

# Today's SDFM Virtual Luncheon

*Topic:*  
*Leadership Perspectives*

*Mar 25, 2026*  
*11:30am -1:00pm EDT*

**Col Dorinda Mazza**  
**88 ABW/CD**

**EARN 1 CLP !**

# COLONEL DORINDA M. MAZZA

Col Dorinda M. Mazza is the deputy commander of the 88th Air Base Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The 88th Air Base Wing is the largest airbase wing in the Air Force with more than 5,000 officers and enlisted Airmen, AirForce civilians and contractor employees. The wing provides support and services to the largest, most diverse, and most organizationally complex base in the AirForce including a major acquisition center, research and development laboratories, a major command headquarters, an airlift wing, and the world's largest military air museum. The base is home to 129-mission partners and more than 38,000 military, government civilian, and contractor employees and associate units.

Mazza received her commission from Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 2003. She has had a variety of assignments, including, Senior Military Assistant, Confidential Assistant, Special Assistant for Family Matters, Protocol Action Officer, Comptroller Squadron Commander, Forward Comptroller in a deployed location, Deputy Comptroller, Budget Analyst, Deputy Financial Services Officer, Financial Management Analysis Flight Commander, Instructor for Financial Management officer courses, and Instructor Supervisor. Prior to this role, she was the the Deputy Director, Air Force Congressional Budget and Appropriations Liaison, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Washington D.C



# SDFM AVIATION CHAPTER

Col Dorinda Mazza

Appreciate  
your unique  
journey.

Find joy in your  
adventure.

Embrace the  
growth.



35%

30%

67%



VISION: Financial Excellence — Powered by Airmen, Fueled by Innovation.

MISSION: Provide fiscally responsible resource management, auditable and timely financial services, and actionable decision support to deliver air and space capabilities for our nation

- FME - provides support for Education and Training, DoD FM Certification, deployment activities, and strategic communication to the DAF financial management community. Deliver people-focused support through career field management, education and training, resource and personnel management, and executive services.
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- FML - serves as the DAF Congressional liaison with the Budget and Appropriations Committees and Congressional Budget Office. Facilitate effective communication and collaboration between DAF leadership and congressional defense appropriation members and committees.

*“No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law”  
U.S. Constitution,  
Section 9*

**“Gentlemen, we have run out of money. Now we must think.”**



**Winston Churchill, Prime Minister  
United Kingdom**

**“There are a thousand good ideas out there. The ones without resources are called hallucinations.”**



**Gen James “Hoss” Cartwright  
VCJCS speaking to the CSIS Global Security Forum  
13 May 2010**

**“We have to fight like cornered rats for every dollar.”**



**Gen Mike Ryan,  
USAF Chief of Staff  
21 May 1998**



**SHOW ME THE MONEY!**



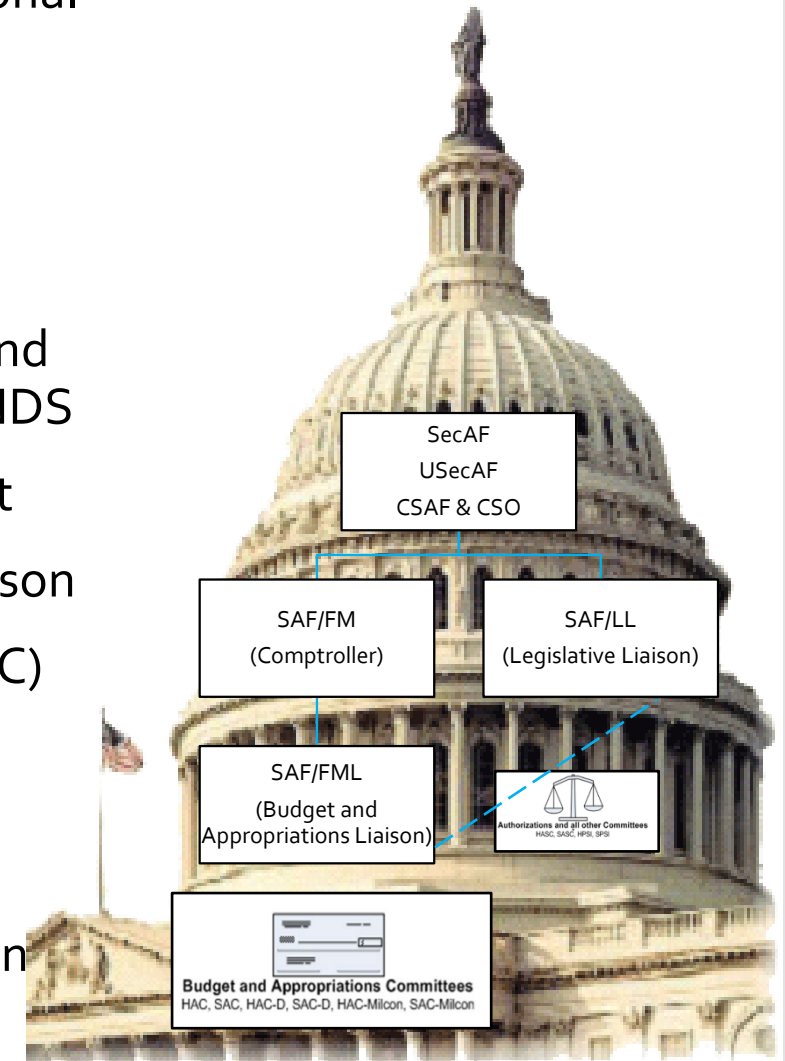
**Y’all got any more of that GPC  
money?**

“The Committee reiterates its belief that the work of the Appropriations Committee is most effectively accomplished through the Comptroller and Budget Office organizations of the Department of Defense and the Military Services rather than through other channels, including legislative liaison offices. From time-to-time efforts are made to fragment this responsibility within the Department. Such efforts only serve to complicate and delay the business of the Committee. Any such changes should be initiated by the Committee and not by the Department.”

**House Report 91-1570, FY71  
Defense Appropriations Bill**

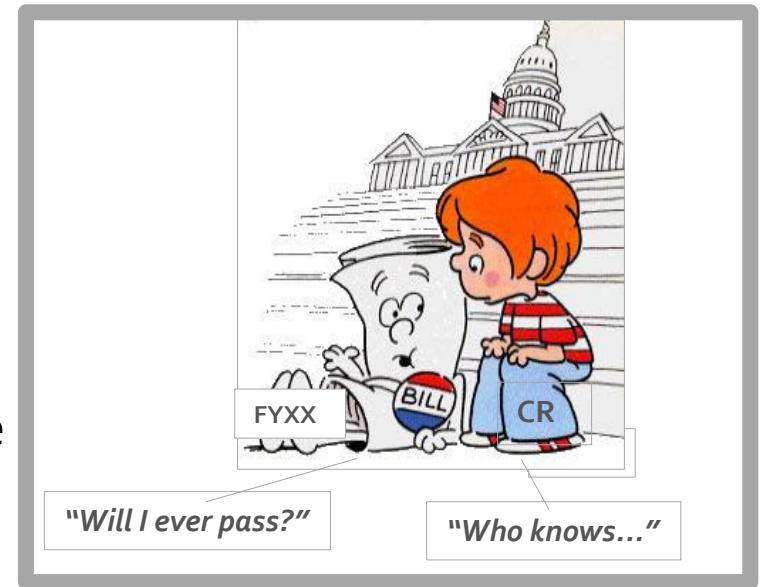
## Two Legislative Liaisons for Two Congressional Roles/Perspectives

- SAF/LL—Legislative Liaison
  - Authorizers (HASC, SASC, HPSCI, SSCI)
  - “Top-down” perspective: Policies and Strategies needed to support the NDS
  - National Defense Authorization Act
- SAF/FML—Budget & Appropriations Liaison
  - Appropriators (HAC, SAC, HBC, SBC)
  - “Bottom-up” perspective: Cost, Schedule, and Performance of programs
  - Defense and MILCON Appropriation



# How A Bill Becomes A Law

- Top-line Budget Allocations
- Bill Drafting (PSMs & Members Requests)
- Chairman's Mark & Subcommittee Vote
- Committee Mark-Up and Passage
- Amendment Process
- Floor Vote
- Conference
- Final Passage
- Implementation





# Financial Managers: Critical enabler of our National Defense

What my  
journey has  
taught  
me...

M	A	Z	Z	A
Step Up	#LFG	It Ends With Us	People	Fail
Tragedy	Live your dash	Stripes	Bounce	Mentor
5-sided Building	Red Line	FREE	Wet Monkey	Continuity
Connect	Orange	Your Journey	Sandbox	Create moments
Piece of a puzzle	I see you!	Harmony	Style	HELP!

# Questions

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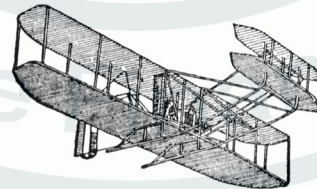
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**Col. Dorinda Mazza**

WITH A DONATION TO

**Paw Patrol Dayton**

IN HONOR OF YOUR  
PRESENTATION  
25 MARCH 2026



*Thomas Giovingo*  
Thomas Giovingo  
President, Aviation Chapter

# UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Crayons to Classrooms

April 3 1300-1500

Dayton VA Flag Placement

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Time TBD

Save the Date

Feed the Creek

May 1 - Look for announcement

Lunch & Learn

Mr Justin Clark, AFLCMC/FZA

21 Apr 25, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

# **SDFM Aviation Chapter Updates**

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the SDFM Aviation Chapter at  
<https://www.sdfm-aviation.org/>*