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Chapter President
Thomas Giovino

Greetings SDFM Aviation Chapter,

Summer is fast approaching, and warmer weather should follow, maybe not as much rain.

I hope you will be taking some time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. Congratulations to all the graduates across the learning spectrum. Learning is life long, so don't stop now.

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.

The Mini-PDI has now concluded and was a great success for all those who attended. I want to thank the members who worked on the event and all the behind-the-scenes activities it took to host such an event. Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Paden, Ms. Hearn, Ms. Pendergast, Ms. Fast, Ms. Wilkins and all the other members. My heartfelt thank you for your efforts. Major General Verdugo for your steadfast support to SDFM, and the Aviation Chapter, a big thumbs up! Best wishes on your new assignment. A big thank you to all our speakers and panel members for taking the time from your busy day to support our event. A special shoutout to Mr. Woltman for the updates on the latest actions at SDFM National. Enjoy the photos.

The Aviation Chapter is seeking nominations for the 2025 – 2026 Board Year. You should have received a nomination form and will receive a ballot via e-mail. Voting is open until 15 June 2025. Please take a moment to let your voice be heard. New board members will be announced at the end of June at the yearly general meeting of the Aviation Chapter. If you have questions please contact your Command VP, or send me a mail directly, I can answer, or find you an answer, to your question.

Thank you for your continued service to the Nation. See you soon.

Aviation Chapter Mini PDI "Mission Focused Finance"

On 6 May, the Aviation Chapter held its 28th annual PDI at the Wright-Patterson Officers Club. Our Master of Ceremonies for this year's Mini PDI was Mr Thomas Giovingo, ASMC Aviation Chapter president. The invocation was provided by Lt. Frank Perrotta and Ms Susan Brainard sang the National Anthem. The lunchtime invocation was provided by Lt. George Weldon. Opening remarks were presented by Brig Gen Frank Verdugo, Director, HQ AFMC/FM. The one-day, in-person, event was attended by 105 people. The presenters were:

- Mr. Dan Woltman, CAE, VP of Membership & Corporate Partnerships, SDFM and Mr. Jim Purtell, Chair, Military Engagement Committee, SDFM, **SDFM Updates**
- Ms. Jeannette Beer, Director, SAF/FMFO Accounting Policy & Operations and Mr. Alexander Dounouk, DEAMS SME, Kearney & Company, **SAF/FMFO Structure & DEAMS Critical Task List**
- Mr. Gerald R. Colter, SES, Assistant Auditor General, AFMA/QL, **Air Force Audit Agency**
- Maj Gen Frank R. Verdugo, Director, HQ AFMC/FM, **FM Hot Topics**
- Mr. David E. Shahady, Director, AFRL/LZ, **Time as a Weapon: A Premise for AFRL's Digital Transformation**
- Mr. Jeremy Mitchell, Chief, AFLCMC/FZC, Mr. Kevin Kennedy, Chief, AFCAA, Mr. Zac Newman, Chief, AFRL/FZC, Ms. Teresa L. Frank, Chief, Cost & Economics Division, HQ AFMC/FMC, **Wright-Patterson Cost Leadership Panel**
- Mr. Derek Jameson, FRC, Jameson & Associates, **FERS Retirement Planning**

Closing remarks were presented by Maj Gen Verdugo.

The agenda and presenters slides can be found at <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/professional-development/mini-pdi/>. For more information on ASMC Aviation Chapter opportunities and local events, please visit <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/>



Upcoming Member Meetings:

- 11 Jun 25 - Ms Angela Palma, AFMA - Topic: DoD Fraud Risk Management
10 Jul 25 - Ms Vanessa Sims, Deputy, SAF/FMB - Topic: ECQ Development



Congratulations:

Stephanie Burd, AFAA/QLF, retirement. Stephanie also served as the Co-Audit Chair for the SDFM Aviation Chapter
Pat Solberg, AFMC/FMRS, retirement

Calendar Year 2024 SDFM Aviation Chapter Achievement Awards



Accounting
Elma Ducusin



Intern/Trainee
Paul West



Auditing
Jessica Young



Small Team
AFAA/QLF Funded and Unproduced
Contract Repair Requirements
Team
Team Lead: Michelle Murray



Contractor Support
Jeffery VanScoy



Digital Transformation Team
SAF/FMFO DEAMS RPA Team
Team Lead: Jeannette Beer



Finance
Samantha Yeihey



Resource Management
Kristen Cochran



Large Team
DAF SBIR/STTR Execution Team
Team Lead: Stephanie Robinson

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Contractor Support -
Meritorious
Kelly Papineau



Contractor Support -
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Jeffery VanScoy



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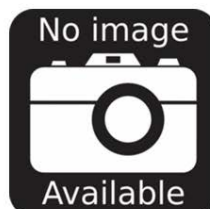
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Intern/Trainee -
Meritorious
Paul West



Intern/Trainee - Meritorious
Camille Wallace



Finance - Distinguished
Samantha Yeihey



Memorial Day Flag Placement Ceremony

On 24 May, SDFM Aviation Chapter volunteers placed flags on the graves at the Dayton VA. The placing of flags helped honor our men and women in the military buried at Dayton National Cemetery.



Volunteer Opportunities

USAF Marathon Hydration Station volunteers, 20 Sep 2025. To sign up: <https://raceroster.com/registration/daf7c314-2302-4c45-80ef-be9d6f7f4cf8/entry?team=821537&teamEntryToken=S9BSN29BJ4>

Congratulations to the Aviation Chapter winners of Five Star Recognition and Community Service of this year's chapter award programs



Navigating Change & Driving Excellence: Key Takeaways from the 2025 SAF/FMFO Accounting Conference
Ms. Kimberly Burnett — Chief, Field Support Division

SAF/FMFO held its 2025 Annual Accounting Conference in a virtual format 18 Apr – 2 May, bringing together Financial Management professionals across the Department of the Air Force (DAF) and the Department of Defense (DoD). The multi-day event provided updates on strategic initiatives, addressed key challenges, and emphasized the critical role of collaboration and innovation in achieving financial excellence.

A central theme throughout the conference was the need to adapt to a dynamic environment characterized by personnel reductions, evolving technologies, and persistent resource constraints. Senior leaders underscored the message: "Adapt to Change," while maintaining a steadfast commitment to audit readiness and supporting mission success.

The conference served as a platform to disseminate information on several key initiatives – Data Analytics and Automation, Cancelling Funds Reduction, G-Invoicing Development and Deployment, MAJCOM/CPTS of the Future, Fiscal Year End, and Audit. Each day opened with comments by incredible guest speakers including Mr. Michael Smiley (SAF/FMF), Maj Gen Frank Verdugo (HQ AFMC/FM), Ms. Pamela Franceschi (DFAS-CO/JB), and Mr. Douglas Bennett (AFAA). The conference concluded with a dynamic SAF/FM Leadership Panel and Q&A sessions for Commands and Bases.

A dominant theme at the conference was the critical need to achieve and sustain a clean audit opinion on DAF financial statements. Ms. Jennifer McCann (SAF/FMFA) detailed the four phases of the audit process and outlined actions that base-level personnel can take to support audit readiness:

- Timely responses to auditor requests
- Implementation of document retention policies
- Active participation in system migrations and training
- Focus on the data!

Data Analytics and Automation were highlighted key components of future financial success. SAF/FMFO showcased the power of data analytics and robotic process automation (RPA) in improving efficiency and decision-making. Customized command-level dashboards, built using Power BI, provide enhanced data visibility, fostering informed strategic decision-making across all levels.

Overall, the conference was a resounding success and we look forward to building upon this event in the coming years to empower insight, drive efficiency, and ensure financial integrity.

To access slide presentations and recordings, please visit the Accounting Conference site (<https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/saf-fm/FMF/FMFC/FMFOA/SitePages/Accounting%20Conference.aspx?>).

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TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2025

Treasurer: Rebecca Wilkins



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$23,504.34	\$207,123.19	\$177,561.45
+ Income/Expenses	\$384.00	(\$7,157.68)	(\$4,987.66)
+ deposits	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$23,120.45	\$199,965.51	\$172,573.79

Note: The Fidelity ending balances are 30 April 2025.
The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.



Teams Meeting Options and Roles

The Teams meeting organizer has significant control over the meeting environment. They can assign roles to other attendees, granting them specific permissions. These roles include: the Organizer, who is the meeting creator with full control over all meeting settings and functions; Co-organizers, who are designated by the organizer and have nearly the same capabilities as the organizer, including the ability to manage meeting options and participants. Note that co-organizers cannot cancel or reschedule the meeting but assigning them is useful for large or complex meetings where assistance is needed. Presenters, who are designated to share content (screens, presentations, etc.) and whose presenting abilities can be restricted to specific individuals. Attendees, who are participants can view content, participate in chat, if enabled, and use their microphone and camera, if enabled, and if not muted by the organizers or presenter. This page (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/roles-in-microsoft-teams-meetings-c16fa7d0-1666-4dde-8686-0a0bfe16e019>) breaks out what each role can do if they are all enabled. By default, a meeting has only the Organizer and Attendees are treated as Presenters.

Meeting options that the organizer and co-organizers can change many things. For example, using a microphone, camera, meeting chat, reactions, recordings/transcriptions, and attendance reports can all be toggled on and off for the meeting. The meeting's lobby can be set up so that specific audiences, or everyone, can bypass it when using the meeting phone number. A full list of meeting options can be found here (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/meeting-options-in-microsoft-teams-53261366-dbd5-45f9-aae9-a70e6354f88e>), keep in mind that some of the listed options may not be visible depending on your organization's administrative settings.

To access meeting options within Teams, go to the calendar and double-click on the meeting. Click on the more options (...) near the top of the window and select meeting options. In Outlook, users can also open the meeting from that calendar and click the Meeting Options button in the Meeting tab of the ribbon. During a meeting, the meeting options can be accessed by clicking More (...), hovering over Settings, and selecting Meeting Options.

Outlook Quick Steps

Outlook's Quick Steps feature provides a powerful way to automate common email tasks, saving you valuable time and increasing efficiency. Located within the "Home" tab of the ribbon, Quick Steps allows you to execute a series of actions with a single click. By default, Outlook provides several pre-configured Quick Steps, such as "Move to: ?", "To Manager," "Team Email," "Done," "Reply & Delete," and "Create New." You can also access additional options, create custom Quick Steps, and manage existing ones through the Quick Steps pane. Quick Steps may take a little exploring and practice to get used to, but they can help save you some time on actions you perform regularly. They are like using Rules in Outlook, but they are performed when you select them instead of automatically. So, you get a little more flexibility. This article (<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Automate-common-or-repetitive-tasks-with-Quick-Steps-a9caf57e-0eb0-4b48-9141-a9904da0aaf9>) provides detailed descriptions and instructions for Quick Steps.

Note: The default Quick Steps will have a "First time used" window that appears and allows you to set it up. After you press the save button, the Quick Step will be ready to use.

Cybersecurity News

Kettering Health suffered a ransomware attack earlier this week that caused some service outages and the cancellation of some types of appointments and procedures. Emergency rooms and clinics are still open. Details on the attack have not been provided but scammers have been calling patients in attempts to obtain credit card information. Kettering Health has suspended calling patients to discuss payment options until further notice. More details on the attack can be found here (<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/kettering-health-hit-by-system-wide-outage-after-ransomware-attack/>).

Using Tabbed Browsing in Windows File Explorer

Just like most web browsers, Windows' File Explorer supports tab browsing. With File Explorer open, the name of the current folder should be displayed in the top-left corner of the window. To the right of the folder name, a plus sign should be visible. Clicking the plus sign will open a new tab within the File Explorer window. Users can have different folders open on each tab within a single window. Tabbed browsing within File Explorer can reduce clutter on the user's screen. This article provides more information on using tabbed browsing within File Explorer.

File Explorer Tabbed Browsing Keyboard Shortcuts

Within the File Explorer window:

Ctrl+T will open a new tab

Ctrl+W will close the current tab

Ctrl+Tab will move to the right through the open tabs

Ctrl+Shift+Tab will move to the left through the open tabs

Ctrl+1, 2, ..., 9 will jump to that tab (e.g., Ctrl+3 will jump to the third tab)

Ctrl+L will put the cursor in the address bar

Ctrl+Shift+N will create a new folder



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

I. Call to Order: Thomas Giovingo at 1200 hrs

II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Wilkins, Crystal Veselik (A)

Secretary: Shannon Wheeler (A)

President-Elect: A1C George Walton

Vice-Presidents

AFAA: Jonathan Pepples (A)

AFLCMC: Julie Louthain

AFMC: George Diehl Jr. (A)

AFRL: Tammy Pendergast (A)

At Large: Rhonda Pepitone

Contractors: Shawn Coil

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 (A)

Community Activities: Jennifer Caplinger, Jessica Pauley (A)

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason

Membership: Jaime laquinta, Edward Jackson

Professional Development: Trent Harpest (A), Andrea Hamilton

Early Careerist: Sandra Moncree (A)

Programs: Shawn Coil

Tickets: Vacant

Ways & Means: Sarah Garrette

Historian: James Davis

Other Attendees: Tracey Hearn (A), Jonathan Paden (A)

(A) = In Attendance

III. General Business

A. OLD:

- i. Mini PDI - The mini PDI was a successful event based on surveys received after the event. Some felt the Venmo and registration was confusing, as well as the landing fee. The event itself is free but the landing fee covers the buffet lunch. The landing fee is not a requirement if the attendee does not attend the lunch. Idea was raised to hold it off-base next year, which would allow contractors to attend.
- ii. Chapter Audit - Completed
- iii. Quarterly Networking - Still seeking someone to take up the quarterly networking. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this, please let Mr. Giovingo know.



" NEW:

i. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities - Ms. Jessica Pauley is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Memorial Day flag placement on May 24th at 9:30 EST. If enough people volunteer, the placement will go pretty quick. She also mentioned a few upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Dayton Food Bank towards the August timeframe. She will contact Ms. Colleen Robinson so the information can be added to the newsletter. Please contact Ms. Pauley if you're interested in volunteering.

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

ii. Upcoming Lunch & Learns - Shawn Coil is running the upcoming Lunch & Learns. On June 11th, Ms. Palma from AFMC AFAA (auditing) will be the speaker; Ms. Sims, Deputy SAF/FMB ECQ Development, will be the speaker on July 10th.

1. 11 June, Ms. Palma, AFMC AFAA/QLF
2. 10 July, Ms. Sims, SAF/FMB
3. Aug, Ms Theresa Frank, AFMC/FMC

iii. National PDI - Digital SDFM PDI registration is currently open with the event taking place on May 28th. The link can be found on the SDFM.org website. Registration for the day only will give 6 CPEs and is free. The full PDI package, which includes the ability to watch the videos after the day of the event, will give 26 CPEs and is \$99.00.

iv. Chapter Board - General voting, in accordance with Chapter by-laws, is coming up soon. Current President rotation is the 88th Air Base Wing. Mr. Giovingo has reached out to Mr. George Walton to see if he is interested in the role. If he declines, it moves to AFMC. If he accepts the nomination, 88th would be President with AFMC as Vice President. If he declines, voting would be opened up to general election with AFMC as President Elect and AFLCMC as Vice President. Request was made by Mr. Giovingo to Shannon Wheeler to set up an election committee. Mr. Giovingo asked that anyone not willing or able to continue in their Chapter role, to let him know. End of term is June 30th. Only members in good standing can vote in elections.

1. The Board members present voted on the current interim roles:
Alternate Treasurer- Crystal Veselik. Majority vote confirmed.
AFMC Vice President- George Diehl Jr. Majority vote confirmed.

2. Ms. Veselik, Mr. Diehl Jr., and Ms. Wheeler were asked to give a brief introduction. Augsburg Scholarship: Ms. Joanne Wills, who is leaving in July, will be succeeded by Jonathan Peebles Major General Greiner is retiring this month. Major General Verdugo is expected to move up, along with General Carruthers.

v. Mini PDI - Please get all receipts for the mini PDI to Rebecca ASAP. Mr. Giovingo showed appreciation to Mr. Paden for his work with the mini PDI, who in turn thanked Andrea for running the slides while he managed the sound and video. Mr. Giovingo is the current holder of the "Bucket of Stuff" (for the mini PDI).

vi. Misc - Idea for a networking get together off base at a local establishment. Thursday was brought up as a day to meet, at 4pm, as Fridays was deemed to busy for most. Email will be sent at a later date.

vii. Around the Room - Ms. Robinson asked for VPs to send her hails, farewells, and retirements so that she can include them in the newsletter. Short discussion on membership lists. Jamie pulls a new one every month.

IV. Meeting Adjourned: 1228



SDFM Announces Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) - Healthcare (H)

SDFM is proud to announce the launch of the Certified Defense Financial Manager – Healthcare (CDFM-H), a new specialty credential within the widely respected CDFM program. Developed in partnership with the Defense Health Agency (DHA), the CDFM-H demonstrates advanced knowledge and strategic leadership in managing financial operations in defense healthcare environments. It goes beyond the core CDFM by validating critical competencies specific to healthcare financial management.

This specialty certification is designed for leaders and professionals who work in or support the Military Health System (MHS), including those at DHA, military treatment facilities (MTFs), as well as those supporting healthcare operations at federal agencies such as the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and others with significant healthcare missions.

The CDFM-H demonstrates critical knowledge across budgeting, strategic planning, oversight, and operational finance specific to the complex landscape of defense healthcare.

“As the defense healthcare enterprise grows in complexity and cost, so too must our capabilities in managing its resources,” said Rich Brady, CEO of SDFM. “The CDFM-H was developed in direct response to this need—to ensure our professionals have the skills and validation necessary to lead with confidence and accountability.”

A Credential Built for the Mission

The CDFM-H addresses a growing demand for agile, well-trained professionals who can navigate the financial challenges unique to the military and veteran healthcare system. It builds on the core competencies of the CDFM certification and affirms a candidate’s ability to lead across four key domains:

- Strategic Planning
- Management Controls
- Operational Tasks
- CFO Leadership

SDFM developed the exam with input from subject matter experts across the Department of Defense and healthcare sectors. The CDFM-H serves as a powerful tool for organizations looking to build a more qualified, mission-ready workforce and for individuals seeking to elevate their careers through specialized credentialing.

Who Should Apply

The CDFM-H is ideal for:

- Financial managers and analysts in DHA, MTFs, VHA, and supporting agencies
- CDFM or Certified Defense Financial Manager – Acquisition (CDFM-A™) holders seeking to demonstrate deeper healthcare finance expertise
- Professionals supporting healthcare operations in the DoD, VA, DHS, or Indian Health Service
- Budget and program analysts supporting the Military Health System

Certification Process

To qualify for the CDFM-H, candidates must already hold the CDFM or CDFM-A certification. The CDFM-H exam includes 90 multiple-choice questions across the four core domains. The pilot version of the exam is cost free and will only be offered to current CDFM and CDFM-A holders beginning May 28, 2025. Once the pilot concludes and the passing standard is established, the CDFM-H will be available year-round through SDFM.

“This certification is a significant inflection point in healthcare finance profession. It’s a strategic investment in the future of our healthcare financial leaders, CDFM-H strengthens the profession, the system, and ultimately, the mission of national security,” said Colonel John W. Lee, Deputy to the Assistant Director of Resources and Personnel, DHA

Learn More

For full details on the CDFM-H specialty credential—including eligibility, exam preparation resources, and registration—visit sdfm.org/cdfm/cdfm-h/ or contact certification@sdfm.org.



2024-2025 Executive Board

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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 Programs	Ms. Sandra Moncree
Programs	Mr. Shawn Coil
Tickets	Vacant
Ways & Means	Ms. Sarah Garrette
Historian	Mr James Davis

