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*Chapter President
Thomas Giovingo*

Greetings Aviation Chapter!

With January behind us and it looks like the winter weather is at bay, for the time being. We are looking forward to our Mini-PDI. I can announce that the "Save the Date" is 6 May. We will be hosting a great day of training, fellowship, and lunch at the Hope Hotel just off base near Area A. The committee is forming now, and we are looking for your ideas and your assistance in putting on this annual event for the chapter. If you are interested in participating, please contact your organizational representative or contact me. The information is at the back of the newsletter.

February Lunch and Learn had a last-minute change of speaker. Brigadier General Corrothers had to cancel due to real world events, and Dr. George Diehl jumped in to save the day. We had organized three other SDFM Chapters to participate, and it was well attended. If you missed it, the recording is available on our web site for you to view.

Registration is now open for Orlando DFMI 27-28 May 2026 featuring the Honorable David Weinberg. Forty-two CPE are available for this event. A helper kit is available on the SDFM web site to help in navigating the required paperwork to get your trip funded by your organization.

I look forward to seeing you around and please consider volunteering for our events, it is a great way to connect. Talk with you next month, stay safe and keep the fight unfair!

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On 25 Feb Dr George Diehl, AFMC/FMC, presented "a Discussion on Generative AI

Key Summary Points:

1. What is Generative AI?

Dr. Diehl explains that while search engines are used to find existing information (knowledge), generative AI tools are used to create new information (simulated understanding). He emphasizes that these tools are not a "magical fix-all" and the principle of "garbage in, garbage out" is critical. The quality of the output depends heavily on the quality of the input prompt.

2. How it Works:

The AI converts user input (text, images, etc.) into numerical values in a process called "tokenization." It then uses statistical methods and its vast training data to predict the most probable and relevant response. Dr. Diehl notes that for structured topics like math or coding, the answers are more reliable than for nuanced or contentious topics.

3. Key Strengths & Use Cases:

The presentation highlighted several primary strengths of generative AI, which were demonstrated using the GenAI.mil tool:

- **Summarizing Information:** Quickly summarizing the content of uploaded documents, like a PDF of the National Security Strategy.
- **Drafting & Editing:** Creating first drafts of emails, presentations, and reports. It can also be used to improve the readability and formality of existing text.
- **Analyzing Data:** Processing and summarizing data from files, such as an attendance report from a meeting.
- **Interpreting Images:** Analyzing an image of a flowchart and providing an accurate textual summary of the process.

4. The Importance of Prompting & Verification:

A major theme is the need for effective "prompting." Dr. Diehl demonstrated that providing specific, clear, and context-rich prompts yields significantly more accurate results. He also stressed that users must always "trust but verify" the AI's output, as it can make mistakes or "hallucinate" (fabricate information and sources).

5. Security and Limitations:

- **Data Security:** The GenAI.mil environment is approved for Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). All user interactions and uploaded files remain isolated to that user's profile and are not used for public model training.
- **Tool Limitations:** The tool has file size limits (e.g., 100MB for PDFs) and can struggle with very large documents (over 500 pages). It is recommended to keep chat sessions focused on a single topic to avoid confusing the model.

The session concluded with a Q&A that touched on the future availability of other AI models and the status of Microsoft's Copilot, which is currently in a testing phase.

Mr Diehl was presented a certificate of appreciation and a donation to Crayons to Classrooms . The full presentation and slides can be found at <https://www.sdfm-aviation.org/luncheon/chapter-luncheons/>



On 25 Mar 2026, Col Dorinda Mazza, Deputy Commander of the 88th Air Base Wing at WPAFB, presented, "Leadership Perspectives."

Col Mazza was presented a certificate of appreciation and a donation to Paw Patrol . The full presentation and slides can be found at <https://www.sdfm-aviation.org/luncheon/chapter-luncheons/>

Upcoming Member Meetings:

21 Apr - Mr Justin Clark, Chief of Finance, AFLCMC/FZA



Volunteers: Thank you to our SDFM members who volunteered at Crayons to Classrooms on 6 Feb and the Dayton Food Bank on 2 Mar.



Volunteer Opportunities:

Crayons to Classroom: April 3, 2026 1-3pm <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-61707394-sdfm>

Feed the Creek: May 1, 2026 12-1:30pm <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-61707459-feed>

Memorial Day Flag Placement: May 23 9:30-11:30, 30 Min Ceremony before flag placing. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-61712498-memorial>

For information on volunteer activities, contact Jennifer Caplinger, jennifer.caplinger.1@us.af.mil



DEAMS G Invoicing

G-Invoicing, in the most basic sense, is the U.S. Department of Treasury's (USDT) effort to further automate and streamline the Agreement, Seller/Buyer, and Reimbursable processes throughout the Federal government. G-Invoicing is a web-based application used to house the General Terms & Conditions (GT&C) Section Fiscal Services (FS) Form 7600A formal agreements between government agencies. In addition, the system will provide the validation point as the requests for services via Order Form FS Form 7600B are pushed to the supplying agency and back upon concurrence. G-Invoicing will also be the go between system, accomplishing the push/pull of the bill and funding as goods are provided and services rendered fulfilling the Interagency Agreement IAA.

G-Invoicing may sound similar to the Intragovernmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) system with the push and pull from servicing to providing agencies as it is similar. Unlike IPAC, G-Invoicing houses the agreement and specific details between the agencies and validates that the 7600B is completed correctly based on the interface input from G-Invoicing to the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems being used. For USAF/USSF, this means G-Invoicing will interface the agreement-level data to aid in the creation of the 7600B and, if not created according to the agreement, will require validation prior to the 7600B submission/approval.

DEAMS will use current responsibilities (DEAMS iProcurement) to create the request for goods/services from the Provider. In addition to the new function in iProcurement, DEAMS has a new responsibility (DEAMS G-Invoicing User) that will be used in many different ways from searching for/finding the GT&C agreement number to validating the supplier information and once approved finding the Intragovernmental Transaction (IGT) Order. In addition, DEAMS G-Invoicing User has a 'filter' that is going to be vital for research, determining the Status of the Agreement, Order, Purchase Request, etc.

The purchase request (FS Form 7600B) that is created in DEAMS, will at funds certification, be created as a Pre-Approved Purchase Order (PO). This Pre-approved PO will remain in this status while G-Invoicing pushes the request to the Provider through UST G-Invoicing where the Provider will need to review the request and verify the requirements can be met. Upon the Provider's concurrence, the process will be reversed back to DEAMS through UST G-Invoicing to complete the purchase order in DEAMS, placing it in an Approved/Reserved status waiting on billing/invoicing from the provider to occur.

In the end, DEAMS G-Invoicing is a streamlined tool that has a considerable amount of automation to alleviate the issues/concerns with a reimbursable program. There are new terms, system responsibilities, and functions to make this process easier for everyone.

Resources

War Room

- DEAMS G-Invoicing War Room continues operation to assist with other requests for OJT/answer questions
 - o Manned 0800-1800 eastern Monday-Friday
 - o DEAMS G-Invoicing War Room | DEAMS SME GINV OJT | Microsoft Teams (<https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/channel/19:dod:qC0AG5eahawtu5XTS7WxDt-rlaCOdxvIX5oEzR9TGbA1%40thread.tacv2/DEAMS%20G-Invoicing%20War%20Room?groupId=9cb114bc-d6c7-449e-995a-e795d84a8d3c&tenantId=8331b18d-2d87-48ef-a35f-ac8818ebf9b4>)
- SAF/FMFO Teams channel for questions in US Treasury G-Invoicing access, available high-level agreements, & policy:
 - o General | Air Force G-invoicing, Support Agreements, GT&Cs, Orders and Performance | Microsoft Teams (<https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/channel/19:dod:ed5cd25c751a4edb9bd3b629e75eb2e6%40thread.skype/General?groupId=060e168a-88fd-48aa-a245-08c857c61428&tenantId=8331b18d-2d87-48ef-a35f-ac8818ebf9b4>)

Stay up to date on G-Invoicing https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/10194/SitePages/G-Invoicing_NewsPage.aspx



TREASURER'S REPORT February 2026

Treasurer: Rebecca Wilkins & Crystal Veselik



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$21,107.99	\$248,138.04	\$211,601.38
+ Income/Expenses	\$0.00	(\$1,007.37)	(\$998.19)
+ deposits	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$21,108.10	\$247,130.67	\$210,603.19

Note: The Fidelity ending balances are 28 February 2026.
 The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.



Sensitivity Labels

Sending files to users within, and outside of, your organization through email or chat is a common task. An inherent risk in doing this is that your files are no longer staying within your organization or may accidentally go to the wrong users within your organization. For some files, this is no issue, but other files may hold information that is sensitive, personal, or critical to your organization. Sensitivity Labels enable users to easily apply a level of classification with built-in encryption to files. Many of the most common document and image file types are supported as shown in this page (<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/purview/information-protection-client?source=recommendations&tabs=devices%2Cinstall-client-exe%2Cclassification-file-types%2Cexcluded-folders#supported-file-types>). Basic information on Sensitivity Labels is documented here (<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/purview/sensitivity-labels>).

The specific capabilities and types of labels will be decided by your organization. For example, the Air Force has deployed a choice of Uncontrolled Unclassified Information and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). One of these labels is “CUI -DoD Community,” which restricts access to the file’s content to authenticated users within the DoD 365 tenants only. More details on this can be found here (<https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/The-Hub/SitePages/DAF365-Sensitivity-Labels.aspx>). These labels are being applied by default now when a file is created, uploaded, or opened for the first time since the default labeling was enabled. Users can go to the Sensitivity dropdown in the Home tab of the Ribbon and select the appropriate label. Automatic labels are applied when scans of the files show they may contain PII.

Office Status Bar

In the Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Word applications, the Status Bar is the thin information strip that runs along the bottom of the app window. The Status Bar provides some quick details about the content in the window. Examples include connection and mail activity in Outlook, slide information in PowerPoint, document statistics and editing indicators in Word, and real time calculations or workbook status in Excel.

To customize what is displayed in the Status Bar, right-click on it. A list of options will come up. Many other options will be available based on the application you are in. For example, your email quota in Outlook, basic statistical calculations in Excel, and line number in Word. As a couple of great examples, Excel, PowerPoint, and Word all support the option to show the Accessibility Checker and Sensitivity (if your organization uses Sensitivity Labels)

Focus Mode in Word

Microsoft Word contains a Focus mode that can help users streamline their writing experience. When enabled, Focus Mode puts the window into a full-screen mode, hides the ribbon, sidebar, and other interface elements that can clutter the screen. By showing only the document itself, it helps users concentrate more easily. To enable it, go to the View tab of the Ribbon and select Focus in the Immersive section. Alternatively, click the Focus button in the bottom right corner of the window. Press the Escape key to exit Focus mode. While in Focus Mode, moving the mouse to the top of the window will make the Ribbon appear. Users can even change the Focus Mode background from here. More details can be found in this article (<https://www.howtogeek.com/awesome-microsoft-word-feature-for-distraction-free-writing/>).

Word Keyboard Shortcut to Toggle All Caps

Pressing **Ctrl+Shift+A** toggles the selected text to all caps

Pressing **Shift+F3** will cycle the case of the selected text through all lowercase, all uppercase, and normal sentence case



ASMC – Aviation Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
12 Feb 2026, 1200

I. Call to Order:1200

II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Wilkins, Crystal Veselik (A)

Secretary: Shannon Wheeler (A)

President-Elect: Jonathan Pepples

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AFRL: Tammy Pendergast

At Large: Rhonda Pepitone

Contractors: Shawn Coil

88th CPTS: Vacant

Committee Chairs:

Audit: Michelle Bahan, Co-chair Vacant

Augsburg Scholarship: Jonathan Pepples

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

Chapter Competition: Heather Brodess

Communications: Colleen Robinson

Community Activities: Jennifer Caplinger (A), Jessica Pauley

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason (A)

Membership: Jaime Iaquina, Edward Jackson

Professional Development: Jenifer Klump (A), Andrea Hamilton(A)

Early Careerist: Sandra Moncree (A)

Programs: Vacant

Tickets: Vacant

Ways & Mean: Sarah Garrette

Historian: James Davis (A)

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

A = In Attendance

III. General Business

A. OLD:

- i. T Shirts - Need to set up Alley Cat Design, Dayton, OH for polo shirts.
- ii. Mini PDI - Andrea Hamilton-She and Jennifer spoke this morning to refocus. Jennifer is going to work on coordinating with the General's office to get his schedule. Andrea's had some frustration with venues so she's going to send another round of volleys. Still looking at the first week of May. She asked Mr. Gionvingo for budget and he replied with \$12,000. Andrea and Jennifer asked for ideas on theme and speakers. Will activate a committee once a date is set
 - a.Pre-Planning May 2026
 - b.On or Off Base?
 - c.Corporate support - Daniel Litow is the SDFM contact person for Corporate support.
- iii. AS increase to the yearly amount from \$1,000 to an amount TBD. Jonathan and Rebecca will work a proposal – In work. – Updates?
Jonathan will give an update at the March meeting
- iv. Worldwide Lunch and Learns Opportunity



- a. Collaborate with other Chapters for multiple opportunities to gain CPEs
- b. Lashonda.winston@sdfm.org wants to coordinate dates with Chapters and post/blast out to SDFM National

B. NEW:

- i. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities - Jen Caplinger/Jessica Pauley: Jennifer updated Dayton Food Bank on March 2nd; Classroom on April 3rd and Feed the Creek on May 1st and then flag placing on May 23rd. Most are 2/3 of the way full
 - a. Dayton Food Bank March TBD on data.
 - b. May 23 Dayton VA Flag placement TBD details
- ii. Upcoming Lunch & Learns – Shawn Coil
 - a. Feb 25 2026 – Brig Gen Corrothers HQ AFMC/FM
 - b. March 25 2026 – Col. Mazza 88 ABW/CV
 - c. April 21 2026 – Mr. Clark AFLCMC/FZA
- iii. SDFM is going to Regional PDIs due to the DoD travel restrictions: Mr. Giovingo asked for thoughts regarding the regional PDIs over the massive one. There were some question regarding the Huntsville PDI, since that's a large chapter, and what it will be like (speakers, agenda, etc). Sheena Fast explained that there is a list of most of the speakers on the website. Lt Gen Mark Bennett is the opening speaker- he's the Director of Army Budget.
- iv. VP's/Committee Chairs. any news? Colleen is looking for newsletter submissions, such as retirements, promotions, etc.
 - a. Member News and the Newsletter - \$15 Gift Card for submitted article

Around the room Mr. Giovingo and Crystal Veselik spoke about getting financial reports to Colleen. Crystal doesn't have access to a lot of it so need to rectify that. She and Rebecca will tag up in the next week or so. Sheena was asked if she needs help with Awards. She hasn't received any nominations. Some discrepancy with National regarding due date- National put on their site that the due date was Jan 31st but was told it went to March 31st. She is still awaiting a response. Tammy Pendergast will send something out on Awards

Meeting adjourned: 1217



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