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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Team Redstone,

We have a lot of great people doing great things here locally. Thank you to all of the financial management community for your continued servitude and all the exceptional work that you do throughout the entire year. September marks the end of the fiscal year and its name comes from the Latin word "septem" meaning "seven" due to it originally being the seventh month of the early Roman calendar.



JEFF BACON
President
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

Did you know September is National Happy Cat Month and has some very interesting dates such as September 11th being National Hug Your Hound Day, September 13th being Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day, September 19th is International Talk Like a Pirate Day, September 24th being National Punctuation Day and then of course, our most favorite day September 30th Year-End Whoo-Hooo Closure Day!!

I hope this fiscal year has been productive for you and I'm wishing you all the best in FY26. This month we had Bill Koch from Still Serving Veterans speak virtually for our monthly Professional Development Event (PDE). I want to thank those that supported this event and give a shout out to TeAsia Cunningham, our Programs Committee Chair, for the outstanding efforts and contributions to our Chapter so far this year.

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Chapter Resources

WEBSITE:

WWW.SDFM-RSA-HSV.ORG/

CHAPTER LINKEDIN:

WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/COMPANY/SD

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NATIONAL WEBSITE:

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

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Continuation of President's Message

We've signed a contract with the Redstone Federal Credit Union to support this terms PDEs at the Atrium. Our next PDE is scheduled for Thursday, 9 October. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for our next speaker engagement. Come out and meet some new folks in your chapter!

I was provided notification of our newest SDFM members. I want to thank Katie DeWitt, Amybeth Hoffman, and Alex Roberts for your enrollment or re-enrollment this month. If there is anything that the chapter can do for you, please reach out to me. In addition, to the ~400 members in this chapter. If there is something that can better the membership and/or this chapter, I want to hear from you. Please reach out to me at jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil.

Coming up next month we will be supporting the Special Olympics. Please reach out to Debbie O'Neal @ onealdeb25@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering at this event currently planned for Tuesday, 21 October. She would be more than happy to get you plugged in to support this great cause.

I want to thank Cynthia Johnson for her help and support with this month's newsletter. Cynthia will be taking over as the Newsletter Committee Chair. I want to thank Kari Childress for all her time and assistance helping with these duties as well!

In wrapping of this month's President Message, I would like to close with a quote from Anne Frank. She said, "Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power, but in character and goodness". Be kind to one another and remember we are all on the same team.

Keep doing Great Things!

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

A.I. Discussion on Camo GPT and Others

October 9, 2025

What: October SDFM Professional Development Event

When: October 9th at 11 AM

Where: The Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit Union

Speaker: Patrick Lynch

Topic: A.I. Discussion on Camo GPT and others

Cost: \$20 Member / \$25 non-member

Contact: Daphne Turner, daphne.d.turner.civ@army.mil

Opportunity to earn \$100 Gift Card.

RSVP with Eventbrite: [EVENTBRITE Link](#)

September PDE

September 16, 2025

“The Impacts of September 11th”

Speaker: Bill Koch

Bill Koch has dedicated his life to serving both his country and his community. First, he served for 20 years as a US Marine, and for the last 16 years he has been working with Still Serving Veterans first as a counselor now the Chief Operations Officer.

Bill's passion for supporting veterans doesn't stop there; he also serves on the Board of Directors for the Semper Fi Community Task Force. Running Operations during Heroes' week every year. Bill's involvement in veteran-related organizations doesn't stop at the local level. He is a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a proud member of the American Legion, and actively participates in the Marine for Life Network (M4L), the Marine Corps League (MCL), and the National Marine Corps Business Network. In addition to his work with veterans, Bill also serves on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Epiphany Ministry, demonstrating his commitment to community and faith-based organizations.

Bill earned his business management degree from Western Governor's University and is a member of the Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM). In his personal life, Bill has found unwavering support and love in his marriage to his wife Tami. They have been married for 44 years.

Community Service Update

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 2025 Special Olympics Track and Field Event for the Madison County area will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. The date is quickly approaching, and we're seeking volunteers to participate with us! The event's continued success is due mainly to the funding and support provided by Aegis Technologies and our generous 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.

Job is Concession Stand workers, West Track Staging, Timers, Judges Table, Award Pinners, East Track Staging, Timers, Judges Table, Award Pinners, Male and Female Soft Ball Throw Staging, Timers, Judges Table, Award Pinners; there may be others later. If you don't have a preference, the volunteer coordinator will assign you when needed. If you need more information about a job, please don't hesitate to ask Debbie.

Please pass this information on to all your Co-workers, Family, and Friends. We would love to have them join us for this most rewarding day/event.

ASMC POC: Debbie O'Neal, onealdeb25@gmail.com, 256-783-4724

Date: 21 October 2025, with a rain date of 23 October 2025.

Place: Milton Frank Stadium

Time: 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Community Service Update

Free to Teach School Supplies

In October, we will be supporting the Free to Teach Program by making donations or bringing in School Supplies to help all schools and teachers at our 10 October professional development luncheon. Please pick up some paper, pins, crayons, backpacks, lunchboxes, scissors, folders, notebooks, pencils, erasers, pencil boxes, and glue, along with anything else that a teacher or student could use in a classroom.

Heroes Week

We will also be supporting Heroes Week in November. Dates will be 7-11 November. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please don't hesitate to contact Debbie O'Neal at onealdeb25@gmail.com or 256-783-4724.

Mission (Description of Project): Heroes Week is a program that brings our well-deserved veterans from across the country to North Alabama for a "Welcome Home" experience, which many have never received due to their injuries. The event allows the local community to show its appreciation and recognition of these service members, their spouses, or their caregivers. They are honored at a Veterans Day parade, Marine Corps Birthday celebration, yacht cruises on Lake Guntersville, and numerous lunches and dinners hosted by local organizations and businesses.

SDFM supports this event by staffing the Operations Desk at the hotel where guests are staying during the week, providing information, direction, and general support as needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
2 - Oct	1100-1200	TEAMS	Oct Board Meeting
9 - Oct	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Oct PDE
6 - Nov	1100-1230	TEAMS	Nov Board Meeting
13 - Nov	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Nov PDE
4 - Dec	1100-1230	TEAMS	Dec Board Meeting
11 - Dec	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Christmas Party

Our next [Executive Board Meeting](#) is 2 October 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.



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 July to 30 September 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
- Debbie O'Neal – onealdeb@nehp.net

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

SDFM Awards/Scholarship Committee

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:
Jeff Bacon

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

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September Meeting Date: 7 SEP 2025, 1100, Next meeting scheduled for 2 OCT 2025

Attendees:

Name	Present	Name	Present
Jeff Bacon	☒	Rebecca Hunt	☐
Debbie O'Neil	☒	Lauren Cunningham	☐
Laura Oliver	☒	Stephen Clark	☒
Daphne Turner	☒	Kari Childress	☐
Gina Hranilovic	☐	Thaddeus Blake	☒
Tina Hinze	☒	Teasia Cuningham	☒
Nancy Howe	☐	Keedra Harris	☐
Rebecca Hunt	☒		☐

Open-up Meeting – Mr. Jeff Bacon (President) – Jeff Bacon opened the meeting, thanked participants, and reviewed agenda:

- o Financial statement approval
- o Programs budget request and upcoming speakers
- o September virtual event planning
- o Community service projects
- o Other committee updates

Financial Reports – Ms. Tina Hinze (Treasurer) –

- Minimal expenses to date; luncheon invoices and facilities costs recorded.
- Fraudulent debit charge of \$24 reported, card canceled and replaced.
- Income from last luncheon: \$265.
- Program budget adjustment pending.
- Financial statements reviewed; motion to approve carried.

Attendance Ways & Means/Facilities – Committee Chair Ms. Daphne Turner – No updates at this time.

Awards/Scholarship – Committee Chair Ms. Lauren Cunningham – No updates at this time.

Certification Programs – Committee Chair Mr. Stephen Clark – Still exploring options for this Chapter year.

Philanthropy – Committee Chair Ms. Gina Hranilovic – No updates at this time.

Chapter Competition – Committee Chair Ms. Debbie O'Neil – No updates at this time.

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Community Projects – Committee Chair Ms. Daphne Turner –

- Ideas under review:
 - Support for Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen (food/supply donations).
 - Hospital snack donations for families in ICU.
- Upcoming events:
 - Special Olympics – Oct 21, 2025
 - Heroes Week – Nov 9–14, 2025
 - School supply donations requested at October luncheon.

Constitution/By-Laws – Committee Chair Ms. Laura Oliver –

- Will submit fall renewal to operate on Redstone Arsenal.
- Membership roster handling via DoD Safe.

Early Careerist – Committee Chair Ms. Lauren Cunningham – No updates at this time.

Membership – Committee Chair Mr. Jeff Bacon – No updates at this time.

Newsletter/Publicity & Photos – Committee Chair Ms. Kari Childress –

- Kari unavailable to continue role.
- Cynthia Johnson volunteered as backup to take over or assist.
- Jeff Bacon to check with Kari before final reassignment.

Nominating – Committee Chair Ms. Rebecca Hunt – No updates at this time.

Programs – Committee Chair Ms. Teasia Cunningham –

- Proposal: \$100 gift card raffle at each luncheon to increase attendance.
- Sponsored by Lynch Consultants, Tim McCluskey, and Thompson Gray (\$3,000 total).
- Discussion on ethics rules: consensus that raffle is permissible since random and outside government workplace.
- Motion passed to approve \$1,000 annual programs budget.
- Upcoming Speakers:
 - September (Virtual): Bill Coach – Sept 16
 - January: Thompson Gray
 - February: Secured
 - March: Pending NCMA joint event

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September Virtual Event

- Flyer completed; to be coordinated between Programs, Membership, and Webmaster.
- Decision: Thaddeus Blake to set up Teams meeting; flyer and invite to be distributed by Laura Oliver and Daphne Turner.
- Event scheduled for **Sept 16, 2025**.

Special Events – Committee Chair Ms. Rebecca Hunt –

- Christmas Party planning to begin in October.
- Committee will decide theme and handle logistics after FY closeout.

Training & Education – Committee Chair Ms. Tina Hinze –

- Planning ongoing with National.
- Venue: Von Braun Center under contract.
- Roles and responsibilities between National and Chapter to be clarified.
- Sponsorship coordination with National initiated.

Webmaster & Social Media – No updates at this time.

Close-out Meeting – Jeff closed out the meeting thanking everyone.

Action Items

- **Tina Hinze:** Deliver financial statements for audit (Nancy).
- **Teasia Cunningham:** Finalize programs speakers; set April focus.
- **Thaddeus Blake & Laura Oliver:** Coordinate Teams invite and flyer for Sept 16 event.
- **Daphne Turner:** Contact Rose of Sharon; confirm Special Olympics & Heroes Week details.
- **Jeff Bacon:** Follow up with Kari: newsletter duties.
- **Rebecca Hunt:** Begin Christmas Party planning in October.
- **Laura Oliver:** Submit Redstone Arsenal renewal request.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.

*****Nothing Follows*****

2024-2025 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

Executive Board	Officer
President	Jeff Bacon
Vice-President	Debbie O'Neal
Corresponding Secretary	Laura Oliver
Recording Secretary	Gina Hravilovic
Treasurer	Tina Hinze
Assistant Treasurer	Stacey Williams
Committe	Committe Chair
Attendance/Facilities/Ways and Means	Daphne Turner
Audit	Nancy Howe
Awards/Scholarship	Lauren Cunningham
Certification Programs	Steven Clark
Chapter Competition	Debbie O'Neal
Community Projects	Daphne Turner
Constitution By-laws	Laura Oliver
Early Careerist	Lauren Cunningham
Membership (Both)	Jeff Bacon
Newletter/Publicity/Photo	Cynthia Johnson
Nominating	Rebecca Hunt
Programs	Teasia Cunningham
Special Events	Rebecca Hunt
Training and Education	Tina Hinze
Webmaster and Social Media	Thaddeus Blake

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