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TEAM REDSTONE,

Greetings, Mighty SDFM "Rocket City" Teammates! From July to August, our chapter has been very busy navigating a period of transition. I want to personally thank both our outgoing and incoming committees for working together so effectively during this transition. This success is not only because of our leaders, but because of the commitment, dedication, and teamwork of all our members.



Col. Samuel Glover
President Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

I want to recognize our outgoing President, Jeff Bacon, and Vice President, Debbie O'Neal, for their outstanding leadership and the strong foundation they have provided for our chapter. Because of their leadership—and the continued support of our incredible members—we are positioned for an exciting year ahead. As your new President, I look forward to reaching new heights together!

"Be the One" — Our Campaign for the Year
As I shared during my acceptance speech, my "Be the One" Campaign is built around four key areas: Membership, Committees, Volunteering, and Training.

Chapter Resources

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Continuation of President's Message

I want to recognize Ms. Dinah Snodgrass, our new Training Committee Chair; Teasia Cunningham, our Program Committee Chair; and Steve Clark, our new Certification Committee Chair. They are building strong teams and preparing an outstanding training program for our membership. I encourage you to "Be the One" and join them.

At the heart of this campaign is a simple principle: serve others as we serve one another, our profession, Defense Financial Management, and the Rocket City communities we are privileged to call home.

A Great Start to the New SDFM Year

This has been a very busy month focused on leadership transitions, budget reviews, our monthly membership meeting, and preparing for the year ahead. I am extremely pleased with the work taking place across our committees. Our committee chairs are building their teams, establishing priorities, and developing plans for an exciting year of service.

We have more work ahead, but we are off to an awesome start!

As we move forward, our focus must remain on leading and working together with patience, teamwork, and a commitment to outreach and service. A special thank-you goes to Mr. Kevin Kidd, our new Vice President, for helping lead the charge and keeping us focused on bringing our teams together.

Another major accomplishment this month was the completion of our budget reviews, led by Lakeitha Smiley-Hooks and Lauren Cunningham. I greatly appreciate their leadership and the support of all our committee chairs in working with the Treasury Team to complete this important effort.

Our monthly meeting was another tremendous success. Mr. Darryl Guidry, AMC Financial Operations Chief, provided an excellent and engaging presentation, "Year-End Closeout—Are You Ready?" His experience and perspective provided our members with valuable insight as we prepare for year-end closeout.

We have also begun planning our September virtual meeting with SDFM National Headquarters, developing a year-long training calendar, and preparing for our capstone professional development event, the SDFM Rocket City Mini-PDI.

Continuation of President's Message

Looking Ahead

I am truly excited about the year ahead. We have so many great activities, professional development opportunities, community outreach initiatives, and fellowship events planned. But what excites me most is the opportunity to work alongside each of you.

Our chapter is strong because of its people. Every member has something valuable to contribute, whether through membership, committee service, volunteering, professional development, mentorship, or simply showing up and supporting one another.

So, as we move forward together, I challenge each of you:

Be the One.

Be the one who steps forward.

Be the one who serves.

Be the one who invites someone new.

Be the one who mentors.

Be the one who volunteers.

Be the one who learns and helps others learn.

Be the one who makes a difference.

One person can make a difference—but together, we can make an even greater impact.

*Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your SDFM "Rocket City" Chapter President. I look forward to an outstanding year of **service, teamwork, professional excellence, and community impact.***

Let's continue to reach new heights—together!

Be the One!

Col Samuel B Glover II
Society of Defense Financial Management
Redstone/Huntsville Chapter President
5 Star Chapter

Meet Our Members

Colonel Samuel B. Glover II



Colonel (COL) Samuel B. Glover II currently serves as the Senior Advisor for Resource Management Directorate (G8) at the Army Material Command (AMC), at Redstone Arsenal, AL. The AMC is the Army's leading command for global sustainment and logistic operations executing an annual over \$55B budget. Through 33 years of active duty and reserve service, COL Glover has served in a variety of tactical, operational, and strategic military assignments.

COL Glover was commissioned as an Aviation Second Lieutenant with a Business Degree from South Carolina State University in 1995. He is a Senior Army Aviator UH-60 Blackhawk Pilot with over 1500 of hour combat and training time. In addition, he was an Iraq and Afghanistan Army Security Force Assistance Trainer and Comptroller supporting training efforts for over 300,000 troops and a \$5B budget. Furthermore, selected as a Defense Congressional Fellow culminating as the Chief of the Congressional Budget Office, where he worked for the Sec of the Army, and both Senate and House Appropriators Leadership teams. During this period aiding the Army in receiving over \$182 billion funding and in the implementation of the Army Futures Command. In the second of his career, COL Samuel has been an Army Comptroller managing billions of dollars for First Calvary Division, Joint Special Operations, and Space and Missile Defense Command, aiding the Army in navigating through sequestration, installation renaming commission, the establishments of numerous Army Modernization programs supporting combat operations even our Warfighters in Ukraine today. Recently, COL Glover served as the Installment Management Command (IMCOM) G8, at Fort Sam Houston, TX. IMCOM is the Army's leading command for global sustainment and logistic garrison operations, and with his leadership, it executed \$13B in funding, which supported 106 garrisons and over 60,000 employees.

COL Glover's other educational highlights include: Masters of Business Administration Degree in Finance at Webster University in 2000, Doctor of Management Degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix, AZ in 2012, and a Master's Degree in National Resourcing Strategy and a minor in Supply Chain Management from Eisenhower School War College in 2018.

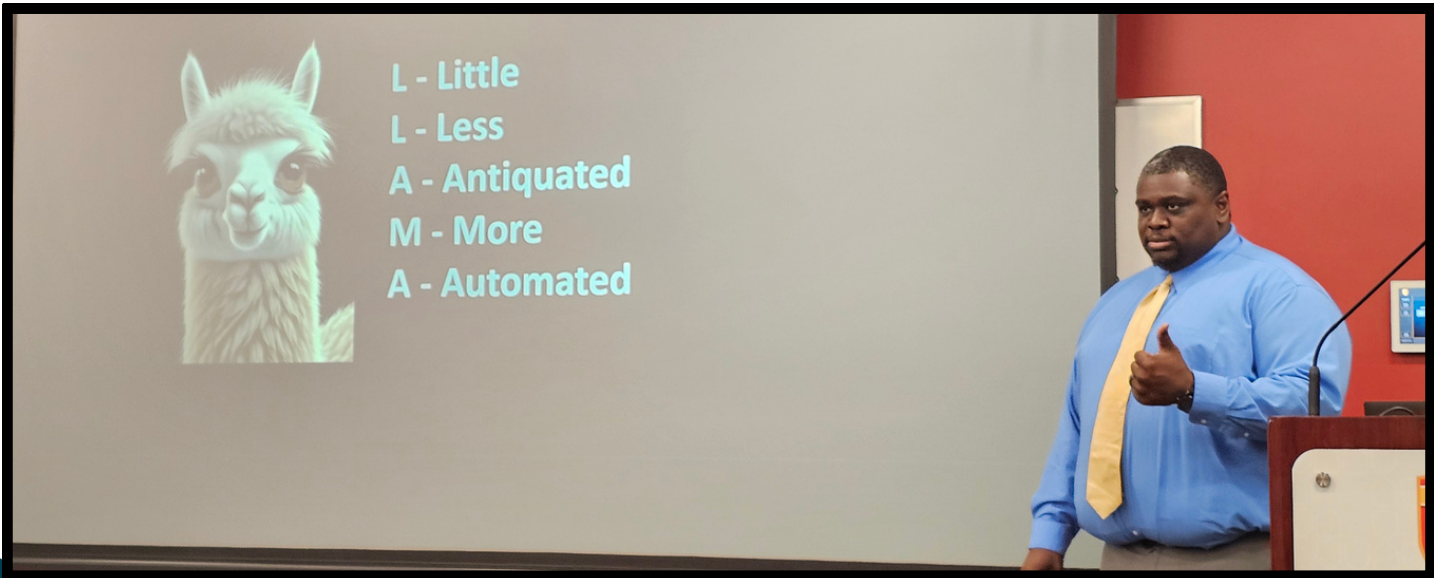
COL Glover's awards and decorations include Legion of Merit (6), Bronze Star Medal (3), Meritorious Service Medal (4), Combat Action Badge, Senior Aviator Badge, Space Badge and Parachutist Badge.

COL Glover is married to Dr. Denise L. Hamlin-Glover of Baltimore, Maryland. They are the proud parents of 23 year old son, Samuel B. Glover III, and a 18 year old daughter, Autumn S. Glover.

"People First, This We Will Defend and Army Strong!"

LLAMA PDI Event

13 August 2026



SMD Symposium & Black Tie Charity Ball



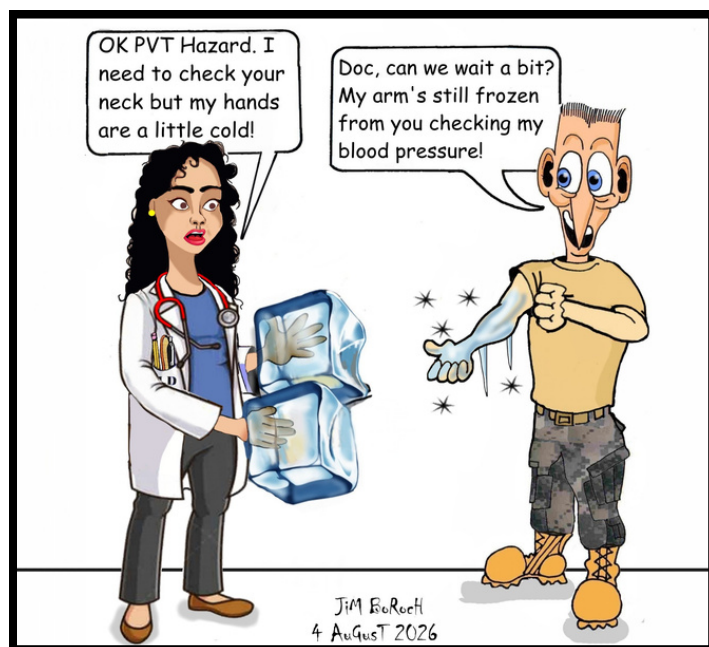
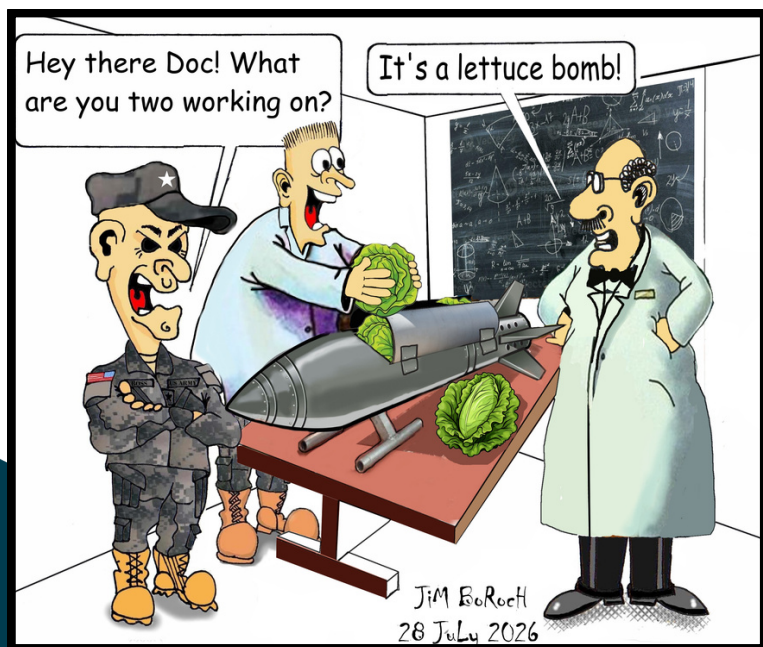
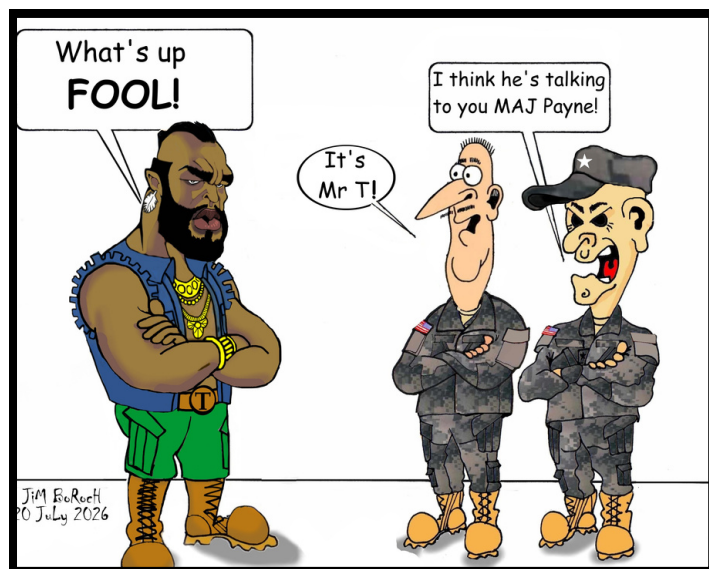
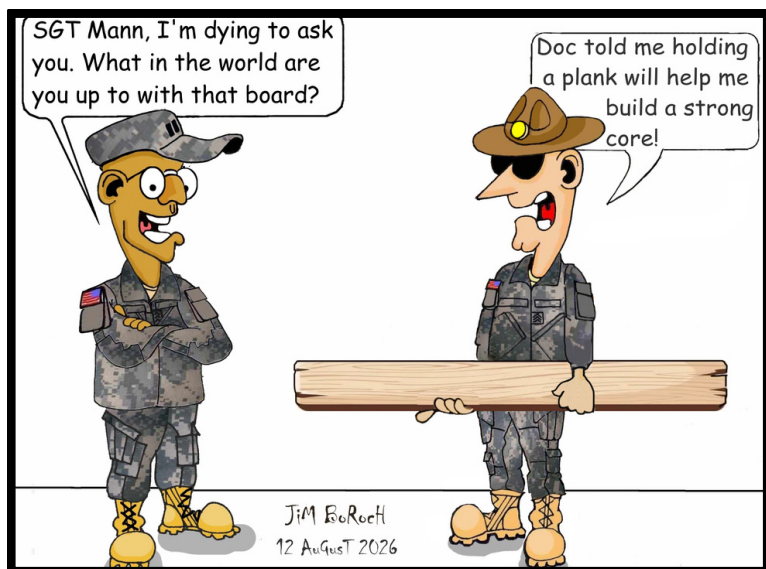
Refresh Your SDFM Member Profile

Update Your Profile & Preferences

Spring is a season of fresh starts, and a great time to make sure your SDFM member profile is up to date. Taking a few moments to review and update your contact information, career details, and communication preferences ensures you're getting the most relevant resources and opportunities. It's also the perfect time to renew your membership and continue enjoying the professional development, connections, and support that SDFM provides year-round.

"PVT Hazard"

The SDFM Redstone/Huntsville Chapter proudly presents "PVT Hazard". Jim Boroch draws the cartoon "PVT Hazard" which appears weekly in the Redstone Rocket. "Hazard" appeared in the Fort Bliss, Fort Sill, Kuwait (Doha) and Fort Carson post newspapers and is in the book "Best of Military Cartoonists". "Hazard" has appeared in Army newspapers weekly since 2002.



SDFM RSA-HSV CHAPTER MEMBER OF THE QUARTER

Kindly submit a nomination for an SDFM member whom you believe has demonstrated exceptional dedication and consistently exceeded expectations during the period July through September 2026.

Let's Recognize Excellence, Dedication, and Outstanding
Performance in our Local Chapter!

Member of the Quarter Criteria Checklist:

- A member in good standing of the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of SDFM.
- Significant contributions to the "Spirit of Resource Management/Comptrollership."

This could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Contribution to the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of SDFM.
- Special recognition for acts of service.
- Publication of article(s) in Armed Forces Comptroller or other professional publications.
- Recognition by SDFM National for acts or service.
- Recognition for community service.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS TODAY

Send Nominations or Questions to the Awards and
Scholarships Committee:

Lauren Cunningham – lauren.s.cunningham2.civ@army.mil

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Upcoming Community Service

Activities/Events:

**Paraworld Cycling Championship,
September 4-7, 2026**

Liz Hurley Run, Oct 17, 2026

We will be taking up donations for AAMU, Oakwood University, and UAH's closets for New and Gently Used Business attire at the October meeting to deliver to the schools.

NEWSLETTER NEWS CORNER



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:

Cynthia Johnson (Chair): cjohnson@bdo.us

Alex Roberts: aroberts@bdo.us

Rebecca Price: rprice@bdo.us

Whitney Oroz: woroz@bdo.us

2025-2026 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

Executive Board	Officer
President	Col. Samuel Glover
Vice-President	Kevin Kidd
Corresponding Secretary	Laura Oliver
Recording Secretary	Hope Boroch
Treasurer	Lakeitha Smiley-Hooks
Assistant Treasurer	Lauren Cunningham
Committe	Committe Chair
Attendance/Facilities/Ways and Means	Daphne Turner
Audit	Sharon Farmer
Awards/Scholarship	Lauren Cunningham
Certification Programs	Stephen Clark
Community Projects	Kembela McCrary
Constitution/Bylaws	Tina Hinze
Early Careerist	Keedra Harris
Membership/Corporate	Jennie Dupree
Newletter/Publicity/Photo	Cynthia Johnson
Nominating	Rebecca Hunt
Chapter Competition	Kevin Kidd
Programs	Teasia Cunningham
Special Events	Kembela McCrary
Training and Education	Col. Samuel Glover
Webmaster	Thaddeus Blake

SDFM Monthly Board Meeting – Formal Minutes

Date: August 6, 2026 **Time:** 11:01 AM (58m 36s) **Location:** Virtual Meeting **Recorder:** Laura Oliver **Secretary:** Hope

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM.

2. Attendance & Roll Call

Laura Oliver initiated transcription and confirmed recording settings. Members identified themselves as they joined.

Present:

- Kevin Kidd
- Daphne Turner
- Lakeitha Smiley-Hooks
- Hope Boroch
- Cynthia Johnson
- Jennie Dupree
- Lauren Cunningham
- Laura Oliver
- Ava / Kedra Harris
- Additional dial-in participants

Citation: *"Kevin Kid is here... Daphne's here... Hope is here... Cynthia is here... Jenny is here."*

Laura confirmed all visible names and identified call-in numbers.

3. Opening Remarks – President (Colonel Glover)

Colonel Glover expressed appreciation for members' patience during leadership transitions and encouraged continued teamwork.

He announced the passing of **Jeff Bacon's mother** and requested members keep the family in their thoughts. **Citation:** *"Please keep the Bacon family and his mother in our prayers."*

He stated he will send a card and flowers on behalf of the chapter.

4. President's Report

4.1 Committee Transitions & Membership Engagement

- Chairs should continue outreach and one-on-one discussions.
- Committees should maintain continuity books.

- Chairs are encouraged to “be the beacon” for committee growth. **Citation:** *“You are the beacon for those committees... for growth and what we want to do within the overall year.”*

4.2 Meeting Planning & Locations

- Redstone **Atrium** remains the primary meeting location.
- Exploring brown-bag sessions, and Rocket City Tavern event **in October** with leadership-focused gathering.
- Planning for DevCom speaker in November and Christmas meeting in December.

4.3 Training & CDFM

- Year-end closeout meeting scheduled for August.
- Virtual CDFM session planned for September.

4.4 Mini-PDI

- Location still being finalized.
- Corporate mentorship efforts ongoing.

4.5 Black-Tie Ball Decision

- Board voted to **donate** rather than purchase a full table due to out-of-cycle timing. **Citation:** *“Instead of doing the entire table... we would go with a donation instead this year.”*

5. Treasurer’s Report – Lakeitha Smiley-Hooks

5.1 Budget Process

- New process requires **itemized submissions** from each committee. **Citation:** *“We’re asking... committee chairs... to give us an itemized list of what they think they will need.”*
- Historical spending data will be provided.
- One-on-one budget meetings will be scheduled after submissions.
- **Lauren Cunningham**– Nothing too much to add other than possibly realigning the budget and see whether expenses from awards and scholarship committee could fall under membership and corporate budget or the president’s budget. I will talk with (COL Glover) offline to discuss.

5.2 Financial Overview

Colonel Glover provided the chapter’s financial position:

- ~\$21,000 checking
- \$40,000 one-year CD **earning 3%**
- \$40,000 three-year CD **earning 2%**
- Expected \$15,000 from National **Citation:** *"We have our regular checking account... 21 ± 1000 dollars... a \$40,000 overall CD... and a three-year CD... totaling about \$100,000."*
- **The next investment opportunity for the chapter, will be next year when the one-year CD expires, around the June timeframe 2027, when it expires, but 4 to 3 prior months the Treasurer Team will work with our Bank and others to determine our best investment options.**

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Programs – Daphne Turner

- Unable to access registration list due to login issue.
- Will be out of town for August meeting.
- Laura confirmed **13 registrants** for August 13. **Citation:** *"We currently have 13 people registered."*

6.2 Awards & Scholarships – Lauren Cunningham

- Asked whether the Presidential Award belongs under her committee or the President's budget.
- Don't know the correct way to do it or if this is the correct forum, in the past the awards and scholarship committee did not budget for presidential awards this became a part of the President's Budget. Only local awards were in our budget.
- Asked whether high school scholarships will continue this year.
- Suggested possible budget realignments.

6.3 Early Careers – Keedra Harris

- Requested clarity on budget allocations affecting Early Careers, Membership, and Scholarships.
- Highlighted costs for college outreach tables and student memberships.
- Emphasized importance of funding student attendance at Mini-BFMI. **Citation:** *"They were able to network... send a resume... gain experience on what the government is."*

6.4 Certification – Steven Clark

- Submitted tentative \$500 budget; flexible pending discussion.

- Mentioned last year's planned certification luncheon that did not occur.
- Open to planning brown-bag sessions.
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6.5 Membership – Jennie Dupree

- Scrubbing membership list and verifying active members.
- Requested historical budget information.
- Will coordinate welcome packets and corporate sponsor engagement.
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6.6 Newsletter – Cynthia Johnson

- Continues as Newsletter Chair.
- Sends reminders by the 15th of each month. **Citation:** *"I typically send out a reminder... by the 15th of each month."*

6.7 Webmaster – Thaddeus Blake

- Website and social media updated.
- Hosting paid through next July; only domain fee (~\$28) due this year. **Citation:** *"We don't have to pay for website hosting again till July of next year."*

6.8 Secretary – Hope Boroch

- Provides minutes within 24 hours.
- Requests members review for accuracy and provide three approvals. **Citation:** *"Please review them... make sure I captured your intent... I need to have three approvals each time."*

7. New Business

No formal motions introduced. Budget discussions and committee realignments will continue in scheduled one-on-one meetings.

Additional note from Debbie O'Neal - I will not be attending the board meeting tomorrow because I am no longer the chair of the Community Project Committee. I will be at the luncheon next week and will take care of the school supplies for Free to Teach and deliver them and do the report if you wish.

8. Closing Remarks

Colonel Glover encouraged continued enthusiasm and recruitment. **Citation:** *"Be the one to have positive energy... bring someone in your great organization."*

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Kevin Kidd.

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