

# Wright Flyer



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*Chapter President*  
*Thomas Giovino*

Greetings SDFM Aviation Chapter,

It has been a wild ride with the government shutdown lasting so long. Welcome back!! I just want to share some resources, events, and opportunities going on around SDFM. First off, don't forget membership renewal. It is important that you update your CPEs for those with CDFM/A/H. Get those 80 hrs into the system. Also check the email you have on file with SDFM as that is the e-mail the Aviation Chapter uses to get the events and happenings out to you. Please change the e-mail to the one you check most often, or your gonna miss out.

There is the On-Demand Learning Library for flexible CPE options and check out the Mentoring Program to connect with Peers and share expertise. All of this can be found at SDFM.org, please go and check it out.

The Christmas party this year was a blast! Thank you to all those that made this possible, great job!! The Chapter gave 10 Angel Kids \$75 gift cards for Christmas. The Chapter also donated 5 dozen Christmas wreaths to be placed on the headstones of our fallen heroes at the VA Cemetery in Dayton. Checkout the photos in this issue.

If you have not volunteered for an event lately, please come out and join us, I would like to see you. Keep charging forward, look out for each other, and do good.

See you next month.

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**Website:** <https://www.sdfm-aviation.org/>



The SDFM Aviation Chapter celebrated the holidays on 9 Dec 2025. Thanks everyone who donated to the Augsburg Scholarship fund.



## Upcoming Member Meetings:

21 Jan - Mr Carl Urbanas, Chief, Workforce Management Branch, HQ AFMC/FMFW  
4 Feb - BGen Jason Corrothers, Director, HQ AFMC/FM  
25 Mar - Col Dorinda Mazza, Deputy Commander, 88th ABW/CV  
21 Apr - Mr Justin Clark, Chief of Finance, AFLCMC/FZA





## CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS

**Charity Golf Scramble** - Thank you to the teams that joined our charity golf scramble on 9 Oct to raise funds for the Augsberg Memorial scholarship. Congratulations to our winners Zach Claiborne, Jack Augustine, Logan Stevens, Trevor Fraley on winning the lowest score.

**Crayons to Classrooms:** Thank you to our SDFM members who volunteered at Crayons to Classroom on 3 Oct.



**Feed the Creek:** Thank you to our SDFM members who volunteered at Feed the Creek on 7 Nov.



**Dayton Food Bank:** Thank you to our SDFM members who volunteered at the Dayton Food Bank on 27 Oct.



**Wreaths Across America:** Thank you to our SDFM members who volunteered at the Dayton VA to lay wreaths on 13 Dec.



**Aviation Chapter**

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Feed the Creek, Jan 16th 12-1:30

For information on volunteer activities, contact Jennifer Caplinger, [jennifer.caplinger.1@us.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.caplinger.1@us.af.mil)

### **Augsburg Memorial Scholarship Call for Applicants**

History- The Augsburg Memorial Scholarship was named for Fred and Susan Augsburg by the members of the ASMC Aviation Chapter as a lasting beneficial memorial to their friends. The couple was vibrant, outgoing, fun-loving individuals, and true professionals in their jobs. Tragically, in February 1987, they were killed in a traffic accident in Lexington, Kentucky. A drunk driver crossed the centerline and struck Fred & Susan while they were jogging. Both died from their injuries.

About the Scholarship- The Augsburg Scholarship is funded by both CFC and individual donations and managed by the Society of Defense Financial Management, Aviation Chapter, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. 100% of contributions go towards scholarships, with no administrative costs. The Augsburg Scholarship Fund promotes education and training through scholarships for graduating high school seniors and continuing college students who live in or attend school in Southwest Ohio, and are majoring in accounting, finance, business management, and economics. The two High School scholarships awarded at the local chapter are \$1,000 per year for a total of \$4,000 to deserving high school seniors graduating each year, who plan to pursue a college degree in the specified areas of study. The two College Continuing Education scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each to deserving continuing college students pursuing a degree in the specified areas of study.

#### **How to Apply**

Applications can be downloaded from the SDFM Aviation Chapter's website:

**<https://www.sdfm-aviation.org/augsburg-scholarship/>**

For Augsburg Memorial Scholarship information, contact Mr. Jonathan Pepples at (513) 470-0704.

Mail applications to:

SDFM Aviation Chapter Scholarship Committee  
ATTN: Jonathan Pepples  
3177 Penrose Place  
Cincinnati, OH 45211

All applications must be received by **15 March 2026**



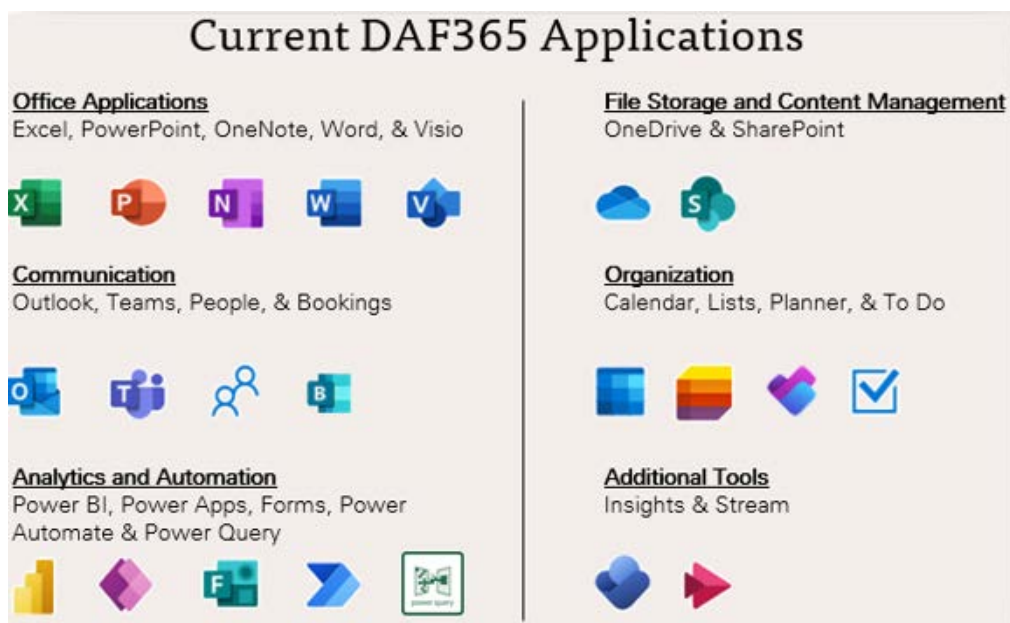
## DAF365 From a Financial Management Perspective

By Dr. George Diehl

As Air Force financial managers face increasing demands with limited resources, DAF365 offers a unified cloud environment that can transform how we collaborate, automate processes, and support data-driven decisions. But how do these capabilities translate to real benefits for FM professionals? DAF365 applications help us work more efficiently. While we have gained a variety of powerful applications, we are not always notified that the applications are available or what capabilities they provide.

### Getting Started

When getting started, a major resource to make better use of DAF365 is the Office portal, <https://portal.apps.mil/>. The portal has an Apps link, <https://www.ohome.apps.mil/apps/>, where users can access all the applications that we currently have available. When viewing the apps, you may click the (...) for an app and pin it to the Office portal for easier access. The image below provides one way to categorize the applications but know that they all overlap depending on your use case.



### File and Content Management

OneDrive and SharePoint create a clear structure for file storage that improves accountability and version control. OneDrive is used for personal working files or early drafts. SharePoint is best for storing official templates, policy guidance, training materials, and long-term reference content. Teams does use a version of SharePoint to facilitate its file storage and collaboration capabilities. Use SharePoint for permanent organizational documents and official repositories. Use Teams only for active project collaboration or community news.

### Communication

Teams and Outlook are more well known and give us the ability to coordinate quickly during execution reviews, budget drills, and customer support actions. Many users are not aware of Bookings. The Bookings app can be used to create a page that allows others to set up appointments with a user or group of users. If you are in a help desk or small team that is working with users across the enterprise, then this may be a way to manage appointments. Teams is our main integration application, where many of the other applications can be used or pinned. Groups and channels provide shared spaces for real time problem solving, file sharing, and integrated dashboards that support day-to-day mission execution.



### Analytics and Automation

Excel has gained many new capabilities, but we have also gained the Power Platform. Power BI provides interactive dashboards for status of funds, trend analysis, and execution monitoring. SAF/FMFO provides the FMFO Analytics app through Power BI (<https://app.mil.powerbigov.us/groups/me/apps/9af7d117-e76f-40a0-a674-f2ee29d46cfb/dashboards/dcb1c02b-0224-40ef-870e-c331c2f5ed28?ctid=8331b18d-2d87-48ef-a35f-ac8818ebf9b4>). Power Automate enables users to take administrative processes and create flows to transfer data between DAF365 applications. Power Apps provides the capability to create custom applications for a variety of tasks. Power Query is a part of Excel and Power BI that can be used to aggregate and transform data from a variety of sources. Forms is a survey application that can be used to quickly collect information for taskers and parts of various budget drills in a clean and easy way. Responses can then be exported to Excel as needed. All these applications provide advanced capabilities but are user friendly with low-code and no-code capabilities.

DAF365 strengthens the mission by improving collaboration, enhancing data visibility, and reducing manual effort. By adopting these tools, FM users can modernize processes, deliver faster and more accurate information, and better support Airmen and senior leaders. A single FM user could have the resources to create a solution that has the potential for enterprise-wide deployment. As we continue to be asked for more while getting less, don't forget about these tools we have at our disposal that can help us save time or reduce workload.





**TREASURER'S REPORT November 2025****Treasurer: Rebecca Wilkins & Crystal Veselik**

Treasurer's Report not available this month  
due to TDY.

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



**Microsoft Ends Windows 10 Support**

Microsoft has ended mainstream support for Windows 10. This means your computer will still work, but Microsoft will no longer send automatic security updates. If you continue to use Windows 10 and a new security threat is identified, most users will not receive a fix for it. Initially, the risk of continuing to use Windows 10 will be minimal, but over time, the security risks will increase. Eventually, using a Windows 10 computer will become risky. How long it takes for this to happen will depend on the user's cyber security practices, their use case, and when major security issues are identified.

Upgrading to Windows 11, which can be done for free from Windows 10, is the recommended solution. Windows 11 has a security feature requirement called TPM 2.0 that will likely be the determining factor for whether a computer can run Windows 11. Computers built prior to 2016 are not likely to have TPM 2.0. If a computer cannot upgrade to Windows 10, then the user will either need to get a new computer (costs money), install a different operating system such as Linux (requires learning a new system), or continue using Windows 10 (increases risk over time).

For users who choose to continue using Windows 10, Microsoft's Extended Security Updates (ESU) program will extend support for their computer until 13 October 2026. Participation has a few separate ways to be eligible for enrollment. Users can pay \$30, redeem 1,000 Microsoft Rewards points, or set up the Windows Backup app on the computer.

This article, <https://lifehacker.com/tech/what-to-do-now-that-microsoft-no-longer-supports-windows-10>, provides more details. More details on the ESU program are available here, <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/extended-security-updates>, and here, <https://www.tomsguide.com/computing/windows-operating-systems/windows-10-just-hit-end-of-life-but-theres-a-way-to-get-a-year-of-security-updates-at-no-extra-cost>.

**Windows Backup App**

Many Windows users have a few tools available to assist them with backing up their data. OneDrive is available for backing up files and most web browsers, like Edge, allow an online profile to be created to back up their internet bookmarks and browser settings. The Windows Backup app is designed to help users not only take advantage of these tools but also backup their installed apps, settings including personalization, and Wi-Fi networks/passwords. Users who backup their data and settings with this app on a Windows 10 computer are eligible for the Extended Security Updates program that will extend their Windows 10 support until 13 October 2026 at no cost. Basic details on using Windows Backup are available here, [https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/back-up-and-restore-with-windows-backup-87a81f8a-78fa-456e-b521-ac0560e32338#id0ebh=windows\\_10](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/back-up-and-restore-with-windows-backup-87a81f8a-78fa-456e-b521-ac0560e32338#id0ebh=windows_10). More detailed instructions can be found in this article, <https://www.thewindowsclub.com/how-to-use-windows-backup-app-in-windows-11>.

**Web Browsers**

Web browsers are the primary way most users find, and interact with, content on the internet. Edge, Chrome, Safari, and Firefox make up more than 90% of the browser market with Chrome taking over 60% on its own. These browsers are solid choices, but many users have a growing interest in alternative web browsers such as Brave, DuckDuckGo, Opera, and Vivaldi. Everyone browses the internet in different ways, which drives needs for a variety of features. If you are looking for a web browser that better meets your needs, here are a few lists to help you find some reliable options. This article, <https://www.lifewire.com/top-internet-browsers-4589106>, provides an overview of some of the more popular web browsers for different uses. Here is an alternative article, <https://www.techradar.com/best/browser>, doing the same thing for variety. This list, <https://www.pcmag.com/picks/stop-trackers-dead-the-best-private-browsers>, is focused on browsers with a focus on privacy and security.

**URL Checkers**

Ensuring the safety and reliability of the links you click is increasingly important. Users who use antimalware software may have browser extensions that add URL Checker features to their browser. Other users may want to consider using a URL Checker. URL Checkers are helpful tools that allow users to quickly assess whether a website is trustworthy before visiting. They serve many purposes, from expanding shortened links to checking for security threats.

URL checkers are commonly used to scan websites for signs of malware or phishing attempts, helping protect users from harmful content. These tools can also expand shortened URLs, so you know exactly where they lead, verify the actual destination of a link, and check a website's reputation based on user feedback. This article, <https://www.nichepursuits.com/best-url-checker/>, provides a list of popular checkers and what they do. A short list of popular URL Checkers can be found here, <https://www.guru99.com/url-scanners-checker.html>.





**ASMC – Aviation Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
3 December 2025, 1200**

**I. Call to Order:1206**

**II. Attendance/Reports**

**Treasurers:** Rebecca Wilkins (A), Crystal Veselik

**Secretary:** Shannon Wheeler

**President-Elect:** Jonathan Pepples (A)

**Vice-Presidents**

**AFAA:** Jonathan Pepples (A)

**AFLCMC:** Shannon Wheeler

**AFMC:** George Diehl Jr.

**AFRL:** Tammy Pendergast (A)

**At Large:** Rhonda Pepitone ((A)

**Contractors:** Shawn Coil (A)

**88th CPTS:** Vacant

**Committee Chairs:**

**Audit:** Michelle Bahan, Co-chair Vacant

**Augsburg Scholarship:** Jonathan Pepples (A)

**Awards and Recognition:** Sheena Fast (A), Co-chair Vacant

**Chapter Competition:** Heather Brodess

**Communications:** Colleen Robinson (A)

**Community Activities:** Jennifer Caplinger, Jessica Pauley **Health &**

**Wellness:** Fernando Mason

**Membership:** Jaime laquinta, Edward Jackson (A)

**Professional Development:** Jenifer Klump, Andrea Hamilton

**Early Careerist:** Sandra Moncree

**Programs:** Vacant

**Tickets:** Vacant

**Ways & Mean:** Sarah Garrette

**Historian:** James Davis

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

A = In Attendance

**III. General Business**

**A. OLD:**

i. AF Marathon - Thanks to the volunteers who came out and for Jen putting it together.

ii. Golf Scramble - Six teams (24 people) participated. Raised funds for Augsburg Scholarship. Jonathan checking to see total amount of donation. Any loss will be picked up by the chapter.

iii. Volunteer Activities - the chapter did participate in Crayons to Classroom on 3 Oct. Then Feed the Creek.

iv. T-Shirt - Thomas said he needs to work on that and make it a priority.

v. Holiday Party Planning - still planning on 9 Dec and limited to 80 seats. Information was sent out via email to members. Thomas stated that members need to be check what email address their SDFM account is using. There was also discussion on the donation for Augsburg Scholarship, since in lieu of paying for lunch folks were to provide a \$10 donation. Also, what is the number of children for the Angel Tree the chapter was to be sponsoring. It was decided to do 10 gift cards.

vi. Mini PDI - Looking at having it off Base, since it will give the chapter more flexibility. There was discussion on who we could get as speakers; Dave Weinberg, new Auditor General, etc. If not mini PDI could use as Lunch & Learn speakers.



**B. NEW:**

- i. Awards - Sheena gave an update on SDFM Aviation Chapter awards. Nominations are due towards the end of January. She state National doesn't have anything updated on their website. Sheena sent a message to Nationals awards person.
- ii. Propose that Charity Events include \$20 a participant to go to AS fund (Charity of Choice) distinct from all other debt incurred. To begin January 2026.
- iii. Augsburg Scholarship - There was much discussion on the possibility of increasing the yearly amount from \$1,000 to an amount \$2,000. Action: Jonathan and Rebecca will work a proposal. Sheena suggested a week before our next board meeting to have the proposal before the board votes on it.
- iv. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities – Jen Caplinger/Jessica Pauley update Wreaths Across America – 13 Dec 25 VA Cemetery 0900
- v. Upcoming Lunch & Learns – Shawn Coil
  - a. Jan 21 2026 – Mr. Urbanas HQ AFMC/FMFW
  - b. Feb 04 2026 – Brig Gen Corrothers HQ AFMC/FM
  - c. March 25 2026 – Col. Mazza 88 ABW/CV
  - d. April 21 2026 – Mr. Clark AFLCMC/FZA
- vi. Member News and the Newsletter -- Discussion on if Colleen was receiving the VP articles. She has Oct and Nov article and will use them in upcoming newsletters. Thomas said for non-board/VPs we can offer a \$15 Gift Card for submitted articles.

Meeting adjourned: 1240



**Introducing DFMI: The Next Chapter in Defense Financial Excellence**

The Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM) is proud to unveil the rebranding of its flagship event, formerly known as the Professional Development Institute (PDI), to the **Defense Financial Management Institute (DFMI)**.

DFMI marks a bold evolution in professional development for defense financial managers. More than a single annual gathering, DFMI is a dynamic series of regional events designed to deliver career-long education, expertise, and excellence for professionals working to secure our nation's defense.

**Why DFMI?**

- **Innovation:** DFMI reflects SDFM's mission to advance national security through financial leadership and modernization.
- **Expanded Reach:** Regional events like DFMI Huntsville and DFMI Orlando bring high-impact learning closer to home.
- **Focused Impact:** Sessions are tailored to today's defense financial challenges—driving accountability, transformation, and strategic decision-making.

The DFMI event series introduces a refreshed experience with new branding, targeted sessions, and expanded networking opportunities. These updates are designed to meet the evolving needs of defense financial managers and foster deeper engagement across the community.

DFMI remains committed to delivering top-tier professional development. Attendees will continue to earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits and connect with thought leaders, ensuring that career-long learning and expertise remain central to every event.

**Save the Date for the first event!**

**February 24–25** – DFMI Huntsville

Registration opens **December 1**

For more information, visit <https://www.sdfm.org> or contact the Education Team [education@sdfm.org](mailto:education@sdfm.org)





## 2025-2026 Executive Board

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Secretary	Ms Shannon Wheeler
Treasurers	Ms. Rebecca Wilkins, Ms. Crystal Veselik

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Communications	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Advertising/Publicity	Ms. Jeri Evenden
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	Ms. Jenifer Klump, Ms. Andrea Hamilton
Early Careerist Programs	Ms. Sandra Moncree
Programs	Vacant
Tickets	Vacant
Ways & Means	Ms. Sarah Garrette
Historian	Mr James Davis

