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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### TEAM REDSTONE,

Hope you are doing well, hard to believe February is near an end. This month we conducted our very first Redstone/Huntsville Chapter Mini-Professional Development Institute (PDI) as the Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM). 2025 Mini PDI; Games Changers, "Making a Difference, Striving for Excellence" was an excellent two-day professional event.



**JEFF BACON**  
President  
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

The Training and Education Committee led by Committee Chairman, Tina Hinze once again raised the bar on a professional event that has received tons of praise. Nothing is more valuable and better than bringing those in the profession together. I really appreciate the tremendous amount of hard work and dedication to make this event a possibility for our membership. Thank you to those serving on this committee to include Tina Hinze, Debbie O'Neal, Laura Oliver, Thaddeus Blake, Linda Jackson, Khoe Tran, DeOnah Young-Northfleet, Amy Reed, Stacey Williams, & Vivian Kimble.

In addition, we had other Committees provide support during the event to include Daphne Turner, Rebecca Hunt, Lauren Cunningham, Kristen Hinton-Willis, Kari Childress, and Hunter Pritchett. If I inadvertently left someone out, please accept my apologies as I know there is others behind the scenes making the magic happen. I got to catch up with so many wonderful people that it made me think how special being part of this Organization really is and how truly lucky it is to work with the best FM professionals in Huntsville!

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### Chapter Resources

WEBSITE:

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

CHAPTER LINKEDIN:

[ASMCRSAHSV](https://www.linkedin.com/company/asmc-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

The event kicked off with the Alabama A&M Color Guard – what a great job they did! We had amazing speakers and we wouldn't have been able to do it without our great sponsors. Big round of thanks to Platinum Sponsors; BDO, Thompson Gray, Management Concepts, Guidehouse, & Decision Lens. As well as our Gold Sponsors; Groundwell & ManTech, Silver Sponsors; Intrepid, Significance, Lynch Consultants, American Benefits Exchange, Teksouth, MDW Associates, and our Bronze Sponsors; GenTech, Calibre, & CGI.

As they say, it takes a village – many hands make light work. Let's work together to maximize opportunities to better the future. In my opinion, that is what making a difference and striving for excellence is all about.

Additional future opportunities forthcoming if interested include partnership with TekSouth and participating in their Tips and Tricks events. I've been coordinating with Milan Ballard at TekSouth in effort to make this a possibility. I think this is another awesome way to connect with those in the profession and expand your networking capacity.

I received a verbal report from our Vice President, Debbie O'Neal on Community Projects with the Greater Huntsville Humane Society supporting their annual Dog Ball. Thank you for those that came out to support this event and our community – I heard it was a blast. The truth is there are many ways in which you can get plugged in and more involved in our Chapter. Don't be a stranger reach out to me at [jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil](mailto:jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil) or Debbie @ [onealdeb25@gmail.com](mailto:onealdeb25@gmail.com) and we will get you in touch with the right POC.

Next month, on Thursday, 13 March 2025, we will conduct our monthly SDFM Professional Development Event (PDE) at the Atrium, Redstone Federal Credit Union on Wynn Drive. Unfortunately, the "Battle of the Chapters" between SDFM and the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) has been postponed as is deemed to be determined. As of right now, potentially in August but will be up to the new leadership in the 2025-2026 term if this continues. I know it was a great time last year – who doesn't like trivia learning about finance and contracts? Who doesn't like to win prizes and eat great food while hanging out with awesome people?

# Continuation of President's Message

The PDE next month is during Spring Break – I would encourage you to come out if anything for a day of fellowship, good food, and a great time. Currently, we are trying to secure a speaker so be on the lookout for the PDE flyer and what we plan to do.

I want to thank everyone for all that you do for SDFM, for our Soldiers, and Country! Keep your head up and remember anything is possible when you are part of the dream team! Col Glover had some good words about high fives and spreading positivity at the end of our Mini PDI. Col Glover – thanks for bringing back the triple play! Be on the team that will make a difference! Continue to strive for excellence – thank you team again for all that you do, and I hope to see you on the 13th (day before the CR ends).

*Jeff Bacon*

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

# March PDE

13 Mar 2025

## Overview of Military Pay

**Mr. D’Juan Stenson**

**Deputy Director of Military Pay**



*D’Juan L. Stenson, a native of Birmingham, Alabama embarked on a distinguish career in military service and financial management, culminating in his current role as Deputy Director of the Army Military Pay Office at Redstone Arsenal/ MacDill.*

*D’Juan’s journey into service began right after high school when he enlisted as a Financial Management Technician. He attended basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri and Advance Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina before serving in various roles.*

*Throughout his military career, D’Juan received assignments in Fort Benning, GA; Camp Casey, Korea; Fort Knox, KY; Fort Hood, TX; Fort Wainwright, AK; New Orleans, LA; Kaiserslautern, GE and Fort Stewart, GA. He has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom OEF/OIF, Atlantic Resolve – European Reassurance and to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His roles ranged from military pay operations, internal control Operations and budget operations.*

*After retiring from active-duty Service, began his civilian federal service with United States Army Financial Command (USAFMCOM) as the Director Army Military Pay Office at Fort Campbell, KY. D’Juan brings a wealth of experience, expertise, and a steadfast commitment to excellence to his role as Deputy Director, ensuring the effective management of financial resources critical to the Department of Defense’s mission success.*

*Mr. Stenson has 2 adult children and 1 grandchild.*

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

# RSA/HSV SDFM Mini-PDI

February 4 & 5, 2025, the Redstone/Huntsville 2025 accomplished successful two-day SDFM Mini PDI. Total attendance included 241 in-Person and 103 Virtual for a total of 344 attendees. That's 4,774 in Continuing Education Training hours your local chapter offered for members and non-members.

## We want to thank our:

**Committee Members:** Jeff Bacon, Debbie O'Neal, Tina Hinze, Laura Oliver, Thaddeus Blake, Hunter Pritchett, Khoe Tran, DeOnah Young-Norfleet, Amy Reed, and Stacey Williams, (picure below).

**Our Sponsors:** BDO USA, LLP, Decision Lens, Guidehouse, Management Concepts, Thompson Gray, Inc., Groundswell, ManTech, Intrepid, American Benefits Exchange, Lynch Consulting, MDW Associates, Significance, Inc., TekSouth, CALIBRE Systems, Inc., CGI Federal, GenTech Federal GenTech

**Supporting Businesses and Community Partners:** Alabama A&M University Color Guard, University of Alabama in Huntsville Copy Center, Pretty Décor, LLC, Redstone Rocket, and Redstone MWR

For pictures please go to the chapter's website: <https://www.sdfm-rsa-hsv.org/2025-mini-pdi>



*Thank  
you!*



Society of Defense Financial  
Management Redstone Arsenal  
Huntsville Chapter



### High School Scholarship Opportunity

The Redstone Arsenal (RSA) Huntsville (HSV) Chapter of the Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM) is seeking applicants for their annual Chapter Scholarships.

The Chapter will award Scholarships up to \$2,000 at the June 2025 SDFM RSA-HSV Awards and Scholarship meeting.

- 1) This Scholarship is offered to any graduating high school senior that has shown exemplary leadership and service in their community, has received outstanding scholastic achievements, or has experienced financial hardship AND is interested in continuing their education in the finance/accounting/business discipline during the 2025-26 academic year.

Applications will be evaluated based on demonstrated academic achievement, ACT and/or SAT score(s), and their responses to the essay prompt in the online application.

Applicants will be asked to email/submit the below required documents with their application as part of the application process:

- Most recent official academic transcript
- Two academic letters of recommendation on official letterhead
- Copy of standardized test score supporting score cited on the application
- College acceptance correspondence (acceptance letter or email)

- 2) The recipient of the scholarship, along with their high school counselor, will be notified via email by 31 March 2025, and the recipient is required to attend the SDFM RSA-HSV chapter June 2025 awards and scholarship meeting.

Please address any questions regarding the RSA-HSV SDFM Scholarship Program to the Scholarship Committee Leads, Ms. Lauren Cunningham, ([lauren.s.cunningham2.civ@army.mil](mailto:lauren.s.cunningham2.civ@army.mil)) or Ms. Erica Ignont ([erica.d.ignont.civ@army.mil](mailto:erica.d.ignont.civ@army.mil))

- 3) The scholarship application window will open 21 December 2024 and close on 21 February 2025 at 11:59 PM CST. Application AND required documents must be submitted to the following email: [earlycareerist.sdfm@gmail.com](mailto:earlycareerist.sdfm@gmail.com) by 21 February 2025 at 11:59 PM CST to be considered.

*Good luck with your application and future studies!*

# EARLY CAREERIST



Inspiring individuals to continually strive for higher levels of performance through creative and strategic methods that are always focused to achieving their goals by offering professional development, mentorship, and community involvement opportunities for individuals looking to seek employment in the Government Financial Management Profession

## Key components of Early Careerist program include:

- ✓ Scholarship Opportunities
- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ Mentorship
- ✓ Professional Development
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Recognition and Appreciation
- ✓ Supportive Environment
- ✓ Volunteer Hours

Contact Us

 <https://m.facebook.com/sdfm.rsa.hsv/>

 [earlycareerist.sdfm@gmail.com](mailto:earlycareerist.sdfm@gmail.com)

# Early Careerist Update

*On February 11, 2025, members of the Early Careerist Committee visited the University of Alabama in Huntsville. The event was open to all University of Alabama in Huntsville students and alumni who were seeking information about employers offering part-time, temporary and volunteer opportunities. The SDFM table provided flyers with additional information about the opportunities that the organization has to offer including volunteer hours, mentorship, professional development, and scholarship opportunities. Follow up correspondence has been sent to the students that signed up for assistance. We look forward to collaborating with UAH and other local schools in the upcoming months.*





# Humane Society Dog Ball

On 8 February, we had a wonderful time at the Humane Society's Dog Ball. The funds from this event go to support the Greater Huntsville Humane Society (GHHS).

Thank you so much, Any Slaton, Debbie O'Neal, Amy Reed, Eura Reaves, Nicole Welmer, Terry Phillips, and Tanesha Clark, for all your support for this event. We did 61 hrs. for this event.

The Greater Huntsville Humane Society (GHHS) is dedicated to furthering the humane care and treatment of animals and providing adoption services for the unwanted and homeless.

The Humane Society's primary goal is to help find homes for at least 500 pets or more each year and remain committed to furthering humane treatment, education, and respect for animals.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
6 - Mar	1100-1200	TEAMS	Mar Board Meeting
13 - Mar	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Mar PDE
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
27-30 May	0800-1600	New Orleans, LA	National PDI
5 - June	1100-1230	TEAMS	June Board Meeting

Our next [Executive Board Meeting is 6 Mar 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](mailto: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](mailto:lauren.s.cunningham2.civ@army.mil)
- Jamica Langley – [jamica.l.langley.civ@army.mil](mailto:jamica.l.langley.civ@army.mil)
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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.

hello

**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

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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)

Kristen Hinton-Willis: [kristen.s.hinton-willis.civ@army.mil](mailto:kristen.s.hinton-willis.civ@army.mil)

Vivian Kimble: [vivian.a.kimble.civ@army.mil](mailto:vivian.a.kimble.civ@army.mil)

## 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

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