



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

Sequoyah Chapter



Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma

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President's Message

ASMC Members and Friends,

It's a new year and I'm excited as President to see what this year has in store for us. 2011 moved quickly and I can't even fathom all those luncheons, activities, special events, and training we participated in--including Back to School Bash, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, Toys for Tots, and so much more. We also offered CDFM audio training for those who would want to excel in their careers. I want to re-emphasize that it is our dedication to community service and our professionalism that has helped us earn 5-star status.

Speaking of the New Year, many come up with New Year's Resolutions. As a professional organization, we would like to talk about what we want to do for the New Year as well.

Here is my list of resolutions everyone can do as a chapter:

- * Attend at least one luncheon in the coming months
- * Attend our annual mini-PDI
- * Grow professionally by taking a CDFM certification or continuing education course
- * Dedicate yourself to one community service project
- * Tell a friend about ASMC and invite them to join us at a special event or luncheon

These above goals are achievable and realistic and I hope every member will take them into consideration.

If you have ideas for luncheons or our annual PDI scheduled for 24 April 2012, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Dawn Keister, VP of Professional Development. We would love to have you join our planning committee.

I look forward to working with all of you as we start 2012 on the right track. I hope everyone has a safe and fun Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend.

Pam Myers



I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

--Martin Luther King, Jr.



ASMC December Luncheon

On Tuesday, 13 December 2011, we welcomed Brig. Gen. (Sel.) Allen Jamerson from the Chief of Staff office at Headquarters Air Force Material Command (AFMC) at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. to our monthly luncheon. The topic was "Leadership Perspectives" and he tied it into the major changes that are coming to AFMC.

Brig. Gen. (Sel.) Jamerson stated a few leadership lessons:

- * Make the tough decisions early
- * Pure efficiencies are tapped out--target the "nice to haves"
- * Reductions must be "strategic" in nature
- * Don't cut too much...too fast!

Our challenge is to "manage the changing defense budget without disrupting Air Force capabilities."

It was also Brig. Gen. (Sel.) Jamerson's birthday, so it was a double-blessing along with our Christmas themed decorations.

Congratulations to the following Christmas door prize winners:

- * "Santa hat" - Dave Bergman, 72CPTS/FMAO
- * "Merry Christmas" sign - Lisa Turklay, 72ABW/CER
- * "Nutcracker #1" - Dean Coleman, OC-ALC/GKSO
- * "Nutcracker #2" - Brenda Hill, 72ABW/SC
- * "Cowboy Nutcracker" - Pam Myers, OC-ALC/FMRA
- * "Gold tree w/ornaments" - Larry Cagigal, OC-ALC/FMRD
- * "Snowman" - Shelley Garner, 448SCMW/FMR
- * "Moose" - Nicola Hart, OC-ALC/GKSO
- * "Santa" - Maj. Quinette Brown, 72MDSS/SGST
- * "Angels" - Angela Harris, OC-ALC/GKGO



"If you cut our Air Force in half, we still have the greatest, most respected Air Force in the world!"

--Gen. Don Hoffman

Membership / Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$ 835.76
Savings Account: \$9,793.27
Membership Count: 180

Please welcome new member William E Cameron from OC-ALC/GKGO.
We are delighted to have you in our Chapter.



Meet Your Member



This month's featured member is Brian Hatchett, Cost Analyst at Acquisition Cost Division (OC-ALC/FMC).

Brian has been in FMC since January 2010, when he came on his final Tinker Internship Program (TIP) rotation. After graduating in May, he was placed permanently in that position. His job entails performing economic analysis and cost estimating. These deliverables help decision makers prioritize projects and competing alternatives in a logical and consistent way.

Brian really enjoys the work he does. He has come a long way as an analyst, but he still feels he has a tremendous amount to learn. He likes his job because it is mentally challenging, it constantly provides obstacles, contingencies, and the work is unexpected. He thinks the most important thing this job has taught him is perseverance! The function of his office is important, but there are numerous frustration sources and it is critical to persevere. While his deliverable does not make the decision on an issue, it grants insight into the issue, allowing the decision makers to have a solid reference with which to evaluate the options.

Brian's goals in the near to medium term are to learn all he can from his office mates, pursue his master's degree, and to work on PME and SCEA certifications.

Keep up the great work and thanks for being an active member!

Save the Date!

**Join us for the
15th Annual ASMC Sequoyah Chapter Professional Development Institute Symposium
Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

More details coming soon...

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event
16 Jan	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
18 Jan	PDI Planning Committee Meeting Dyess Conference Room, Post Location 2AB77A, Bldg. 3001 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm; POC: Dawn Keister, 405-736-3561
19 Jan	Awards & Scholarship Committee Meeting POC: Angela Harris, 405-736-4266
25 Jan	PDI Planning Committee Meeting Dyess Conference Room, Post Location 2AB77A, Bldg. 3001 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm; POC: Dawn Keister, 405-736-3561
26 Jan	Awards & Scholarship Committee Meeting POC: Angela Harris, 405-736-4266
31 Jan	ASMC January Luncheon Mr. Gilbert Montoya, Director, 448th Supply Chain Management Wing "AFMC Changes" Oklahoma Room, Bldg. 3001; 11:30 am - 12:30 pm POC: Tammy Brandt, 405-734-5580
08 Feb	PDI Planning Committee Meeting Dyess Conference Room, Post Location 2AB77A, Bldg. 3001 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm; POC: Dawn Keister, 405-736-3561
14 Feb	Special Community Service Project: Cookies for Veterans POC: Crystal Sauer, 405-734-5423
20 Feb	Presidents' Day
22 Feb	PDI Planning Committee Meeting Dyess Conference Room, Post Location 2AB77A, Bldg. 3001 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm; POC: Dawn Keister, 405-736-3561
Tentative	ASMC February Luncheon Brig. Gen. Mark Brown, Comptroller, AFMC/FM 11:30 am - 12:30 pm We will also be collecting pull tabs at this luncheon for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Person who brings the most pull tabs by weight wins a free luncheon!
04 Mar	Continuing Education Applications Due POC: Angela Harris, 405-736-4266



Obama Puts His Stamp on Strategy for a Leaner Military

January 05, 2012

WASHINGTON — President Obama has for the first time put his own stamp on an all-encompassing American military policy by turning from the grinding ground wars that he inherited from the Bush administration and refocusing on what he described as a smaller, more agile force across Asia, the Pacific and the Middle East.



President Obama after speaking about military strategy at the Pentagon on Thursday.

In an unusual appearance at the Pentagon briefing room on Thursday, Mr. Obama outlined a new national defense strategy driven by three realities: the winding down of a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, a fiscal crisis demanding hundreds of billions of dollars in Pentagon budget cuts and a rising threat from China and Iran.

A fourth reality, not mentioned in the briefing room, was Mr. Obama's re-election campaign and the chorus of Republican presidential candidates who have sought to portray him as decimating the Pentagon budget and being weak in his response to Iran.

Mr. Obama, who spoke surrounded by a tableau of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in dress uniforms and with chests full of medals, underscored the national security successes of his administration — the ending of the Iraq war, the killing of Osama bin Laden and the ouster of Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi of Libya — before declaring that the United States would downsize to a smaller ground force, get rid of “outdated cold war-era systems” and step up investments in intelligence-gathering and [cyberwarfare](#).

He also said, in what seemed aimed at the Republicans as well as the Defense Department officials in the room, that “our military will be leaner, but the world must know the United States is going to maintain our military superiority.”

Other analysts said the strategy appeared good but that without the details — specifically, what kind of budget cuts it would result in — it was hard to judge. The specific cuts are to be made public in coming weeks.

Source: New York Times



New Year's Resolutions That Make Financial Sense

It is the new year and many of us making new year's resolutions. Below are seven different resolutions that will save you money. Try a few or try them all! Each letter in "NEW YEAR" represents an idea.

N - No smoking. According to research from eHealthInsurance, smokers pay an average monthly health insurance premium that's 14% higher than for nonsmokers. And that's on top of the high price of cigarettes.

E - Eat at home more. Eating out costs about three to four times what it would cost at home. Besides it is healthier in that you are in control of what your ingredients.

W - Wash your own car at home. Cleaner car at a fraction of the price. The price of an average car wash is about \$10--for that price you can buy soap and wax that will last a full year.

Y - Yoga instead of gym membership. Gym memberships can go as high as \$100 per month. Ask yourself if you do go to the gym regularly to warrant the price. One can buy a Yoga video for about \$10 and workout without leaving home.

E - Eliminate most of your debt. On your credit cards, try to pay more than the minimum each month. Consider setting up a rainy day fund for last minute emergencies.

A - Automate bills. Save time and money by paying online or setting up a bank auto draft. In addition, by fully automating your bill payment on a certain day of every month, you don't have to remember to pay your bills on time--avoiding late fees.

R - Roast your own coffee. Consider that \$6 cup of coffee every day--is it worth it? Making coffee at home is inexpensive and easy. It will also help you control the flavor of your cup and appreciate how different roasts result in different cup flavors.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

phd.stanford.edu
JORGE CHAM @THE STANFORD DAILY



Louis, 1st year graduate student



Gwendolyn, 2nd year (Computer Science)



Bill, 8th year graduate student



Mike, (unknown) year graduate student



ASMC National News

Promoting the National Awards Program

The ASMC has a comprehensive awards and recognition program that includes individual and chapter awards, as well as academic financial assistance opportunities. Full award descriptions, criteria and the web-based forms are available on the ASMC Web site. All award categories are currently open for nominations, and we urge you to get the word out to your members and local community. You will soon receive a press release to distribute throughout your financial management community, one that is intended to encourage participation in both local and national awards programs.

As a reminder, all nominations must be submitted via the National ASMC Awards Online Web site <<http://ASMC.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xOTU3NzY5JnA9MSZ1PTEwMjEzMTA0NzYmbGk9OTE5OTcxMA/index.html>> . Below are the deadlines for each award category:

- * Individual Awards: January 31
- * Essay Contest: February 28
- * National Scholarship Program: March 31
- * Members Continuing Education Grant: March 31
- * Chapter Competition Program: April 10
- * Chapter Leadership Award: April 10
- * Corporate Member of the year: April 10

If you have questions regarding this year's award program, please email awards@asmconline.org or any of the Committee Members.

Local Membership Drive

Every year we hold a membership drive. This year we are giving away a free annual renewal to any current member who signs up THREE new paid memberships between 1 December 2011 and 31 January 2012. We would like to take this opportunity to advocate our membership to promote and sign up new members in ASMC.

Members can sign-up and pay Online at: <http://www.asmconline.org>

Note: For current Members to get credit, please send Alana Hayward (alana.hayward@tinker.af.mil) an e-mail with the names of the people you signed up. Those members who achieve the "GOAL" will receive a voucher for a free one year renewal at the Mini PDI on 24 April 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give Alana Hayward a call at 405-736-3566.