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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS TEAM REDSTONE,

The first month of the New Year already near an end, wow! Crazy how fast the time continues to pass by. So, we have a new Commander-and-Chief and I believe the majority of the workforce is waiting to see what the guidance will be for Federal employees to return back to the Federal workplace.



JEFF BACON
President
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

One thing that you can count on is change it is never-ending and always occurring. As we adapt to future change getting back into the office more regularly think about coming out to one of our Professional Development Events (luncheons) to network and learn with others in your profession.

This month we got to meet Patrick Lynch, who graciously came down from Arlington, Virginia to talk to us about the SDFM Audit Task Force. It was a very nice engagement with active participation. Thank you to everyone that came out to support! Typically, our monthly events are on the second Thursday of the month. If you have any questions and/or have suggestions for future speakers, topics, or any interest please send me an email at jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil. I would love to have your feedback on how to make these PDEs the best they can be for the membership.

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

This upcoming month the Training and Education Committee, led by Tina Hinze has been working extremely hard to put on another premier Mini-Professional Development Institute (PDI) which will be held as a two-day event (4-5 February) at the Jackson Center. This year's theme is Game Changers: Making a Difference, Striving for Excellence. Registration is closing fast please register using Eventbrite link at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-sdfm-redstone-huntsville-mini-pdi-registration-1008574853537?aff=oddtcreator>.

Questions regarding this awesome event please reach out to Tina Hinze @ tina.c.hinze@usace.army.mil. If you experience any issues with individual or group registration, please reach out to Laura Oliver @ loliver@bdo.us.

Also coming up next month, our Chapter will be supporting the Greater Huntsville Humane Society (GHHS) with their annual Dog Ball. If you are an animal lover this might just be barking up your ally. The event will be held on Saturday, 8 February at the Von Braun Center and support is needed as early as 9:00 a.m. to as late as 9:00 p.m. For questions or to sign up and volunteer please reach out to Debbie O'Neal @ onealdeb25@gmail.com.

If I haven't said it lately or simply not enough. A big thank you to our Executive Board (Debbie O'Neal, Laura Oliver, Madisone Betts, Tina Hinze, & Stephen Elison)! As well as all our Committee Chairs for those extra duties assigned to make the best for all of those in our membership! Thank you, Daphne Turner, Nancy Howe, Lauren Cunningham, Debbie O'Neal, Kari Childress, Keedra Harris, Madisone Betts, Rebecca Hunt, Gina Hranilovic, Tina Hinze and Thaddeus Blake. You are the leaders leading the way appreciate what you do always!

These Committees have great support so for all those helping and serving on Committees thank you as well! We simply could not and would not doing great things without your help and support! I like to think I say it often – we are blessed. When you are having a bad day – things could always be worse. Not only be Great in what you do but be Grateful for the joy and wonders life brings to you. Team, thank you for the opportunity to serve with you!

Wishing you the best in 2025 & looking forward to seeing you at our Mini-PDI.

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



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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?aff=oddtcreator>



[National Website](#)



[Chapter Website](#)



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National SDFM Updates

Please see the message below from National. Membership dues have increased.

The SDFM National Board of Directors approved a membership dues increase effective January 1, 2025. One-year individual dues increased from \$50 per year to \$55 and three-year individual dues increased from \$120 per year to \$132. The dues change will capture the increased cost of business operations and support new membership benefits and initiatives.

Who We Are

SDFM is the membership community for individuals and organizations involved in the practice and support of the defense financial management field. Our members, both uniformed and civilian, come from the Department of Defense, all branches of the United States Armed Forces, the Fourth Estate, other governmental agencies as well as private sector organizations and academia.

Our membership is diverse, both in terms of experience and areas of functional expertise. We provide resources for those at the senior-most executive level to those just starting in the profession. Our members serve as organizational leaders, chief financial officers, comptrollers, budgeteers, accountants, auditors, financial administrators, risk managers, data analysts and decision scientists, advisory roles, students and many other roles.

What We Do

SDFM is a robust community of 14,000+ professionals dedicated to the defense financial management profession. We offer world-class professional development, industry-leading certification programs, peer-to-peer networking and local programming at 100+ chapters around the world as well as thought-leadership and career development opportunities.

Invest in Your Career

Whether you are new to defense financial management or are a seasoned professional, SDFM is a sound investment in your career. SDFM offers two types of membership:

Individual

Most SDFM members join at the individual level. Learn how a small annual investment in SDFM will provide big returns in your career.

[Learn More](#) ↗

Corporate

For organizations of all sizes who support the defense financial management sector, SDFM provides a tiered corporate membership structure to meet the needs of your company.

[Learn More](#) ↗

Contact us at membership@sdfm.org to join today.

For more information about membership or SDFM in general please visit:
<https://sdfm.org/>



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) or Ms. Erica Ignont (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 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

Early Careerist Update

On November 5, 2024, members of the Early Careerist Committee supported Alabama A&M University's Fall 2024 Federal Employment Preparation Week. This weeklong event was open to all Alabama A&M University 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.



Upcoming Community Service Opportunity: Humane Society Dog Ball

As members of the Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM) Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, we can kick off the New Year by helping the Humane Society with its Dog Ball, which will be held on Saturday, 8 February 2025, at the Von Braun Center! If you would like to support this event, contact Debbie O'Neal, and she will help you with slots that are still open.

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.

Please let Debbie O'Neal know if you want to help with the event. She will need your name, personal e-mail, cell phone number, and the area where you want to help.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
4-5 Feb	0800-1700	Jackson Center	Mini PDI
13 - Feb	1100-1200	TEAMS	Feb Board Meeting
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

Our next [Executive Board Meeting](#) is **13 Feb 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.

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



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

Vivian Kimble: vivian.a.kimble.civ@army.mil

2024-2025 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

Executive Board	Officer
President	Jeff Bacon
Vice-President	Debbie O'Neal
Corresponding Secretary	Laura Oliver
Recording Secretary	Madisone Betts
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Assistant Treasurer	Stephen Elison
Committe	Committe Chair
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Audit	Nancy Howe
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
Nominating	Rebecca Hunt
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Training and Education	Tina Hinze
Webmaster	Thaddeus Blake

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