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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TEAM REDSTONE,

After 43 days of federal employees being furloughed and over a dozen attempts to open the Government we are only looking up from here. Thank you to all the excepted employees and contractors that kept everything moving in the lapse of appropriation during the shutdown. You are an incredible workforce doing outstanding and extraordinary things every day. Keep up the great work!



JEFF BACON

President

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

It is November, the month of Thanks. So, it is only appropriate that I start giving some of that right now. First, I would like to thank Nancy Howe, our Audit Committee Chair, for the review of our Chapter's financial transactions and statements ensuring that we are being good judiciary of funds as well as ensuring checks and balances. The result of the audit was favorable stating controls are effective to ensure proper reporting with no irregularities or concerns noted.

Thank you to our Board and Committees for doing the right thing always and ensuring proper fund control and execution of chapter funds. Next, I would like to thank Tina Hinze, our Treasurer, for being amazing at everything she does but also for her time and assistance in the completion of our chapter taxes and getting those submitted on time. Thank you, Tina, I wish there is more that I can say. I appreciate you more than words can write.

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Continuation of President's Message

This month our Chapter was greatly involved in Hero's Week at Westin. This event is something that we have been doing for many years. I would like to thank our Vice President, Debbie O'Neal for her exemplary community service to our veterans. Debbie spent the entire week supporting our hero's. When I think of greatness it is hard for me not to think of Debbie. She has always gone above and beyond for our chapter, community, and others. Thank you, Debbie, for all that you do and who you are! This year a total of 240 hours of community service was provided supporting Hero's Week. Thank you to all those who volunteered this year (Tammara Buckey, Tanesha Clark, Amanda Cole, Leah Dellacalce, Stephen Elison, Scott Cathy Granville, Margaret Hanlon, Rob Hillan, Nancy Howe, Leah Hurford, Erica Ignont, Janet Jackson, Cythia Johnson, Jamica Langley, Mary Beth Martin, Jordan McKinney, DeOnah Norfleet, Angie Offei-Dua, Laura Oliver, Debbie O'Neal, Terry Phelps, Rebecca Price, Alex Roberts, Inell Swain, Petra Taylor, Sabrina Wren, Sha-Tamara Anderson, Col Sam Glover, Nakia Crowell, Lauren Cunningham our awesome Awards/Membership and Early Careerist Committee Chair, Tina Hinze, Lakeitha Smiley-Hooks, and Brenda Tillery). Big round of applause for supporting our Hero's!

Last month our chapter contributed 202 hours of community service in support of Special Olympics. I would encourage anyone reading this to get involved with any of our projects and network with those in your profession. We have a great team doing great things. I say that all the time. If you can do some good in the World, why not? If interested please reach out to our Community Projects Committee Chair, Daphne Turner at daphne.d.turner.civ@army.mil or Debbie O'Neal at onealdeb@nehp.net. There are many ways to serve.

This month we had one of my favorite sponsors and speaker Tim McClesky Jr., from American Benefits Exchange come down to Huntsville to speak to us about 2025 Strategic Planning Financial Planning. Special Thanks to TeAsia Cunningham our Programs Committee Chair, for coordinating the event. We appreciate and thank Tim as well as all our sponsors that continue to support our chapter! I got to see Herb Carmen and a lot of great BDO folks as well. Special thanks to other BDO employees Laura Oliver, our Coordinating Secretary, who crushes everything that is thrown her way. In addition, Cynthia Johnson our Newsletter/Publicity Committee Chair and Thaddues Blake our Webmaster Committee Chair. All great people doing amazing great things! Thank you for your support as always!!

Continuation of President's Message

Next month, planned for December 11th, is our annual Christmas party. I want to thank Rebecca Hunt, our Special Events Committee Chair and her committee for putting together what sounds like an awesome time (I will not spoil the theme). Rebecca and her committee continue to go above and beyond to make these events magical and special. Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information.

While you are marking and saving dates please go ahead and pencil in February 24-25, 2026, our very first Regional Professional Development Event with National right here in the Rocket City. Special thanks to Tina Hinze, our Training and Education Committee Chair and those supporting her, making these types of professional events memorable and something worthwhile.

With Thanksgiving around the corner please take time to reflect on the many blessings in your life. Try not to take them for granted. Remember to take care of what matters. Thank you for all that you do for our Country. I'm honored to serve with you through SDFM and if I can ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jeffrey.a.bacon6.civ@army.mil.

Wishing you and your families the very best this Thanksgiving.

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

Membership News Corner

Have you missed a newsletter or information about a volunteer opportunity?

Please visit sdfm.org > My SDFM > update the Primary Email address listed in your Profile.

SDFM National provides updated rosters to chapters frequently and this is the best way to ensure you are in the know. If you run into any issues, please reach out to membership@sdfm.org.



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Christmas Event

December 11th, 2025

SDFM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 11, 2025

11:00 am – 1:00pm

LOCATION: The Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit
Union, 220 Wynn Drive Huntsville AL 35893



Menu: Roasted Turkey with Pan Gravy, Baked Ham, Salad, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Rolls, Cranberry Sauce
Dessert: Pecan Pie & Coffee, Tea, Water

Cost: \$20 Members \$25 Non-members



Theme: "The Grinch"
AND..... Ugly Sweater Contest, Prizes, Games and
Surprise Give Aways!!

Toy Donations will be accepted for The Angel Tree

RSVP with Eventbrite: [EVENTBRITE Link](#)

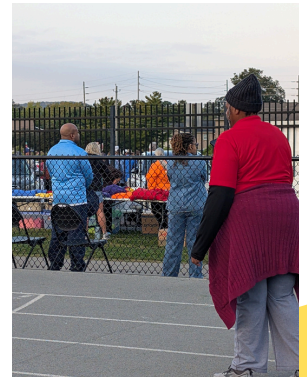
FEDUP: Financial Education with Unlimited Potential November 13th, 2025



Community Service Update

Special Olympics

The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports, Training and athletic competitions provide them with ongoing opportunities. To develop physics fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and Participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendships with them, Families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.



Total Volunteer Hours: 202

Community Service Update

Heroes Week

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 Semper Fi Community Task Force organizes this event. 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 by the Lake Guntersville Yacht Club, and numerous lunches and dinners hosted by local organizations and businesses.



Total Volunteer Hours: 132

Heroes Week



UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
4 - Dec	1100-1230	TEAMS	Dec Board Meeting
11 - Dec	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Christmas Party
1 - Jan	1100-1230	TEAMS	Jan Board Meeting
8 - Jan	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Jan PDE
5 - Feb	1100-1230	TEAMS	Feb Board Meeting
12 - Feb	1100-1230	Atruim at Redstone	Feb PDE

Our next [Executive Board Meeting](#) is 4 Dec 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 October to 31 December 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@nehps.net

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

SDFM Awards/Scholarship Committee

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: cjohnson@bdo.us

Alex Roberts: aroberts@bdo.us

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
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Attendance/Facilities/Ways and Means	Daphne Turner
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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	Cynthia Johnson
Nominating	Rebecca Hunt
Philanthropy	Gina Hranilovic
Programs	Jeff Bacon
Special Events	Rebecca Hunt
Training and Education	Tina Hinze
Webmaster	Thaddeus Blake

Redstone/Huntsville SDFM October Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual

Recorder: Laura Oliver

1. Call to Order

- The meeting began with greetings initiated by Laura Oliver at 0:07. Laura greeted Rebecca Hunt, who responded warmly.
- Laura continued welcoming participants as they joined the meeting.

2. Roll Call & Attendance

Participants who verbally contributed:

- Laura Oliver (CTR, USARMY IMCOM)
- Rebecca Hunt (CIV MDA DZCO)
- Jeffrey A. Bacon (CIV USARMY PEO AVN)
- Daphne Turner (CIV USARMY PEO MS)
- Teasia Cunningham (CIV USARMY AMCOM)
- Phone participant (" +12*****24")

Other individuals referenced during the meeting:

- Debbie ("Deb")
- Laura (from Heroes Week list)
- Lauren
- Nancy Howell (not on the line)
- Steven Ellison (not on the line)

3. General Updates & Conversation

- Jeff Bacon joined at approximately the 1-minute mark. He greeted the group and mentioned he would be seeing some participants during Heroes Week.
- Jeff asked who among the attendees would be participating in Heroes Week activities.

- + The phone participant (+12*****24) reported that Laura, Lauren, Nancy Howell, and Steven Ellison were attending, though Nancy and Steven were not on the call.

- There was clarification that several team members would support Heroes Week, with acknowledgment of the large turnout expected.

4. Heroes Week Details & Volunteer Coordination

- Jeff Bacon encouraged participants to contact Deb if they wished to volunteer, stating she would have assignments available.

- He thanked the group for their continued contributions and reminded them of the importance of their participation.

5. Veteran's Day Activities & Family Opportunities

- The phone participant (+12*****24) provided extensive details regarding Heroes Week and Veteran's Day activities:

- + Opportunities for families with young or middle school-aged children.

- + Encouragement to attend airport welcome events or Westin Hotel reception activities on Friday afternoon.

- + Emphasis on the moving and meaningful nature of these ceremonies.

- + Recommendation to attend the Veteran's Day parade as a family-friendly event.

- Attendees were asked to email Jeff if they participated in any of these activities, ensuring accurate attendance and accounting.

6. Closing Remarks

- Jeff expressed gratitude again, wishing everyone a wonderful day.

- Multiple participants exchanged farewells including Jeff, the phone participant, Daphne Turner, Teasia Cunningham, and Rebecca Hunt.

- The meeting ended with goodbyes and well wishes from all.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting concluded at approximately 52:50 after farewells from the group.

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