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## January 2020

## Washington Chapter

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### President's Message

Ms. Leslie Ferguson



**Happy New Year** and **welcome** to an exciting new decade!

2020 is our time to dare, to embrace a different approach for real change, in an immensely challenging environment. New Year's resolutions are all about embracing change and trying something new.

Our feature article in this newsletter discusses how we must improve our proficiency and fiscal decision making to be more adaptable to an uncertain world, and the impact that "real world effects" have on our fiscal resources. In addition, the audit of DoD financial statements has triggered a new focus on fiscal accountability and reform. What will you do differently to meet this challenge? Approach the new year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day. You do not need to look far to find opportunities. This Chapter has so much to offer throughout the year to get you well on your way to broadening your knowledge, and achieving your professional goals.

March 12th is our 2020 ASMC National Capital Region PDI with the theme: **CREATE SUCCESS – IT'S CONTAGIOUS!** This well-attended event sells out early each year with more than 1,500 attendees, so do not hesitate to complete your registration. I am excited to announce the following **keynote speakers**: Opening Speaker – Deputy Secretary of Defense, Honorable David Norquist; Morning Speaker – Honorable Dana Deasy, DoD CIO; and Luncheon Speaker – Lt Gen Lori Reynolds, Deputy Commandant for Information, US Marine Corps. This day will be filled with learning, dialogue, collaboration, networking, and certification (7 CPEs!), and we are able to offer it at no cost to our ASMC government members.

We have a fantastic line-up of speakers for our monthly ASMC Washington Chapter luncheons in 2020. This is a great opportunity to get energized! Get away from the office, enjoy an opportunity to meet key leaders from across the DoD, and hear first-hand about Departmental initiatives and priorities. Our upcoming speakers include: JAN: Lt. Gen John Jansen, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, US Marine Corps; FEB: RDML Thomas Allen, Asst Commandant for Resources and CFO, US Coast Guard; APR: Mr. Stephen Herrera, Assoc. Deputy Asst. Secretary for Budget, US Air Force, FM&C (also our ASMC Washington Chapter President-elect). There is still time for our corporate members to take advantage of the corporate table sponsorship program for the luncheons, as well – look for details in the newsletter and on our website.

Don't miss out on our other upcoming training opportunities, such as our Management Concepts mini-courses: February 6, Budgeting and Accounting: Making the Connection; and April 16, Internal Control: Meeting Federal Requirements for Accountability. Also, our ASMC community service event on January 28 to kick-off the New Year of continued support to the DC Central Kitchen. There is still so much more to come in 2020! **Continued next page...**

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### Upcoming Events

Date / Time	Upcoming Events / Sponsor / Speaker / CPEs	Location
	NCR PDI 2020 Website <a href="#">Registration</a> Open	On-line Registration
16 Jan 20/1130-1300	ASMC Chapter Luncheon Meeting / USMC / LtGen Jansen / 1 CPE	The Westin, Crystal City
28 Jan 20/0900-1200	ASMC Community Service Event, DC Central Kitchen	425 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. NW, Washington DC
31 Jan 20	Washington Chapter Individual & Team Achievement Awards Due	<a href="#">Link</a>
6 Feb 20	<a href="#">Mini-Course</a> (F7082): Budgeting and Accounting	Washington DC
20 Feb 20/1130-1300	ASMC Chapter Luncheon Meeting / USCG / RDML Allan / 1 CPE	The Westin, Crystal City
12 Mar 20/0800-1700	NCR PDI 2020	Reagan Building, Washington DC
16 Apr 20/1130-1300	ASMC Chapter Luncheon Meeting / Mr. Steve Herrera / 1 CPE	The Westin, Crystal City
16 Apr 20	<a href="#">Mini-Course</a> (F3589): Internal Controls	Washington DC
21 May 20/1130-1300	ASMC Chapter Luncheon Meeting / DoD / TBD / 1 CPE	The Westin, Crystal City
27-29 May 20	ASMC National PDI	Nashville, TN
18 Jun 20/1130-1300	ASMC Chapter Luncheon Meeting / Awards / TBD / 1 CPE	The Westin, Crystal City

#### ***President's Message Continued***

This time of year, is also a time of reflection on the past year and all of the great accomplishments. Do not miss this opportunity to be thankful, and recognize the hard work and achievements of our workforce. The ASMC Washington Chapter annual awards are under way. We are looking for your nominations; please take the time to submit for your most deserving individuals and teams. Details are in the newsletter and winners will be announced at the March ASMC NCR PDI.

We are here to support your commitment to success in 2020, and in the decade ahead. I really hope to see you at our ASMC events this year!

Best wishes,

Leslie



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### Featured Article



#### **Audit Awareness & Fiscal Decision Making**

Col Scott E. Vasquez, USMC, Director, Fiscal Division,  
Programs and Resources Department  
HQ US Marine Corps



The U.S. Military is faced with an immense challenge to maintain readiness, modernize its capabilities and balance its force structure in order to remain the premier military power in the world. Amidst a stagnant DoD topline, which holds an array of competing entities, like ballistic submarines, space capabilities and USAF bombers, DoD must improve upon its fiscal decision making to both maintain taxpayer trust and confidence and also to maximize every dollar it receives to meet the intent of the National Defense Strategy. As military top line funding remains stagnant and unable to meet all of the NDS's demands, our fiscal decision making must be based upon relevant data and information that provides leadership with an appropriate amount of risk analysis to make informed decisions in defense of our nation.

The Budget Control Act of 2011 was the integral cause of our underfunded defense budgets over the past 10 years. Those budget controls will end in FY21, and DoD may see slightly increased budgets beginning then. However, there are no guarantees that other overwhelming expenses are not lurking around the corner. Conflicts and catastrophic disasters occur in our world, almost predictably. We must assume that real world events will continue to strain our fiscal resources in the future, whether budget caps exist or not. We can mitigate the negative effects of these real world problems by increasing our own business process efficiencies, many of which were identified by auditors as needing attention.

Over the past few years, DoD has undergone full financial statement audits. The annual audit has awakened DoD to improve upon and reform its business processes. DoD audit efforts support the National Defense Strategy, by basically ensuring accountability for our country's financial resources, thereby contributing to our focus on manning, training and equipping our military. DoD welcomes the improvement that the audit inspires. Although the military services are confident in their abilities to win wars, the audit has shown that there's a deeper level to the simple operational tempo of just "getting things done". To quote Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management & Comptroller, The Honorable Mr Harker, "The audit is not about whether your numbers are right, it's about are your business processes effective." Effective can be a relative term, but in reference to the audit, it demands a lot.

The audit has revealed some eye-opening issues with how we maintain our military inventories of property and equipment. Of note, we clearly recognize in DoD that our information technology systems deserve some much-needed improvement. In order to command effectively, a commander must know exactly what is in the inventory before he can know what is required. When the inventory isn't represented accurately, a commander might be spending unnecessarily on things he already has. The converse of this is that the commander thinks he has certain items in his unit's inventory, but he really doesn't. For example, some military installations discovered that certain buildings were still on the books but were completely demolished many years ago. When these types of discoveries are displayed in the public arena, people tend to poke at the military as "not being a good fiscal steward". A commander must have 100% accountability of everything that falls under his control. This is not merely limited to what he physically owns, but also applies to what exists inside the supply-accounting system.

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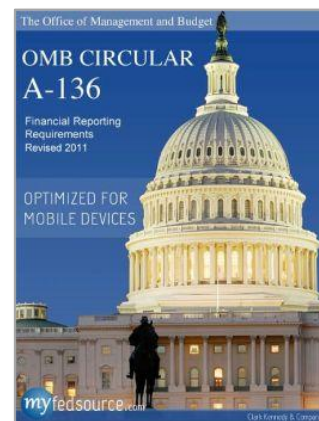


### Featured Article

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Obligated transactions in the Marine Corps' accounting system, Standard Accounting, Budgeting and Reporting System (SABRS) must continuously be validated. Invalid transactions that go into a new fiscal year, are lost spending opportunities. DoD is plagued with this each year, as millions of spending dollars are never used towards military requirements. The challenge here is that each unit must maintain visibility and awareness of thousands of supply purchase transactions, while preparing for deployments, training and other military readiness requirements. However, validating the books is as important to the military as it is for any business in the world. Accounting transactions in our IT systems have typically been looked at as a supply-comptroller responsibility. I would argue that the responsibility must be shared by all. Leveraging technology allows us to carefully show to a commander and his unit "what" is in the accounting system, and "what" needs to be addressed. Some units already do this very well. The point is that, "everyone needs to be doing this", or clean audit opinions will remain elusive.

DoD must be able to tie its spending to goals and objectives, which is mandated in OMB Circular A-136. Over the past decade or so, DoD has improved upon identifying what exactly our fiscal resources buy, specifically, capabilities. Congress demands to know, specifically, what appropriated funding is being used for. When Congress asks the question, "What does \$10M buy in readiness?", any service should be able to say exactly what \$10M buys from a capability perspective. An antiquated system of "program codes" has devolved into DoD oftentimes throwing money at "programs" vice focusing money in a more holistic manner, considering a more overarching "capability". Each military service is adroit at determining what capabilities it wants to go after each year, but struggles to tie its accounting to specific goals and objectives. This is the business process area that DoD must continue to focus on. Business Operations Plans are becoming the rule of the day, but unfortunately, require contractual assistance to produce. Simply put, the military services are not well staffed with military or federal employees to conduct such activities, but we're learning quickly.



DoD can no longer measure its fiscal effectiveness by merely obligating 99.9% of its appropriated funds by 30 September, unsure of the veracity of the thousands of transactions sitting in the accounting system, hoping that they're all "valid". DoD can no longer think that the finer details of the audit are "not that important". DoD must understand that audit success builds confidence, trust and credibility. Our all-volunteer force depends upon the mothers and fathers of America believing that their young men and women are in good hands; hands that are both physically skilled and fiscally adroit.

**Seeking writers!** If you would like to write an FM-related article for the Chapter Newsletter, please email the editor at [mmonson@definitivelogic.com](mailto:mmonson@definitivelogic.com)



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# November 2019 Meeting Recap



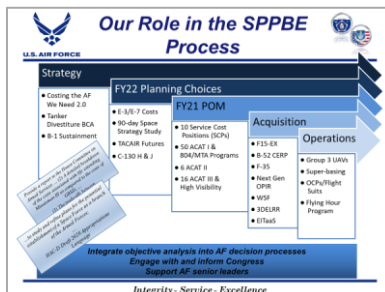
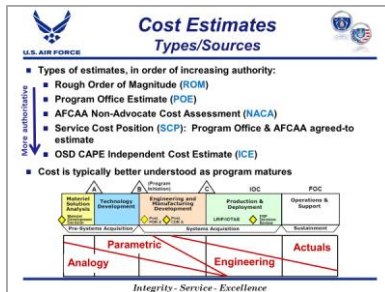
**Speaker:** *Mr. Grant McVicker*

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics,  
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management  
and Comptroller

**Time:** *Social 11:30am, Lunch 11:45am*

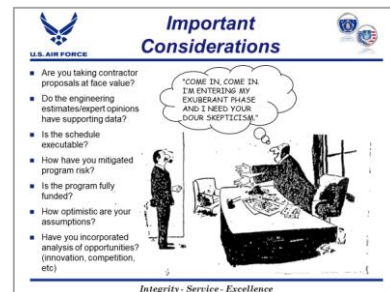
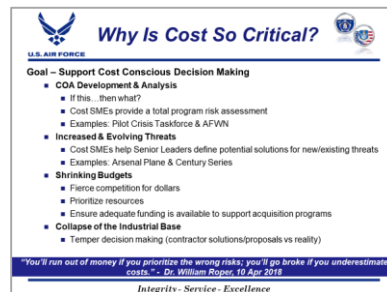
**Date:** *Thursday, 21 November 2019*

**Location:** *Westin*  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202



**Below are highlights from Mr. McVicker's presentation: "Air Force Cost & Economics – Some Basics"**

- Introduction to HQ Air Force Financial Management Team
- Overview of the different types of cost estimates that Air Force cost estimators encounter and their sources
- In addition to supporting POM and Planning cycles, our office supports Senior Leader decision making by providing Cost Benefit Support, Special Studies, AoA and BCA Support, as well as acting as liaison to other HQ offices.
- Provided a brief example of the types of estimates/studies completed for each function
- SAF/FMC supports the AF corporate process throughout the PPBE Process
- Cost is a critical component to decision support analysis and it's absolutely necessary to correctly prioritize resources. Our goal is to ensure Senior Leaders fully understand the total cost and risk associated with COAs



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### January 2020 Meeting



**Speaker:** *LtGen John M. Jansen, USMC*

Deputy Commandant for Programs & Resources

**Time:** *Social 11:30am, Lunch 11:45am*

**Date:** *Thursday, 16 January 2020*

**Location:** *Westin  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
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Originally from Indianapolis, IN, he was commissioned via the Platoon Leaders Course Program in 1986 after graduating from Indiana University with a BS in Finance. He was designated a Naval Aviator in January 1990 and assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron (VMFAT) 101, for conversion training in the F/A-18 Hornet.

In 1991, he reported to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 251 for two deployments to the Western Pacific and a deployment to Aviano Air Base, Italy in support of Operations DENY FLIGHT and PROVIDE COMFORT over Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1994, he reported to 2d Battalion, 8th Marines, for service as a Forward Air Controller and deployed to the Western Pacific.

In 1995, he reported to Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 46 as the Group Logistics Officer then Operations Officer for VMFA-134 and graduated from Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). In 1998, he reported to VMFA-323 and deployed to the Persian Gulf on board the USS Constellation (CV-64) in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH over Iraq. In 2000, he reported to VMFA-314 and deployed to the North Arabian Sea in 2001 aboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM over Afghanistan.

In 2002, he reported to Marine Corps Command and Staff College. In January 2003, he reported to the Coalition Forces Land Component Command Headquarters, Camp Doha, Kuwait as the Deputy Chief, C3 Aviation in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2003, he reported to VMFA-251, as the Executive Officer and deployed to the Western Pacific. In 2004, he assumed command of VMFA-251, transitioned the squadron to a carrier-based squadron, and deployed in 2006 to the Arabian Gulf on board the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In 2006, he reported to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Darmstadt, Germany for a Joint assignment as an Arms Control Inspection Team Chief implementing the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe. In 2008, he reported to Rome, Italy for attendance in the NATO Defense College Senior Course. In 2009, he reported to Okinawa, Japan as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st MAW. In 2011, he assumed command of MAG-11.

In 2013 he reported to HQMC as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Programs, P&R. In 2015 he reported to III Marine Expeditionary Force as the Deputy Commanding General and Commanding General, 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade. In 2017, he reported to National Defense University as the 44th Commandant of the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. In 2018, he reported to HQMC as the Deputy Commandant, P&R.

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### February 2020 Meeting



**Speaker:** *Rear Admiral Thomas G. Allan, Jr., USCG*

Assistant Commandant for Resources & Chief Financial Officer

**Time:** *Social 11:30am, Lunch 11:45am*

**Date:** *Thursday, 20 February 2020*

**Location:** *Westin  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202*



Rear Admiral Tom Allan serves as the Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. Coast Guard. In this capacity, he is responsible for all budgetary, financial and resource management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Coast Guard. As a component of the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard is comprised of a nearly 60,000 member active duty, reserve and civil servant workforce with an annual budget of \$11 billion.

Rear Admiral Allan is a career operations ashore officer with tours across multiple units with a concentration in boat forces operations. His operational tours include Coast Guard Cutter HAMILTON, where he completed a homeport move from Boston, Massachusetts to San Pedro, California operating throughout the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; Senior Watch Officer at the Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center in Suitland, Maryland; Surface Operations Officer at Group/Marine Safety Office Portland, Oregon; Response Department Head and Deputy Group Commander for Sector Charleston, South Carolina; and as the Commander of Sector Jacksonville, serving as the Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, responsible for a \$30 billion Maritime Transportation System with 3 nationally strategic ports, the world's busiest passenger cruise ship terminals, and one of the nation's top 20 busiest container ports.

Rear Admiral Allan served in various Headquarters level offices to include the Executive Assistant to the 25th Commandant; Chief of Congressional and Governmental Affairs; Special Assistant to the 24th Commandant; Chief of Resources and Requirements for the Deployable Operations Group; and Chief of the Office of Financial Policy and Programs Division.

Rear Admiral Allan's awards include the Coast Guard Legion of Merit, the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and numerous Unit and Service awards.

A native of Bowie, Maryland, Rear Admiral Allan graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management; later earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland; and recently completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

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**NEW**

## Corporate Sponsorships Available for Chapter Monthly Lunch Meetings in 2020

### ASMC Washington Chapter Monthly Meeting Corporate Table Pilot

Reserve Luncheon Table Reservations in advance on-line for discount

An investment of only \$252 (paid in full, on-line) provides 2 seats for each of the first 4 luncheons in 2020—a \$280 value. No need for discrete monthly reservations/payments for ASMC luncheons. Provides ability for corporate members to bring young careerists, guests/clients, non-members, and potential members at your discretion.

\$252 – Includes 2 reserved seats to hear distinguished speakers on:

- January 16, 2020 hosted by USMC
- February 20, 2020 hosted by USCG
- April 16, 2020 hosted by DOD
- May 21, 2020 hosted by Army

Note: No March meeting as we hold the ASMC NCR PDI on 12 March 2020 at the Reagan Bldg.

Register at: <https://secure3.rhq.com/ireg/public/index.cgi?evid=R13-06-01-ASMC>

Any questions please contact Tim Kohlrus, [tkohlrus@definitivelogic.com](mailto:tkohlrus@definitivelogic.com), 703-509-9031



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### Chapter News – 2019 Holiday Social

Thank you to all of our Corporate sponsors for the wonderful holiday raffle items enjoyed by over 200 attendees! Thank you also to everyone who brought canned goods and toys for our charities!



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Create Success – It's Contagious



**Our 2020 ASMC National Capital Region PDI is a partnership across key ASMC Washington metropolitan area chapters** – to optimize our DoD enterprise education and learning, dialogue, networking, as well as enhance our fund-raising for charities and scholarships.

Last year our event sold out, with over 1,500 government and industry professionals attending this worthwhile conference to interact, share insights, and help advance critical business outcomes needed for our warfighters.

The DoD Financial Management triumvirate – military, civilian, and contractor professionals – has been challenged by DoD leadership to cut spending, smartly modernize, accelerate audit, and enhance professional advancement. We must embrace the real change -- essential to reform our business environment faster, cheaper, and with less risk -- in order to achieve operating effectiveness, auditability, and reprogram critical funds for national security.

**The theme for the 2020 ASMC National Capital Region PDI is: “Create Success – It’s Contagious”**

PLEASE join us on Thursday March 12, 2020 at the Ronald Reagan Center in Washington D.C. for a terrific day of learning, dialogue, collaboration, networking, and certification [7 CPEs]. There is **no cost** for our government ASMC members to ensure attendance. Corporate/Retired members: \$229; non-members: \$279

**2020 NCR PDI [Registration](#) opened 1 Dec 19 and it's filling up fast!**

The DoD Financial Management triumvirate – military, civilian, and contractor professionals – has been challenged and funded by DoD Leaders since 2001 to effectively transform legacy operations, achieve audit, and enhance professional advancement. We have prepared long and hard. 2020 is our time to dare - cast aside conservatism, apprehension, and the status quo for real change - to achieve transformational outcomes and repurpose scarce funds to the fight.



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### Community Service Event



To celebrate the New Year, we are volunteering to support the DC Central Kitchen again! Please lend your time and generosity and help us fight hunger in DC!

**28 January 2020, 9am – 12pm**  
**425 2nd St NW, Washington, DC 20001**



We invite you to join your fellow ASMC Washington Chapter members as we fight hunger and transform wasted food into balanced meals for our community! You will work alongside graduates of DC Central Kitchen's Culinary Job Training program to help them prepare nutritious meals by cutting, chopping and/or peeling otherwise wasted food. With the help of volunteers like you, DC Central Kitchen prepares and deliver more than 5,000 meals to partner homeless shelters, rehabilitation clinics, halfway houses, and afterschool programs each day. No cooking or food service experience is required!

We are looking for 12 volunteers to join us in giving back to our community and help those in need!

To sign up, please send an email with your name, email address, and phone number to Chris Pritchett ([cpritchett@kpmg.com](mailto:cpritchett@kpmg.com)) and Jeff Norris ([jnorris@kpmg.com](mailto:jnorris@kpmg.com)), both fellow ASMC Washington Chapter members.

Additional info about DC Central kitchen can be found at <https://dccentralkitchen.org/>. A short video about the DC Central Kitchen organization can be found at <https://vimeo.com/92764695>.



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### Training & Education

The ASMC Washington Chapter is sponsoring the following mini-courses at no cost to our members.

#### MINI-COURSE (F7082)

### Budgeting and Accounting: Making the Connection

This course is designed for junior DoD or contract employees from various backgrounds: accountants who want insight into DoD budgeting, budgeteers who want insight into DoD Accounting, and systems people who want a basic understanding of DoD budgeting and accounting so they can implement new financial systems.

DoD Certification Level 2  
COMPETENCY: Concepts, Policies and Principles of Budget – 2.5 hrs (PL3)

**February 6, 2020**

AM SESSION 8:30-11:30 AM  
PM SESSION 12:30-3:30 PM

*Register by January 24, 2020*

**FREE for ASMC Members!**

#### MINI-COURSE (F3589)

### Internal Control: Meeting Federal Requirements for Accountability

This mini-course will help participants in reducing the risk of waste, fraud, and mismanagement within their agency, and supporting accountability efforts. Participants will learn what controls are and why they are important; the requirements, standards, and guidance available for internal controls; the importance of risk management; and the eight steps in an internal control process. In addition, the course will cover the relatively new requirement for Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), addressing risks to an agency's strategic objectives.

DoD Certification Level 2  
COMPETENCY: Audit Concepts, Policies and Principles – 2.5 hrs (PL3)

**April 16, 2020**

AM SESSION 8:30-11:30 AM  
PM SESSION 12:30-3:30 PM

*Register by April 3, 2020*

#### LOCATION

Management Concepts Washington DC Training Center  
919 18th Street NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20006

*Across the street from the Farragut West Metro Station*

**To register, visit [Learn.ManagementConcepts.com/ASMC](https://Learn.ManagementConcepts.com/ASMC)**

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The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) is a 5-day, 40-hour, intensive financial management review course delivered in a classroom setting. The material covered is presented in 3 sections that correspond to the CDFM exam modules and knowledge areas:

**Resource Management Environment**

**Budget and Cost Analysis**

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Students receive a copy of the course textbook on the first day of class and receive 40 CPE/CET for full participation. Register at least three weeks before the first day of the class. EDFMT Course questions should be directed to Amanda Alter at (202) 314-3346 or [amanda.alter@graduateschool.edu](mailto:amanda.alter@graduateschool.edu)

Course cost does not include CDFM Program enrollment or any CDFM exams.

Contact ASMC with questions at [CDFMtraining@asmconline.org](mailto:CDFMtraining@asmconline.org)

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ASMC supports	A global community of defense financial managers, military comptrollers, and corporate members
Who need	Convenient, affordable, and collaborative opportunities for leadership and education that further enable the support of warfighters, the National Military Strategy, and the overall federal financial management (FM) profession, while enhancing their career development
By providing	Educational materials, training courses, the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certification; leadership opportunities at National and Chapter levels, opportunities to enhance communication skills and contribute to the federal FM body of knowledge; and in-person and virtual access to a global network of peers, and a knowledgeable and customer service-oriented staff
As a result	Financial managers who are members or certificants of ASMC are equipped with the latest innovations, industry knowledge, and best practices; possess a broader understanding of defense FM policies and operations; and differentiate themselves as highly qualified candidates for positions within the DoD, the United States Coast Guard, other federal agencies, and the private sector
Because of	ASMC's status as a premier defense financial management education provider, it is recognized as a prestigious organization for leaders and other individuals serving in or supporting the defense FM community
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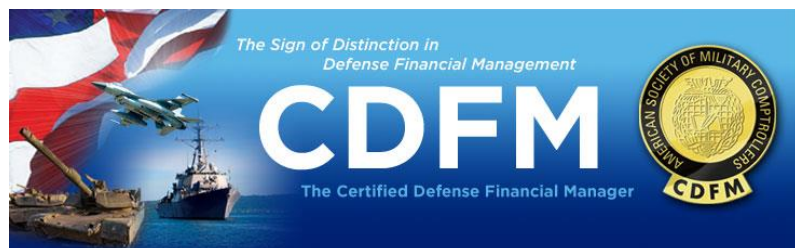
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ASMC offers the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) educational program and certification designation to those persons desiring to demonstrate proficiency in the core aspects of Defense Financial Management.



For more information, visit: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/>

## Congratulations to our newest CDFMs!

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While most candidates in the CDFM program are civilian or military/reserve members of the Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps or employees of defense contractors or suppliers, the CDFM program is open to all candidates who have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and meet the following work experience qualifications:

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- **Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher;** or
- **Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.**

OR

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