

# Wright Flyer



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*Chapter President*  
*Thomas Giovino*

Greetings Aviation Chapter,

This month please allow me to update you on the action around the Aviation Chapter. The Constitution and By-laws have been sent out to chapter members for a review and a vote. If you have not received a copy, please contact your Command VP to get a copy and to place your vote. The VP's are listed at the end of this newsletter. It is very important that we get your feedback, as these documents form the foundation of our Chapter, and the launching point for our name change. Please respond before the end of September. We are planning the 2024 Aviation Chapter Christmas party. We are looking for party planners, volunteers and even some Santa helpers. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact your VP and let them know you would like to help bring some joy and good cheer to the Aviation Chapter. The Air Force marathon is fast approaching, and we need more volunteers at our water station. I look forward to seeing you there on race day to cheer on the competitors. SDFM headquarters has a new look and feel to the website, <https://engage.asmcnline.org/home>. Log in and update your CPE hours for your CDFM, check your renewal date on your membership, update your contact information. There are community groups to discuss topics of interest or get answers to your questions. You can even get current and past Armed Forces Comptroller magazine. I encourage you check it out. Please continue to send in your member news to your VP so we can celebrate you to the chapter. In closing, please go out and share SDFM to those that have a stake in the financial future of the Air Force, and our Nation, and maybe get a new member. Talk to you next month.

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



## August Member Meeting

On 13 Aug 2024, Mr Derek Jameson, owner of Jameson Associates and member of American Benefits Exchange (ABX), presented "How to Maximize Your Benefits and Retirement". American Benefits Exchange specialize in educating and training federal employees on their benefits and retirement information. They not only put on national events like PDI, but also do one on one planning. They try to offer guidance to get come up with solutions to the issues you might have as part of your benefits. ABX also has a number of resources on benefits and retirement. Mr Jameson provided a QR code to schedule a personal benefit and retirement revies. In addition, Mr Jameson encouraged everyone to review their personal benefits and retirement to make sure you're on track.

Mr Jameson next spoke on the topic of Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI), how it is calculated and examples. Since it is group life insurance, the rates are relatively low and you can take your group life insurance with you when you retire. However, as you age you will want to take a look at your rates because as some point in time the different options will get too expensive.

The next topic Mr Jameson spoke and provided examples on was the federal retirement system. Mr Jameson spoke briefly on CSRS, but focused on FERS. FERS applies to employees hired after 1983. FERS employees are automatically covered under Social Security. Also, depending on what date you were hired after your annuity, contribution and benefits will be different under the different FERS (FERS, FERS-RAE, FERS-FRAE). He also provided information on the FERS supplement which is designed to bridge the gap between retirement and eligible for social security. You are eligible for the supplement if you are a FERS employee who retires voluntarily on a immediate annuity.

Next Mr Jameson spoke about Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) which is the government version of a 401K. For FERS employees there is up to 5% matching and you can allocate into six different fund options. CSRS can participate in TSP, but there is no matching. Mr Jameson explained the different TSP plans and provided examples. He stated they basically go from least risky to most risky, G fund to L. You should be looking at long term investment strategy you're building for retirement. Mr Jameson mentioned it is important to note any agency matching if you contribute at least 5%, you're gonna have a 5% match that always goes into the pretax bucket (traditional) versus post-tax (Roth). Also, you can contribute up to \$23K per year. Mr Jameson noted if you're retired or you know you're approaching retirement, you're looking at setting up an income you cannot outlive. Mr Jameson also pointed out when turn age 59 1/2 or you're retire, you're allowed to roll your TSP into an IRA where it meets your investment needs.

Mr Jameson was present with a certificate of appreciation from the Aviation chapter and donation in his name to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children .

The full presentation and slides can be found at <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/luncheon/chapter-luncheons/>

### Volunteer Opportunities

AF Marathon Water Station, Sept 21, 5:30am-11am. Please sign up on our sign-up genius so I have a head count.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-50170204-volunteers#/>

All Volunteers need to register at: <https://raceroster.com/registration/d1ecb57e-3f28-4420-9f8a-94da9a9ffc24/entry?team=624108&teamEntryToken=2HSEDPHWVE>

Make sure to select Hydration Station E! All volunteers must sign up on the link above and sign their waivers. All volunteers also must have base access or contract Jennifer Caplinger to get on a list for base clearance. Kids 14 and older are allowed to participate with adult supervision.

### Upcoming Member Meetings:

24 Sep:

Topic:-- TBD



### Congratulations Retirements -

Marilyn (Beth) Jankowski, AFMC/FMRA

Tim Pritchett, AFMC/FMM

Mark Hill, AFMC/FMA

Denise Heckman, AFRL/FZF

**Feed the Creek.** Thank you to our ASMC members who volunteered at Feed the Creek on 2 Aug 2024. Our volunteers were a big help inventorying food to be distributed to students in need who might not otherwise have a lunch during the school year.



## Crayons to Classrooms

On 23 Aug, several ASMC Aviation Chapter members volunteered at the Crayons to Classrooms. Crayons to Classrooms is committed to providing tools to at-risk children in the Greater Dayton Region, including Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren counties. Their vision is to ensure every student in need has the tools for success everyday, in every way. Their mission is to secure and distribute school supplies at no cost to teachers of students in need. They encourage community donations while also leveraging an extensive collection of supply chain partners to secure essential school supplies at significantly reduced costs. Then distribute those items at no cost to teachers in their Dayton store. This committed collaboration between business leaders, individual donors and volunteers helps to assure equal access for students in our community and fuel their love of learning.



### Competency-Based Proficiency Testing Pilot

What is proficiency testing?

- OUSDC-sponsored proficiency tests are a series of voluntary, quasi-anonymous assessments based on competency groupings. The assessment will collect demographics such as series, grade, certification level, but will not collect any PII which will link the results back to the user. The tests are adaptive in nature, so as the user answers questions correctly the difficulty level will adjust as a result.
- Members will have one hour to complete each assessment.

What is the benefit?

- Completion of each competency assessment provides the member with 1 CET per competency, their proficiency score for each assessment, and recommended web-based courses to further develop their skill level.
- Completion metrics provide the DoD with proficiency gap analysis to determine specific training need areas at each proficiency level.

Which competency assessments will be offered, and which proficiency levels will be tested?

1. Accounting Analysis (PL 1, 3, 5)
2. Data Analytics (PL 1, 3, 5)
3. Audit Concepts, Policies and Principles (PL 1, 3)
4. Accounting Concepts, Policies and Principles (PL 1, 3)
5. Financial Concepts, Policies and Principles (PL 1, 3, 5)
6. Budget Concepts, Policies and Principles (PL 1, 3)
7. Financial Management Analysis (PL 3, 5)
8. Budget Formulation, Justification and Presentation (PL 1, 3, 5)
9. Decision Support (PL 1, 3, 5)
10. Budget Execution (PL 1, 3, 5)
11. Financial Management Systems (PL 3, 5)
12. Payroll Concepts, Policies and Principles (PL 1, 3)

Will the assessments count toward my FM Certification?

- The assessments are not aligned to initial FM Certification but can be used toward CET cycles.
- Members may claim one CET for each competency assessment (12 total). Members may not claim more than one CET per competency.

Where can I obtain a reasonable accommodations link to the assessment?

- Please email [osd.pentagon.ousd-c.mbx.dod-fm-certification-program@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-c.mbx.dod-fm-certification-program@mail.mil)

What do I use as proof of completion to claim my CET credit?

- Upon completion, you will receive an Assessment Feedback Report, which provides you with your proficiency score. You must print to PDF your Feedback Report page before exiting and save with your CET cycle records (printed page must include URL and date stamp at the bottom of the page).

• Note: because the assessments are anonymous, if you exit the page prior to printing your feedback report, you will not be able to recover the page.

- Refer to FM Online for instructions for recording your CET credit in LMS.
- Contact the DFMCP Organizational Box with additional questions: [osd.pentagon.ousd-c.mbx.dod-fm-certification-program@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-c.mbx.dod-fm-certification-program@mail.mil)



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## July 2024

**Treasurer: Rebecca Wilkins & Lucas Compton**



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$21,650.11	\$192,895.99	\$167,430.23
+ Income/Expenses	\$0.00	(\$804.59)	(\$894.38)
+ deposits	\$400.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$22,050.23</b>	<b>\$192,091.40</b>	<b>\$166,535.85</b>

Note: The Fidelity ending balances are 31 July 2024.  
The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.





**PowerPoint Presentation Sections**

Whether you have a presentation that has many slides or only a few slides, being able to organize your content is important. PowerPoint offers the ability to create slide sections. These sections can be expanded and collapsed in the thumbnail pane on the left-hand side of the window. To add a section, right-click between two slides in the thumbnail pane. The sections can be renamed by right-clicking on their name. More details on PowerPoint Sections can be found here (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/organize-your-powerpoint-slides-into-sections-de4bf162-e9cc-4f58-b64a-7ab09443b9f8>).

**PowerPoint Zoom Feature**

This feature is not to be confused with the collaborative video meeting tool. Many styles and approaches exist when it comes to creating presentations. Some users may include a set of backup slides at the end of their presentation with extra information. Other users may include optional slides that they only plan to use if relevant discussion comes up.

PowerPoint can add a Zoom within a presentation. In short, a Zoom is a linked image that jumps to a selected section or specific slides in the presentation then automatically returns to the original slide. With this capability, it becomes easier to prepare a more dynamic presentation. Users could add a Zoom to a part of optional content that they only click on if they decide to present it while they are presenting. Alternatively, they could have a landing page/dashboard approach to their presentation and allow discussion to drive which slides they go to next.

To add a Zoom, go to the Insert tab of the ribbon and click on the Zoom dropdown. From here, select whether the Zoom will be for a section, slide, or summary that can be used as a landing page to summarize the presentation. The Zoom object will appear on the slide and can be formatted as needed. Descriptions and instructions for the PowerPoint Zoom feature is available here (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/use-zoom-for-powerpoint-to-bring-your-presentation-to-life-9d6c58cd-2125-4d29-86b1-0097c7dc47d7>).

**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+UpArrow** and **Alt+DownArrow** will increase and decrease the volume respectively. **Alt+U** will mute the sound.



**ASMC – Aviation Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
14 August 2024 (1200-1230 hrs)**

I. **Call to Order:** Thomas Giovingo at 1200 hrs

II. **Attendance/Reports**

**Treasurers:** Lucas Compton (A), Rebecca Wilkins (A)

**Secretary:** Shawn Kain (A)

**President-Elect:** A1C George Walton

**Vice-Presidents**

**AFAA:** Jonathan Pepples (A)

**AFLCMC:** Julie Louthain (A)

**AFMC:** JoAnne Hutchison

**AFRL:** Tammy Pendergast (A)

**At Large:** Rhonda Pepitone

**Contractors:** Patrice Solorzano

**88th CPTS:** A1C George Walton

**Committee Chairs:**

**Audit:** Stephanie Burd, Michelle Bahan

**Augsburg Scholarship:** JoAnne Wills

**Awards and Recognition:** Sheena Fast, Amie Satterfield

**Chapter Competition:** Heather Brodess

**Communications:** Colleen Robinson

**Community Activities:** Jennifer Caplinger (A), Jessica Pauley (A)

**Health & Wellness:** Fernando Mason

**Membership:** Jaime Iaquina, Edward Jackson

**Professional Development:** Trent Harpest (A), Andrea Hamilton

**Early Careerist:** Sandra Moncree (A)

**Programs:** Shawn Coil

**Tickets:** Vacant

**Ways & Means:** Sarah Garrette (A)

**Historian:** Vacant

Other Attendees:

(A) = In Attendance

III. **General Business**

A. OLD:

- i. Mini PDI – bill for Interpreters? Trent had an email stating the bill will be paid. Trent will send follow-up to 88th to see if they provided a receipt.
- ii. Mini PDI - Donations on Speakers behalf? Rebecca is working to get them paid. Rebecca will work w/ Tammy on some of the details.
- iii. Lunch & Learn speaker donations – those need to be made for the year; June 2023 – present. Rebecca needs certificates from past year.
- iv. Change Over Issues? None reported.





## " NEW:

Rebranding - Constitution and By-Laws have been approved by two-thirds of the Executive Board. The Constitution and By-laws have been sent to the VPs to be distributed to the general membership. Each VP will report the results of the voting to the Executive Board next month. Thomas said VPs don't have good email lists of their members.

## ii. E-Mail lists for VP's and Organizations

- a. Current workarounds - lots of discussion on how to make email process better.
- b. Attendees discussed how best to gather information.

iii. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities – Jen Caplinger/Jessica Pauley update - Crayons to Classrooms; Marathon (need 15 more people signed up by EOM Aug); Feed the Creek (4 Oct, 1200-1330 - will have Sign Up Genius)

iv. VP's/Committee Chairs - Member News and the Newsletter - Thomas said we need more inputs from the VPs on the people in their organizations.

## v. Upcoming Lunch &amp; Learns - Shawn Coil.

- a. Mr. Jameson's presentation was well attended - 239 people. He will come back and speak at next Mini-PDI.
- b. Working Capital Fund with Ms. Cayot, HQ AFMC/FMR, for Sept 24, 1130.

vi. Christmas Party Committee Stand-up. Looking for some volunteers - send Thomas an email if you want to help.

## vii. Upcoming Lunch &amp; Learns

Sep-24	1130	Ms. Leslie Cayot, HQ AFMC/FMR – Working Capital Fund
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IV. Meeting Adjourned: 1230



### **The SDFM Engage Online Community has a new look!**

As a valued member of our community, we wanted to let you know that we've upgraded our site to better serve your needs. Our new site is designed to evolve the functionality and relevance of the community and provide an even better experience for our members.

The new site features an upgraded central feed that shows recent activity for all the communities you're a member of, allowing you to Like posts directly from your feed. You're also able to see the number of replies on each post and follow posts that you're interested in. In addition, a dedicated My Communities quick navigation list and Followed Content list is available on your homepage, making it even easier to keep up to date on what you're most interested in.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We are excited to share this with you!

Visit the Updated Online Community  
<https://engage.asmconline.org/home>



## 2024-2025 Executive Board

President	Mr. Thomas Giovingo
President-Elect	A1C George Walton
Secretary	Mr. Shawn Kain
Treasurers	Mr. Lucas Compton, Ms. Rebecca Wilkins

### Organizational Vice Presidents

88th CPTS VP	A1C George Walton
AFAA VP	Mr. Jonathan Pepples
HQ AFMC VP	Ms. JoAnne Hutchison
AFRL VP	Ms. Tammy Pendergast
AFLCMC VP	Ms. Julie Louthain
At Large VP	Ms. Rhonda Pepitone
Contractor VP	Ms. Patrice Solorzano

### Committee Chairs

Audit	Ms. Stephanie Burd, Ms. Michelle Bahan
Augsburg Scholarship	Ms. JoAnne Wills
Awards and Recognition	Ms. Sheena Fast, Ms. Amie Satterfield
Chapter Competition	Ms. Heather Brodess
Communications	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Advertising/Publicity	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Photographer	Ms. Tracey Hearn
Webmaster	Mr. Jonathan Paden
Community Activities	Ms. Jennifer Caplinger; Ms. Jessica Pauley
Health & Wellness	Mr. Fernando Mason
Membership	Ms. Jaime laquinta, Mr Edward Jackson
Professional Development	Mr. Trent Harpest, Ms. Andrea Hamilton
Early Careerist	Ms. Sandra Moncree
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