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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TEAM REDSTONE,

Hard to believe we are wrapping up August and heading into the end of the Fiscal Year. I know this is an extremely busy time for our workforce, especially with the personnel reductions occurring across the enterprise. A lot is happening right before our eyes, and it is important to recognize change as it is happening. Most people are not big fans of change, but it is the inevitable and surely something you can count on. As Bob Goff stated, "embrace the uncertainty. Some of the most beautiful chapters in our lives won't have a title until much later".



JEFF BACON
President
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

Your careers and professional development are extremely important, and I want to thank you for all that you continue to do for our Country and Warfighters. As you continue in your journey whether just starting out or coming to an end, please know you are surrounded by great professionals here in the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter.

One of the greatest gifts being part of the Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM) is the connections you build through sharing common interests and goals. I have thoroughly enjoyed working and/or serving with so many great people in this Chapter through the years. If you haven't been involved – get involved and make a difference in SDFM and in yourself!

Chapter Resources

WEBSITE:

WWW.SDFM-RSA-HSV.ORG

CHAPTER LINKEDIN:

[SDFM-RSA-HSV](https://www.linkedin.com/company/sdfm-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

I'm pleased to announce we are going to do great things again thanks to those serving in leadership positions in our chapter. I would like to take a few moments to recognize and thank the following Officers:

Debbie O'Neal, Vice President

Tina Hinze, Treasurer

Stacey Williams, Assistant Treasurer

Laura Oliver, Corresponding Secretary

Gina Hranilovic, Recording Secretary

In addition, we can't run committees without great work from our Committee Chairs & their committees. I would like to take a few moments to recognize and thank the following Committee Chairs working hard for you this year:

Attendance/Facilities/Ways & Means Committee Chair, Daphne Turner

Audit Committee Chair, Nancy Howe

Awards/Scholarship Committee Chair, Lauren Cunningham

Certification Committee Chair, Stephen Clark

Chapter Competition Committee Chair, Debbie O'Neal

Community Projects Committee Chair, Daphne Turner

Constitution/ Bylaws Committee Chair, Laura Oliver

Early Careerist Committee Chair, Lauren Cunningham

Membership/Corporate Committee Chair, Jeff Bacon

Newsletter/Publicity/Photo Committee Chair, Kari Childress

Nominating Committee Chair, Rebecca Hunt

Philanthropy Committee Chair, Gina Hranilovic

Programs Committee Chair, TeAsia Cunningham

Special Events Committee Chair, Rebecca Hunt

Training and Education Committee Chair, Tina Hinze

Webmaster Committee Chair, Thaddeus Blake

If you see any of these great folks, tell them thanks for all they do for our membership! I would say we have an All-Star Team dedicated to ensuring that the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter continues to thrive and do great things for each other and our community.

Continuation of President's Message

This month we conducted our annual budget review with all Committee Chairs. We continue to stay in good financial posture and I'm looking forward to the upcoming financial audit of our books from the 2024-2025 term. We are working closely with the Garrison to update our paperwork to SDFM as well as our ability to continue operations on post.

We had SMDC Ethics Attorney, Rick Lear, come to visit us at our monthly Professional Development Event (PDE). He provided some great commentary and insight on ethics that was beneficial. If you come to our PDEs you can earn credit that can be used towards your DoDFM Continuing Education Training Requirements & you will meet new people in your profession. I highly recommend you come out if you have the time to do so.

In September, we normally conduct a virtual meeting due to year-end activities. Please be on the lookout for that as notification of this event should be forthcoming. We have been conducting meetings with National to discuss a "Regional Professional Development Institute (PDI)" concept in lieu of our Mini-PDI that is held in February annually. This would be in replacement of the National PDI that is held in May and would take place here in Huntsville, AL. So, be on the lookout for more information about this to come and get excited about an awesome event that is surely going to be one you don't want to miss!

I had the pleasure of meeting with Patrick Lynch, Lynch Consulting and Dale Smith, Six Eagles Solutions this month. They have been very strong proponents of SDFM. I want to thank them as well as all our industry partners that have continued to help our chapter with speaker engagements and sponsorships. We are all in this together and with that said, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish while working together. Remember, there are no limits to what you can achieve!

Dream big and make those dreams a reality! I want to finish this newsletter by thanking all the members in SDFM for all the incredible hard work, dedication, and commitment to a great Nation. Thank you for all that you do!

Keep doing Great Things!

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

August PDE August 14, 2025

“Ethics in Financial Management”

Rick Lear, Ethics Attorney, USASMDC



Community Service Project “Free to Teach” Drive (Supplies and Donations)



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

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- ✓ Mentorship
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- ✓ Volunteer Hours

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
4 - Sep	1100-1200	TEAMS	Sep Board Meeting
16 - Sept	1100-1230	TEAMS	Sep PDE,
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

September Professional Development Event

September 16, 2024 @11 AM

Location: MS Teams

William "Bill" Koch,

Chief Operations Officer

GySgt, US Marine Corps, Retired



**Opportunity to
Earn 1 CET**

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July Meeting Date: 7 AUG 2025, 1100, Next meeting scheduled for 4 SEPT 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) – Treasurer Ms. Tina Hinze opened the meeting in appreciation of receiving the budget submissions for almost every chair in which she compiled into a report. With Training & Education there is currently no budget because of the Regional PDI that National is organizing. There is an expectation that we will receive at least \$20K for the Regional PDI so that has been budgeted for. It will be listed as income on the Budget and Finance (Treasurer) budget. It was asked if the president and vice president approve the budget presented in this manner and approval was given. The overall profit and loss for the entire budget shows we will end the year in the black (positive). Tina feels confident that the proposed budget is on target.

Financial Reports – Ms. Tina Hinze (Treasurer) – No budget so no vote needed.

Attendance Ways & Means/Facilities – Committee Chair Ms. Daphne Turner – Budget was upped a bit to ensure we budget correctly. We must have 30 lunches (SDFM Monthly Luncheons) to ensure our spot at The Atrium each month. Because there were no complaints from last year, it was decided to stick to the same monthly menus but maybe switch them around and stick with The Chef's Choice. Vice President Debbie O'Neil asked if we wanted to discuss upping the meal ticket price because we tend to lose money for each luncheon and The Atrium is now charging us \$21/meal, while we are only charging our membership \$15/meal. She recommended we start charging membership \$20/lunch. Treasurer agreed that we should charge members \$20/lunch and non-members \$25/lunch. President Jeff Bacon directed a vote, and the majority voted yes for the change. Jeff also suggested that we try to solicit sponsorship to also offset the costs. Committee member Keedra Harris recommended that we also run a promotion. For example, if a member brings a non-member in two times in a row, they get \$5 off their lunch when they come back the third time. Committee Chair Kari Childress recommended we ensure we are not hitting the PDI sponsors twice by asking them to sponsor our luncheons. Corresponding Secretary Laura Oliver chimed in and stated that she has a meeting with the National Sponsorship person and that some of the smaller sponsors have already requested to sponsor different types of events. Our main bigger sponsors will still be the main sponsors

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for the Regional PDI. The monthly luncheon increase will take place for the October luncheon. The speaker for the virtual September luncheon is still being worked on. Kari suggested that since our September luncheon falls on the 11th, that we commemorate that day in some way. Jeff agreed. We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Awards/Scholarship – Committee Chair Ms. Lauren Cunningham – No change to Awards and Scholarship. Will run much like last Chapter year and keeping in line with the college scholarships again this Chapter year. Lauren requested that she be able to talk with some of the sponsors to see if they would be willing to sponsor a scholarship. Both Jeff and Tina approved. We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Certification Programs – Committee Chair Mr. Stephen Clark – Debbie suggested we plan something for this year since it is the 25th anniversary and there is a lot of emphasis put on Certification Program in which she has already received a lot of material/promotional items to support. She will get with Mr. Clark, the Committee Chair and something will be done to recognize the 25th anniversary of Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) programs. President Jeff Bacon recommended a special coin in recognition perhaps. Rebecca suggested that the Special Events Program and the Certification Program get together and discuss what can be done to honor the anniversary. Treasurer Tina Hinze suggested a reception in the afternoon at 3 pm at The Redstone Rocket with appetizers and drinks for people who already have their CDFM certification or are receiving it this year. \$2,000 was added to the budget to accommodate these new suggestions. We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Philanthropy – Committee Chair Ms. Gina Hranilovic – It is still in question whether we need this committee due to PDIs now going Regional. It will be discussed at the next meeting with National. If this committee is no longer needed, our Constitution and Bylaws will need to be updated to remove this committee. It was mentioned that if the Regional PDI is held in Alabama, this committee could prove to be an issue as it is against state law to hold lotteries and raffle sales. Kari mentioned it must be called a giveaway even though tickets are sold. This discussion will be tabled for now and discussed with National at the next meeting. The line item for SDFM orders for \$1000 was removed since Vice President Debbie confirmed that no more volunteer shirts are needed at this time.

Chapter Competition – Committee Chair Ms. Debbie O'Neil – No budget so no vote needed.

Community Projects – Committee Chair Ms. Daphne Turner – Budget still to be determined after a committee meeting takes place and it has been decided what community projects we will participate in this year, however, all the events we usually do have been budgeted for, i.e., Special Olympics and Heroes Week. We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Constitution/By-Laws – Committee Chair Ms. Laura Oliver – No budget so no vote needed.

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Early Careerist – Committee Chair Ms. Lauren Cunningham – We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Membership – Committee Chair Mr. Jeff Bacon – We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Newsletter/Publicity & Photos – Committee Chair Ms. Kari Childress – Everyone should have the link to access Canva to enter their information monthly. President Jeff Bacon reminded everyone to ensure they meet the monthly deadline of submitting their information by the 11th of the month and no later than the 20th of the month. We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Nominating – Committee Chair Ms. Rebecca Hunt – No budget so no vote needed.

Programs – Committee Chair Ms. Teasia Cunningham – No budget so no vote needed.

Special Events – Committee Chair Ms. Rebecca Hunt – Keeping the budget the same as last Chapter year, however, the annual picnic will not be a free event this year. Members will pay \$5 and non-members will pay \$10. This should help offset the costs incurred with the Christmas party and the picnic. Christmas and picnic baskets were discussed as giveaways again since it was such a big hit last year. Rebecca suggested that we all try to make each monthly luncheon and if we can't attend, a nice donation to the luncheon to help offset our costs would be recommended. Vice President Debbie agreed that it is important that committee chairs and board members attend the luncheons too and encouraged us to also encourage other members to attend. We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Training & Education – Committee Chair Ms. Tina Hinze – No budget so no vote needed.

President's Budget – Committee Chair Mr. Jeff Bacon – We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Webmaster & Social Media – We voted on the budget and the majority vote approved the budget.

Close-out Meeting – Jeff closed out the meeting stating that Tina did a good job keeping us on point. He reiterated that after the budgets are locked in, keep in mind the new process to use a budget request form if changes are made and you will exceed your budget. Submit the form for review and approval before exceeding your budget whenever feasible. We need to monitor any changes, so it is imperative that we use the Budget Request Form.

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

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

QUARTERLY
Member who recruits the most new members—receives a \$50 cash award

Simply mention your guest(s) name when checking in at the PDE

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.



2025-2026 Redstone/Huntsville SDFM Membership Committee:
Jeff Bacon (Chair)

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

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/Ways and Means	Daphne Turner
Audit	Nancy Howe
Awards/Scholarship	Lauren Cunningham
Certification Programs	Stephen Clark
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