

# Wright Flyer



June 2024

## This Issue:

Message from the President	1
Chapter Luncheon	2
Chapter Member News	4
FM Article	5
Treasurer Report/Chapter Calendar	6
Computer Tips & Tricks	7
Executive Board Meeting Minutes	8
ASMC National News	10
Execuve Board Roster	11

**Twitter:** @asmctweets  
**Facebook:** www.facebook/pages/  
 American-Society-of-Military-  
 Comptrollers  
**Website:** http://www.asmc-  
 aviation.org/



Chapter President  
 Amie Satterfield

Greetings Aviation Chapter,

As I step down as the 2023 – 2024 Aviation Chapter President, I want to say Thank You for letting me lead the Chapter this past year; it's been quite an adventure for me, and I have met an amazing group of folks who are as passionate about SDFM, formerly ASMC, as I am!

Over the last year, the Chapter has been involved in many activities—the board, committee chairs, and volunteers from the FM community—you are an amazing group of individuals with whom I am glad I got the opportunity to meet and work.

As I transition to a new role, I am filled with optimism about the future of our Chapter. I am delighted to announce that I will be joining Ms. Sheena Fast as Co-Chair for the Awards Committee starting in July. With some of our VP's terms coming to an end, there are exciting opportunities for new individuals to get involved. I invite you to join us for the July lunch & learn as we welcome the 2024 – 2025 Executive Board members. These individuals will be the Chapter leaders for the next year, and I am confident that they will lead us to even greater heights!



## Jun Member Meeting

On 26 Jun 2024, the SDFM Aviation Chapter held a joint Lunch and Learn with SDFM Utah. Mr David Arvin, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, NASIC, presented Intelligence Resource Management at NASIC. Mr Arvin is the Comptroller at NASIC. He oversees execution of a \$571 million annual portfolio across multiple appropriations to ensure that NASIC mission to discover characterized foreign error space, missile and cyber threats. Prior to this role, David was the Assistant Director, Office of Financial Management at the Department of Energies, Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center. In that capacity, he was the field Chief Financial Officer, managing budget, finance, accounting and internal review functions for the environmental management field activities across the country. He managed the formulation, justification, distribution and execution of a budget of over \$2.2 billion annually across multiple appropriations and varied missions. Prior to joining the Department of Energy, David served in a number of financial management positions within Defense, finance, accounting services, and his final role with DFAS. David was director for accounting requirements at DFAS Columbus where he managed the legacy accounting systems, processes and procedures supporting the US Air Force and select defense agencies. His previous positions in DFAS include Air Force Client, executive Liaison, Air Force Material Command, client executive, internal review, site manager and several policy and operational accounting positions, in addition to his role in the federal government, David is also an adjunct instructor for Indiana Wesleyan University and Wilmington College, teaching a variety of accounting courses.

Mr Arvin explained that NASIC is a field operating agency reporting to the Deputy Chief of Staff of ISR intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and cyber operations. They are organized into four groups, with 18 squadrons. They are about 4,000 resources heavy made up of civilians and contractors of intelligence analysts, engineers and scientists. Not only does NASIC provide intelligence service for the warfighters in the tactical arenas and in the planning arena, but it also informs our acquisition processes. Acquisitions and fighting systems out there and it also informs policy at the Hill. Mr Arvin further explained that from a defense perspective, there are military intelligence priorities that the Secretary is driving and that goes through the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security that drives policy and drives the military intelligence priorities that we're trying to address. But at the same token, the Director of National Intelligence is driving the national intelligence priorities that are out there. NASIC is the service intelligence center that's trying to be responsive to both sets of priorities and that those sets of priorities tell their story to us and the financial management community in the realm of two separate flows of funding. NASIC's funding comes from both the military intelligence programs (MIP) and the National Intelligence program (NIP). Mr Arvin further depicted the process differences, programs, funding sources and spending. Mr Arvin then presented NASIC's SPPBE (Strategy, Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution) process along with an overview of their financial management function and governance structure.

Mr Arvin shared NASIC's unique civilian pay challenges. He stated they were losing a lot of their experienced analysts and engineers, specifically engineers and personnel that had a STEM background. They were losing them to a higher paying jobs in the contractor workforce and other AF organizations. He stated in an attempt to combat that the department implemented the target local market supplement, TLMS for STEM and cyber work roles specific to the intelligence workforce. This significantly increased the pay for personnel that perform STEM and cyber work loads with the right educational background and performed those types of work. This turned out to be 55% of NASIC's positions saw an increase in pay. Mr Arvin said it significantly slowed the departure of science and engineering talent. They saw under a 4% decrease in their losses for FY24 on board baseline.

In closing Mr Arvin shared some personnel reflections. Mr Arvin shared his favorite business book entitled, "The Ideal Team Player," by Patrick Lencioni. He said the book has given him a picture of how he would like to live his work life and his personal life. How we can effectively work with each other and work with our customers in financial management as well. The book breaks the ideal teammate into three distinct characteristics: being humble, being hungry and being smart. Being humble means you serve the team/mission, collaborative. Being hungry means you work hard and are accountable. Lastly, being smart means you are book smart (you build your qualifications and experience) and people smart (connections and communicate).

Mr Arvin was present with a certificate of appreciation from the Aviation chapter and donation in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project. In addition, the Utah chapter made a donation in his name to their 24-25 charity in honor of his presentation.

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



## Jun Member Meeting - Social

On 15 Jun 2024, the SDFM Aviation Chapter held its Summer Social at the Wandering Griffin restaurant.



### Volunteer Opportunities

Dayton Foodbank 7/22 from 1:00-3:00pm <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-50170203-dayton>

Feed the Creek 8/2 from 12-1:30pm [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-49269995-feed#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-49269995-feed#/)

Crayons to Classroom 8/23 from 1:00-3:00pm [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-49270073-asmc#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-49270073-asmc#/)

AF Marathon Water Station, Sept 21, 5:30am-11am. Link will be provided later.

### Upcoming Member Meetings:

16 Jul 2024:

Topic: CCaR

Mr Michael King

TBD Aug:

Topic: American Benefits Exchange – TSP, Retirement/Gov't Benefits

Mr. Derek Jameson

TBD Sep

Topic:– Working Capital Fund

Ms. Cayot, HQ AFMC/FMR



## SDFM National PDI Winners

Congratulations to our SDFM National PDI winners.

Joe Patterson, Acquisition/Cost Analysis, Meritorious

Hillary Brown, Budget, Meritorious

Joshua B. Johnson, Contractor Support, Distinguished

AFRL/RGF Team (Candice Lock), Digital Transformation Team, Meritorious

Lindsay Miller, Finance, Distinguished

David Bruening, Finance, Meritorious

AFAOC Forensics Analysis Team (Jeannette Beer), Small Team, Distinguished





## Unleashing the Power of Chat GPT: Transforming Communication and Problem-Solving

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made tremendous advancements in recent years, and one of the most exciting applications is the development of chatbots powered by Generative Pre-trained Transformers (GPT). Chat GPT, a state-of-the-art language model, has revolutionized communication by enabling human-like interactions and problem-solving capabilities. This article will explore the benefits of using Chat GPT and how it transforms how we engage with technology.

Chat GPT allows businesses to provide personalized and efficient customer support around the clock. These AI-powered chatbots can handle various customer inquiries, providing instant responses and resolving issues promptly. By leveraging natural language processing capabilities, Chat GPT understands customer queries, includes relevant information, and even assists with complex problem-solving. This level of responsiveness and accuracy leads to improved customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Unlike traditional customer support systems that rely on human agents, Chat GPT can handle multiple conversations simultaneously, making it highly scalable. This capability allows businesses to handle high customer inquiries without compromising quality or response time. Chat GPT can provide instant support, reducing customer wait times and ensuring a seamless experience. Moreover, it can be trained and updated to handle specific industry jargon, ensuring accurate responses tailored to the business's unique needs.

Chat GPT empowers users to find answers to their questions independently. By integrating chatbots into websites or mobile applications, users can access information, troubleshoot issues, or make transactions without relying on human assistance. This self-service aspect not only saves time but also puts control in the hands of the users, allowing them to find solutions at their convenience. This level of control and convenience can lead to increased customer satisfaction and reduced support costs for businesses, making users feel empowered and in charge of their interactions.

Chat GPT's ability to understand and generate human-like responses enables it to provide personalized recommendations. Chatbots can offer tailored suggestions by analyzing user preferences, browsing history, or previous interactions, helping users discover relevant products, services, or content. This personalized approach enhances user engagement, drives conversion rates, and boosts customer loyalty. With each interaction, Chat GPT can learn and refine its recommendations, continuously improving its ability to understand user preferences.

Chat GPT is not limited to customer-facing applications; it can also streamline organizational internal communication. AI-powered chatbots can assist employees in finding information, scheduling meetings, or accessing company resources. This eliminates the need for time-consuming searches or manual processes, allowing employees to focus on more impactful tasks. Chat GPT can also facilitate collaboration by providing real-time language translation, helping teams overcome language barriers and work seamlessly across borders.

Chat GPT is designed to continuously learn and improve through machine learning algorithms. With each interaction, chatbots gather data and user feedback, which is then used to refine responses and enhance performance. This iterative learning process reassures users that Chat GPT is constantly adapting to their needs, improving its accuracy, understanding, and problem-solving capabilities over time, and ensuring its future performance.

The adoption of Chat GPT has transformed the way businesses and individuals communicate and solve problems. From enhancing customer experiences and enabling self-service to streamlining internal communication, AI-powered chatbots have become invaluable tools. As technology advances, we can expect chatbots to become even more intelligent, intuitive, and natural in their interactions. Embracing Chat GPT opens up a world of possibilities for businesses and individuals, revolutionizing communication and problem-solving in an increasingly AI-driven world.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

**April 2024 Treasurer:**

**Charmaine Powell**



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$20,105.31	\$184,184.06	\$159,410.38
+ Income/Expenses	(\$678.05)	(\$6,979.68)	(\$6,478.80)
+ deposits	\$1,954.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$21,381.37	\$177,204.38	\$152,931.58

Note: The Fidelity ending balances are 30 April 2024.  
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

16 Jul 2024	Topic: <b>PMRT EA</b> Mr Mike King
Aug 24	Topic: American Benefits Exchange – TSP, Retirement/Gov't Benefits Mr. Derek Jameson
Sep 24	Topic:– Working Capital Fund Ms. Cayot, HQ AFMC/FMR



**Cybersecurity News**

Windows users should ensure they have the most recent updates. A particularly severe vulnerability has been found, which enables attackers to take control of a user's computer without any interaction with the user. Details on the vulnerability are available here (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/daveywinder/2024/06/14/new-wi-fi-takeover-attack-all-windows-users-warned-to-update-now/>).

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has reported that recent phone scammers have been impersonating CISA employees. Details of the scam are available here (<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/cisa-warns-of-criminals-impersonating-its-employees-in-phone-calls/>). Scammers are already known to impersonate police or federal agents to trick victims into transferring money. These scams can either try to intimidate victims into transferring money or try to trick them by claiming the victim will be helping with an investigation. If any form of personal, or financial, information is being requested by someone who has called you without being prompted, should be treated with caution.

Users of the Netgear WNR614 router should consider replacing their device. As detailed in this article, the WNR614 was discontinued in 2021 and serious vulnerabilities have identified for it. These vulnerabilities can allow (<https://www.securityweek.com/multiple-vulnerabilities-plague-discontinued-netgear-wnr614-routers/>) for a variety of security bypasses and information collection. Since this device is discontinued, users should not expect updates to address these issues. Always check for updates to your network hardware on a regular basis and confirm they are still supported.

**Collaborating with Excel Live in Teams**

Presenting Excel workbooks in a Teams meeting is a common task these days. Sometimes, we need to collaborate within the workbook. Excel Live is a feature in Teams, which enables the presenter to not only display the workbook in the Teams meeting window but also allow the meeting participants to interact with the workbook's contents. Basic editing, sorting, and filtering options are available to all users while presenting with Excel Live. To start a presentation with Excel Live, click on the Share button to view the various share options. Scroll down to the bottom of the share options and select Excel Live. A list of recent workbooks will be listed along with a "Show More" option. This page (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/excel-live-in-microsoft-teams-meetings-a5790e42-7f75-4859-8674-cc3d07c86ede>) provides full details on Excel Live's capabilities and how to use it.

**Excel's EXACT Function**

Comparing values between multiple cells is a common task in Excel. Excel's EXACT function enables users to easily compare text in two cells and TRUE if they are exactly the same. This function factors in case and non-printing characters. For example, if you compare "TEXT" to "text", it will return FALSE. Similarly, it can help you catch those pesky spaces or non-printing characters at the end of a cell's contents, if you compare "text" to "text ", it will return FALSE. Full documentation on the EXACT function can be found here (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/exact-function-d3087698-fc15-4a15-9631-12575cf29926>). More advanced usage of this function can enable case sensitive lookups. Here is an example of using EXACT with INDEX and MATCH. The same logic could be used with the combination of EXACT and XLOOKUP.

**Redo Keyboard Shortcut in Excel**

As many users know, Ctrl+Y performs an undo of an action that was undone. However, if you have not undone anything, Excel will redo the last action you performed on the selected cell(s). For example, if you highlight a cell yellow then click on another cell, pressing Ctrl+Y will now redo that cell. This might be useful if you are highlighting a lot of cells by saving you the time to move the mouse back and forth between the cells you select and the highlight button.



**ASMC – Aviation Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
12 June 2024 (1200-1233 hrs)**

I. **Call to Order:** Amie Satterfield at 1200 hrs

II. **Attendance/Reports**

**Treasurers:** Charmaine Powell (A), Rebecca

Wilkins **Secretary:** Shawn Kain (A)

**President-Elect:** Tom Giovingo (A)

**Vice-Presidents**

**AFAA:** Jonathan Pepples (A)

**AFLCMC:** Julie Louthain (A)

**AFMC:** JoAnne Hutchison

**AFRL:** Tom Giovingo (A)

**At Large:** Edward Jackson (A)

**Contractors:** Patrice Solorzano (A)

**88th CPTS:** A1C George Walton

**Committee Chairs:**

**Audit:** Stephanie Burd, Michelle Bahan

**Augsburg Scholarship:** JoAnne Wills

**Awards and Recognition:** Sheena Fast

**Chapter Competition:** Heather Brodess

**Communications:** Colleen Robinson

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

**Health & Wellness:** Fernando Mason (A)

**Membership:** Jaime laquinta

**Professional Development:** Trent Harpest (A), Sarah Gwaltney (A)

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

**Programs:** Tammy Pendergast, Shawn Coil (A)

**Tickets:** Vacant

**Ways & Means:** Vacant

**Historian:** Vacant

Other Attendees: Sarah Garrette (A)

(A) = In Attendance

III. **General Business**

A. **OLD:**

i. VP terms ending 30 June; incumbents will serve from 1 Jul 2024 – 30 Jun 2026.

1. HQ AFMC – JoAnne

2. At Large – Ed

3. AFRL – Tom (prefers to be called Thomas) moves to President, need to backfill VP position – Tammy Pendergast has put her name in the hat for running

4. 88th ABW – A1C Walton – this position will be President Elect for 2024 – 2025 and then President for 2025 – 2026.





ii. Golf tournament update – we had over 50 golfers and after expenses had a donation of \$1,221.38 to the Augsburg Scholarship. Jonathan Pepples said it went well. He said he will run it again next year.

iii. Mini PDI – Sarah Gwaltney said we haven't yet received the bill for the interpreters. We pay it and then get reimbursed.

iv. Mini PDI - Donations on Speakers behalf? Are we doing \$25 or \$50?? Spreadsheet shows \$25 budget shows \$50. Last year looks like \$25 each. Sarah said we can make any donation amount we want. Attendees decided we will donate \$50 per speaker.

v. Lunch & Learn speaker donations – those need to be made for the year; June 2023 – present.

" NEW:

Rebranding – we will work on making changes to Constitution and By-laws by end of month. Per Amie, a lot of administrative changes need to be made. Our chapter logo with the Wright Flyer may go away; however, Thomas G said he spoke w/ someone from National who said they will try and work with us.

ii. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities – Jen Caplinger update: Dayton Food Bank Jul 22, 1-3 pm; Feed the Creek – Aug 2, 12 pm; Crayons to Classrooms, Aug 23; AF Marathon, 23 Sep – be there by 0600.

iii. Sarah Gwaltney discussed the conference package requirement for the Mini-PDI. Also discussed projected attendance for next year – hoping it will grow. Would we get too tight on space? Also, how would this impact the landing fee that attendees pay? Ballroom can accommodate up to 400 people.

iv. VP's/Committee Chairs –Charmaine is leaving in June. Lucas is coming back as Treasurer co-chair. Andrea Hamilton has stated interest in back filling Sarah as Professional Development Committee Co-Chair. Amie will be rolling off as President and becoming the Co-chair for awards with Sheena.

v. Upcoming Lunch & Learns

Jun - 24	06/12/2024	Summer Social – Sign up genius only
Jun-24	06/26/2024	Mr. David Arvin – cohosting with Utah Chapter
Jul -24	07/16/2024	Mr. Michael King
Aug-24	TBD	Ms. Val Majewski, American Benefits Exchange – TSP, Retirement, Government Benefits
Sep-24	TBD	Ms. Cayot, HQ AFMC/FMR – Working Capital Fund

C. Meeting Adjourned: 1233



### ASMC becomes SDFM, continues history of evolving with defense financial management by Vanessa Roberts

SDFM name reflects the wide range of current members — from accountants, budgeteers and auditors to data analysts, system engineers and data scientists.

Over its 75-plus years, continual evolution has been a hallmark of the American Society for Military Comptrollers, so it only makes sense that its name should also evolve to better reflect the needs of its members in the defense financial management community and the support the organization provides them.

To that end, ASMC is now the Society of Defense Financial Management, or SDFM.

The name change grew out of reflecting on the work of the nonprofit that serves financial management professionals across the public and private sectors, said CEO Rich Brady for SDFM's The Business of Defense podcast on Federal News Network.

While doing a deep dive into the brand and its mission, the society's team came to realize that the ASMC name no longer resonated with its members and was unlikely to connect with future members the society seeks to attract, Brady said.

"Specifically, it was those terms — 'military' and 'comptroller,'" he said, "because the vast majority of the people who work in the defense financial management profession today are not in the military, and they're not comptrollers."

In truth, this is the organization's third name change. ASMC began in 1948 as the Society of Military Accountants and Statisticians. It became ASMC in 1955.

### Leaning into technology in financial management

"Over the roughly 70 years after that, as the computers of the profession evolved, ASMC continued to evolve," Brady said. Today, its members range from accountants, budgeteers and auditors to data analysts, system engineers and data scientists.

"This name change, this rebranding, is really intended to be more inclusive of that broader diversity in the defense financial manager community to include those on the corporate side, the commercial side and the government side," he said.

Brady, who served 32 years in the Marine Corps before joining SDFM, recalled that when he started out in the early 1990s, the job of a comptroller or financial manager involved capturing, recording and reporting financial information.

"Today, we largely have systems that do all of that for us, and they do a very good job that gives us more time as defense financial managers to do higher-value-added activities for our organizations — the data analysis, the data visualizations, the scenario planning, the forecasting — really forward looking for our organizations and not always looking in the rearview mirror just capturing, recording and reporting," he said. "So again, a highly technical field today compared to what it was just 30 years ago."

### Tree-pronged mission of SDFM

As SDFM continues to evolve programs and services to meet the federal financial management community's needs, its mission is threefold:

- Promote the education, training and certification of defense financial managers. "We help the community upskill, so that they are up-to-date with the latest technology, and they can provide that support with modern technology and modern ways."
- Drive financial transformation in the defense sector. "We create this market for the government and commercial to come together, identify opportunities, create solutions, mitigate risks and ultimately create capabilities for our nation's events."
- Uphold ethical and professional standards. "The foundation of any profession is being ethical and compliant with all laws and regulations. Because ultimately, we are stewards of the taxpayers' dollar."

It's also critical to keep the work of its 18,000 members front and center: supporting the missions and capabilities — even the combat demands — of the military services and the Defense Department.

"We like to say, 'Your proximity to the battlefield does not determine your contribution to the fight,'" he said. "Everybody in this field — whether you're out there on the front lines, or you're in the Pentagon, or you're a contractor out in Tyson's Corner — you have the ability to impact what takes place."

To listen to the full discussion between Federal News Network Publisher Jeffrey Wolinsky SDFM CEO Rich Brady, to hear the complete podcast play button below <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/author/msantacruz/>



## 2023-2024 Executive Board

President	Ms. Amie Satterfield
President-Elect	Mr. Thomas Giovingo
Secretary	Mr. Shawn Kain
Treasurers	Ms. Charmaine Powell, 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	Mr. Thomas Giovingo
AFLCMC VP	Ms. Julie Louthain
At Large VP	Mr. Edward Jackson
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
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
Professional Development	Mr. Trent Harpest; Ms. Sarah Gwaltney
Early Careerist	Ms. Sandra Moncree
Programs	Ms. Tammy Pendergast, Mr. Shawn Coil
Tickets	Vacant
Ways & Means	Vacant

