not have to compromise on other hardware options.

Weight – This will only matter based on your preferences for portability vs. performance.



**ASMC – Aviation Chapter Executive Board
Meeting Minutes 18 November 2021
(1002-1102 hrs)
Microsoft Team (CHES)**

I. **Call to Order - President:** Beth Jankowski, 1002 hrs.

II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Workman (A), Dawn O'Connell (A)

Secretary: Shawn Kain (A)

President-Elect: TBD

Vice-Presidents

AFAA: Brian Surowiec

AFLCMC: Dawn Holding

AFMC: JoAnne Hutchison (A)

AFRL: Kristen Wentworth

At Large: Amy Williams (A)

Contractors: Patrice Solorzano (A)

88th CPTS: Shannon Noles

Committee Chairs:

Audit: Stephanie Burd, Michelle Hatton

Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills

Awards and Recognition: Sheena Fast (A)

Chapter Competition: Heather Brodess

Communications: Colleen Robinson (A)

Advertising/Publicity: Anita Kearns (A)

Webmaster: Jonathan Paden

Community Activities: Vacant

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason (A)

Membership: Rhonda Pepitone (A), Cynthia Payne

Professional Development: Vacant

Early Careerist: Saundra Moncree (A)

Programs: Tammy Pendergast (A)

Tickets: Elaine Norsworthy

Ways & Mean: Vacant

(A) = In Attendance

II. General Business

A. OLD:

- i. Open positions: Professional Development, Ways and Means, Community Activities, and Historian. Nobody has volunteered. Board members should ask if anyone in their organizations would be willing to lead a Community Activities event. There was discussion on different types of events to hold. In addition, Amy Williams is retiring, and Shannon Szeghi will take over her role as the At-Large VP.
- ii. Fundraisers: We can hold fundraisers on base, but we must do a letter to get approval. JoAnne Hutchison will hold a gift-wrapping event on base, and she will prepare a letter so we can get approval for accepting donations.



iii. Potential addition of job opportunities on website/newsletter: Colleen Robinson has granted Shawn Kain access rights to the Facebook page. There was considerable discussion on what we should and should not include on the Facebook page. We need to be mindful of Controlled Unclassified Information and probably should not list people's official positions.

B. NEW:

- i. Mini-PDI: We may do two half-day virtual sessions again. Beth will reach out to BGen Greiner on when would be a good time to hold the Mini-PDI – probably in April or May. Beth will also check to see if Teresa Bickett (Currently SAF/FMBI Director, formerly AFMC/FM Deputy Director) can speak at the Mini-PDI. Action: Each board member is asked to come up with an idea for a theme for the Mini-PDI. We may also send out an email to the membership requesting ideas for a theme. In addition, there was discussion on whether we need to get a conference approval. Action: JoAnne Hutchison will contact TSgt Shane Wilkerson in AFMC/FMA to see if we need to get conference approval.
- ii. Coins: Beth said we will start purchasing coins. We'll probably buy between 150 and 200 coins, which should last us several years.
- iii. Early Careerist Program: Sandra Moncree stated she is trying to schedule a resume writing seminar/session for January or February. Also, ASMC National has asked Sandra to do an interview on the Early Careerist program.
- iv. Holiday Pictures: VPs will ask their members if they can provide holiday or other pictures we can put in the newsletter. Colleen Robinson will collect the inputs.
- v. Christmas Luncheon: Tammy Pendergast reported that we will have a speaker from the CHPS office on 8 December. We may incorporate some Christmas activities into that luncheon or hold a separate Open House type of event later some afternoon. Tammy will explore options for the Christmas activity. JoAnne Hutchison will also contact someone in AFMC/FMA about possibly doing a "Jeopardy" themed activity.
- vi. Christmas Angel Program: Tammy gave an update on the Christmas Angel activity. We have several people participating this year.
- vii. Meeting adjourned @ 1102 hrs.



Quarterly Digest on All Things at HQ**From the Chief Executive Officer**

It is truly an honor to serve you and our Society as Chief Executive Officer. I want to thank the National Executive Council for their trust and confidence in my ability to lead this incredible organization. I am also fortunate to follow in Mr. Al Runnels' footsteps and the foundation he established for the Society over the last nine years. We wish him the best of luck in retirement!

Finally, I want to thank you – our members, stakeholders, and partners – for your unwavering support to the success of the Society and your commitment to excellence in all facets of military comptrollership.

There are many challenges facing the defense financial management community in both the public and private sectors, including digital transformation, the future of work, audit mandates, the competition for talent, environmental, social and governance (ESG) responsibilities, diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I) commitments, inflation risks, and the post-COVID environment. ASMC will view these challenges as an opportunity to improve the value proposition to its members, stakeholders, and partners while accelerating financial transformation in the defense sector through education and training, up-skilling, and thought leadership.

This is an exciting time to be part of ASMC. I call on each of you to take an active role in the Society at the local, regional, or national level. There are many opportunities to volunteer, engage with other members, and be a leader of change. I am looking forward to the Data Analytics and Decision Support Conference on December 8th, 2021 and PDI 2022 next June...and I hope to see you all there!

Thank you for all you have done....and continue to do....to support the mission of ASMC and uphold the highest levels of professionalism and ethical behavior.

Rich Brady
Chief Executive Officer

Membership

Congratulations to the October drawing winners from the Washington, Fort Meade, and Los Angeles chapters! Each month, all on-time or early renewals for one or three years will be entered into a random drawing to award two \$50 gift cards and one \$150 gift card, respectively. In addition to contacting the members who win the drawings, we will announce the winners on our website and social media. For a chance to win the gift cards, renew your membership on time or early. [<https://asmconline.org/membership/renew>]

When you renew, you can continue to enjoy ASMC's member benefits such as:

- New educational opportunities, like exclusive access to members-only content, online CDFM exams, live webinars, and virtual EDFMT courses;
- Access to tools & resources to enhance your professional growth and development while collaborating with peers year-round, including participating in the members-only Engage platform;
- Opportunity to demonstrate leadership through participation in one of 100+ worldwide ASMC chapters, contributing to the profession of defense financial management in your local community;
- Special member rates for the National PDI, CDFM enrollment and textbook, CDFM renewal, and chapter level education and training events;
- Complimentary subscription to the Armed Forces Comptroller, the professional journal of the ASMC.
- Other member benefits including the PenFed VISA card, discounts to the University of Phoenix Online, Norwich University, and Becker CPE Program, and special rates through GEICO insurance;



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.

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

Education & Professional Development

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Time: 0900 – 1600 ET
Location: Event Power Platform

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