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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**REDSTONE/HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER,** October is the month of new beginnings as we transition into Fall and a new Fiscal Year. The weather is already starting to cool down and we are starting to get some funds trickling in under the FY25 Continuous Resolution (CR) that currently runs through 20 December 2024. This is a great time of the year to reset and a great opportunity to get plugged into SDFM if not so already.



**JEFF BACON**  
President  
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

We have Hero's Week coming up the week of 7-12 November. Laura Oliver has sent out a couple emails now over the past month requesting volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers that have already signed up. This is a great event to honor and serve our Veterans. If you can't locate those emails, please reach out to me at [jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil](mailto:jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil) and I will get you connected.

I appreciate everyone that came out to support the October Professional Development Event (PDE) as well as our guest speaker, Bill Koch who provided an excellent overview of "Still Serving Veterans". It is important to understand the importance of our profession and what we contribute to the bigger picture. After all, we live in the greatest Country in the World. Be proud of that and stand behind those that protect us each and every day!

### Chapter Resources

WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://ASM-C-RSA-HSV.ORG](https://asmc-rsa-hsv.org)

CHAPTER LINKEDIN:

[ASM-C-RSA-HSV](#)

NATIONAL WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://SDFM.ORG/](https://sdfm.org/)

JOIN SDFM:

[HTTPS://SDFM.ORG/MEMBERSHIP/](https://sdfm.org/membership/)

## CONTINUATION OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Give thanks and give it often. Mark your calendars for 27 November and support the Downtown Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Serving. We have a lot to be thankful for please share your time and love by volunteering for this great cause.

Also, this month we have Halloween so it might be appropriate to say a Halloween financial joke in the newsletter – right? Have you heard about the poor witch who became a millionaire? It was a rags-to-witches story. I know, I know, I've been told before don't quit your day job! Whatever your Halloween plans are have fun and be safe!

To wrap you this month we did receive the financial audit back from our Audit Committee led by Nancy Howe. I haven't been able to go through it entirely yet, but I do thank you Nancy for your time, effort, and assistance in the completion as well as due diligence as always.

Upcoming next month, please mark your calendars for Thursday, 7 November @ 1100. We welcome Timothy McCleskey from the FEDUP "Financially Educated with Unlimited Potential" an awesome guy that is a Federal/Civilian Retirement Specialist with over 24 years in the financial industry and author of the book "The Volcanic Eruption of Debt". You will not want to miss out on this luncheon. RVSP through Eventbrite or reach out to Daphne Turner @ [daphne.d.turner.civ@army.mil](mailto:daphne.d.turner.civ@army.mil). Location is at the Redstone Federal Credit Union off Wynn Drive in the Atrium. If you are not able to make it but interested, please check out his website at [fedupgroup.com](http://fedupgroup.com).

In closing, Debbie and I want to thank the Executive Board and all our Committee Chairs for what they do for the membership. It is always a pleasure and honor serving with you and we look forward to great things to come in the New Year.

*Jeff Bacon*

Society of Defense Financial Management  
Redstone/Huntsville Chapter President  
5 Star Chapter

**Nov 7, 2024**

## **Professional Development Event**

*Timothy McCleskey Jr. Federal/Civilian Retirement Specialist  
FEDUP – Financially Educated With Unlimited Potential  
Author of The Volcanic Eruption of Debt*



*Author Timothy McCleskey, Jr. has worked in the financial services industry for over 18 years. Tim's approach to eliminating debt is done by helping people to become aware of how they behave with money through interactive instruction. Tim works as a consultant, conducting Benefit and Retirement seminars for Federal agencies such as the IRS, Bureau of Prisons, Social Security Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and others.*

*American Society of Military Comptrollers  
(ASMC)*

*The Association for the Improvement of  
Minorities in the Internal Revenue Service  
(AIM-IRS)*

*associate and bachelor's degree in psychology*

# Financial Management Corner

## **Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual DoD Strategy Stakeholder Exchange.**

The Honorable Kathleen Miller, DUSDC, requests that you join our FM Leaders on Friday January 10, 2025, from @ 0830-1530 EST for the 3rd Annual DoD FM Strategy FY22-26 Stakeholder Exchange held both in person at the DLA Auditorium located at Fort Belvoir in Fairfax, VA and virtually via Government Zoom. For those of you who are local, please plan to attend in person. The event is open to government civilians and military staff only. There is no cost to attend the event.

Given this will occur at the beginning of the CY, it offers a great opportunity for USDC/DUSDC to provide their "Commander's Intent" and showcase FY24 audit and strategy execution successes as well as Top Enterprise Campaigns for 2028 Audit attainment. These include key focus areas such as FBWT, Asset Valuation, accelerated legacy system retirement, and ERP expansion to better automate P2P and increase TDO, and standards compliance [FFMIA, SFIS, FISCAM, PRD, etc.].

Registration and the completion of post-event surveys on the registration site is required for receiving up to 5 CETs. Final agenda and event logistics will be posted to the FM online site (link below) prior to the event.

Event page: <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/FMmyLearn/LearningPlan/Conference/default.aspx?e=4>

**In-Person Attendance:** Please join us at the DLA Auditorium at McNamara Complex located on Fort Belvoir military installation in Fairfax, Va. You will need a DoD CAC to enter the gate.

**For Remote Attendance:** Up to 5,000 people can attend via Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

# OCTOBER PDE RECAP



*Bill Koch, COO, Still Serving Vets. Bill gave us an overview of Still Serving Veterans mission, accomplishments, and funding streams*



*Terry Wilson accepted the Member of the Quarter on behalf of Ms. Katrina Hale.*



*Liz McCollough is leaving the Huntsville Area for position at Core of Engineers in Cleveland, OH. Liz spearheaded the certification program. You will be missed, Liz!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
4-9 Nov	Multiple	Heroes' Week	Various
7-Nov	1100-1200	Atruim at Redstone	Nov (PDE)
14-Nov	1100-1230	TEAMS	Nov Board Meeting
5-Dec	1100-1200	TEAMS	Oct Board Meeting
11-Dec	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Christmas Party
2-Jan	1100-1230	TEAMS	Dec Board Meeting
9-Jan	1100-1200	Atruim at Redstone	Jan PDE (TBD)
4-5 Feb	0800-1700	Jackson Center	Mini PDI

Our next [Executive Board Meeting](#) is **14 Nov 2024 at 11:00 AM**. Please make sure there is a representative from each committee present for the monthly board meeting if at all possible. If you or a representative from your committee are unable to make it, please send your committee updates ahead of time and let one of the officers know you won't be in attendance.

Board meeting minutes are available upon request. Please email the Recording Secretary, Madisone "Madi" Betts at [madibetts98@gmail.com](mailto:madibetts98@gmail.com)





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# Redstone/Huntsville

2025 Mini PDI : February 4 & 5, 2025

## Game Changers

**Making a Difference, Striving for Excellence**

**Location:** Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35806

Also Available Virtually via MS Teams

**Time:** 8 AM - 5 PM

**Price:** Member \$60

Non-Member Government/Military \$130

Non-Member Contractor \$150



**Scan to Register Now, in-person is limited  
Registration ends January 31, 2025**

or the following website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-sdfm-redstone-huntsville-mini-pdi-registration-1008574853537>



[National Website](#)



[Chapter Website](#)



[LinkedIn](#)



[FaceBook](#)

**Opportunity to EARN  
14 CETS**

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS (HEROES WEEK)

The week of 7-12 November will be Heroes Week this year. Again, I am asking for volunteers to work at the Operations/Information Desk. This desk will be set up at the Westin Hotel. You will have a 3-hour slot or more if you wish. SDFM/ASMC supports this event by manning the Operations Desk at the hotel where the guests stay during the week, providing information, direction, and general support for the event as needed. This, for such, is one of our most rewarding events. This event allows us to show our appreciation to these heroes.

If you want to get more involved this year, there is a place for you. They need people who can drive the vans to and from events. We can use people on Friday, 8 November, to help at the Yacht Club in Guntersville. I need help to set up things ahead of the guests, such as chairs. Wintzell's Oyster House is catering to this event, but we need people to help serve food and clean up. If you can come out in person and would still like to help, you can do so by doing a dessert such as cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, homemade fudge, or something like this to enjoy as their dessert for the night. I can arrange to get them out to the Yacht Club.

## WHAT IS HEROES' WEEK

Each year, the Semper Fi Community Task Force of North Alabama (SFCTF) is honored to host Heroes' Week, a week full of food, new friends, and many exciting activities and adventures!

Often, these American Heroes and their families do not receive the welcome home that many of our military receive after returning home. Many were in hospitals, recovering from injuries received in the line of duty, while their units completed the deployment and returned to a hero's welcome.

They recently included first responders in the scope of their mission. Local first responders injured in the line of duty are nominated by their leadership and invited to attend Heroes' Week annually.

This event gives our Tennessee Valley/Northern Alabama communities a chance to show their deep appreciation and recognition of these service members, their spouses, and their caregivers.

Our guests are honored at the Huntsville, Alabama, Veterans' Day Parade, Marine Corps Ball, Yacht Cruises on Lake Guntersville, and numerous lunches and dinners hosted by local organizations and businesses.

Other support you can give is coming out and welcoming them at the Airport and motorcade to the Westin Hotel (if you ride a motorcycle, you may wish to ride in the motorcade), the Marine Corps Ball, and the Veterans Day Parade. This year, they are encouraging every volunteer to attend the Farewell Dinner at the Redstone Harley-Davidson.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

POC for this event is Debbie O'Neal, [onealdeb@nehp.net](mailto:onealdeb@nehp.net), phone 256-723-2314 or 256-783-4724 or Terry Phelps, [captmorgan.tp@gmail.com](mailto:captmorgan.tp@gmail.com), 505-280-4729.

Thank you all so very much.

Debbie O'Neal  
[onealdeb25@gmail.com](mailto:onealdeb25@gmail.com)  
256-783-4724 ©



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS (DRM THANKSGIVING DINNER)

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### **Thanksgiving Table Server**

Wed, November 27 at 10:45 AM - 1 PM (2.25 hours)

19 slots remaining

1400 Evangel Drive Northwest, Huntsville, AL, USA

Serving each table food, drinks, and desserts. Getting refills and more food.

### **Thanksgiving Meal Service**

Thu, November 28 at 10:45 AM - 1 PM (2.25 hours)

23 slots remaining

Serving each table food, drinks, and desserts. Getting refills and more food.

Sign up at: <https://vhub.at/10OIG4G>

Check the block for ASMC/SDFM

Please come out and volunteer to serve the less fortunate this holiday season!

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS CORNER

**Announcing new Membership AWARDS**

Let's grow our Chapter

## Recruitment Awards

**MONTHLY**  
Bring a "non-member" guest and be entered into the drawing for FREE admission for the next PDE

Simply mention your guest(s) name when checking in at the PDE

**QUARTERLY**  
Member who recruits the most new members— receives a \$50 cash award

Minimum of 2 recruits

## Appreciation Award

Monthly drawing from Active membership list — winner receives a FREE admission to a monthly PDE

**Redstone/Huntsville Membership Committee**  
Jamica Langley      Madisone Betts  
Katrina Hale      Stephanie Russell  
Khoe Tran

2024-2025 Redstone/Huntsville SDFM Membership committee:  
Jamica Langley  
Madisone Betts  
Khoe Tran  
Stephanie Russell

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS CORNER

Today is a great day to review your SDFM Membership Profile! Please visit the SDFM website and update your contact information (email/phone/organization) today. Visit <https://sdfm.org>. We still have some members that have not changed their email address from mail.mil to army.mil. Please review and update your email address ASAP.

**WELCOME** to our new members that have joined the Redstone/Huntsville chapter! We are beyond excited to see what great things you do in your career and in our chapter.

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2024-2025 Redstone/Huntsville SDFM Membership Committee:

Jamica Langley  
Madisone Betts  
Khoe Tran  
Stephanie Russell

## NEWSLETTER NEWS CORNER

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**Want to volunteer to help with the newsletter?**

**Want to contribute articles, pictures or ideas?**

**Know someone that should be honored for their contribution?**

**Know someone retiring or that has passed on from our chapter that we should pay tribute to?**

Send them to the Newsletter Committee Via Email:

Kari Childress (chair): [kari.m.childress.civ@army.mil](mailto:kari.m.childress.civ@army.mil)

Stephen Elison: [stephen.d.elison.civ@army.mil](mailto:stephen.d.elison.civ@army.mil)

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## 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

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