



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

Sequoyah Chapter



Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma

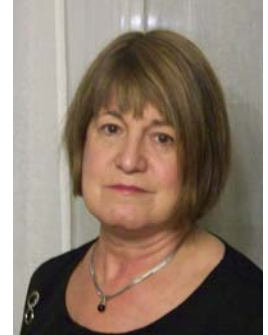
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President's Message

ASMC Members,

For many of us who work in financial management, September is always a busy month for us. With close-out behind us, it's time to give ourselves pats on our backs for working hard! This new fiscal year will be a challenge as every Federal agency will be trying to cut budgets. We need to continue to look for ways to "do more with less".



First, I would like to mention CDFM audio training that's coming up later this month. I highly recommend this "refresher" training prior to the module testing of the CDFM. The impact on your career could be tremendous. If you need additional information, please contact Jeff Leid (Certification Officer).

Second, we also have a few community service events that are on the calendar. On 25 October, our chapter will be helping the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank to "Fight Hunger and Feed Hope". In addition, we will also be collecting canned food items for the Airman's Attic pantry. I highly encourage everyone to volunteer for these events. Remember, it is our dedication to community service that played a significant role in our 5-star status.

Speaking of 5-star, we will be celebrating our national recognition at our next monthly luncheon on Thursday, 13 October. Ms. Donna Rynda, training and development specialist of "Make It Matter!", will be revealing the four free ways to reduce our stress. Ms. Rynda has been our guest speaker at several past chapter events and is a favorite among chapter members I would highly encourage everyone to attend and spread the word out to invite others, especially non-members, to attend our luncheon and see what ASMC has to offer.

Preparation for our 2012 PDI will begin soon. We are seeking members to help plan for this special event. Please contact Dawn Keister (VP of Professional Development) if you're interested. We would love to have you on our planning committee, 2 November from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the FM Conference Room.

I wish everyone a Happy Columbus Day. Enjoy the long weekend, you deserve a break!

Pam Myers

By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.
-- Christopher Columbus



Meet Your Member



This month we would like to introduce you to Steve Johnson, Vice President of ASMC Sequoyah Chapter.

Steve is a Senior Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) in Midwest City. He is BAH's lead for Business Analytics supporting the Air Logistics Centers (Oklahoma City, Ogden, and Warner Robins), Global Logistics Support Center, and Nuclear Warfare Center. He guides a team delivering in-depth analysis for program management, maintenance, and supply chain activities.

Steve has an active duty military background. His assignments cover the waterfront of Air Force levels; from base to Pentagon level assignments. In addition to multiple Comptroller assignments, Steve was a Support Group Commander and also Deputy Director of Logistics Management here at OC-ALC. He retired from the Air Force in 2005 where he was the Deputy Comptroller for Air Education and Training Command.

Steve was President of the Black Hills Chapter, ASMC twice, Sequoyah Chapter President four times, and was Air Force VP for the Tidewater Chapter. In addition to ASMC, Steve is also a member of the Air Force Association, Logistics Officers Association, and Airlift Tanker Organization.

Steve earned his CDFM and APDP III in Business and Cost Estimating.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Membership/Treasurer's Report

For period ending 30 Sep 2011

Checking: \$1,344.20

Savings: \$9,782.15

Membership Count: 181

Longest Member: October 1984 (17 years!)

Newest Member: July 2011

2011-2012 Executive Officers

President	Pam Myers	734-1422
Vice President	Steve Johnson	732-2268
1 st VP/Membership	Alana Hayward	736-5699
2 nd VP/Programs	Tammy Brandt	734-5580
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4 th VP/Prof Dev	Dawn Keister	736-3561
5 th VP/Awards & Scholarships	Angela Harris	736-4266
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Treasurer	Tamara Webb	736-2107
Secretary	Nancy Gleaton	734-1423



Calendar of Events

Date	Event
10 Oct	Columbus Day
13 Oct	ASMC Monthly Luncheon Ms. Donna Rynda "The Four Free Ways to Reduce Your Stress Starting Today" 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Bldg. 3001, Oklahoma Room See Ticket Monitor for Details (page 5 of this newsletter)
25/26 Oct	CDFM Audio Training (AKA EDFM-T Training) Module 1 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Bldg. 201W, 5 MRS Conference Room POC: Jeff Leid, 739-7164
25 Oct	Regional Food Bank Volunteering: "Fight Hunger and Feed Hope" 6:00 - 8:00 pm 3355 S. Purdue Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73179 POC: Crystal Sauer, 734-5423 or Jeff Leid, 739-7164
2 Nov	PDI Planning Committee Meeting 10:00 - 11:00 am Bldg. 3001, FM Conference Room POC: Dawn Keister, 736-3651
11 Nov	Veterans Day
15/16 Nov	CDFM Audio Training (AKA EDFM-T Training) Module 2 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Bldg. 201W, 5 MRS Conference Room POC: Jeff Leid, 739-7164
17 Nov	ASMC Monthly Luncheon Col. Mark Beierle "Vision of the OC-ALC Aerospace Sustainment Directorate" 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Bldg. 3001, Oklahoma Room
24 Nov	Thanksgiving
13/14 Dec	CDFM Audio Training (AKA EDFM-T Training) Module 3 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Bldg. 201W, 5 MRS Conference Room POC: Jeff Leid, 739-7164



Awards and Scholarships

ASMC Achievement Awards

ASMC has a comprehensive awards and recognition program that includes individual and chapter awards, as well as academic scholarship opportunities. The National Awards Committee has made some revisions to the achievement award categories that have been in place for the past several years. To summarize:

- * Categories being removed: Analysis and Evaluation; Business Management; Education, Training and Career Development
- * Categories remaining the same: Accounting and Finance; Auditing; Budgeting; Comptroller; Intern/Trainee; Contractor Support; Resource Management
- * New Categories: Acquisition/Cost Analysis; Financial Systems
- * The team achievement category will be divided into small (2-10) and large (11-20) teams.

Descriptions of each of the achievement categories, and well as other award areas, will soon be available at awards.asmconline.org. Nominations for all team and individual awards will be open for submission by October 15, 2011.

National Scholarship Program

The objectives of the National Scholarship Program are to recognize graduating high school seniors for academic achievement, to provide financial assistance that they may accomplish their future financial management baccalaureate education goals, and to increase local chapter scholarship programs.

Award Criteria

- * Application must have an ASMC chapter endorsement letter.
- * Nomination must be submitted through the Awards Online website.
- * Applicant must have recommendation letter from an ASMC chapter president and an academic official
- * Applications from prior winners will require document support of a GPA of 3.0 or higher and a letter from the academic institution confirming continued work in the area of financial management.

Deadline

The ASMC National Headquarters must receive applications between January 1 and March 31 to be considered by the selection panel.

For More Information

Please see page 5 on how to write winning awards. If you have any other questions, please contact: Angela D. Harris, VP of Awards and Scholarships
736-4266, angela.harris@tinker.af.mil



How to Write Winning Awards

1. All awards should be written in narrative format.
2. Read the nominating form and judging criteria very carefully. Be sure you have adequately answered all the questions. Make sure your nomination is free of spelling and grammatical errors and is easily understood.
3. Assume that the judge does not know your candidate. Too much information can be as harmful as too little information. Don't make the judge read through wonderful, glowing language to find the real heart of the answer. DO NOT use acronyms or if necessary, make sure you explain them as the judges come from each Service and US Coast Guard.
4. Don't think you have to keep your nomination a secret or do it by yourself. Gather as much information and background as possible. Be accurate. Don't guess or generalize. Gather as much information and background as possible. Be accurate. Give specific examples to reinforce what you are saying.
5. Organize your thoughts carefully and follow the nominating form. Focus on key questions on the nomination form and judging criteria; detail accomplishments and their impact; describe leadership abilities; and, describe how the nominee has made a difference in the organization. Share what stands out.

October Luncheon Information



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Thursday, 13 Oct 11
1130 to 1230 Hours
Bldg 3001, Oklahoma Room

Ms. Donna Rynda
Make It Matter!
"The Four Free Ways to Reduce Your Stress – Starting Today!"

Menu: Italian-marinated Chicken Breast, Grilled Veggies, Wild Rice, Brownies, Iced Tea & Water



Tickets on sale
30 Sep-11 Oct 11
(hurry!...limited seating)

\$10 Members
\$15 Non-Members

TICKET MONITORS		
38CEG	Darlene Tharp	739-4069
72CE	Paul Dean	734-3022
72CPTS	Ann Franklin	739-5121
76MXW	Libby Cury	739-5226
4485CMW	Donna Conover	736-7681
507ARW	Lee Ann Momison	734-7207
AFAA	Anthony Buck	734-8172
ALC/FM	Rebecca Johnson	739-5548
ALC/FM	Libby Cury	739-5226
ALC/GK	Judy Crespo	739-2041
ALC/GK	Dean Coleman	736-2928
Area A	Kristie Tiley	739-8891



Connecting Through Social Media

In an effort to increase opportunities to talk and listen to FMers throughout the world, Dr. Morin (SAF/FM) has started his own Facebook page and Twitter account. He will share his thoughts on current issues facing FMers, interesting news articles, and so on. Dr. Morin will try to post/tweet at least daily and you are encouraged to join in on the conversation.

If you'd like to "Like" Dr. Morin on Facebook (and who wouldn't like to like him?), here's a quick link to his page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jamie-Morin/205933186137636?sk=wall>

If you'd like to follow him on Twitter, here's a quick link to his page: <http://twitter.com/#!/usafcomptroller>



Dr. Jamie Morin is the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management & Comptroller). For more information, please visit <http://www.saffm.hq.af.mil/index.asp> (SAF/FM Homepage).



Think Twice Before You Swipe

We all like using a debit card for purchases--it's convenient. But soon, that convenience will start costing you--as much as \$60 a year. Bank of America, the country's largest bank with 7 million customers, will soon charge a \$5 monthly fee when you use debit cards to make a purchase.

"Fees for debt cards usage is just something were going to see a lot more of in the weeks and months ahead because banks are going to be making a lot less revenue every time a consumer swipes that card," said Greg McBride, senior financial analyst, Bankrate.com.

Bank of America's new monthly fee goes days before new banking regulations go into effect. A bill sponsored by Senator Dick Durbin regulates the fees banks can charge retailers, so Bank of America is sticking it to consumers and blaming it on Durbin's bill.

JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo are also starting to test a \$3 debit card fee in select markets. PNC, Citibank, Capital One, and U.S. Bank all say that for now, there won't be a fee--but that might not last.

Source: ABC News

How You as a Consumer Can Fight Back

- * Shop around locally. Consider banking with smaller banks or credit unions. Check around and read the fine print. Many of these banks don't charge such fees as they value customer loyalty. In addition, you're supporting your local economy.
- * Pay with cash. Most retailers still accept this traditional form of payment. Be careful as carrying large amounts of cash can be dangerous and invite thieves.
- * Apply for a credit card, but make sure you have discipline not to overspend. Make every effort to pay it off every month so there are no interest and late-payment fees. By carrying a balance, the interest charge can easily be greater than the \$60 debit fee.
- * Write a check. Yes, that might be old-fashioned and tedious, but at least you can become familiar in spelling out numbers, right? Keep in mind that many businesses have the ability to instantly cash the check electronically, so do not try to "float" a check--otherwise your bank might charge you up to \$50 for an overdraft. Also, check to see if your bank charges a fee for each check you write.

