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President's Message...

My, how the time flies! We are well into 2009 and are postured for 5-Star Status again this year. The Chapter, with great volunteers, has already accomplished so much. We have completed two community service projects and are getting ready to host two more. In December, we had 17 volunteers assist at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma where we bagged almost 1,200 lunches for the Oklahoma Backpack Program. Fortunately, we are assisting the food bank again on March 11th from 5 to 7 pm. Families of members, with children of all ages, are welcome and encouraged to participate. Additionally, our next Adopt-A-Street cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 8 to 10 am. Finally, I would like to close with encouraging all financial managers to mark their calendars for April 22nd, our 12th Annual PDI! It looks as if we will have another great event this year. We have speakers coming from all over the United States and from numerous areas of emphasis to entice every Financial Manager. Topics include: Air Force Working Capital Fund Update (SAF/FMBR), Financial Services Update (AFFSO), Economics for Everyday Life (FM Center of Expertise), AFMC Budget (AFMC/FMA), and Workforce Development (SAF/FMPW), to name a few. The cost remains at \$75 per individual and registration begins shortly! I hope to see you all at the 2009 Sequoyah Chapter PDI!

Your President, Crystal Boston

Ticket Monitors

Susan Staudt	884-8520
Patricia Lindley	339-7370
Tammy Brandt	336-2326
Libby Curry	339-5900
Jeffrey Leid	339-7164
Loretta McCoy	884-7215
Gary Rose	884-9949
Judy Crespo	339-2041
Gatha Johnson	336-7353

Membership Drive 2009

The Sequoyah Chapter Membership Drive is from 1 to 31 Mar 09. Renew your membership or bring in a new member to be entered in drawings for a free luncheon ticket or an annual ASMC membership renewal. An individual application form is provided on page 8. Point of contact is Wendy Smith, Membership Chairperson, at Voice 339-5425, or Email wendy.smith@tinker.af.mil.

Treasurer's Report

Month	Checking	Savings
Dec 08	\$6,709.54	\$745.43
Jan 09	\$7,293.57	\$745.43
Feb 09	\$9,752.32	\$745.43

Membership Report

Month	General	Corporate
Dec 08	155	4
Jan 09	153	4
Feb 09	152	3

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Chapter Luncheons

Recent Luncheons...

Our guest speaker at the luncheon on 20 Jan 09 at the Tinker Club was Ms Barbara Pritchard, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, with the Internal Revenue Service in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ms Pritchard is part of the Communications Liaison and Disclosure (CLD) function at the Oklahoma City office, which is a new division of the IRS. The division was established to develop and deliver educational products to meet the needs of the small business/self-employed taxpayers.

Ms Pritchard instructed attendees on how to navigate the IRS website at www.irs.gov. She also provided navigational tools, subscription data, and lists of points of contact to help website users. The IRS is striving to meet today's generations' needs—helping us to help ourselves in the ever-changing world of technology.



Our guest speaker at the luncheon on 23 Feb 09 at the Building 3001, Oklahoma Room, was Ms Silvia Czarnecki, chief of the DMAG Budget and Financial Management Office, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Ms Czarnecki briefed attendees with an overview of the DMAG processes from a financial program perspective.

Ms Czarnecki discussed the DMAG funding process; changes in the Maintenance Wing structure, as well as, its financial management structure; the challenges they face; and myths and misconceptions about DMAG funding. They focus on three expense categories: direct, overhead, and general & administrative for labor, material, and business operations. The DMAG funding process is complex, but it is essential in providing war winning capabilities on time and on cost.

Upcoming Luncheon...

On Wednesday, 25 Mar 09, the Sequoyah Chapter will welcome Ms Crystal Boston, 827ACSG/FM Chief Financial Advisor and Sequoyah Chapter President; Ms Leslie Carlson, Chief of the Financial Analysis Division; and Ms Kathy Day, Chief of the Financial Operations Division—all at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Our trio of speakers will be instructing attendees on what to expect, how to prepare, and how to conduct themselves for panel interviews for financial management positions for GS-12 and above. We look forward to their mock interviews, as they will simulate both the incorrect and correct ways of interviewing.



ASMC Sequoyah Chapter 12th Annual Professional Development Institute

Meridian Conference Center
Clarion Hotel

22 April 2009

Keynote Speaker
Ms Donna Rynda
Professional Development
Training Specialist
Make It Matter!

Registrar: Ms Teffonie Carrigan
teffonie.carrigan@tinker.af.mil or (405)734-6053/DSN 884-6053

Cost is \$75.00 per registrant
Completed forms with payments are due 3 Apr 09

"Professional Development Financial Management's Shining Stars"



2009 PDI Planning Committee

The Sequoyah Chapter 2009 PDI Committee is in full swing. Having already made team assignments for programs, facilities, publicity, registration, vendors and advertising, decorating, and audio/visual tasks, there is a lot of planning still to do before the big event on Wednesday, 22 Apr 09. Meetings will be held once a month until the last month, which will become weekly, or as needed.

If you're interested in joining any of these planning teams, contact Paul Dean, PDI Chairperson, Voice DSN 884-3022, or Email paul.dean@tinker.af.mil.

Free Lunch Ticket Winners

Feb 09 Luncheon

Sharry George OC-ALC/FMC
Nancy Gleaton OC-ALC/FM



ASMC Membership is Online

Prospective members of ASMC may now apply for membership online at the ASMC website. This method decreases the processing time by up to a week, so please encourage anyone you may be recruiting to apply online. Also, current members may renew online and update member information (new e-mail, address, job title, etc.). Please read the instructions at ASMC Online Renewal on how to determine default username and password: <http://www.asmonline.org/membership/renewal.shtml>

Training Opportunities

CDFM Certification Study Group

The ASMC Sequoyah Chapter is holding an intensive CDFM certification study group for those interested. These lunch time study group teleconference sessions will be held for each module—participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. In addition, participants do not have to be ASMC members to attend these study group sessions, but need to become members to sign up for actual exams and CDFM certificates. This is a two-phase plan whereas participants could be certified by 28 Feb 09. POCs are Jeff Leid, Wendy Smith, and Crystal Boston.

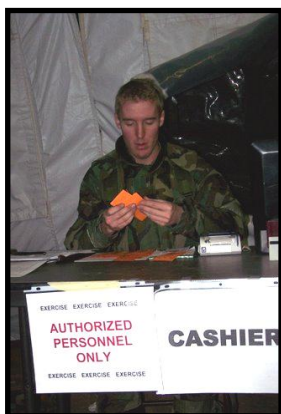
MODULE 2 13, 15, 27, & 29 Jan 09 ~ Lunch study sessions, 1130 to 1230 ~ Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conference Room
21 & 22 Jan 09 ~ ASMC EDFM instructors via telecom, 1100-1500 each day ~ Certificate & CPE awarded

MODULE 3 3, 5, 10, 17, & 19 Feb 09 ~ Lunch study sessions, 1130 to 1230 ~ Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conference Room
11 & 12 Feb 09 ~ ASMC EDFM instructors via telecom, 1100-1500 each day ~ Certificate & CPE awarded

www.asmonline.org/membership/application.shtml **Become an ASMC Member!**

Tidbit

An exercise that began on 9 Feb 09, involved SrA Scott Caldwell. SrA Caldwell was a cashier deployed to a forward location. Also out in the field were SrA Micha Vickers and SrA MiYoung Song.



BENEFITS OF BEING AN ASMC MEMBER...

- Enhance your professional skills
- Networking with other FM professionals
- Leadership opportunities
- Receive the *Armed Forces Comptroller* journal, which is published four times a year
- Save money at ASMC events
- Services, such as rental car discounts, eligibility for membership in the Pentagon Federal Credit Union, and a significant discount on tuition at the University of Phoenix Online.

..... SEQUOYAH CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1-17 Dec 08 .. Canned Food Drive
04, 11, 15, 17 Dec 08 CDFM Module 1 Training Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conf Rm
09 Dec 08 Sequoyah Chapter Luncheon Guest Speaker: Mr Jeff Leid, CDFM, AFAA Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 3001, Oklahoma Rm
25 Dec 08 *HOLIDAY* Christmas Day
01 Jan 09 *HOLIDAY* New Year's Day
07, 08 Jan 09 CDFM Module 1 Training Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conf Rm
13, 15 Jan 09 CDFM Module 2 Training Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conf Rm
19 Jan 09 *HOLIDAY* Martin Luther King's Day
20 Jan 09 Sequoyah Chapter Luncheon Guest Speaker: Ms Barbara Pritchard, IRS Time/Location: 1130-1230/Tinker Club Ballroom
21, 22, 27, 29 Jan 09 CDFM Module 2 Training Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conf Rm
28 Jan 09 Leadership Audio Conference Time/Location: 1300-1430/Area Audit Office
3, 5, 10, 11, 12 Feb 09 ... CDFM Module 3 Training Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conf Rm
16 Feb 09 *HOLIDAY* Presidents' Day
17, 19 Feb 09 CDFM Module 3 Training Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 1, 72CPTS Conf Rm
23 Feb 09 Sequoyah Chapter Luncheon Guest Speaker: Ms Silvia Czarnecki, 76MXW/FM Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 3001, Oklahoma Rm
23-27 Feb 09 EDFMT Course in Washington DC
1-31 Mar 09 .. ASMC Membership Drive
11 Mar 09 Community Service Project: OK Food Bank POC: Crystal Boston Time: 1700-1900
17-18 Mar 09 CDFM Module 4 Training in Rosslyn VA
25 Mar 09 Sequoyah Chapter Luncheon Guest Speakers: Ms Crystal Boston, 827ASW CFA Ms Leslie Carlson, OC-ALC/FMA Ms Kathy Day, OC-ALC/FMP Time/Location: 1130-1230/Bldg 3001, Oklahoma Rm
30 Mar-3 Apr 09 EDFMT Course in Washington DC
18 Apr 09 Adopt-A-Street Project: Spring Clean-up POC: Ms Debbie Goss Time: 0800-1000 Location: S Air Depot Blvd btwn SE 15 th St & Reno Meeting Place: Parking lot in front of Dollar Tree
22 Apr 09 Sequoyah Chapter 12th Annual Mini-PDI Motivational Speaker: Mr Don Mahoney, OKC Thunder Keynote Speaker: Ms Donna Rynda, Make It Matter! Time/Location: 0700-1630/Meridian Conference Ctr

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Dec 08	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Jan 09	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Feb 09	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Mar 09	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Apr 09	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2

EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR YOUR CELL PHONE

Everyone seems to be carrying a cell phone these days. Here is a list of phone numbers that you should, at least, have stored in your phone's memory:

- **Local Fire Department**...because you may need them and it may not be enough of an emergency to call 911—like a pesky cat-stuck-in-tree situation.
- **Local Police Department or Law Enforcement**...same reason as above.
- **Nearby Hospital(s)**...these are great when a loved one isn't home hours after they said they'd be. It's a lot easier to have them preloaded into your phone instead of sifting frantically through the yellow pages!
- **ICE (In Case of Emergency)**...if you're ever in an accident and are incapacitated or killed, the authorities who find you will likely look for this entry in your cell phone numbers (and call it). A spouse or relative capable of making decisions on your behalf would be best here. (If you use a PIN to access your phone, put your ICE on your screensaver.)
- **Taxi Company Dispatch**...just in case you find yourself stuck on the side of the road (or maybe you've had one too many drinks).
- **Water and Power Department**...in case your water or power get shut off and you'd like to know why (your land-line phone probably needs power to work).
- **Poison Control**...so, you think your little Timmy might have just ingested two big mouthfuls of Pine-Sol? Not sure if you should take him to the hospital or use his perspiration to clean the floor? These people generally answer very quickly and are very helpful—a must for the parents and grandparents.

Resource: Article on Internet

- **Doctor and/or Pediatrician**...another one for you parents. When little Junior suddenly breaks out in hives and you'd like to speak to somebody (but don't want to spend the cheddar on the emergency room just yet), this is another one that's good to have. Also, these can be very difficult to locate in a time of stress, so record it next time you have the chance.
- **Animal Control**...this isn't just for mountain lions and wild bores who show up on your back porch. Maybe your neighbor's dog's brain made a wrong turn at Albuquerque and now he thinks little Maddy is a kabob of some sort. You'll obviously want the tranquilizer-toting folks in coats to come down and diffuse the situation, pronto.
- **Co-worker or Supervisor**...because you don't want to call the company switchboard to tell them you ran out of gas on the Interstate and managed to wet your pants in the process. Shoot for a direct line or cell phone (be sure they take you off speaker phone).
- **Your Next-Door Neighbor**...did you hear about a house fire on the news? Give old Ted next door a ring and have him poke his head out to make sure your house is still standing (and offer to return the favor).
- **Tow Truck Company**...preferably one that will drive long distances if need be. Other than that, this one needs no explanation.
- **Car Insurance Carrier/Broker**...the first people you should call if you're in an accident (unless somebody is hurt, then you call them second). They'll tell you what to write down and if you need the police. Another number you don't want to go fishing through your Costanza Wallet for if you can help it.
- **Pizza/Chinese/All-Night Take-out Food**...because once you find a good place that's open late, that's a number you keep and call often.

KenKen

Invented by Tetsuya Miyamoto, a Japanese math teacher, "ken" means wisdom in Japanese; thus, KenKen means wisdom squared—or perhaps cleverness squared, depending on your translation. As with Sudoku, each horizontal row and vertical column gets each number exactly once—this puzzle uses 1, 2, 3, and 4. So where's the math fit in? Various groups of boxes are surrounded by a bold line, called a cage. A cage can be horizontal or vertical, but it also can span multiple rows and columns if it's L-shaped or square. Each cage contains a number and the mathematical operator. To fill the cells in the cage, you must combine the numbers in the cells using the operator. For example, a two-cell cage with the number 3 and a plus sign means that the two unknown numbers must be added together to produce 3. That means one is a 1 and the other a 2, but you have to figure out which goes where. Solution is on page 6.

8x		4+	
10+		4x	
1			11+
3+			

Community Service Projects

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Service Project



Chapter members are invited to participate in packing and unloading food boxes at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma community service event planned for Wednesday, 11 Mar 09, from 5 to 7 pm. Volunteers may bring family members who also wish to participate. Contact Crystal Boston, at Email crystal.boston@tinker.af.mil, if you are interested in participating. The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma website is <http://www.regionalfoodbank.org/>.

Adopt-A-Street Project

Chapter members are invited to participate in the Adopt-a-Street Program, on Saturday, 18 Apr 09, from 8 to 10 am. Volunteers will be given safety vests and large plastic bags to use while picking up trash along South Air Depot Boulevard, between S.E. 15th Street and East Reno Avenue. More details will be coming soon. Contact Debbie Goss, at email deborah.goss@tinker.af.mil, if you are interested.





Awards

Recognizing Excellence

Did you know ASMC promotes and recognizes excellence in comptrollership and related fields by sponsoring a number of awards? Several awards are monetary with the 2009 award pool totaling \$45,500 (\$43,500 National, \$2,000 Chapter). All winners will be honored at either Sequoyah Chapter Meetings or Professional Development Institutes (PDI).

Find nomination forms at www.asmcconline.org and submit applications to our local Sequoyah Chapter through Sophia Colquiett, P.O. Box 45557, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma 73145, (405) 736-7117. *Committee Volunteers Needed!*

Individual Achievement

Local Deadline: 22 Jan 09

Recognition for outstanding accomplishment in fields defined at www.asmcconline.org. Up to six National awards and three Chapter awards are granted in each of 10 categories: Accounting and Finance, Budgeting, Resource Management, Analysis/Evaluation, Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller, Intern/Trainee, Business Mgmt/Acquisition, Auditing, Education/Training/Career Development, Contractor Support. Applications may include up to three individuals. The number of awards will be dependent upon the number and quality of nominations. If less than one nomination in a category, local award winners may be chosen without regard to category. ASMC membership is not required.

Team Achievement

Local Deadline: 22 Jan 09

Recognition for outstanding accomplishment within or across any of the functional fields of comptrollership defined under Achievement Award Categories at www.asmcconline.org. A team is defined as a group of 4-20 individuals. ASMC membership is not required.

High School Scholarships

Local Deadline: 12 Feb 09

Outstanding high school seniors or recent graduates entering fields related to financial and resource management (business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, and finance) may compete for monetary awards totaling \$18,000. The Sequoyah Chapter offers \$1,000 in scholarships to a maximum of two winners whose applications will be forwarded to National to compete for 11 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Candidates must agree to a personal interview which will be used to complete the president's recommendation letter and chapter endorsement for National competition. Membership and parent in ASMC are not required.

National Continuing Education Grants

Local Deadline: 12 Feb 09

Fifteen grants totaling \$25,000 are awarded to ASMC members. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5000 each. Applicants must have been a member for at least two full consecutive years immediately prior to the submission due date and agree to a personal interview which will be used to complete the president's recommendation letter and chapter endorsement. Local chapters are allowed to submit multiple nominations.

Sequoyah Chapter Continuing Education Grants

Local Deadline: 12 Feb 09

\$1,000 in grants is awarded to up to two applicants. Applicants must have been a member for at least six months prior to the award submission due date. Complete the form used for national grants. However, applicants who haven't been a member for two years don't need to obtain a letter of recommendation from the Chapter president or Chapter endorsement.

Essay

Local Deadline: 12 Feb 09

Three monetary awards from \$250 to \$750 are given by National to ASMC members. Winners may be published in the *Armed Forces Comptroller* magazine. Plaques will be presented to National winners at the National ASMC PDI. This year's topic is "With a large percentage of the government's civilian workforce reaching retirement age, what steps should the Military Forces take to attract newer civilian professionals into the Comptroller career field and to retain them?" Local winners will be recognized at the Chapter PDI.

Corporate Members

Local Deadline: 4 Apr 09

Recognition for outstanding contributions furthering the goals of the local chapter and national organization. Award presentation to national winners will be made at the National ASMC PDI and may be featured in the *Armed Forces Comptroller* and the *National News*. Local winners will be recognized at the Chapter PDI.

Chapter Leadership

Local Deadline: 4 Apr 09

Recognition for outstanding continuous leadership, accomplishment and support of ASMC at the chapter level. National awards will be presented at the National ASMC PDI.

Chapter Certified Defense Financial Managers

*CDFM-A

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|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Will Anderson | Jeffrey Jilek | Shelley Jones | Angela Ruter |
| David Bergman | Steven Johnson | Jeffrey Leid | John Scott |
| Gary Bourisaw | Paul Dean | Magnolia Lipsky | Charisse Slarve |
| Janet Bucknell | Diane Fortelka | John McKee | Robert Slarve* |
| Tanya Childress | Ann Franklin | Christopher Parry* | Valerie Tilkens |
| Daria Crane | Sheri Frosig | Debra Poland | Lori Tucker |
| Judy Crespo | Leotta Haltman | Sandra Puryear | LaTrice Vaughn |
| Donna Curtis | Carolyn Hamilton | Tempie Robertson | |
| Kathleen Day | Nancy Haskell | Cheryl Robitaille | (your name here?) |

SOLUTION
(from page 5)

Ken Ken

8x	4	2	4+	3	1
10+	3	4	4x	1	2
1	1	3	2	11+	4
3+	2	1	4	3	



National ASMC News



Special Announcement

On 9 Feb 09, our very own, the Honorable Robert P. Hale, chosen by President Barack Obama, was confirmed by Congress to become the Pentagon's chief accountant. Mr Hale, was the director of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). As Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer) in the Obama administration, Mr Hale will not only have a strong hand in putting together the Obama Pentagon's budget, but would also defend funding requests before Congress alongside the Secretary of Defense.

ASMC selected Mr Alvin Tucker as the new Executive Director. Mr Tucker is well known in the Department of Defense (DoD) financial community. He has extensive experience in Defense accounting, audit, and budget and has demonstrated a strong commitment to the professional goals of ASMC by serving as Chair of the CDFM Commission.

January ~ February 2009

CDFM AUDIO COURSES, 7-8 & 21-22 JAN AND 11-12 FEB 09 In January and February, we will hold intensive review sessions for all three modules of the CDFM exam over audio lines. For each module, there will be two four-hour sessions on consecutive days; each session starts at 12:00 p.m. EST. There is a charge of \$75 per line for each module; as many can participate on one line as you wish. (ASMC subsidizes the cost of these sessions to encourage people to get the training and to take the CDFM exams.) Participants must borrow or buy a textbook on their own. More information will be available soon on the ASMC home page including information about how to register online. Dates are as follows: Module 1: 7 & 8 Jan 09; Module 2: 21 & 22 Jan 09; and Module 3: 11 & 12 Feb 09.

LEADERSHIP AUDIO CONFERENCE, 28 JAN 09 On 28 Jan 09, ASMC will hold an audio conference on leadership. Dr John Kline, an expert on leadership and an outstanding teacher, will provide practical guidelines for managing people and processes including seven practical tips. This conference will provide a good refresher for seasoned managers and excellent training for soon-to-be managers. The conference will start at 2:00 pm EST and will last for 60 to 90 minutes. There is a charge of \$99 per line; as many can participate on one line as you wish. Watch the ASMC home page for more information including information about how to register online.

NOMINATIONS FOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS, DUE 31 JAN 09 Do you have an employee or a team of employees who has done a great job over the past year? Consider nominating this individual or team for an ASMC achievement award. Be sure to include specifics in the nomination form to increase the chance for selection. Nominations *must be received* at the address on the form no later than 31 Jan 09. For more information and nomination forms go to the [ASMC home page](#) and click on "national awards program" in the menu list.

EDFMT OPEN ENROLLMENT COURSES, 23-27 FEB AND 30 MAR-3 APR 09 The following courses, to be held in Washington DC, have space available for individuals interested in taking the five-day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course: 23-27 Feb 09; and 30 Mar-3 Apr 09. This option is for students unable to secure space in the centrally funded courses taught by the USDA Graduate School. Please contact the course vendor, Management Concepts, directly. The points of contact are: Margaret Lindsay at 703-270-4046, mlindsay@managementconcepts.com or Hugh O'Hara at 703-270-4047 hohara@managementconcepts.com.

ESSAY CONTEST, DUE 28 FEB 09 There is still time to author an essay for the annual essay contest! Submissions for this awards category are due 28 Feb 09, with the chance to win up to \$750. Articles must be written on the current topic, which is "What initiatives should the new presidential administration emphasize in order to facilitate efforts by resource and financial managers at the base and installation level?" For more information visit the [National Awards Program](#) page of the ASMC website.

MODULE 4, ACQUISITION BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, OPEN ENROLLMENT CLASS, 17-18 MAR 09 This course originally scheduled for 10 and 11 Feb 09 has been postponed until 17 and 18 Mar 09 in Rosslyn, Virginia. Please check the ASMC website for updates.

DEFENSE FM SURVEY, DUE 31 MAR 09 ASMC, along with Grant Thornton LLP, is doing a short online survey of defense financial managers. The "Looking Forward" survey (should take only a few minutes to complete) asks members for input to identify the top financial issues and concerns going into a new Administration. ASMC will reward the three chapters with the highest percentage response rate to this survey a cash award. The award will be based on the number of responses received per chapter divided by the total paid membership of a chapter as of March 31, 2008. Please be sure to enter your chapter's name when you fill out the survey. To access the survey, visit the Survey before March 15! Aggregated results of this survey will be published and available on the ASMC website.

PDI 2009, 26-29 MAY 09 The National Professional Development Institute (PDI) is a premier training event for resource managers in the Department of Defense and US Coast Guard. Each year, more than 3,400 attendees converge for a four-day event, which includes a full day of service activities, seven general sessions, more than seventy workshops, and many special events and activities. PDI 2009 will be held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio on 26-29 May 09, with a theme of "Building the Stars of Tomorrow." The registration fee for PDI is \$615 and ASMC members receive a \$100 discount. Registration for PDI and the hotel reservation system will open on approximately 2 Mar 09. Please check the ASMC website for further information.

LINKEDIN PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries. ASMC has created a group on LinkedIn as a forum for discussion of ASMC matters. Discussion and membership will be moderated to a limited degree, and the opinions expressed on the group are those of the individual members and not of ASMC. You may find our group here <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=953357>.

ASMC individual membership application

Membership Status

New-Active New-Associate Renewal No. _____ I have previously been a member of ASMC

Membership Information (Please type or print clearly, exactly as you wish information to appear on membership certificate)

Name (First, MI, Last), Suffix _____
 Nickname _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (W) _____ (F) _____
 E-Mail _____ DSN _____
 Designations _____ Chapter _____
 Birth Date ____/____/____ Gender M F

Professional Information

Employer (Circle One) AR NV AF MC CG OSD DFAS Other _____
 Rank/Grade _____ Job Series _____
 Education Level _____
 Career Field:
 Accounting and Finance Budgeting Information Management Manpower Management
 Acquisition Comptroller Management Analysis Resource Management
 Administrative Support Cost Analysis Program Analysis Other
 Auditing Financial Management
 Duty Station _____

Payment Information

Membership Dues One Year - \$26 or Three Years - \$75
 Method of Payment Check or Money Order enclosed (payable in US dollars to ASMC)
 Charge to Credit Card Visa MasterCard American Express
 Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
 Cardholder Signature _____ Date _____

I hereby apply for membership in ASMC and enclose payment for membership dues (the \$5 annual subscription to the Armed Forces Comptroller is included in the one-year and three-year fees). Membership is nontransferable and nonrefundable.

Applicant Signature _____
 I was recruited by _____ Recruiter Mbr. No. _____

Mail to: ASMC National Headquarters
 415 N. Alfred St. • Alexandria, VA 22314-2269 • Fax 703-549-3181
Questions? Call 800-462-5637 or 703-549-0360
 or email at asmchq@asmconline.org

<small>These Boxes for National Headquarters Use Only</small>	Chapter Code	Amount Paid	Check Number
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Dear Oklahoma Tax Practitioner,

IRS Handout, Jan 09 ~ 1 of 2 pages

As the IRS Stakeholder Liaison Area Manager for Oklahoma, I want to thank you for your past support and ask for your continued partnership with me and your local Stakeholder Liaisons. SL is proud to be in our third year as the practitioners' gateway to the IRS. We have had a busy year; holding practitioner events, conducting National Phone Forums, and establishing Web-based Tax Centers. Our local SLs have received thousands of phone calls from practitioners with suggestions on how to improve IRS systems. This partnership strengthens our mutual commitment to ensuring taxpayer compliance with federal tax responsibilities.

SL is committed to getting you the information you need. While we do not answer tax law questions or have access to your clients' tax accounts, we can steer you in the right direction.

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<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/content/0,,id=164580,00.html>

A Guide to the Filing Season, at least monthly, and new quarterly Key Messages for Tax Professionals

<http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=176934,00.html>

We offer Practitioner "Tax Centers" that link from your organization's Web site to ours, making it easy to find frequently used Web pages. Join our National Phone Forums.

<http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=184145,00.html>

Listen in, free of charge, from the convenience of your office for approximately an hour.

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=158856,00.html>

Watch Tax Talk Today online.

<http://taxtalktoday.tv/>

And be assured that IRS.gov has more than just forms and publications. You will find the latest news, online tools, research services, guidance and contact information.

<<http://www.irs.gov/>

Check out our new Tax Practitioner Video and Audio Presentations page.

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=201106,00.html>

How you can help your clients and colleagues

Tell us when you see a problem or have a suggestion to improve our processes. We introduced the Issue Management Resolution System three years ago and have had more than a thousand IMRS issues submitted. Check out some of the successes in our Monthly IMRS report on IRS.gov.

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=158507,00.html>

Help us find ways to further our partnership. Work with us in reaching more practitioners through joint events or webinars. Include IRS information in your newsletters and Web sites. Post a tax center on your Web site. Volunteer to teach a Small Business Tax Workshop in your community. Share what you learn with your colleagues.

And stay in touch with your local SL. If you need assistance in Oklahoma, contact one of the Stakeholder Liaison employees below.

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You may also contact me, Larry Orozco, Central Area Manager for Stakeholder Liaison, at 913-789-1105 or Larry.A.Orozco@irs.gov.

Filing season can be a challenging and stressful time. Together, we can make it easier. Stay in touch with us, use our free tools, products, and services, and raise your issues and concerns through your local Stakeholder Liaison.

Sincerely,

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IRS Contact List for Practitioners
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NOTE: Local Time - Alaska (AK) and Hawaii (HI) follow Pacific Time (PT)

Title	Telephone Number	Hours of Operation
Practitioner Priority Service	866-860-4259	M-F, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., local time
IRS Tax Help Line for Individuals	800-829-1040	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., local time
Business and Specialty Tax Line	800-829-4933	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., local time
e-Help Desk (IRS Electronic Products)	866-255-0654	M-F, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. CT (non-peak) M-F, 6:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. CT (peak: 1/2009-4/2009) Saturdays 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT (peak)
Refund Hotline	800-829-1954	Automated Service available 24/7
Forms and Publications	800-829-3676	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., local time
National Taxpayer Advocate's Help Line	877-777-4778	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., local time
Local Taxpayer Advocate – Oklahoma	405 297-4055	M-F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., local time
Centralized Lien Payoff	800-913-6050	M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., local time
Centralized Bankruptcy	800-913-9358	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. ET
Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD)	800-829-4059	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., local time
Electronic Federal Tax Pymt Sys (Business)	800-555-4477	Auto Svc & Live Assistance avail 24/7
Electronic Federal Tax Pymt Sys (Individuals)	800-316-6541	Auto Svc & Live Assistance avail 24/7
Government Entities (TEGE) Help Line	877-829-5500	M-F, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. CT
Forms 706 and 709 Help Line	866-699-4083	M-F, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., local time
Automated Collection System (ACS) (Business)	800-829-3903	M-F, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., local time
Automated Collection System (ACS) (Individual)	800-829-7650	M-F, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., local time
Tax Fraud Referral Hotline	800-829-0433	Automated Service available 24/7
Employer Identification Number (EIN)	800-829-4933	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., local time
Assistance for Individuals/Victims of Identify Theft	800-908-4490	M-F, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., local time
Excise Tax and Form 2290 Help Line	866-699-4096	M-F, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. ET
Information Return Reporting	866-455-7438	M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET
ITIN Program Office	404-338-8963	Message Line: 24/7 hour operation
IRS Federally Declared Disaster/Combat Zone Inquiries	866-562-5227	M-F, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., local time

Getting Ready for the 2009 Tax Filing Season
Communications

- **IRS Key Messages for Tax Professionals** Use these messages in your publications and educational products for tax practitioners. Updated quarterly. <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=184145,00.html>
- **Tax Hints 2008** Find information on changes in tax law, IRS regulations and tax policy administration, information on IRS structure, points of contact, phone numbers, and mailing addresses. Updated at least monthly. <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=176934,00.html>
- **IRS e-News for Tax Professionals** Subscribe to the IRS e-newsletter for tax pros, a weekly e-mail with news briefs and links to important information on IRS.gov. Issued weekly. <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/content/0,,id=164580,00.html>

Contacting Us

- **Stakeholder Liaison Phone Numbers** Your local Stakeholder Liaison office establishes relationships with organizations representing small business and self-employed taxpayers. They provide information about the policies, practices and procedures the IRS uses to ensure compliance with the tax laws. To establish a relationship with us, use this list to find a contact in your state. <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=153991,00.html>

Tools for You

- Want to find the pages you need on IRS.gov more easily? Basic Tools for Tax Professionals is the place to look. This comprehensive list has what you need to help prepare your clients' tax returns and information on representation. <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=118004,00.html>
- Electronic IRS Online Tools will help you and your clients conduct business quickly and safely-electronically. <http://www.irs.gov/help/article/0,,id=143687,00.html>

Help Us Resolve Problems

- With your help, we have identified hundreds of large and small issues that were getting in the way of efficient tax administration. Continue to contact us when you or your clients notice something isn't working. The Issue Management Resolution System gets to the bottom of the problem. Check out some of the issues practitioners have raised, what we've done to resolve them and what we are currently working on. <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=158507,00.html>

Want quick access to more information?

- Appeals <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/content/0,,id=98196,00.html>
- Standards of Practice <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/content/0,,id=175435,00.html>
- Electronic Payments <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=97400,00.html>
- E-services <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=109646,00.html>
- 1040 Central <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=118506,00.html>
- News and Events <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=99008,00.html>
- Reporting Fraud <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=106778,00.html>
- The Tax Gap <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=158619,00.html>
- Disasters <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=156138,00.html>
- Subscription Services <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/content/0,,id=103381,00.html>
- Phishing and e-mail Scams <http://www.irs.gov/privacy/article/0,,id=179820,00.html>
- Business One-Stop <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>
- E-file <http://www.irs.gov/efile/index.html>
- Enrolled Agents <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/agents/index.html>
- Forms and Publications <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html>
- IRS.gov in Spanish <http://www.irs.gov/espanol/index.html>
- Where To File <http://www.irs.gov/file/index.html>
- Help <http://www.irs.gov/help/index.html>
- Tax Professionals <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/index.html>
- Taxpayer Advocate <http://www.irs.gov/advocate/index.html>
- Tax Talk Today <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=176602,00.html>