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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TEAM REDSTONE,

I hope you are doing well, and life is treating you kindly. This past month we've complied with the Presidential Executive Order that directed all Federal Civilians to return to work on a full-time basis ending for most the opportunity to telework. It has been some wild days as we go through the fork in the road "Deferred Resignation Program" initiating Governmental separation agreements, scare of probationary employees being fired, immediate hiring freezes, suspension of Government Purchase Cards and Government Travel Credit Cards being reduced to \$1. . Not to mention contract pause for Foreign Military Financing (FMF) funded efforts and prioritization of what can be procured. Then finally, Reduction in Force (RIF) planning and the potential layoff of many contractors.



JEFF BACON
President
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

At the midst of it all we wondered if we would be forced into a Government Shutdown, but on 14 March 2025, the 119th Congress voted and was put into law H.R. 1968, Full Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025. According to <https://bipartisanpolicy.org>, A "year-long" or "full-year" CR is when one or more federal agencies or programs are covered by a CR for the entire fiscal year. This has happened for all or some of the regular appropriations bills 15 times since 1977, three of which where in the 21st century: in FY2007, FY2011, and FY2013".

Chapter Resources

WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://ASMCRSAHSV.ORG](https://asmc-rsa-hsv.org)

CHAPTER LINKEDIN:

[ASMCRSAHSV](#)

NATIONAL WEBSITE:

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

JOIN SDFM:

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

Continuation of President's Message

Interesting enough my favorite website, Wikipedia states between 1980 and 2013, there were eight government shutdowns in the United States. Most of these shutdowns revolved around budget issues including fights over the debt ceiling and led to the furlough of certain 'non-essential' personnel. The majority of these fights lasted 1-2 days with a few exceptions lasting more than a week.

As comptrollers, we understand the value of money and the importance of being good fiduciary stewards of it. As of 12 March 2025, the U.S. National Debt stood at approximately \$36.22 trillion, a total amount of outstanding borrowing accumulated by the U.S. Federal Government over its history. If you want to see something interesting check out this website: <https://www.usdebtclock.org> or you can download in the Apple Store or Android app US Debt Clock and see some 3000 live stats right in your pocket.

So, we are Mid-Year with limited funding allocation and now assessing what impacts a year-long CR will have on our mission. I often talk about how important our mission is and how valued each of you are in this business. If you have gotten down, get back up and be proud of your accomplishments. If you are not doing enough ask yourself why and proactively engage in becoming a better version of yourself. We don't have time to waste. Be there for each other and help one another as we go through this together.

I'm still getting used to the name change from ASMC to SDFM. Just like any change it takes time to adjust. This past week was Spring Break, and we had our monthly Professional Development Event (PDE) at the Atrium with guest speaker D'Juan Stenson, the Deputy Director of the Army Military Pay Office. One of the highlights was the Military Pay Office recent inspection receiving a "Green" rating. In attendance we had Ms. Inell Swain who was recognized but wanted to recognize Mr. Jerome Gage as well for all the great work they continue to do!

It was extremely nice to meet D'Juan and Inell as well as a couple of new folks Kevin Kidd brought out. He expressed giving back and helping those new in their careers. I think that is what it is all about. You will never forget those that help you along the way. Giving back to others is just another way of passing it forward. Thank you, Kevin, for just being awesome! In addition, I met Sophia Langford who is with EXP Realty she came out to see what it was all about. If you are looking for a new place, I think she would do wonders for you. I have asked permission to provide her contact if anyone is interested: Sophia Langford (256) 468.0634, she can be reached at sophia.langford@exprealty.com. In addition, you can check out her website at <https://www.buyandsellhuntsville.com/sell>.

Upcoming in April we have our next PDE on Thursday, 10 April @ 11:00, mark your calendars. The location is 220 Wynn Drive, Huntsville at the Atrium. Thank you to Col. Glover for his help with putting together an interviewing panel with tips and tricks from some amazing professionals on post. Please be on the lookout for more details that should be forthcoming.

Continuation of President's Message

I want to encourage anyone and everyone reading this to consider volunteering for the Special Olympics on 15 April at the Milton Frank Stadium. It is an opportunity to serve our community and others. Please contact Laura Oliver at loliver@bdo.us (she has been pushing out emails – look for those) or contact Debbie O'Neal at onealdeb25@gmail.com and she will get you plugged in!

There is another opportunity to serve and network with those in your profession at the Panoply Arts Festival 25-27 April, located at the Von Braun Center. Perhaps you are new to the Chapter or even new to the area. Come out and join the fun and meet someone new!

Since I'm on the topic of Community Projects and Service you may not know that outside of SDFM I'm the Scoutmaster of Troop 7095G in Toney, AL. I've been enjoying seeing my daughter, Leola, grow in scouting and seeing her emerge as a leader. I look forward to seeing all the great things she will complete and do in her lifetime. My daughter is working on the Communications Merit Badge (an Eagle requirement) in which she must produce a newsletter, brochure, flier, or other printed material for her troop. This includes at least one article and one photograph or illustration. Please see further in the Newsletter her write-up and if anyone is looking to know more about Scouts and/or Scouting adventures please send me an email at nomistakenjeffbacon@hotmail.com.

To wrap up the March President Message I want to thank everyone for your continued support in SDFM. If you have more time now being in the office and need to escape from the madness, remember we have monthly PDEs in which you can receive credit for continuing education requirements in the DOD FM Certification Program. You will get to spend time with incredible professionals expanding your networking envelope.

I want to thank Kari Childress again for the tremendous amount of support and help with Programs this year in addition to the duties and help with the Newsletter. Debbie O'Neal and I appreciate all the work that all our Committees and Executive Board Members do. If you can't make it out this month – please consider coming out in May for our annual May picnic down at the Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. You will not want to miss it!

Continue to be better than good – be Great!

Jeff Bacon

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

April PDE

10 Apr 2025

Hunting for the Good Stuff and Leading During Turbulent Times

Join us for a panel discussion on Resumes, People, and Organizations.

Panel Members: Panel Member. Ms. Heidi Lattuca (Deputy CoS G-8 AMCOM) Mr. Terry Ewing, (Chief, G8/Resource Management), and Ms. Jessica Grubbs, (Chief, Execution Division, US Army Space & Missile Defense Command)

RSVP with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sdfm-monthly-professional-development-event-tickets-1248343010549?aff=oddtcreator>

March PDE

13 Mar 2025

Overview of Military Pay

Mr. D'Juan Stenson

Deputy Director of Military Pay



Thank you Mr. D'Juan Stenson for the overview of Military Pay. We learned a lot! You are welcome back anytime!



Inell Swain and Jeff Bacon



Alexandria Joseph and Ashtyn Gibson



Sophia Langford, Jeff Bacon, and Debbie O'Neal

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Community Service Update

Special Olympics

The 2025 Special Olympics Track and Field Event for the Madison County area will be held on April 15, 2025. The date is quickly approaching, and we're in search of volunteers who will be able to participate with us! This event's continuing success is mainly due to the funding and support provided by donations from the Huntsville community. We invite you to join us to witness first-hand the excitement and inspiration of the day. I promise you will not be disappointed; it celebrates the human spirit at its finest.

Panoply

Panoply is the Southeast's premier arts weekend, where Huntsville's innovative spark shines through a festival of art, music, and more. Whether you want to expand your art collection, engage in creative play with your children, enjoy some North Alabama music, or scope out the scene, there is something for everyone to experience at Panoply, regardless of who you are.

Panoply Arts Festival

When: April 25, 26, and 27, 2025

Where: Big Spring Park, Huntsville, AL.

**For any questions or to volunteer please contact Ms. Debbie O'Neal
(onealdeb25@gmail.com)**

Guest Contributor (Leola Bacon)

TROOP 9495

Do you have a son or daughter interested in Scouting? Well, I have news for you! Troops 7094 and 7095 are currently looking to recruit. If you have both boys and girls, no worries! Troop 7094 and 7095 are combined, meaning both girls and boys join with no complications. Making it easier on families. For those who don't know, What is Scouting? Scouting America is a youth program that influences team work. As the Scout Oath states we aim to be physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. All of which helps character development and leadership skills. Not just that, but it allows youth to go on amazing adventures you typically wouldn't experience otherwise. All at your own preferred pace. Please contact our Scoutmaster, Jeff Bacon at nomistakenjeffbacon@hotmail.com or 256.682.7081, for further details.

- Leola Bacon



UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
3 - Apr	1100-1200	TEAMS	Apr Board Meeting
10 - Apr	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Apr PDE
1 - May	1100-1200	TEAMS	May Board Meeting
8 - May	1100-1230	TBD	SDFM Picnic
5 - June	1100-1230	TEAMS	June Board Meeting
12 - June	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	June PDE
3 - July	1100-1230	TEAMS	June Board Meeting
10 - July	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	July PDE

Our next [Executive Board Meeting](#) is **3 April 2025 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



SDFM RSA-HSV Member Awards

Please Submit Your Nominations for our SDFM Chapter
Member of the Quarter



Please nominate your fellow SDFM member that stands out to you as going above and beyond for the period of 1 January to 31 March 2025.
We have great people in our chapter; let's make sure they're recognized!

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.

Example Nomination: Sidney Smith is leading efforts for our local mini PDI and volunteers with 2 other committees. She consistently shows up to meetings, volunteers for tasks and promotes the chapter. Overall, Sidney's contributions add value to the chapter in multiple ways.

Send your Nominations Today!

Send Nominations or Questions to the Awards and Scholarships Committee:

- Lauren Cunningham – lauren.s.cunningham2.civ@army.mil
- Jamica Langley – jamica.l.langley.civ@army.mil
- Gina Hranilovic – gina.m.hranilovic.civ@army.mil
- Debbie O'Neal – onealdeb@nehp.net
- Erica Ignont – erica.d.ignont.civ@army.mil
- Keedra Harris – keedra.l.harris.civ@army.mil
- Elizabeth McCullough – Elizabeth.A.Mccullough@usace.army.mil

Thanks for your support to our SDFM Chapter. Without YOU, we couldn't do what we do!

SDFM Awards/Scholarship Committee

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.

A handwritten-style word "hello" in black ink, with decorative horizontal dashes on either side.

We were unable to retrieve the monthly membership report due to the system upgrades to National's website. There will be a membership campaign starting soon, keep an eye out for details.



2024-2025 Redstone/Huntsville SDFM Membership Committee:

Jamica Langley
Madisone Betts
Khoe Tran
Stephanie Russell

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:

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

Stephen Elison: stephen.d.elison.civ@army.mil

Kristen Hinton-Willis: kristen.s.hinton-willis.civ@army.mil

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2024-2025 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

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Awards/Scholarship	Lauren Cunningham
Certification Programs	Nancy Howe
Community Projects	Kristen Willis
Constitution/Bylaws	Kari Childress
Early Careerist	Keedra Harris
Membership/Corporate	Jamica Langley/Madisone Betts
Newletter/Publicity/Photo	Kari Childress
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