

## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

### Sequoyah Chapter



*Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma*

#### Message from the President

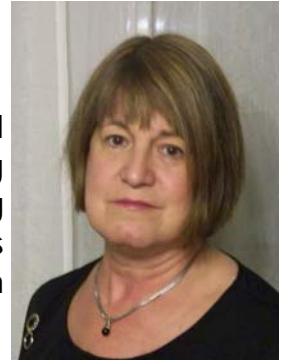
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Fellow ASMC members,

First, I would like to congratulate our newly installed executive board members. I truly look forward to working with all of you as we continue to serve this outstanding Chapter for 2011-2012. To ensure this Chapter remains successful, I would like to reemphasize our goals from previous years:

1. Maintain our Five-Star status for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
2. Continue to seek and provide quality and timely training opportunities
3. Increase membership and membership participation
4. Increase the number of CDFM certifications
5. Continue to produce "First Class" PDIs
6. Earn recognition of our outstanding members by capturing more national awards
7. Be more aggressive in looking to members for ideas to improve our Chapter



To achieve these goals, we need everyone's participation and involvement in as many events as possible. This month we have the Back-to-School Supplies Drive. We hope to bless as many kids as possible during these tough economic times.

In addition to community service, we also need your feedback and suggestions on how to make things better. Please feel free to attend our executive board meetings scheduled on the second Tuesday of every month. You can also email any of our board members or me personally at [pamela.myers@tinker.af.mil](mailto:pamela.myers@tinker.af.mil). I would love to hear your ideas.

The month of July seemed to move rather quickly. Lacey Callahan from the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security came at the last luncheon to talk about "Getting Red Dirty Ready". In addition, I'm sure many of us were really busy with our Unit-Compliance Inspections. It is important that we keep on shining in our job even after the inspection team leaves. We should strive for excellence in all that we do.

I truly look forward to a productive and successful year.

Pam Myers



## *“Getting Red Dirt Ready”*

On July 20, 2011 we greeted Lacey Callahan from the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (OKOHS) at our monthly luncheon. She presented us with an array of information on what to do in emergencies and how to get “Red Dirt Ready.” It was very helpful and informative to say the least.

You may be asking yourself “What exactly is being “Red Dirt Ready?” No, it is not covering yourself in Oklahoma’s signature red dirt and hoping that the disaster passes you by. Being Red Dirt Ready is being fully prepared in case of an emergency, whether it be a natural disaster or a terrorist attack.



We, as Oklahomans, must know what to do before, during, and after an emergency, especially considering that we reside in Tornado Alley. Getting “Red Dirt Ready” means giving us the responsibility of our own well being in times of disaster.

### **What is the OKOHS reason for starting this program?**

- **Prevent** - Prevention of natural disasters is impossible in most cases, but we can prevent terrorist from harming us.
- **Protect** - Knowing that we have protection from terrorism and natural disaster will give us Oklahomans a sense of security.
- **Prepare** - Preparing Oklahomans for terrorism and natural disasters; this seems to be the most important part of the trio. Without preparation for these emergencies we wouldn’t know how to prevent them or protect ourselves against them.

### **What are their objectives?**

- **To promote personal preparedness** - Again, being prepared in the event that a natural disaster does occur could mean the difference between life and death.
- **To encourage volunteerism** - Without the help of people volunteering their time and skills to this cause, it would not exist.
- **To get neighborhoods involved** - Getting the community involved is essential. Whether it be letting someone join you and your family in your storm shelter or watching their house while they’re on vacation, it’s all part of being “Red Dirt Ready.”



## ***“Getting Red Dirt Ready”***

### **How can I get “Red Dirt Ready?”**

#### **1. Get an Emergency Supply Kit**

This kit should contain at least three days worth of supplies in it, including:

- A Cell Phone
- Water
- Food
- A Radio
- Flashlights
- A First Aid kit
- Whistles
- Dust Masks
- Garbage Bags
- A Wrench
- Local Maps
- Unique Family Need (Such as medication and inhalers)



#### **2. Make a Plan**

Gather your family and make a plan for what you will do during different types of disasters. Take into consideration how you will contact each other and where you will meet.

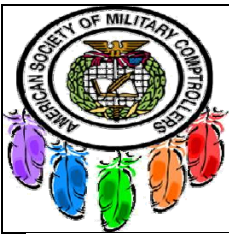
#### **3. Be Informed**

This means knowing what to look out for, whether it be suspicious people or cloud formation. Simply watching the news or weather channel is part of being informed. Ignorance is *NOT* always bliss.

### **Why “Red Dirt?”**

People who’ve grown up in Oklahoma, visited Oklahoma, or even just driven through Oklahoma have all seen the same thing; red dirt. It is one of Oklahoma’s geographical icons and is the perfect symbol for a program such as this. The red dirt symbolizes our resilience, willingness to pull together, fearlessness to get our hands dirty and our eagerness to help one another.

Oklahoma has experience many tragic incidents, more than most places. We are one of the most disaster-prone states in America. This is our chance to defend ourselves against Mother Nature and terrorist like Timothy McVeigh. Let us put our best efforts towards preventing incidents like the Oklahoma City Bombing and protecting ourselves natural disasters like the tornado outbreak of May 3, 1999. Let’s get **Red Dirt Ready**.



## TICKET MONITORS

72 CPTS	Bldg 1	Ann Franklin	339-5121
AWACS	Bldg 280	Loretta McCoy	884-1598
72 CES	Bldg 400	Paul Dean	884-3022
AFAA	Bldg 510	Anthony Buck	884-8172
507 ARW	Bldg 1043	Lee Ann Morrison	884-7207
76 MXW	Bldg 3001	Libby Curry	339-5226
OC-ALC/GK	Bldg 3001	Judy Crespo	339-2041
448 SCMW	Bldg 3001	Donna Conover	336-7681
OC-ALC	Bldg 3001	Rebecca Johnson	339-5548
OC-ALC	Bldg 3001	Libby Curry	339-5226
CLS	Bldg 3001	Dean Coleman	336-2928
38 CEG	Bldg 4029	Darlene Tharp	339-4069

<b>Membership and Treasurer's Report As of 31 July 2011</b>	
<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$ 1,315.25</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$ 9,769.95</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,085.20</b>
<b>Membership Count</b>	<b>183</b>

Congratulations to the following winners at our July ASMC Luncheon:

- Kay Haltman
- Tom Newsom



## 2011-2012 Executive Officers

President	Pam Myers	734-1422
Vice President	Steve Johnson	732-2268
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Membership	Alana Hayward	736-5699
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/Programs	Tamara Brandt	734-5580
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP/Publicity	Ziyu Lu	734-8777
4 <sup>th</sup> VP/Prof Dev	Dawn Keister	736-3561
5 <sup>th</sup> VP/Awards & Scholarships	Angela Harris	736-4266
Certification Officer	Jeff Leid	739-7164
Community Svc Officer	Crystal Sauer	734-5423
Treasurer	Tamara Webb	736-2107
Secretary	Nancy Gleaton	734-1423



## BACK TO SCHOOL

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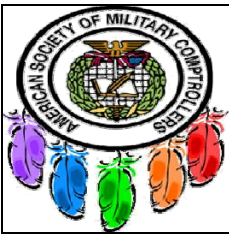
### **Back to School Smart Shopping**

August means back to school shopping for most families with school-age kids. It can be a stressful time as gas prices are high and budgets are tight in these tough times and it can put a financial strain on families especially if you have several children.

Here are some tips on saving money when shopping for back-to-school items:

- Scour your house first. Look for supplies from last year which are still in good condition and can be reused.
- Always have your school supplies list with you. You never know when you might run into a bargain somewhere.
- For clothing, only buy what you need. Kids grow fast. There's nothing worse than having a bag full of new clothes your kids suddenly cannot wear. If you have multiple children, consider hand-me-downs from older siblings on items that are still in excellent condition. If you can wait, retailers usually offer generous discounts on clothes after Labor Day.
- Know when the sales tax free days are. In Oklahoma, it is on the weekend of August 5-7, 2011 for clothing items under \$100. That's about an extra 8% discount.
- Anticipate what your kids will need later in the year and stock up. Buying school supplies can be a lot more expensive during the year. For example, spiral notebooks regularly priced at \$1 can be as low as 10 cents during August. Also, pay attention to unit cost. A 24-pack of pencils might not be double the price for a 12-pack. In fact sometimes the bigger pack is cheaper than the smaller pack.
- Ensure your kids are vaccinated. Usually it's more cost-effective to get vaccinated at the local health department than your primary physician.
- Consider quality as well as price. A cheap item initially isn't necessarily lower-cost in the long run. Durable backpacks might cost more initially and might not have to be replaced as often.

Remember to do your homework and you will not fail when it comes to shopping for back-to-school items.



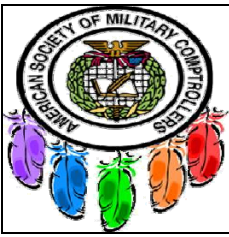
••• SEQUOYAH CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS •••

Date	Event
6 Aug 11	Community Service Project: <i>School Supplies Drive</i> POC: Crystal Sauer, 734-5423 Time: 9 am to 1 pm Location: Del City Church of Christ
9 Aug 11	Chapter Executive Board Meeting Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Location: FM Conference Room
22 Aug 11	ASMC Luncheon: <i>"Vision for 76 MXW"</i> Col. Cedric D. George Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Location: Oklahoma Room, Bldg. 3001
04 Sep 11	Labor Day
13 Sep 11	Chapter Executive Board Meeting Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Location: FM Conference Room
16 Sep 11	Community Service Project: <i>Ronald McDonald House - Pull Tabs</i>
1 Oct 11	FY12 Begins
10 Oct 11	Columbus Day



**TRAINING OPPORTUNITES**

The ASMC Sequoyah Chapter is in the process of determining whether there is sufficient interest to purchase lines for the EDFM training teleconference. Training will be held over a two day period for each module, usually with an hour block on Tuesday and Wednesday, and there is no charge to attend. However, you will need to buy or borrow a current EDFM book. Certificates will be provided for CPE, and there is no obligation to sit for the exam. If there is sufficient interest, the Chapter will pay for one phone line and provide a conference room location with a speaker phone. The training for module 1 and 2 was conducted in November last year, with module 3 in December. This year's dates have not been announced. If you are interested in attending the training, please contact Jeff Leid, Chapter Certification Officer, at [jeff.leid@tinker.af.mil](mailto:jeff.leid@tinker.af.mil) before 31 August to allow us to identify the current level of interest.



## ASMC National News

### Debt ceiling deal likely to mean larger defense cuts

Friday, July 22, 2011



In February, President Obama proposed a \$78 billion cut and \$100 billion savings in the FY2012-16 DoD budget in an effort to shield defense from additional cuts some were proposing in overall deficit reduction plans. Two months later, the president proposed a \$4 trillion deficit reduction plan that included another \$400 billion in defense cuts through 2023. These additional defense cuts were in response to pressure to include significant defense cuts in any deficit reduction plan.

Now, it seems that even this almost \$500 billion reduction in defense budgets proposed by the administration will not be enough to satisfy the budget cutters. The effort to build a firewall against further defense cuts appears to have failed.

Options being considered as part of the deal to raise the \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling deal include as much as \$700-800 billion cuts to defense over 12 years. But even that may not be enough. Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK), a former member of the "Gang of Six" group of Senators now seeking to influence the final debt ceiling deal, has proposed a \$9 trillion deficit reduction plan that includes \$1 trillion in cuts to defense.

Even defense supporters in Congress, who have argued strongly against more reductions to the defense budget in any final debt ceiling increase deal, seem to be resigned more defense cuts. Some have tried to limit this increase by proposing a \$300 billion defense cut limit in any debt ceiling deal. However, there does not appear to be enough votes in the House to support this position.

So, the range of a likely defense cut in a final deal to increase the debt ceiling will likely be \$300 and \$800 billion. DoD planners working on the president's proposed \$400 billion 10-year cut will probably have to refocus on a new cut target of between \$500-700 billion over the next 10 to 12 years. Nevertheless, there is no indication that Secretary Panetta will turn away from his statement that recommended decisions to achieve budget cuts will be strategy-driven and will not result in a hollow force.