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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TEAM,**  
As we approach the New Year and reflect on all the things that happened over the course of 2024. What will be the next chapter in your professional career and lives? In 2025, make a goal to better yourself in some way. Your overall holistic health and well-being is important as each of you are critical in supporting our Nation.



**JEFF BACON**  
President  
Redstone-Huntsville Chapter

This month we had a joyous luncheon led by Rebecca Hunt, our Special Events Committee Chair and her Committee Members that was present to play games and spread Christmas Cheer. Thank you Kristen Hinton-Willis, Sabrina Wren, Debbie O'Neal, Daphne Turner and anyone else I may have missed that help put on this event!

It was great to see old colleagues and to catch up with Colonel Glover. I really enjoyed the fellowship and made me think how lucky I am to be surrounded by great professionals. If you haven't been out to one of our professional developments events please be on the lookout for details and come join us! Please be safe during the Holidays and keep our contractors, civilians, and soldiers in mind that are deployed. I thank you for your continued service and support in SDFM.

Merry Christmas!

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

### Chapter Resources

WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://ASMC-RSA-HSV.ORG](https://asmc-rsa-hsv.org)

CHAPTER LINKEDIN:

[ASMC-RSA-HSV](#)

NATIONAL WEBSITE:

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

JOIN SDFM:

[HTTPS://SDFM.ORG/MEMBERSHIP/](https://sdfm.org/membership/)

**Jan 9, 2025 PDE**

# **Topic: SDFM Audit Task Force Update**



## **Presenter: Patrick Lynch, founder Lynch Consultants, LLC**

**Patrick Lynch founded Lynch Consultants, LLC, in February 2011 with the vision to become the premier consulting firm in the Washington, DC area. He is actively collaborating with Mr. David Clifton (SES, ret) and Mr. Charles Cook (SES, ret) to push the SDFM Audit Task Force to produce impactful results that will facilitate ongoing audit sustainment.**

**Patrick has 20+ years of Federal and Consulting experience. He has been a key leader building consulting firms, planning and directing mission-critical engagements, and developing high-impact leadership teams. He has established and led consulting engagements across the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of the Navy (DoN), the United States Marine Corps (USMC), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Department of Homeland Security (DHS).**

**Patrick was embedded for seven years (sequentially) in Headquarters Marine Corps, Installations and Logistics (HQMC I&L) and the Food and Drug Administration OCIO for seven years.**

**Patrick served in the United States Army as an Armor Officer, and in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as a Case Officer. He also served internships on Capitol Hill, with the Representative William Clinger (of Clinger-Cohen Act), and Senator John Heinz. He provides career transition and mentorship to service men and women. He received an MBA from the University of Miami (FL), and BA from the Johns Hopkins University.**

**Eventbrite Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sdfm-monthly-professional-development-event-tickets-1115589410959?aff=oddtcreator>**

# Message from National SDFM

*Helping to build the SDFM Community results in greater potential for your chapter.  
Your Mission. Our Community.*

*As the SDFM Community grows, it becomes increasingly valuable to our members, especially at the chapter level. More people to learn from. More people to lean on for help. More people to connect with. More robust benchmarking data.*

*Member referrals are our #1 source of new members – nothing is more powerful than a first-hand recommendation from a peer. We greatly appreciate and encourage members to help spread the word about the value derived from SDFM's community, programs and resources. From November 20 – December 31, any member that recruits a new member will receive a limited edition SDFM membership pin (see picture below)! AND any chapter that achieves an overall 3% growth (minimum of 2 new members for C sized chapters) will receive an SDFM-branded feather flag.*



# Dec 11, 2024 Christmas Party

**Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Party. We had a ton of fun with games like holiday bingo and musical chairs, give aways, great food, and most importantly, good fellowship between colleagues. Big shout out to the Special Events committee (Rebecca Hunt, Debbie O'Neal, Lisa White, Lorna Bogan, and Erica Ignont)**



*Member give away table.*



*3 of the wonderful special events committee: Rebecca Hunt, Kristen Hinton-Willis, and Sabrina Wren*



*The yummy dessert table*



**THANK YOU** for all the gift donations. Kids to Love and New Futures greatly appreciate them!



*Our fearless leaders: Jeff Bacon (Pres) and Debbie O'Neal (VP)*



*Annual SDFM Christmas Photo. Thank you for coming out to join in the festivities.*



*Congratulations to our drawing winners!*



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](mailto:lauren.s.cunningham2.civ@army.mil)) or Ms. Erica Ignont ([erica.d.ignont.civ@army.mil](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.*

# 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 2024**.

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](mailto:lauren.s.cunningham2.civ@army.mil)
- Jamica Langley – [jamica.l.langley.civ@army.mil](mailto:jamica.l.langley.civ@army.mil)
- Gina Hranilovic – [gina.m.hranilovic.civ@army.mil](mailto:gina.m.hranilovic.civ@army.mil)
- Debbie O'Neal – [onealdeb@nehp.net](mailto:onealdeb@nehp.net)
- Erica Ignont – [erica.d.ignont.civ@army.mil](mailto:erica.d.ignont.civ@army.mil)
- Keedra Harris – [keedra.l.harris.civ@army.mil](mailto:keedra.l.harris.civ@army.mil)
- Elizabeth McCullough – [Elizabeth.A.Mccullough@usace.army.mil](mailto: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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Time	Location	Event
2-Jan	1100-1230	TEAMS	Dec Board Meeting
9-Jan	1100-1200	Atruim at Redstone	Jan PDE
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

Our next [Executive Board Meeting is 2 Dec 2024 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](mailto:madibetts98@gmail.com)







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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>



[National Website](#)



[Chapter Website](#)



[LinkedIn](#)



[FaceBook](#)

**Opportunity to EARN  
14 CETS**

# 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

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**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](mailto:kari.m.childress.civ@army.mil)

Stephen Elison: [stephen.d.elison.civ@army.mil](mailto:stephen.d.elison.civ@army.mil)

Kristen Hinton-Willis: [kristen.s.hinton-willis.civ@army.mil](mailto:kristen.s.hinton-willis.civ@army.mil)

Vivian Kimble: [vivian.a.kimble.civ@army.mil](mailto: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
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
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