



President's Corner

Greetings, and welcome to the New Year!

As we enter 2012, we can look back at a busy and successful year. High Desert Chapter stayed busy with charity activities, supporting Relay for Life and various local charities. In November members baked and decorated over 300 cupcakes which were donated to feed the homeless, and in December we banded together to support the family of one of our own who has suffered serious medical issues. We look forward to continuing our community support in 2012.

We also saw tremendous success as our chapter hosted the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course in August and the Certified Defense Financial Manager Module 4 – Acquisition Business Management Course in December. Testing was available following each course, and we were thrilled to see a 100% pass rate for the tests following the EDFMT and a 50% pass rate for the Module 4 tests. The successful testing gained High Desert Chapter a whole new crop of CDFM's and CDFM-A's – congratulations to all of you who earned your certifications and also to those who passed modules and are on their way to certification!

Going into 2012, we are ramping up for PDI 2012 in Anaheim. We are excited to be a part of it and are looking forward to a jam-packed three days in May. We will gain valuable knowledge that will help tremendously as we manage increasingly tight budgets in the coming years.

Thanks for all the support you give High Desert Chapter – let's make 2012 the best year ever!



OUR MISSION

To promote education, training and professional development in all aspects of military comptrollership.

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Meet the Board



From Left: Sharon Hayes, Sheri Pflum, Rebecca Pease, Maria BridgeoThompson, SSgt. Jakob Won, Kathleen Augustine

Sharon Hayes, President
 Sheri Pflum, 1st VP (Membership)
 Kathleen Augustine, 2nd VP (Programs)
 SSgt. Jakob Won, 3rd VP (Nominations)
 Maria BridgeoThompson, Secretary
 Rebecca Pease, Treasurer
 Jeannie Alvarado, Events Coordinator
 (not pictured)

Hi, I'm Sharon Hayes.

I've worked at Edwards for nearly ten years and have been a member of ASMC for the last three years. Prior to being elected President of High Desert Chapter, I served as 2nd Vice President.

Career highlights include the opportunity of working in a Joint environment with the Navy and FAA while at OSS, obtaining my CDFM certification and completing the Defense Financial Manager Course at Maxwell AFB. I see the position of President as an opportunity to shape High Desert Chapter into a vital organization that will enrich the FM community at Edwards – one that will cultivate the enthusiasm and talents of our diverse membership.

SSgt Jakob Won.

Staff Sergeant Jakob S. Won is a Financial Services Technician assigned to the 95th Comptroller Squadron, Edwards AFB, California. He was born in Seoul, South Korea in 1984 and raised in Austin, Texas where he graduated from Johnston High School in May 2002. SrA Won attended the University of Houston before enlisting in the Air Force October 4, 2004.

In May 2009, SSgt Won arrived at Edwards AFB, California. After attending Airmen Leadership School, he quickly became the "go to" person within the Financial Services Flight and garnered recognition as the 95 CPTS Airman of the Year for 2009. With his experience from the Air Force Financial Services Center, he provided valuable insight and training for FM Transformation. While the NCOIC was deployed, SSgt Won quickly stepped up to take the reins of the section without mission degradation. He led a six man team that provided excellent customer service to over 6,000 personnel. Under his guidance, Edwards AFB has earned the lowest military pay reject rate within AFMC.

PDI Countdown**Where:** ANAHEIM**When:** 30 May - 1 Jun**Registration:** Feb 2012**Who:****All FMers Encouraged!**

ASMC is sponsoring 10 committee volunteers and 2 AI's.

New Virtual PDI coming!
Details TBA.

Join the local chapter and attend meetings to learn more about opportunities available to you.

More info:www.pdi2012.org

Membership

54 active local members
65 active national members

new members

Oct 0

Nov 2

Dec 4



National Membership

National membership costs \$26 annually or \$75 for three years. Sign up and pay online at <http://www.asmonline.org/membership/>.

Local Membership

Local membership costs \$10 annually and can be paid several years at a time. We gladly accept cash or check. If you plan to pay by check, please make your payment out to "High Desert Chapter, ASMC". You can give your local membership payment to any ASMC board member.

Our local chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month during lunch hour and we always have exciting speakers with topics relative to the financial management community.

Why Join?

Joining the ASMC is an investment in yourself, your professional development and your career. As an ASMC member, you have the opportunity to network with the local and global community of defense resource management personnel. Regardless of where you are in your career, ASMC membership offers many paths and opportunities to learn from and interact with your colleagues in ways that will help you meet your professional goals.



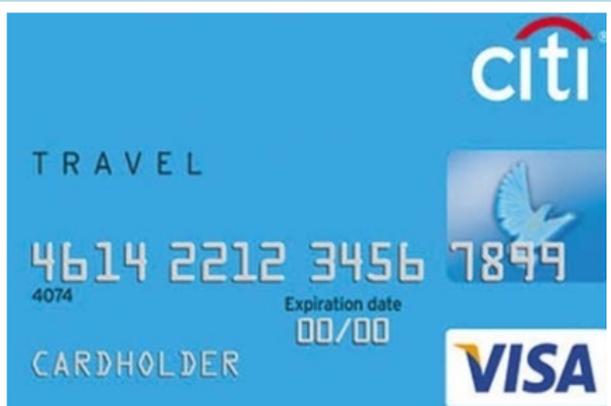
The National Professional Development

Institute (PDI) is the premier training event of the American Society of Military Comptrollers. Each year, more than 3300 resource managers in the Department of Defense and US Coast Guard converge for a three day event whose objective is to

enhance skills and abilities that personnel in the financial and resource management community must possess to meet the challenges of today's defense financial management. The PDI focus is on education and training, with more than 20 hours of educational sessions and speakers, and the ability to earn up to 26 CPE.

SOURCE: www.pdi2012.org

Monthly Meeting Activities



October

Ms. Becky Perez joined us in October and provided a much needed update on all things CSA.

Does the personal disbursement always have to be manually moved to the GOVCC?

Yep, it's mandatory.

Are members still able to spend the CSA like a debit card once their voucher is paid? Not anymore! Only a phone call to the bank or a visit to the website can arrange for the transfer to a personal account.

November

Ms. Debora Merrell paid us a visit in November to share her wealth of experience, pun intended, in managing the Chapel finances.

Ms. Merrell talked about the Chapel's process for handling donations, cash accountability, bank deposits, church expenditures and how each transaction is handled. She also shared the differences in their government credit card process, reconciliation, and everyone's favorite time of year— the audit(s).



December

ASMC's very own Ms. Kathleen Augustine stepped up to the mic in December to enlighten us with personal finance tips she picked up from years of experience in facilitating Dave Ramsey and Crown Financial classes. We learned how to curb some bad habits, set spending limits, combat the urge to swipe away with those credit cards, and realize the potential to help others if we achieve and

maintain financial health. As Christmas fast approached and we could hear the dollar signs-a-chiming, Kathleen's useful tips couldn't have come at a better time!

Meeting Minutes

October - *minutes unavailable*

November

1. **Call to Order:** 1155
2. **Old Business:** None
3. **Approval of minutes**
4. **Treasurer's Report**
5. **PDI 2012:** June 2012, Anaheim, CA.
 - Sheri Pflum, Admin Chair, stated that the committee needs 5 more volunteers. Interested members are required to be active members in the local chapter. PDI reduced rates are available to volunteers. The schedule will accommodate time for volunteers to attend classes.
 - Additionally, there are several Assistant Instructor (AI) volunteers needed. An AI provides assistance to PDI instructors. This is a great opportunity for volunteers and chapter gets reimbursed for providing volunteer support.
6. **Fundraisers:** Serving dinner at Grace Resource Center Wednesday night.
 - Kathleen needs assistance in baking/decorating 100 cupcakes. Take your cupcakes to Kathleen by Tuesday.
6. **New Business:** None
7. **Charity:**
 - Voted Q4 charity to Scoggin Family.
 - Christmas decorating 10 Dec
 - Gift wrap party 29 Nov
9. **Training:** EDFMT training 2-6 Apr, CDFM-A 6-7 Dec
10. **Speaker:** Chapel finances, Ms. Deborah Merrell
11. **Meeting Adjourned:** 1255

December - *minutes unavailable*

Treasurer's Report

October		November		December	
<u>Edwards Federal Credit Union</u>		<u>Edwards Federal Credit Union</u>		<u>Edwards Federal Credit Union</u>	
Checking	\$1,566.14	Checking	\$1,746.79	Checking	\$1,183.51
Savings	\$2,360.89	Savings	\$2,361.19	Savings	\$6,550.85
Money Market	\$5,879.76	Money Market	\$5,880.51	Money Market	\$5,881.23
<u>Pentagon Federal Credit Union</u>		<u>Pentagon Federal Credit Union</u>		<u>Pentagon Federal Credit Union</u>	
Savings	\$1.73	Savings	\$2.24	Savings	\$5.00
Monkey Market	\$11,805.46	Monkey Market	\$7,779.35	Monkey Market	\$7,811.52
<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Dues	\$30	Dues	\$100	Lunch	\$56.52
Dividend	\$51.20	Rebates	\$170	EOY Lunch	\$136.10
		Lunch Fees	\$169.79	Donation	\$20
		Dividends	\$64.10	Dues	\$160
				Lunch Fees	\$86
				Dividends	\$33.72
				Lunch	\$56.52
				Scholarship	\$500
				Donation	\$250

CDFM Achievements



Testing on CDFM-A was conducted at Edwards in December. Congratulations to those who passed!

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Training

Upcoming Classes:

EDFMT Modules 1-3: Enhanced Defense Financial Management

2-6 April

0800 - 1600

Location: TBD

This is a 5-day intensive FM review course taught in 3 modules. The course is provided by the DoD and is licensed and copyrighted by the ASMC.

The training is provided for a variety of reasons:

1. The departmental leadership is interested in improving the overall technical and managerial capabilities of the FM work force.
2. The program is designed to broaden the perspective of each financial manager by introducing them to areas of expertise outside their daily responsibilities.
3. The course assists in preparation for a stringent examination, the Certified Defense Financial Manager.

Charities

The Season of Giving

Christmas brought the local chapter together for a very special reason in 2011, as one of our own FMers has been hospitalized for months.



To brighten Christmas for her two young girls, uplift her son, and help support their Dad, we gathered donations and gifts to bring a little cheer to their home for Christmas. We had quite the turn out for

the gift wrapping party! High Desert Chapter would like to extend a sincere thank you to Teri Seiler for coordinating the activities and devoting her heart to supporting our dear friend and her family in need.

Scholarships

Toni Culver, Kathleen Augustine and Rebecca Pease have been scholarship committee members for last several years and have worked very hard to get local high school students to apply for our scholarships. Applications have been distributed to local schools and the deadline is March 16th.

The one area that we still need to work on is the ASMC Member Continuing Education Scholarship. We offer a \$500 scholarship to an ASMC member pursuing a degree in a business or resource management field. The applicant must have been a member of our ASMC chapter for two years. The winner can compete at the National ASMC level for one of fifteen scholarships.

Information has been announced base wide. We have not had any applicants for this scholarship since 2008! We would love to give a scholarship to a local member.

Nancy Wachter, Scholarship Chairman

Upcoming Events

- **1 Feb** **Executive Board Meeting**
- **15 Feb** **General Meeting**
- **Feb** **PDI 2012**
- TBA** **Registration**
- **30 May** **PDI 2012 Anaheim**
- **TBD** **Panda Express Fundraiser**

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