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Chapter President
Thomas Giovingo

Greetings Aviation Chapter!

It has been my sincere honor to serve as your Chapter President for the last two years. I know I leave this post better as a person and with a stronger chapter going forward. We have shaken off the "Covid" years and are moving towards meeting and engaging each other face-to-face. We went through a rebranding from ASMC to SDFM. We endured "the DOGE" and had an in-person mini-PDI in 25. The mini-PDI for 26 brought in sponsorship valued at \$3,000 dollars, and we had over 150 members participate. I look forward to the 30th Aviation Chapter mini-PDI to be even bigger in 2027.

There is goodness all around us and I see this in the total success of our mini-PDI events, Christmas parties, and volunteer events. We have increased our Augsburg Scholarship yearly amount from \$1,00 to \$2,000 per student per year. I hope to see a significant increase in the number of students to vie for these grants. Our awards program continues to select the best this Chapter has to offer, and that is evident by the number of national award winners. The chapter has given 15 Angel families a total of \$1,125 dollars over Christmas, donated to charities in the name of presenters at the mini-PDIs as well as all our Lunch and Learns to the amount of \$1,300. We have made strong contacts with other chapters, not only here in Ohio, but Illinois, Middle Tennessee, Utah, and Florida. We are expanding opportunities for CPE credits with Lunch and Learns from multiple chapters across the USA. Please celebrate with me that your chapter has earned another Five-Star Chapter rating, and Excellence in Community Service from SDFM National. The future is bright for the Aviation Chapter, I hope you will be part of it.

In June we will be having our yearly membership meeting, to be announced shortly. At this meeting we will swear in the board members for the coming year, celebrate our accomplishments and network with fellow members. We will also be selling the new and improved Aviation Chapter T-Shirt. We have men and women styles in an assortment of sizes. Please bring cash. In-person sales at the meeting. \$20 per and \$22 for extended sizes. This is a limited run, so don't miss out.

I hope to see you at the Membership meeting to welcome in your new board members. Keep the fight unfair, be a Force Multiplier, because that is what FM is all about. See you around.

On 6 May 2026, SDFM Aviation Chapter presented the 29th Annual Mini PDI, entitled, "FM at the Speed of Defense". The mini PDI opened with USAF Color Guard, and welcome by Mr Thomas Giovingo, SDFM Aviation Chapter President, and Mr Jim Purtell from SDFM National. The opening remarks were presented by Brig Gen Corrothers, Director, Financial Management Comptroller, HQ AFMC/FM. The one-day, in-person, event was attended by 153 people. The presenters were:

- Ms. Shannon Hochmuth, Acquisition Business Intelligence , AFLCMC/PZFF, presented, "Introduction to Acquisition & Business Intelligence
- Ms. Marjana Zupscan, SES, Director of Financial Management and Comptroller, AFLCMC/FM-FZ, presented, "FM at the Speed of Defense: What does that mean?"
- Mr. Todd Baker, Senior Financial Operations and Business Transformation Advisor, SAF/FMF, presented, "FM Systems Update."
- Ms. Erin Marks, Operations Research Analyst, AFMC/FMC, presented, "From Manual to Modern: Using AI and O365 to Drive Financial Efficiency."
- Ms. Emily Duke, Director, Financial Management, AFRL/FM, presented, "Adapting to Organizational Change at the AFRL."
- Mr. Brian Farmer, DCS; Mr. Andy Delgeado, Sumaria; Ms. Swapna Reddygari, CAN Softtech; Steven Quick, Chenega Corporation; Mike Gilkey, DCS; and Andy Hamilton, Resonant, Panel Moderator, presented, "FM as a Service Discussion Panel
- Sergio Reyes, American Benefits Exchange

Closing remarks were presented by Brig Gen Corrothers.

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.asmcaviation.org/>





Upcoming Member Meetings:

29 Jun - Buckeye Chapter, SDFM June's Lunch & Learn



Congratulations to our SDFM Aviation Chapter CY25 Award Winners:



Accounting
Kim Burnett



Cost Analysis
Colin Heagle



Small Team
SAF/FM G-Invoicing Team
Team Lead Jeannette Beer



Contractor Support
Ernie Kindle



Financial Systems/Digital Transformation TEAM
Comptroller Services Portal Team
Team Lead Sheila Giovino



Audit
Kevin Priest



Budget
Ryan Patrick



Large Team
AFWERX FM Team
Team lead Rodney Izor



Intern/Trainee
Seth Helter



Resource Management
Ashley Parsons

Congratulations to our SDFM Aviation Chapter Treasurer, Crystal Veselik, on the new addition to their family, Emily Anne



Volunteer Opportunities:

More events coming soon.

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



National DFMI: Congratulations to our SDFM Aviation Chapter National CY25 Award Winners in Individual Achievement: Ryan Patrick, Budgeting-Distinguished; and Ernie Kindle, Contractor Support-Meritorious, and the Aviation Chapter for winning Five Star Chapter and Excellence in Community Service award



Thomas Giovingo,
Aviation Chapter President



Health and Wellness - Sun Safety Tips

To stay safe in the sun this summer, remember to protect your skin from harmful UV rays by using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, and seeking shade.

Key Sun Safety Tips

1. **Use Sunscreen:** Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 or higher. Make sure to apply it 20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours, especially after swimming or sweating
2. **Wear Protective Clothing:** Choose light, long-sleeved shirts and pants made of breathable fabrics. A wide-brimmed hat can provide additional protection for your face, neck, and ears
3. **Seek Shade:** Whenever possible, stay in the shade, especially during the hottest parts of the day (10 AM to 4 PM). Use umbrellas, trees, or sun shelters to minimize direct sun exposure
4. **Wear Sunglasses:** Protect your eyes from UV rays by wearing sunglasses that block 100% of UVA and UVB rays. This is especially important for children
5. **Check the UV Index:** Before heading outdoors, check the UV index for your area. When the UV index is 3 or higher, sun protection is necessary
6. **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration, especially during hot weather. This is crucial for maintaining overall health and preventing heat-related illnesses
7. **Be Cautious with Babies:** For infants under six months, it's best to keep them out of direct sunlight altogether, as their skin is particularly sensitive

Understanding UV Radiation

Types of UV Rays: There are three types of UV rays: UVA, UVB, and UVC. UVA rays can penetrate the skin deeply and contribute to aging and skin cancer, while UVB rays are primarily responsible for sunburn. UVC rays are filtered by the ozone layer and do not reach the ground.

Dietary Considerations

Incorporate Skin-Healthy Foods: Certain foods can help support your skin's resilience against sun damage. Foods rich in antioxidants, such as blueberries and tomatoes, can help combat free radicals caused by UV exposure. Omega-3 fatty acids found in nuts and seeds also support skin health

By combining these protective measures, you can significantly reduce your risk of sun damage and maintain healthier skin. Always remember that consistent protection is key, regardless of the season or weather conditions. Also, protecting your skin is essential for reducing the risk of skin cancer and maintaining overall skin health.



TREASURER'S REPORT April 2026

Treasurer: Rebecca Wilkins & Crystal Veselik



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$19,444.77	\$234,667.99	\$199,389.02
+ Income/Expenses	\$0.00	\$20,676.91	\$18,427.30
+ deposits	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$19,444.89	\$255,344.90	\$217,816.32

Note: The Fidelity ending balances are 30 April 2026.
The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.



Using Passkeys to Login

Many of you have probably seen the choice to use a Passkey when logging into an account instead of using a traditional password. A Passkey is a secure digital credential that enables the user to log into an account without typing their password. In short, site you are logging into and your device share a digital key that has a part stored on the site and another part stored on the device. Passkeys offer a quicker, easier, and phishing resistant alternative to passwords. Currently, not all sites and services use Passkeys, but many major ones do (e.g., Microsoft and Google). This article, <https://computertechsreno.com/a-beginners-guide-to-passkeys-how-to-set-them-up-use-them-and-sync-across-devices/>, provides more details on passkeys and how they work.

Pin Apps to Windows Taskbar

This is helpful if you have a program(s) that you use frequently.

Method 1: Find a program you use often (e.g., Excel) in the Start Menu. Right click on the program's icon. Select "Pin to Taskbar".

Method 2: Open a program you use often (e.g., Excel). Right click on the program's icon. Select "Pin this program to taskbar".

Now the program's icon will always be on your Taskbar to the right of the Start Menu. Pressing **WindowsKey and a number** at the same time will open the pinned app. For example, Excel is the 3rd pinned app on the taskbar, so pressing WindowsKey+3 will open Excel.

Excel's TEXTJOIN Function

The TEXTJOIN function enables users to combine text from various cells with a designated delimiter. For example, a list of emails could be combined into a single using a semicolon as a delimiter. Then the single cell could be copied and pasted into an email in a clean format that email can use. Full details on the TEXTJOIN function can be found here, <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/textjoin-function-357b449a-ec91-49d0-80c3-0e8fc845691c>.

Office Shortcut for File Statistics in Word and Excel

Pressing **Ctrl+Shift+G** in Word and Excel will provide summary information for the file you are in. Word will provide statistics on page, word, and character counts. Excel will provide statistics on the workbook and the current sheet, including numbers of cells with data or formulas, table counts, and even the end of the sheet.



**ASMC – Aviation Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
13 May 2026, 1200**

I. Call to Order:1200

II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Wilkins, 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

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 (A)

Community Activities: Jennifer Caplinger, Jessica Pauley

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason

Membership: Jaime laquinta, Edward Jackson

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

Early Careerist: Sandra Moncree

Programs: Vacant

Tickets: Vacant

Ways & Mean: Sarah Garrette

Historian: James Davis (A)

Other Attendees: Tracey Hearn (A), Jonathan Paden (A), 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 - Hot Wash to discuss feedback, paying bills, and Augsburg Scholarship funds received from sponsors. Do we do the same time next year or combine with another Chapter? There is also a La-La Polooza Mini PDI scheduled for Oct in Columbus. Any interest in Aviation Chapter joining?
- iii. DFMI - SDFM is going to Regional DFMI's due to the DoD travel restrictions. Orlando is sold out.



B. NEW:

i. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities - Jen Caplinger/Jessica Pauley:

- a. Air Force Marathon hydration station
- b. details coming soon.

C. Upcoming Lunch & Learns – Shawn Coil

- a. 29 Jun - Buckeye Chapter

D. Jun All-Hands meeting for the new President and Board members to installed for the new board year. Discussed where and when.

E. 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

Meeting adjourned: 1240



SDFM Awards 2026

Celebrating Excellence in Defense Financial Management

SDFM proudly recognizes the professionals, leaders, authors, and chapters whose work strengthens the defense financial management community. These award recipients demonstrate exceptional service, leadership, innovation, and mission impact across the profession.

Ernest J. Gregory Achievement Award: Lieutenant Colonel Bryan J. Wilke – California Army National Guard

Leadership Awards: Michael Monson, ManTech; Terry Placek; William G. Arnold, CDFM-A

Individual Achievement Awards -

Finance: Nicholas Somich - Distinguished; Lt Col Nicholas - Distinguished; Diane Priddle - Meritorious

Intern and Trainee: Alexander P. Che - Distinguished; Krista Kuester - Distinguished; Benjamin Berk - Meritorious

Resource Management: Hivi Tran - Distinguished; Lt Col Tanya Cheguer - Distinguished; Dr Jennifer Miller - Meritorious

Budgeting: Ryan A. Patrick - Distinguished; Capt David Cruz Gallardo - Distinguished; Maj Kaitlyn E. Howard - Meritorious

Contract Support: Carol Piedramartel - Distinguished; Ernie Kindle - Meritorious

Author of the Year: Edwin Keene and Irfaan Nooruddin - Winner; Darrin DeReus - Runner Up

Chapter Recognition -

Five Star Chapter Award:

- Aviation
- Buckeye
- Cleveland
- Indianapolis
- Redstone Huntsville
- Yankee
- Utah
- Tampa Bay
- Washington

Community Service Award:

- Aviation
- Buckeye
- Cleveland
- Indianapolis
- Redstone Huntsville
- Southside Virginia
- Tampa Bay
- Utah
- Washington
- Yankee



2025-2026 Executive Board

President	Mr. Thomas Giovingo
President-Elect	Mr. Jonathan Pepples
Secretary	Ms Shannon Wheeler
Treasurers	Ms. Rebecca Wilkins, Ms. Crystal Veselik

Organizational Vice Presidents

88th CPTS VP	Vacant
AFAA VP	Mr. Jonathan Pepples
HQ AFMC VP	Mr. George Diehl Jr
AFRL VP	Ms. Tammy Pendergast
AFLCMC VP	Ms. Shannon Wheeler
At Large VP	Ms. Rhonda Pepitone
Contractor VP	Mr. Shawn Coil

Committee Chairs

Audit	Ms. Michelle Bahan, Co-Chair Vacant
Augsburg Scholarship	Mr. Jonathan Pepples
Awards and Recognition	Ms. Sheena Fast, Co-Chair Vacant
Chapter Competition	Ms. Heather Brodess
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

