

Table of Contents

President's Message	1-3
Chapter News	4-12
Meeting Minutes Executive Board and Committee Chairs	13 - 16
Sponsors	17

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'M POSSIBLE NOT IMPOSSIBLE

Team Redstone,

We got through year-end only to experience a Federal Government Shutdown. We are in some unprecedented times I hope you all are doing well! As we go through life and its changes it is important to remember that we need to take care of ourselves and each other. You never know what people are going through. Today is a new day and tomorrow has unlimited possibilities. The one thing you can control is your attitude.



JEFF BACON
President
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

Your attitude is contagious – others pick up on it. Ask yourself is your attitude something that you want others to catch? Try to be positive through the good and bad. We are all in this together. Keep your head high and remain focused on your goals and objectives. An awesome quote by Audrey Hepburn I like to share is, "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible". If you don't remember anything from this message repeat to yourself "I'm possible".

This month we conducted our Professional Development Event (PDE) with Pat Lynch of Lynch Consultants focused on AI and the FM World Today. Despite Fall Break and the shutdown I thought we had a pretty good turnout overall with great dialogue. Thank you to Pat and for all those that were in attendance! If you missed this event our next PDE is

Continued on Page 2

Chapter Resources

WEBSITE:

WWW.SDFM-RSA-HSV.ORG/

CHAPTER LINKEDIN:

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

Thursday, 13 November. Tim McCleskey will be coming back into town. He gave a great briefing on strategic planning on how to maximize your benefits and retirement last year. I cannot wait to hear what the author of the Volcanic Eruption of Debt has to say this year. You don't want to miss it – look out for the Eventbrite link and RSVP or reach out to Daphne Turner @ daphne.d.turner.civ@army.mil, to sign up today!

During the PDE the Member of the Quarter was announced, and I wanted to extend my congratulations to TeAsia Cunningham who has been doing an outstanding job as our Programs Committee Chair. Thank you TeAsia for the great work that you have been doing for our Chapter!

Our Chapter does some amazing community service projects. One way to serve is just giving back to the community. This is an excellent networking opportunity to meet someone new as well as doing something great for others. I'm looking forward to supporting the Special Olympics with our Vice President, Debbie O'Neal on the West Track on 21 October. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping with the track and field events over the years!

Next month, from 7-12 November, our Chapter will be volunteering to help Hero's Week. This is another great event. Heroes Week is a program that brings our well-deserving 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 serving members, their spouses, or their caregivers. They are honored at the Veterans Day Parade, Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, a Yacht Cruise on Lake Guntersville, and numerous lunches and dinners hosted by local organizations and businesses. If you are interested, please reach out to Debbie O'Neal @ onealdeb25@gmail.com.

Continuation of President's Message

I received our monthly membership roster from National and wanted to welcome Kathy Stallworth who renewed or is new to our Chapter as well as someone that is not new but has been in the game for quite some time Terrance Clay. We appreciate you and all that you do and will continue to do for the FM community!

We have a great Chapter filled with great professionals. When working together anything is possible.

Keep doing great things!

Jeff Bacon

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

"FEDUP Financial Education with Unlimited Potential" November 13, 2025

What: November SDFM Professional Development Event

When: November 13th at 11 AM

Where: The Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit Union

Speaker: Tim McCleskey

Topic: FEDUP Financial Education with Unlimited Potential

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

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

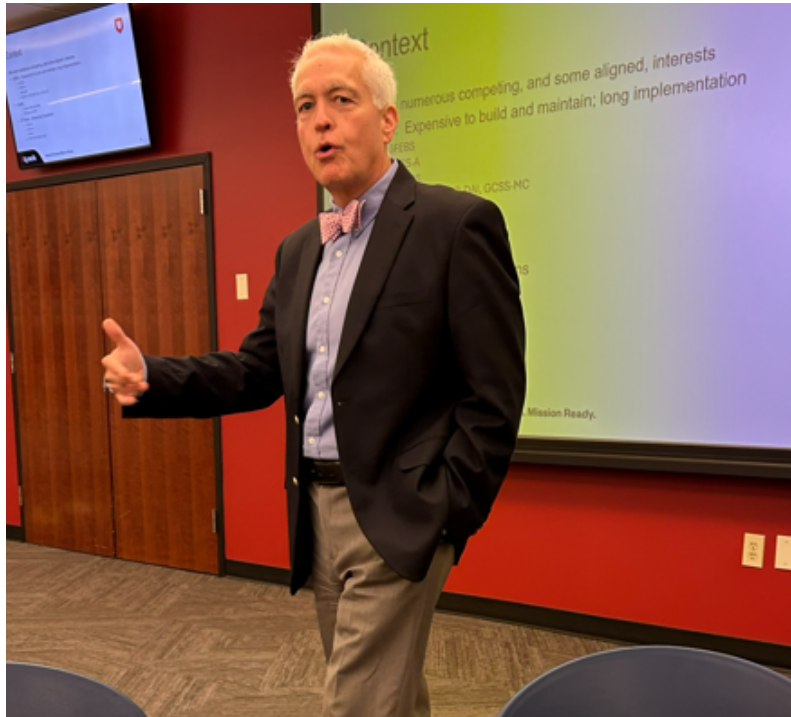
Meal: Bone-in roasted chicken, cabbage, macaroni and cheese, garden salad and rolls, dessert: apple cobbler.

Opportunity to earn \$100 Gift Card.

RSVP with Eventbrite: [EVENTBRITE Link](#)

A.I. Discussion on Camo CPT and Others

October 9, 2025



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

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.

National Update

Teksouth Free Tips & Tricks – October

Join Teksouth Tips and Tricks, a free virtual webinar series designed for the needs of financial management and government accounting professionals. Tips and Tricks hosts monthly training on the Microsoft products already utilized within your government/DoD workplace!

Excel & Power Query: From Messy to Magic

Take messy data from multiple sources, clean it with Power Query, and build a simple dashboard in Excel.

In this training, you will learn how to:

Use Excel functions to shape data

Use Power Query to tame wild and crazy data

Use a Pivot Table to analyze the data

Use Slicers to create a simple dashboard

Create a Pivot Chart to visualize the data

No wand required, just Power Query, Excel, and a little bit of magic.

Note-taking is not necessary during the session! This course is intended for learners of all levels of expertise, and all are welcome to join.

Our sessions will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10:00 ET and 15:00 ET.

Note: Morning and Afternoon sessions cover the same material; feel free to register for both!

Register for free here: <https://www.teksouth.com/vtt-reg/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
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 6 November 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

Redstone/Huntsville SDFM October Meeting Minutes

Date: October 2, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual

Recorder: Laura Oliver

1. Call to Order

- Meeting initiated by **Jeff Bacon**, who confirmed attendance and acknowledged absences due to furloughs.
 - A quorum was present, and the group agreed to proceed.
-

2. Attendance

Present: Jeff Bacon, Debbie O'Neal, Laura Oliver, Tina Hinze, Daphne Turner, Teasia Cunningham, Cynthia Johnson

Absent: Stephen Clark, Nancy Howe, Rebecca Hunt, Lauren Cunningham (on furlough), Gina Hhranilovic

3. Opening Remarks

- **Jeff Bacon** welcomed participants, noting higher-than-expected attendance given ongoing furloughs and shutdown conditions.
 - **Debbie O'Neal** extended year-end well wishes, acknowledged furlough impacts, and reminded members of recurring year-end challenges.
-

4. Membership & Communications

- **Debbie O'Neal** recommended all membership correspondence be routed through **Laura Oliver** to maintain security of membership rosters.
 - Group consensus was reached; **Laura** will manage official communications, using blind copy for members.
 - Discussion occurred regarding welcome messages and membership renewal reminders. Decision was made to revisit this in a separate conversation.
-

5. Upcoming Events

Special Olympics (October 21):

- Good volunteer participation already secured.
- Huntsville will not participate this year, reducing athletes from ~700 to ~500.
- Rain date: October 23.
- Updated volunteer needs will be distributed.

Heroes Week (November 7–12):

- Signup opportunities still available.
- Focus: honoring veterans who did not previously receive a proper welcome home.

School Supplies Collection:

- Confirmed completed in August; no further collection needed in October.

Luncheon Attendance:

- Low signups for upcoming luncheon (5 confirmed). Reminder email will be sent by Laura Oliver.

6. Financial Report

- Presented by **Tina Hinze**.
- No significant expenses aside from August luncheon (\$630).
- Bill Pay system has been set up to reduce postage while awaiting IRS update on organizational name change.
- Sponsorship secured from three partners to cover luncheons as part of the programs budget.
- **Motion to approve financial report:** Debbie O'Neal.
- **Second:** Laura Oliver.
- **Approved unanimously.**

7. Training & Education / Regional PDI / monthly luncheons

- **Tina Hinze** provided update:
 - National continues biweekly planning meetings.
 - Tentative dates: last week of February (pending contract finalization).
 - Awaiting clarification from national on chapter responsibilities.
- Next planning meeting scheduled for **Monday, October 6 at 4:00 PM**.
- Discussion confirmed local chapter meetings will continue even during regional/national PDIs.
- **Teasia Cunningham** confirmed speakers, and **Daphne Tuner** confirmed the Atrium is reserved for February, March, and May (with May held as contingency for weather/picnic planning).

8. Action Items

- **Laura Oliver** to send luncheon reminder email.
- **Debbie O'Neal** to provide updates on volunteer slot availability for Special Olympics and Heroes Week.
- **Committee members** to revisit membership outreach approach in a later meeting.

- **Jeff Bacon / Teasia Cunningham** to coordinate with event sponsor Patrick Lynch after RSVP review.
-

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **11:30 AM**.

2024-2025 EXECUTIVE AND CHAIRS

Executive Board	Officer
President	Jeff Bacon
Vice-President	Debbie O'Neal
Corresponding Secretary	Laura Oliver
Recording Secretary	Madisone Betts
Treasurer	Tina Hinze
Assistant Treasurer	Stephen Elison
Committe	Committe Chair
Attendance/Facilities/Ways and Means	Daphne Turner
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
Philanthropy	Gina Hranilovic
Programs	Jeff Bacon
Special Events	Rebecca Hunt
Training and Education	Tina Hinze
Webmaster	Thaddeus Blake

Thank you to our 2025 Sponsors

Platinum Sponsors



Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



SDFM | Chapter
Redstone/Huntsville