

Wright Flyer



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Chapter President
Thomas Giovingo

Greetings SDFM Aviation Chapter,

I hope this issue of the Wright Flyer finds you in good health and spirit. The Mini-PDI is just around the corner. Please see the flyer to register and Venmo the landing fee if you would like the buffet. We are excited to have a distinguished group of speakers, and a big thank you to AFMC for co-sponsoring the event.

The month of May celebrates the CDFM. Take some time to check out the SDFM web page for the latest happenings. If you are interested in getting your CDFM or CDFM-A please contact Mr. Trent Harpest or contact your command VP for more information. If you need to renew your CDFM credentials, now is the time to get that done.

If you have not signed up for the virtual PDI with SDFM, please do that ASAP. It is free to members for the day of the event, or \$99 for access to all 26 CPEs. If you're not a member, please consider signing up.

We have a volunteer opportunity to give back to the community. Please consider on Memorial weekend to place flags on the graves of fallen heroes at the Dayton VA. We need your help.

If you want to be involved, we have the following vacancies. This is your chance to step up and make a difference. It's a great opportunity to become involved with the Chapter!!

- Treasurer Co-Chair
- Augsburg Scholarship Chair – replacing JoAnne Wills
- AFMC VP – replacing Joanne Hutchison

If you are interested in any of the positions please contact me at, thomas.giovingo.1@us.af.mil

Thank you for all you do. See you next month.

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



On 24 April 2025, Mr Elwood "Eddie" Lewis, SES, SAF/FMI CIO, presented Leading FM's System Transformation: The Financial Management Improvement (FMI) road map. The briefing details FMI's goals, current challenges, and future vision, emphasizing system consolidation, audit readiness, and the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into financial management systems.

Key Points:

- **FMI Organization and Responsibilities:** The FMI organization, approximately six to seven months old, consolidates FM systems, including F&B and FMF systems. It manages notices of findings and recommendations related to IT, working with various teams like A4, A1, and AQ on financial feeder systems. FMI also oversees cybersecurity, including establishing an Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) solution and a system incident and event management system. Additionally, FMI houses the Chief Data Officer function, focusing on curating reliable data within a data warehouse.
- **System Consolidation and Modernization:** A key goal is to reduce the number of FM systems (currently around 40) to approximately 10. This involves app rationalization to identify system commonalities and ensure no capabilities are lost during sunset. A new permanent change of station (PCS) system is being developed to replace three existing systems, offering a user-friendly app-based experience with real-time claim status visibility.
- **Challenges and Goals:** Key challenges include achieving a clean audit opinion, modernizing antiquated systems (including those using COBOL), improving data quality, and attracting new talent with modern tools. The goal is to provide timely and accurate data while streamlining processes.
- **Operational Visualization and Assessment:** FMI utilizes operational visualization to assess system integration, identify duplication, and explore consolidation opportunities. App rationalization is used to analyze system functionalities and plan for the sunset of redundant systems.
- **Technology Stacks and the "North Star":** The FMI strategy is organized around four technology stacks: large Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, performance management, low-code/no-code solutions, and data analytics and management. The three ERPs in AF are DEAMS, MRO, and AFIPPs. DEAMS will replace GAFS by FY29. The "North Star" is a future state with fewer systems and a robust data environment.
- **Audit Readiness:** The Air Force is working towards audit readiness for Space Force (FY26), Air Force General Fund (FY27), and Working Capital Fund (FY28). Key focus areas include military equipment valuation (MEV), Omnis, and real property. Potential solutions include switching to direct purchase methods for expensing certain items. Working Capital Fund audit readiness is particularly challenging due to supply chain issues.
- **AI Integration:** AI is being integrated into various systems, including J-book writing (to automate narrative development), data visualization (to enhance dashboards), and the new PCS system (to calculate claims). The team evaluates the best AI approach (machine learning, GenAI) for each use case.
- **Business Process Reengineering (BPR):** BPR is emphasized to challenge existing processes and adopt commercial best practices. Customizing systems to match legacy processes is discouraged, as it can hinder modernization and compliance.
- **Commitment and Collaboration:** Mr. Lewis commits to speeding up system delivery and requests user input to identify gaps and inefficiencies. Collaboration between the CIO team, program offices, and end-users is essential for successful system improvement.
- **Power BI:** Power BI will be the primary tool for data visualization and dashboards, enabled for all users. Data will be curated and made accessible through visualizations in Power BI.

Overall Mr Lewis outlined a comprehensive plan to modernize and streamline Air Force financial management systems, focusing on efficiency, audit readiness, and user empowerment through technology. The FMI road map aims to create a more effective and reliable FM environment, ultimately supporting the Air Force mission.

Mr Lewis was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Aviation chapter and donation in his name to Habitat for Humanity.

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

Upcoming Member Meetings:

11 Jun 25 - Ms Angela Palma, AFAA - Topic: TBD

10 Jul 25 - Ms Vanessa Sims, Deputy, SAF/FMB - Topic: ECQ Development



Congratulations:

Joanne Hutchison, AFMC/FMAI, retirement. Joanne also served as the ASMC Aviation Chapter VP for AFMC
Patricia Miller, AFLCMC/FZCA, on achieving CDFM-A

Dayton Food Bank

On 14 Apr, several SDFM Aviation Chapter members volunteered at the Dayton Food Bank. The volunteers packed boxes, inside each box was four bags worth of food, equaling 624 bags of food. The Dayton Food bank sends out about 1,200 backpack bags in a week to kids identified by their teachers as potentially not getting enough food at home over the weekend. These are also kids that are already on the free and reduced meal program within the school, in which the kids can get breakfast and lunch. The schools then discreetly tuck these bags into the kids backpacks on Friday's to go home.



Volunteer Opportunities:

Memorial Day Flag Placement Ceremony, 24 May, 9:30 am. Flags are placed through the whole cemetery, not just portions. To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-55275239-memorial>



Protect Yourself Online

Be safe and make sure you're only using the proper DFAS myPay site (<https://mypay.dfas.mil/>) to conduct your financial transactions!

In today's world, protecting yourself online is almost as important as protecting yourself at home. Attempts to steal your identity, financial information and account numbers require everyone who uses email, shops online or transacts business with banks, credit card companies or other financial agencies needs to be aware and protect themselves.

With millions of military, retired military and federal civilian employee customers, it's not unusual that DFAS hears about attempts to lure individuals into revealing their personal information, including their myPay login credentials. These attempts range from enticing email messages disguised as official notices from DFAS or some other federal agency to warnings about some situation that can only be resolved with you "confirming" your profile information.

A continuing and growing threat emerges when myPay account owners enters their Login ID and password on computers that are compromised with malware or connected through public Wi-Fi networks. Sometimes users log onto their email accounts and the email address has been compromised, allowing thieves to access myPay by using the email password. Of course, when that doesn't work many of these online criminals can run programs that try a wide variety of commonly-used passwords to see if those will get them into the owner's vital financial and personal information.

DFAS strongly advise their customers against linking from third party sites to myPay, as it requires sharing your myPay credentials.

DON'T GET SCAMMED! DFAS payroll customers are reminded the DFAS does not make unsolicited calls regarding debts or pay record errors, nor do we ever ask for payments via phone calls using online peer-to-peer money transfer systems. If you have received a phone call from DFAS and want to confirm the call is legitimate, contact their Customer Care Center at 888-332-7411.

You have to be smarter because they're getting smarter

Scammers have been using tried-and-true methods to get your money for years. Ever hear of a Fiancée scam? Targets are informed that a fee is necessary for DFAS to process paperwork providing a member's fiancée with beneficiary status should anything happen while serving in the military. Yep, not everyone receiving the emails fits the profile (some are married) but the scammers figure that if they get one person to bite out of thousands, it is worth it.

The ingenious "marketeers" have developed multiple ways to separate you from your money and security. Offers of cut-rate merchandise and services, prize deliveries from well-known contests (and some you may never had heard of), official-sounding charitable or government organizations are some of the methods used to "hook" people into providing information, sending money or opening their accounts for these thieves.

There are plenty of resources available to learn about online security and many apply to some of the accounts you use on a regular or periodic basis (such as myPay). Here's some you might find useful:

1. Using and Protecting Passwords (<https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-002>)
2. Supplementing Passwords (<https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/tips/ST05-012>)
3. Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks (<https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-014>)

You've heard it before....but it needs repeating

Online security has evolved from simple login IDs and passwords to fingerprints and eye scans. While technology advances, the need to counter scammers also grows. To help protect individuals' privacy online, password became increasingly more complex and often required reset every no-many days for months. Some blocked words existing in dictionaries and many included special characters to foul cybercriminals from guessing our carefully chosen electronic key.

But the thieves don't play by the same rules. Their technology includes programming that steals online IDs and passwords from sites they target. Often times, these are used in attempted break-ins on other sites, such as banks, online market places, government agencies. Unfortunately, these attempts do achieve some successes because many use the same password over and over again for a variety of the accounts where they do business or store information. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (part of the Department of Homeland Security) has published recommendations for creating and protecting strong passwords for organizations and individuals. You can read more here, <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-002>.



Watch out for scams

There are common financial service app scams that myPay users need to consider:

1. Phishing scams – Scammers can pose as customer service from financial service apps via email, phone or text in an attempt to obtain your login information.
2. Financial service app sales scams – Scammers will contact victims directly on financial service apps offering to sell deeply discounted goods. Once money is transferred, the goods are never shipped.
3. Unknown deposits – Scammers will send large sums of money to random accounts. This is a money-laundering scheme and the deposits should be ignored.
4. Prize scams – Scammers may contact victims directly on financial service apps claiming they have won a prize asking for a deposit to receive it.

Learn more on protecting yourself from scams - <https://consumer.gov/section/scams-identity-theft>

Victim of Identify Theft? Check below for steps to take - <https://www.identitytheft.gov/#/>

myPay is staying up-to-date

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, part of the Department of Homeland Security article on Supplementing Passwords recommends using two factor authentication for online accounts whenever that security feature is available.

myPay has joined other online services by bringing **two-factor authentication** security for account holders. Two-factor authentication required users to add a mobile phone number or email address to their profile. When logging in, a one-time code is sent to that designated location (i.e. text message or email). When entered into the app's log-in routine within a specified period of time, the users' identity is confirmed and access granted.

Remember, your online privacy and security is a partnership between the websites where your online presence lives and you, the customer. The same is true with myPay. DFAS builds, maintains and monitors state-of-the-art protections into myPay, but it only works if each customer takes the time to use the tools available....**AND KEEPS THAT INFORMATION AWAY FROM THOSE THAT WANT TO STEAL IT!**

Some important things to remember about DFAS, DFAS will never send email or call you and ask for your personal information. They only call or email you in response to requests they receive from you.



FIVE TIPS TO KEEP YOUR myPay SAFE

myPay.dfas.mil

1

ALWAYS USE myPay.dfas.mil

Don't click on any other website for access to myPay, only use the ".mil" site.



2

DON'T USE THIRD PARTY WEBSITES

Some financial websites and apps promise early delivery of pay but require giving up your personal myPay information. **Protect your data and yourself - just don't do it!**



3

BEWARE OF UNSOLICITED CONTACT

DFAS does not call about **payroll mistakes or debts**. DFAS will not demand payments or personal information by phone or mobile payment apps.



4

KNOW BEFORE YOU CLICK

DFAS will only communicate through **official DFAS emails or letters**. Don't click on links in unexpected emails or texts.



5

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT?

If you do receive a call, email, or text, check on your account by calling DFAS Customer Care at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411 or submit your question to ASK myPay Online Customer Service.





TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2025

Treasurer: Rebecca Wilkins



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$23,504.11	\$205,383.36	\$176,529.89
+ Income/Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,739.83	\$1,031.56
+ deposits	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$23,504.23	\$207,123.19	\$177,561.45

Note: The Fidelity ending balances are 31 March 2025.
The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.



Disable Mini Menu in Edge

When browsing the internet, we often highlight text and use the right-click context menu to copy text, copy links, start a search on the highlighted text, etc. With Microsoft Edge, the Mini Menu feature is a small context menu that automatically pops up as soon as text is highlighted without the need for right-clicking. Currently, the Mini Menu offers a copy option and a search option, which starts an internet search using the highlighted text. To access any other context menu options, two additional clicks are required. Some users may find that the Mini Menu causes many tasks to take more clicks than the traditional right-click context menu. To disable the Mini Menu, highlight some text on a web page to trigger the Mini Menu. Click the eye icon with a slash through it and choose “hide the menu always,” disabling the Mini Menu, or just hide the menu for the site you are currently on. More details on the Mini Menu and how to toggle it on and off can be found in this article, <https://www.thewindowsclub.com/how-to-enable-or-disable-the-mini-menu-for-pdf-files-in-microsoft-edge>.

Teams Chat Density

Teams offers a setting to toggle your chat messages as either Comfy or Compact. The settings can be found by clicking to the left of the user’s profile picture and selecting the Settings option. Chat Density is the second choice in the General section of the settings. By default, Teams uses the Comfy setting that displays chat more like most chat apps on a phone will. The Compact setting is a more traditional chat app layout. This choice shows more text, and it is all more compressed. The Chat Density allows the user to choose between easier to read with more scrolling or more content on one chat screen with less scrolling.

Alternatives to Windows Screen Snip

Most users regularly take screen snips using the Windows Snipping Tool or Screen Snip Tool. Pressing, WindowsKey+Shift+S will start the snipping app. However, the keyboard shortcut or application itself may not work properly on work computers. Several applications provide their own built-in screen snip capabilities that may be helpful if the Windows snip feature fails.

Microsoft Edge and Teams both have their own screen snipping feature. Pressing Ctrl+Shift+S will trigger the screen snipping interface.

Microsoft Office, specifically Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, and Word, have an Insert Screenshot feature. This feature can be found in the Insert tab of the ribbon for each of these applications. More details on the Screenshot feature can be found here, <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/insert-a-screenshot-or-screen-clipping-56ade2ac-7285-4e7b-a0b1-40646b275703>.

Keyboard Shortcuts for Navigating Teams Activity

Much of the content in Microsoft Teams is centered on messages, meetings, and group channels. The Teams desktop application effectively acts as a specialized web browser to navigate this content, or pages. As a result, the app shares some navigation shortcuts that many web browsers use. Buttons for the “back” and “forward” navigation actions can be found to the left of the search box in the top-center part of the Teams window.

Pressing **Alt+LeftArrow** will move you backwards through the Teams “pages” you have visited recently.

Pressing **Alt+RightArrow** will move you forwards through the Teams “pages” up to your most recent page.

Pressing **Ctrl+H** will open a display a small list of the most recent “pages” you have visited.



**ASMC – Aviation Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
9 April 2025 (1200-1230 hrs)**

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

II. **Attendance/Reports**

Treasurers: Rebecca Wilkins, Vacant

Secretary: Shannon Wheeler

President-Elect: A1C George Walton

Vice-Presidents

AFAA: Jonathan Pepples (A)

AFLCMC: Julie Louthain

AFMC: Vacant

AFRL: Tammy Pendergast (A)

At Large: Rhonda Pepitone

Contractors: Shawn Coil (A)

88th CPTS: A1C George Walton

Committee Chairs:

Audit: Stephanie Burd, Michelle Bahan

Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills

Awards and Recognition: Sheena Fast, Vacant

Chapter Competition: Heather Brodess (A)

Communications: Colleen Robinson

Community Activities: Jennifer Caplinger (A), Jessica Pauley

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason

Membership: Jaime Iaquina, Edward Jackson (A)

Professional Development: Trent Harpest, Andrea Hamilton (A)

Early Careerist: Sandra Moncree

Programs: Shawn Coil (A)

Tickets: Vacant

Ways & Means: Sarah Garrette

Historian: James Davis

Other Attendees: Tracey Hearn, Jonathan Paden (A)

(A) = In Attendance

III. **General Business**

A. OLD:

- i. Mini PDI Committee - Paperwork is into AFMC and waiting on legal. Venue and catering set. Flyer will go out tomorrow. Flyer will have Venmo on it. Jonathan will make changes to the website and link the registration form. Hoping to have snack and refreshments in the morning and after lunch. Will be handing out awards and coins.
- ii. Chapter Audit - Still missing documents needed for the audit. Thomas is trying to get a date when the treasurer will have documents. Audit will also work to get documents.



" NEW:

i. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities - Jen stated volunteers have been very small. Could be supervisors requiring people to take time off to do volunteer events. Need volunteers for Dayton Food Bank and Memorial Day flag placement.

1. Dayton Food Bank, Apr 14, 1300-1500

2. Memorial Day Flag Placement, May 24, 0930 start, VA National Cemetery

ii. Golf Outing - Jonathan remarked we did a Golf Outing last year and wanted to know if we wanted to do again. Agreed to do September, Sugar Isle gold course. Jonathan will work.

iii. Upcoming Lunch & Learns - We have the following speakers lined up:

1. 6 May Mini PDI

2. 11 June, Ms. Palma, AFMC AFAA/QLF

3. 10 July, Ms. Sims, SAF/FMB

4. Aug, Ms Theresa Frank, AFMC/FMC

iv. National PDI - Tammy sent out flyer with info on registration, etc., May 28, 0800-1600

v. Open Positions - Thomas said need to fill Co-Treasurers, AFMC VP and Scholarship positions. May have a fill for the AFMC VP, George Diehl.

IV. Meeting Adjourned: 1236



Don't Miss the Digital PDI, 28 May 2025

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge, enhance your career, and engage with the defense financial management community – all from the comfort of your home or office! As the Department of Defense navigates an era of budgetary constraints, modernization efforts, and global strategic competition, financial management professionals play a critical role in driving efficiency, accountability, and mission success. Digital PDI 2025 will explore key initiatives shaping the future. 4 Blocks of 6 Concurrent Sessions. Earn Up to 27 CPEs, 6 CPEs live on event day & an additional 20 CPEs through on-demand recordings.

For more information and to register go to - <https://sdfm.org/professional-development/professional-development-institute/>

Free Access for SDFM Members

Free access to live sessions for members. (It is \$99 for the full access which includes the on-demand sessions.)

Affordable Access for Non-Members

\$99 for live programming access or \$199 for full access, including on-demand sessions.

Reactivate Your CDFM Certification [<https://sdfm.org/cdfm/recertify/#reactivation>]

In honor of the CDFM's 25th anniversary we're continuing our CDFM Reactivation Campaign. We're inviting anyone with an inactive CDFM or CDFM-A to come back into the fold!

To Reactivate: [<https://sdfm.org/cdfm/recertify/#reactivation>] 1. Send an email to certification@sdfm.org [<mailto:certification@sdfm.org?subject=Reactivate>] to request reactivation (you'll receive info on next steps). 2. Pay the recertification fee (\$49 for SDFM members / \$89 for non-members). Email to Reactivate. [<mailto:certification@sdfm.org?subject=Reactivate>]



2024-2025 Executive Board

President	Mr. Thomas Giovingo
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Secretary	Ms Shannon Wheeler
Treasurers	Ms. Rebecca Wilkins

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AFAA VP	Mr. Jonathan Pepples
HQ AFMC VP	Vacant
AFRL VP	Ms. Tammy Pendergast
AFLCMC VP	Ms. Julie Louthain
At Large VP	Ms. Rhonda Pepitone
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Augsburg Scholarship	Ms. JoAnne Wills
Awards and Recognition	Ms. Sheena Fast, Vacant
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Communications	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Advertising/Publicity	Vacant
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Community Activities	Ms. Jennifer Caplinger; Ms. Jessica Pauley
Health & Wellness	Mr. Fernando Mason
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Professional Development	Mr. Trent Harpest, Ms. Andrea Hamilton
Early Careerist Programs	Ms. Sandra Moncree
Programs	Mr. Shawn Coil
Tickets	Vacant
Ways & Means	Ms. Sarah Garrette
Historian	Mr James Davis

