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Chapter President

Jonathan Pepples

Dear SDFM Aviation Chapter Members,

Welcome to the August edition of our newsletter! As we head into the late summer months here at Wright Patterson AFB, I want to take a moment to focus on both our personal well-being and the critical mission we support.

Prioritizing Ourselves: National Wellness Month

August is National Wellness Month, a time dedicated to prioritizing self-care, managing stress, and implementing healthy daily routines. Founded in 2018 by Live Love Spa, this observance aims to shift the conversation around wellness from an occasional luxury to an ongoing, sustainable lifestyle. It encourages us to focus on physical, mental, and emotional health through proactive stress management.

No need for formalities, simply choose one small habit today, take the "I Choose Wellness" pledge, and track your progress daily! Here are a few actionable steps.

Hydration- Drink at least 8 glasses of water a day.

Movement- Commit to a 30-minute daily walk or stretch.

Mindfulness- Spend 5 minutes meditating or journaling every morning.

Rest- Aim for 7 to 8 hours of sleep each night.

Nutrition- Incorporate one extra serving of fruits or vegetables into each meal.

Department of War FM: End of Year Readiness

While we recharge our own batteries, we must also prepare for the financial health of our missions. August is critical for FY 2026 End of Year closeout and preparing for FY27 operations.

Our FM teams should pull their remaining execution balances, identify any contracts at risk of not awarding by Sept 30, and finalize Unfunded Requirements priority lists for late-August command fund fall-out.

Please keep the following high-priority focus areas on your radar this month:

Operational Area Actions & Deadlines-

FY26 EOY Closeout- Command-level teams are actively sweeping unexecuted funds. Wing/Unit FMers must immediately execute remaining funds or identify them for sweeps. Aggressively clear dormant Unliquidated Obligations (ULOs) and unfilled customer orders.

DEAMS Cutover- Establish and broadcast hard internal deadlines for contracting/purchasing to beat late-September system blackouts. Reconcile all GPC logs, DTS travel vouchers, and miscellaneous payments to prevent backlogs.

FY27 CR Planning- Finalize FY27 Continuing Resolution (CR) spend plans. Ensure mission-critical contracts crossing the fiscal year (e.g., IT, base maintenance) have appropriate clauses and funding avenues identified to prevent service breaks.

TAR Final Cleanup- Meticulously review the Tri-Annual Review (TAR). Ensure all documentation supporting open commitments, obligations, and accounts payable is accurate and audit-ready per DoW mandates.

Chapter Happenings & Volunteer Success

Finally, I want to highlight the incredible community spirit of our Aviation Chapter. Our Crayons to Classrooms event on July 31st was a massive success! We had outstanding participation, with our group spending several hours cutting colored letters to help Dayton-area children learn their ABCs. Thank you to everyone who donated time to make a local impact.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events on the horizon. Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities and details regarding Feed the Creek, the Air Force Marathon, and our upcoming golf outing.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our mission and to each other. Have a healthy, productive, and successful August!



On 9 July, Dr Rich Seymour, SAF/FMFO, presented the DEAMS Command Dashboards.

Principles Discussed:

1. Background & Strategic Vision

- **Origin:** Groundwork was laid over two years prior by the Staff FM Data Analytics Steering and Working Group (previously led by General Verdugo at AFMC).
- **Vision:** Rolled out in November 2024 by Mr. Lewis to bridge the "chasm" between big-picture Air Force enterprise data modeling and the localized, tactical needs of Major Commands (MAJCOMs) and base-level users.
- **Goal:** Streamline financial management operations across the Department of the Air Force, transitioning personnel from "data wrangling" to analysis and decision-making.

2. Core Enterprise Reporting vs. Command Dashboards

Feature	Core Enterprise Reporting (Status of Funds)	Command Dashboards
Data Scope	Contains all Air Force data in a single model.	Sliced to command-specific views (e.g., AFMC, ACC, PACAF).
Fidelity	Limited transactional details due to performance issues.	Fully transactional down to individual line items.
Speed	Large queries can take 5–10 minutes to load.	Highly optimized; filters quickly to reduce underlying queries.
Definitions	Strictly adheres to standard FMDQS data dictionaries.	Highly customized; commands define their own units and structures.

3. Data Enclaves & Timing Pipelines

The dashboards integrate disparate systems into a unified model, though data sources have varying sync times:

- **DEAMS (SOF/ODL/STH):** Pipeline is directly controlled. "Soft" data is updated approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes prior to publish times (0800 and 1600 Eastern). Transactional ledgers (ODL/STH) require a few hours to map, usually publishing at ~0340 Eastern.
- **AFM & GAFS:** Both are pushed to Advana's Advanced Faster enclave. AFM updates about 10 times daily, while GAFS updates 5 to 6 times daily.
- **EFD:** Manually emailed and ingested several times a day.

4. Key Dashboard Functionalities

- **The "Shield" Page:** A central landing hub displaying the badges/shields of all released command dashboards. All Air Force users can access other commands' dashboards to learn from their layouts.
- **Balancing Page:** Compares allocations issued in AFM/EFD against actual ledger loads in DEAMS/GAFS to pinpoint unresolved discrepancies (e.g., unloaded funds).
- **Custom Analysis Views (Collaboratively Developed):**
 - **Buying Power (Requested by PACAF):** Month-by-month visualization of open agreements, uncommitted authority, and direct vs. reimbursable execution to help recoup direct funds.
 - **Last Billings (Requested by PACAF):** Tracks outstanding billings. (e.g., Highlights cases like Eglin AFB, which had ~3,000 documents over 5 years old with no billing, indicating potential recoupment opportunities).
 - **Fall Analysis:** Recreates historical fall performance across five expired fiscal years, down to individual transactional adjustments.



5. Practical Tips & Best Practices

- **Persistent Filters & Resets:** Power BI automatically remembers user-selected filters between sessions. If the dashboard appears blank or broken, the Reset Filters button (curved back-arrow at the top) restores the default cloud settings.
- **Personal Bookmarks & Sharing:** Users can customize a visual's hierarchy (e.g., grouping by Program, RCCC, or PEC), save it as a "Personal Bookmark," and share it by hovering over the visual, clicking the three dots (...), and selecting "Share link to this visual."
- **Data Exports (Summarized Data is Best):**
 - Static Connection (.xlsx): Limited to 150,000 rows. Ideal for a fixed historical snapshot.
 - Live Connection: Limited to 500,000 rows. Keeps an active link to the cloud; opening the spreadsheet and clicking "Enable Content" auto-refreshes the Excel sheet with live Power BI data.
- **Future Roadmap:** Customized sub-views are under development, including a specialized Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) dashboard that will map PEOs and three-letter codes (such as GBH), with Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) dashboards to follow.



Volunteer Opportunities:

July: Crayons for Classroom July 31, 2026 from 1-3pm <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-64664552-sdfm>

August: Tentative Feed the Creek Aug 21, 2026 from 12-1:30pm <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-64714185-feed>

Sept: Air Force Marathon Sept 19, 2026 from 5-11am <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-61707442-volunteers>

We need lots of folks to help make the Air Force Marathon water station successful. I know it's an early morning, but we have to be at our station by Fam Camp/Bass Lake before they close down the roads at 6am, for a 6:30am start time. Luckily we are water station E, so we can leave out the back commercial gate leading into Fairborn as soon as the last runner has past and we've cleaned up our station. In the past we've been done before 11am, and with an earlier start time for the marathon, it means we should get done even earlier. Below are the instructions to register with the Marathon and sign their waiver for volunteering, this is required!

Here is how to claim Hydration Station E and register your team:

1. Follow the link <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/116596/2026-air-force-marathon-volunteer-registration>.
2. Click the Blue I HAVE AN ACCESS CODE button on the right-hand side.



3. Enter code HYDRATE26 and then click validate.
4. Click Hydration Stations (Not Open To The Public)
5. Then click the Hydration Station Volunteer Registration – September 19, 2026

6. Fill out your personal information.
7. Under Teams section Add registrant to a team? Click Yes, add to another existing team then select the team you would like to join in the select team drop down.

-Choose Station E - SDFM

8. Click continue.
9. Click that you agree to the talent release and liability waivers.
10. Submit Order, you are now registered for you Hydration Station



CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS

On 31 July 2026, several SDFM Aviation Chapter members volunteered at the Crayons to Classrooms. Crayons to Classrooms is committed to providing tools to at-risk children in the Greater Dayton Region, including Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren counties. Their vision is to ensure every student in need has the tools for success everyday, in every way. Their mission is to secure and distribute school supplies at no cost to teachers of students in need. They encourage community donations while also leveraging an extensive collection of supply chain partners to secure essential school supplies at significantly reduced costs. Then distribute those items at no cost to teachers in their Dayton store. This committed collaboration between business leaders, individual donors and volunteers helps to assure equal access for students in our community and fuel their love of learning.



DFMCP Transitioning to WarU on Sep 15, 2026

We are excited to share the Department of War Financial Management Certification Program (DFMCP) will transition from Financial Management (FM) Learning Management System (FM LMS) to Warfighting Acquisition University (WarU) LMS! WarU will go live on September 15, 2026. By transitioning to this new, unified LMS, we are bridging the gap between the ACQ and FM communities. By bringing Acquisition and Financial Management training together in one place, this platform unlocks a powerful partnership, giving you seamless access to development opportunities of both communities. The FM LMS will no longer be updated after September 1, 2026. The last day to login to review records, access documentation, and or run reports (e.g. a completion certificate, scorecards, etc.) is September 29, 2026.

Continuing Education Training (CET) hours will transition to WarU for your past and current cycles. Please note that FM LMS will stop accepting new entries after September 1, 2026. Tracking for your current CET cycle will resume in WarU on September 15, 2026.

War U transition FAQs can be found at: https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Fattachments%2FUSDODOSDC%2F2026%2F07%2F27%2Ffile_attachments%2F3726633%2FWarU%2520Transition%2520FAQs.pdf/1/0101019fa89dbd11-533d97b0-a354-4250-b480-a83b9dee33d0-000000/nSnmVdqgtXvrmRBD3XHHCYtaaLR3wx837foUyi-qQ40=452

Actions to take now:

- Review the attached FAQs
- First log in to FM LMS, https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fhcm03.ns2cloud.com%2Fsf%2Flearning%3Fcompany=WSHCM03%26loginMethod=SSO%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/0101019fa89dbd11-533d97b0-a354-4250-b480-a83b9dee33d0-000000/obi19_9n9hSxRGIS4ocliRckwGW6ck7MNUAxxD2zED4=452
- Run your FM Certification Certificate - This version of the certificate will not transfer to WarU. If you want a printable copy, make sure you download and save it before the transition. If you are certified at multiple levels, be sure to run and save each certificate no later than September 29, 2026.
- Confirm all CET cycles are current - Review your record and complete any overdue CET cycles so your certification remains in good standing.

For additional questions, please contact your Component Administrator, https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Ffmonline.ousdc.osd.mil%2Fhelp%2FFMOnline-POCs.aspx%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/0101019fa89dbd11-533d97b0-a354-4250-b480-a83b9dee33d0-000000/j-uTjVrLzfj7qiela1Kq-mh98SZvzRWKKUqhceOOtU=452. As September approaches, more information will continue to be released.



TREASURER'S REPORT June 2026

Treasurer: Rebecca Wilkins & Crystal Veselik



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$21,444.48	\$264,344.49	\$225,782.81
+ Income/Expenses	(\$12,812.06)	\$3,942.65	\$3,576.14
+ deposits	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$8,632.54	\$268,287.14	\$229,358.95

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



Avoiding Spam via Disposable Email

Today, signing up for online services often requires an email address. Most of the time, sharing our email results in varying amounts of spam mail. Disposable email accounts have become a practical shield against unwanted spam. These temporary addresses allow users to register for websites, download resources, or test services without exposing their primary inbox to marketing blasts or potential phishing attempts. By acting as a buffer, disposable emails help maintain privacy and reduce the clutter that comes from automated mailing lists.

Beyond convenience, disposable emails also serve as a safeguard for personal data. Since they expire after a short period or can be discarded at will, they minimize the risk of long-term exposure to data breaches or unsolicited tracking. For individuals who value a clean inbox and enhanced online security, disposable emails offer a simple yet effective solution to the persistent problem of spam. One example disposable email service is 10 Minute Mail, <https://10minutemail.net/>.

OneNote Support Is Not Ending

Some users have been confused into thinking that OneNote is no longer supported. In reality, Microsoft has confirmed that OneNote will continue to be supported going forward. The confusion began when Windows 10 introduced an alternate version of OneNote. For a time, Microsoft developed both OneNote for Windows and the traditional desktop versions such as OneNote 2016 and 2019 in parallel. Later, Microsoft adjusted its strategy, deciding which version would receive ongoing support and changing the naming conventions. These changes led many to mistakenly believe that OneNote was being discontinued. Microsoft provided this clarification on what is happening with OneNote. <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/what-is-happening-to-onenote-for-windows-10-2b453bfe-66bc-4ab2-9118-01e7eb54d2d6>, for more details.

Support for the “OneNote for Windows” versions officially ended in October 2025 alongside the end of Windows 10. However, **OneNote remains available and supported as part of Office 365**. Microsoft also published clarification here, <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/what-s-the-difference-between-the-onenote-versions-a624e692-b78b-4c09-b07f-46181958118f>, to reassure users about its continued support. If you are using an unsupported version, the app itself will notify you with a message explaining that support has ended and will provide a link to download the current supported version.

OneNote Keyboard Shortcuts

Ctrl+Alt+D will toggle between docked and undocked view in OneNote.

Ctrl+M will open another OneNote window.



ASMC – Aviation Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
23 July 2026, 1130

I. Call to Order:1130

II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Wilkins, Crystal Veselik
Secretary: Shannon Wheeler (A)
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, Wendall Goodall
Chapter Competition: Heather Brodess (A)
Communications: Colleen Robinson (A)
Community Activities: Jennifer Caplinger (A), Jessica Pauley
Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason (A)
Membership: Edward Jackson (A)
Professional Development: Jenifer Klump (A), Andrea Hamilton (A)
Early Careerist: Sandra Moncree
Programs: Heidi Dunn (A)
Tickets: Vacant
Ways & Mean: Vacant
Historian: James Davis

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

III. General Business

- A. OLD:
Welcome Heidi Dunn new Programs Committee Chair. Still have other vacancies that need to be filled.
- B. NEW:
- i. Comptroller Cup Golf Scramble. Do we need volunteers or do we just sponsor a hole? It was discussed that in the past the chapter just sponsored a hole for other golf scrambles (i.e., Chief's).
 - ii. SDFM Gold Outing. Jonathan is looking at 8 or 15th Oct to hold. Also, looking for suggestions on where to hold it. The past golf outing was at Sugar Isle.
 - iii. Jonathan asked if the Board had a chance to look over the Budget and Chapter By-Laws/Charter he sent with links. Need to have everything finalized and approved by next board meeting.



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

a. Air Force Marathon hydration station - need more volunteers. People need to get to the station NLT 5:30 am to have everything set up by 7:00 am. The station is at mile 7 and it takes 10 mins from the gate to there. Mr Pepples asked if volunteers can bring family members to help volunteer and if a base pass is needed. Jen said as long as they are on the race signup roster. They will be checked at the gate against the roster. the race roster is embedded in the sign-up link. Normally we have a theme or dress up.

v. Upcoming Lunch & Learns – Heidi Dunn. No Sept Lunch & Learn. There is a L&L set up for Aug, Nov and Jan. If you don't have them, please reach out. Also looking for speaker suggestions. Normally Dec is the Holiday Party instead of a L&L.

vi. Status of Funds (SOF)/Financial Update - Rebecca Wilkins. Colleen verified that the reports were sent in for May/June. Before end of next month, need to get the scholarship awards. Mr. Pepples will work with Rebecca and Crystal on that.

vii. VPs/Committee Chairs Updates - None

Member News & the Newsletter: \$15 Base Exchange (BX) Gift Card awarded for submitted articles! If you have any article suggestions, please let Colleen know! Colleen said she's going to put the spreadsheet together for VPs to submit. Gift cards will be given to members that proactively submit an original article. VPs will be required to submit.

Around the room

Final alibis, closing thoughts, and open floor: Mr. Pepples let everyone know that you don't have to wait for a board meeting to bring up concern, etc. Reach out to him anytime.

Meeting adjourned: 1202



Armed Forces Comptroller (AFC)**Earn CPE Credits in the Journal**

Members have the opportunity to access the most recent eight issues below and their assessments for CPEs through our learning management platform. To get started, first, login to your member portal and find the Journal Exam. Then, add the “AFC Exam” to your cart. There is **no charge for members** and a **\$99 charge for non-members**. You’ll receive an email with a link to take a short 10 question exam for 2 CPE credits. You must pass with 70% or greater to receive your CPE certificate.

Login to view current and past AFC at https://community.sdfm.org/archives/afc-journal?_gl=1*1217c1x*_gcl_au*MTk2Njg4OTUxOS4xNzg4NTE0ODc2



2026-2027 Executive Board

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