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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TEAM

REDSTONE,

I'm wishing everyone a safe holiday season that is filled with warmth and joy. I'm looking forward to all the great things to come in the year 2026. I researched what could possibly happen and according to Google, 90% of online content will be AI-generated. Looks like we are moving more into artificial intelligence and quantum computing advances that may help with breakthroughs in materials science and medicine. Mortgage rates are predicted to fall significantly to 5%. It is predicted that drones and robots will expand rural delivery for retailers. Let's face it no one knows what is going to happen – right?



JEFF BACON
President
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

Chapter Resources

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NATIONAL WEBSITE:

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

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I'm going to provide my Nostradamus Bacon predictions that are going to come true right now. Next month we will have a Professional Development Event with guest speaker from Thompson Gray. Be on the lookout for those details to come out and listen to the great things they will have to say. This will equal an epic encounter!

Mark your calendars for February 24-25, for the first time in history. There will be the first Defense Financial Management Institute (DFMI) right here in the Rocket City. The theme is "Resilience Through Innovation – Empowering

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Continuation of President's Message

NextGen Leaders to Drive Efficiency". The event will be held at the Von Braun Center, and you will have the opportunity to earn up to 28 CPEs through in-person sessions and on-demand access all included in the All-Access Registration. You can learn from the experts and dive into sessions pertaining to audit readiness, PPBE reform, and digital transformation. Expand your network and lead with purpose. Registration is now open at <https://www.eventleaf.com/e/DFMIHuntsville26>. You will not want to miss it!

Around the corner in March, we are bringing back the "Battle of the Chapters". That's right you read that correctly. The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter will be syncing up with the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) to have another battle of the brains pertaining to trivia in your respective areas in finance and contracts. This will be our 2nd engagement and I'm looking forward to seeing if you have what it takes to win! I know Ray Lewis got it going on as one of the prior champions. I'm predicting he goes undefeated & shows up and shows out what it is all about!

In all seriousness, I'm predicting a great year for everyone. We are in this together and going to make the best of whatever comes. This past month we had a Grinch of a Time celebrating the upcoming holidays at our annual Christmas Party. I want to thank Rebecca Hunt, our Special Events Committee Chair and all those that supported putting this together for our membership and making this such a great event! I got to see some amazing people and made me reflect on what amazing chapter we really do have!

During the event the Member of the Quarter was announced. Lauren Cunningham, our Committee Chair for Awards, provided the nomination and award for Cynthia Johnson. Ms. Johnson has been doing an exceptional job with our Newsletter and Publicity. She has an amazing spirit and is overall just a great human being. I appreciate all that you continue to do!

I want to thank our board members and other committee chairs for the unwavering support this year. Hard to believe this year is about to be over. Prepare your New Year wishes, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Be safe and Happy Holidays!

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

Membership News Corner

Have you missed a newsletter or information about a volunteer opportunity?

Please visit sdfm.org > My SDFM > update the Primary Email address listed in your Profile.

SDFM National provides updated rosters to chapters frequently and this is the best way to ensure you are in the know. If you run into any issues, please reach out to membership@sdfm.org.



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**Redstone-Huntsville chapter
congratulates our inaugural recipient!**

Melissa Simmons, CDFM, CDFM-A, CDFM-H

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DFMI

Defense Financial
Management Institute

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

DFMI: The Next Chapter in Defense Financial Excellence

The DFMI event series is undergoing several exciting changes. With a new name and branding for all events, participants can expect a refreshed experience that features targeted sessions and expanded networking opportunities. These updates are designed to better serve the evolving needs of defense financial managers and foster greater engagement across the community.

DFMI remains committed to delivering top-tier professional development. Attendees will continue to have opportunities to earn CPEs and connect with thought leaders, ensuring that the core value of career-long learning and expertise remains at the heart of every event.

THEME: RESILIENCE THROUGH INNOVATION – EMPOWERING NEXTGEN LEADERS TO DRIVE EFFICIENCY

February 24-25, 2026 (Tues/Wed)

Huntsville, AL - Von Braun Center

CPEs: 28 available through a combination of in-person (8) and follow up on-demand (20) opportunities included in the all-access registration.

For more information about: _____

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visit: sdfm.org/dfmi

For group registrations, please email
the SDFM Education Team at
education@sdfm.org for assistance.

Leadership and Management

January 8th, 2026



**SDFM Professional Development Event Thursday,
January 8, 2026 @ 11:00 am – 12:30pm Location:
The Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit Union,
220 Wynn Dr. Huntsville, AL**



Speaker: Mr. Todd Johnston, President, Thompson Gray, Inc.

Topic: Leadership and Management

**Lunch menu: Meatloaf, Steamed Broccoli, Scalloped Potatoes, Garden Salad,
Rolls. Dessert: Chocolate Cake Beverages: Coffee, Tea and Water**

Cost: \$20 Member \$25 Non-members

**For Reservations/Questions Contact: Daphne Turner
daphne.d.turner.civ@army.mil**

Please make reservations by noon, Monday, January 5, 2026:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sdfm-monthly-professional-development-
event-tickets-1758575870769?aff=oddtdtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sdfm-monthly-professional-development-event-tickets-1758575870769?aff=oddtdtcreator)

SDFM Professional Development Events will qualify for
1 CPE/CLP toward your CDFM, FM Certification, and/or
Acquisition Certification continuing education requirements.

RSVP with Eventbrite: [EVENTBRITE Link](#)

Christmas Event

December 11th, 2026









UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
6 - Jan	1100-1230	TEAMS	Jan Board Meeting
8 - Jan	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Jan PDE
5 - Feb	1100-1230	TEAMS	Feb Board Meeting
12 - Feb	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Feb PDE
24-25 - Feb	Included in Registration	Von Braun Center	DFMI Event
12-Mar	1100-1230	TEAMS	Mar Board Meeting

Our next [Executive Board Meeting](#) is 6 Jan 2026 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.



SDFM RSA-HSV CHAPTER MEMBER AWARDS

Kindly submit a nomination for an SDFM member whom you believe has demonstrated exceptional dedication and consistently exceeded expectations during the period of January through March 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
Debbie O’Neal – onealdeb@nehp.net

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): cynthia.527@gmail.com
Alex Roberts: alexhroberts520@gmail.com

2025-2026 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

Executive Board	Officer
President	Jeff Bacon
Vice-President	Debbie O'Neal
Corresponding Secretary	Laura Oliver
Recording Secretary	Gina Hranilovic
Treasurer	Tina Hinze
Assistant Treasurer	Stacey Williams
Committee	Committee Chair
Attendance/Facilities	Daphne Turner
Audit	Nancy Howe
Awards/Scholarship	Lauren Cunningham
Certification Programs	Stephen Clark
Community Projects	Daphne Turner
Constitution/Bylaws	Laura Oliver
Early Careerist	Lauren Cunningham
Membership/Corporate	Jeff Bacon
Newsletter/Publicity/Photo	Cynthia Johnson
Nominating	Rebecca Hunt
Programs	Teasia Cunningham
Special Events	Rebecca Hunt
Training and Education	Tina Hinze
Webmaster	Thaddeus Blake
Chapter Competition	Debbie O'Neal

Redstone/Huntsville SDFM October Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual

Recorder: Laura Oliver

Attendees

-Laura Oliver

-Debbie O'Neil

-Daphne Turner

-Tina Hinze

-Cynthia Johnson

-Jeff Bacon

Absent

-Lauren Cunningham (meeting conflict)

-Gina Hranilovic

-Rebecca Hunt

-Steven Clark

-Thaddeus Blake

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order once attendees were confirmed present.

Discussion Summary

- No formal agenda items were presented.

- Jeff Bacon asked if there were any special topics to discuss; none were raised.

- Members briefly discussed concerns regarding national sponsorship levels, travel budget limitations, and potential furlough impacts in February.

Discussion Summary (cont.)

- It was noted that leadership is aware of financial risks and is attempting to ensure sponsorship value is worthwhile.
- Continued exception travel approval requirements and lack of appropriated funding were identified as areas of concern.
- The group expressed continued support for the national team despite uncertainties.

Announcements

- A Christmas party was mentioned for the following Thursday, December 11th at The Atrium at Redstone from 11 am – 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 33 minutes into the session.

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