



President's Corner

by Toni Sandelli, President

If you are a Financial/Resource Manager, you have a very important role these days. When there is a shortfall in resources, you will be working harder than ever before. You will have to write more justification and impact statements, and they will really matter. Most importantly with the decentralized environment we work in, your integrity will be tested often. This is not the first time the federal government has had serious shortfalls or true attempts to reduce the budget deficit. The difference now is our control point is at the unit level. The streamlined processes of making purchases via the government purchase cards and making travel arrangements/reimbursement via the Defense Travel System has also left vulnerabilities in ensuring guidance and laws are properly implemented. Inspections and audits discover the concerns, but they do not prevent them. You are the front line. As resources dwindle, be ever vigilant in providing sound advice to your leaders and resist making ends meet through creative resourcing. Three importance statues that are important for you to know well is the Misappropriation Act (Section 1301, 31 USC), the Anti-Deficiency Act (Sections 1341 and 1517, 31 USC) and the Bona Fide Need Rule (Section 1502 (a), 31 USC). Give good sound recommendations to your leaders, not only will it be good for your organization, you will be doing the job your were hired to do.



OUR MISSION

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

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Membership

57 active local members
82 active national members

new members

Oct 0

Nov 1

Dec 0



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.



PDI 2013

May 29 - 31 | Denver, Colorado

join us at the premiere training event
for defense financial managers

What is PDI?

It's an annual training opportunity hosted by ASMC National. Financial managers from across the DoD come together to share current and

forthcoming issues that directly affect our FM roles. You can earn up to 21 CPE's for attending the various training sessions, taught by leading FMers and Senior Leaders. From basic budgeting 101 to career development to decision support, the topics offered are applicable to all levels of experience.

Who is eligible? Anyone with FM responsibilities is a good candidate. High Desert Chapter works hard to send a few candidates each year. You can even volunteer to work there to earn a spot. Stay up to date on news about the event at our general membership meetings each month. Many members have attended past PDI's and would be happy to tell you all about it. For even more information visit www.pdi2013.org

Speaker of the Month



Oct

Lt Col Trevor Williams was introduced by Ms. Fran Morris as our guest speaker. He discussed our role in the FM community and the affect we have on the customer service at Edwards AFB. He noted that being part of the FM community is an advantage due to the changes that are taking place. He emphasized that we should be doing the best we can. He mentioned that Decision Support is important. He mentioned that Office Fitness is the key to being fit for the work challenges we are facing; and our fitness is a combination of our Spiritual, Relational, Physical, and Professional well-being. He noted that we must be resilient to stay in the fight and key fitness enablers will help reinforce positive behaviors that go well beyond us. He emphasized the importance for mentoring in our career path and the need to make it a two-way street to facilitate continuous growth.

Nov

MSgt William Russell, the First Sergeant for 412/FSS/CPTS/WSA First Sergeant President, First Sergeant's Council was introduced by Ms. Fran Morris as our guest speaker. He discussed what his role as a first sergeant was and informed us that he was one of 8 assigned to Edwards AFB. He also gave us a few ideas on how the types of issues he assists airmen with resolving. He stated that like us they also donate to charitable organizations and went into detail about the current projects they have underway to ensure that military families in need during the holidays have a warm cooked meal. In addition, he stated that as a "First Shirt" his primary duty is to assist the military, however he is able to direct civilians to facilities on base that can assist them with situations as well.



Dec



We came together to share the holiday season for our annual Christmas celebration in December. We shared delicious food sponsored by High Desert Chapter and collected diapers and other needed items for Grace Resources. Ms. Candy Good spoke on giving back to the community through Grace Resources; how rewarding it is and how appreciative they are of the donations. The folks at Grace Resources were especially excited and full of thanks for receiving the diapers! These are much needed items that really helped their cause. Thanks to everyone for supporting our effort and spreading the holiday joy!

Meeting Minutes

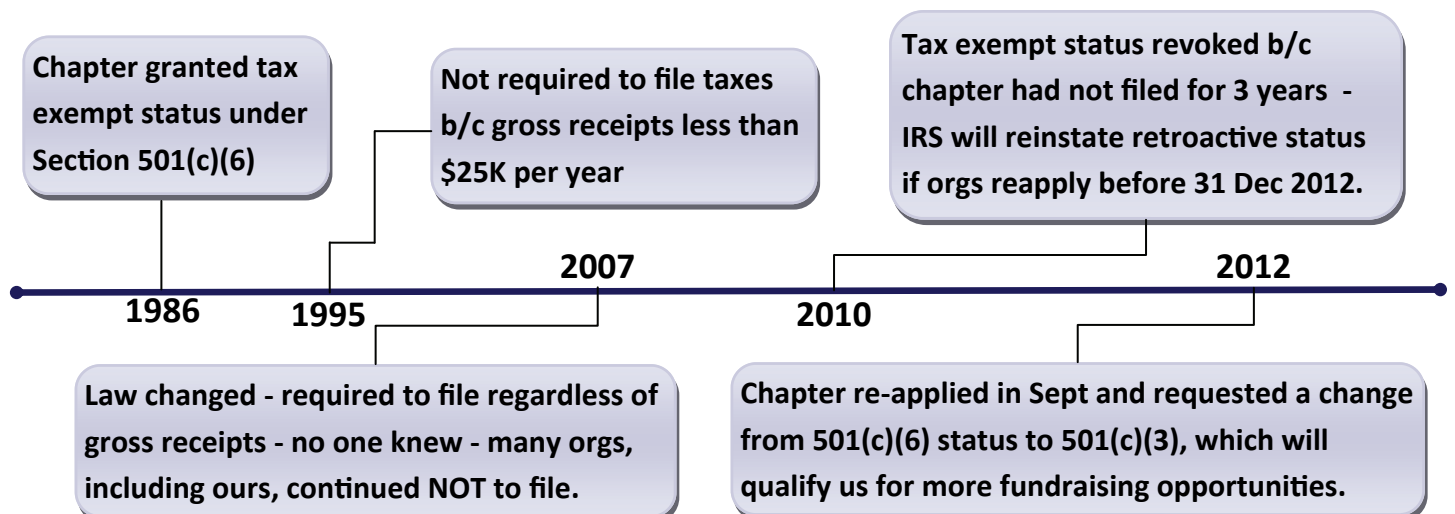
Oct	Nov	Dec
<p>Call to Order: 1145, 16 Oct 2012</p> <p><i>Old Business</i></p> <p>Approval of minutes</p> <p>Constitution & By-Laws: High Desert acceptance is pending approval from a few members.</p> <p>PDI: We received a check for \$15,889.36 for our share of volunteer and AI participation at PDI. The cost to the chapter for sending the 12 individuals to PDI was \$8,417.60, netting \$7,471.76 earnings to the chapter.</p> <p>Tax Exempt Status: The IRS user fee check for retroactive reinstatement of our tax exempt status has been cashed, but as of the October meeting we did not hear back from the IRS. The Accountant for National warned that the process typically takes 6-8 months.</p> <p><i>New Business</i></p> <p>Share Time: Members mentioned that CDFM certifications require biennial renewals and continuing education credits to maintain certification.</p> <p>Committee Volunteers Needed: Chair is needed for the PR committee, volunteers needed for newsletter, membership, professional development, community service, and fundraising committees.</p> <p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIAR training, 4-6 Dec • Inter-service support, Nov <p>Speaker: Lt. Col Trevor Williams, Comptroller 412 TW, discussed our role in the community and the affect we have on the customer service at EAFB. Noted that being part of the FM community is an advantage in the current environment and we have more of an opportunity to provide decision support.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned: 1258</p>	<p>Call to Order: 1745, 14 Nov 2012</p> <p><i>Old Business</i></p> <p>Approval of minutes</p> <p>Constitution & By-Laws: Update was sent to FSS and ASMC National</p> <p>Annual Financial Audit: Completed and sent to FSS and ASMC National</p> <p>Newsletter: The Jul-Sep issue was distributed to all members and FM personnel</p> <p><i>New Business</i></p> <p>Annual Awards Program: All nominations need to be posted on National website NLT 31 Jan 13. VP Morris sent out emails to the entire FM Community soliciting nominations.</p> <p>From the President: Held the drawing for the ASMC Chapter Challenge to complete Intermediate Training on FMDLC. Ruth Decoy, who was not present was the winner of the Fall basket.</p> <p>Charity: Kathleen will still visit the Grace Resource center after this meeting adjourns and donate items that have been collected.</p> <p>Training: FIAR training slides is not authorized to be released by SAF/FM. In order to have access to the slides, you will need to attend the training. Training will take place 4-6 Dec in Wolfe Yeager Conference Room.</p> <p>Inter –service Support Agreement training will occur the following week. Training will be held for 2 1/2 days on main base and 2 1/2 days at AFRL.</p> <p>Kathleen again suggested that members review their IDP and update their MyETMS by 12 December.</p> <p>Speaker: MSgt William Russell, the First Sergeant and President of the First Sergeant’s Council spoke about his role and familiarized everyone with the council.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned: 1920</p>	<p>Call to Order: 1130, 19 Dec 2012</p> <p><i>Old Business</i></p> <p>Approval of minutes</p> <p>Share Time: Reminded members this is the time to share current FM issues.</p> <p><i>New Business</i></p> <p>Charity</p> <p>Members brought in diapers, socks, and formula to be donated to Grace Resources.</p> <p>Speaker</p> <p>Ms. Candy Good spoke on giving back to the community through Grace Resources; how rewarding it is and how appreciative they are of the donations.</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>Members wrote messages in holiday cards to be sent to deployed members. Members also joined in the holiday spirit with some friendly competition playing holiday themed games.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned: 1300</p>

Treasurer's Report

Oct				Nov				Dec			
<u>Edwards Federal Credit Union</u>				<u>Edwards Federal Credit Union</u>				<u>Edwards Federal Credit Union</u>			
Checking	\$615.96			Checking	\$634.96			Checking	\$1,184.96		
Savings	\$503.58			Savings	\$503.64			Savings	\$3.70		
Money Market	\$19,915.22			Money Market	\$19,919.21			Money Market	\$24,144.75		
<u>Pentagon Federal Credit Union</u>				<u>Pentagon Federal Credit Union</u>				<u>Pentagon Federal Credit Union</u>			
Savings	\$5.00			Savings	\$5.01			Savings	\$5.01		
Money Market	\$8,134.45			Money Market	\$8,134.45			Money Market	\$3,991.48		
<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	\$10	Lunch	\$107	Lunch Fees	\$19		\$0	Dues	\$100	Speaker Don	\$20
HQ Rebates	\$35	Postage	\$9	Dividends	\$37			Dividends	\$50	Mtg Rm Fee	\$30
Lunch	\$152	User Fee	\$100								
Dividends	\$0.54										
PDI	\$15,889										
<u>Transfers</u>				<u>Transfers</u>				<u>Transfers</u>			
None				None				\$500 EFCU Savings to Checking \$4,221.13 PFCU MM to EFCU Savings			

The Taxman Waits for No One

Treasurer, Rebecca Pease, has submitted the High Desert Chapter's tax exempt status. Approval takes 6 to 8 months. Big THANKS to Rebecca for doing all that work! Stay tuned for updates! Here's a little history on our tax status through the years:



Executive Board

President - *Toni Sandelli*

1st VP Membership - *Stacey Piper*

2nd VP Programs - *Fran Morris*

3rd VP Nominations - *Debra Lawrence*

Treasurer - *Rebecca Pease*

Events Coordinator - *Kathleen Augustine*

Secretary - *Jeannie Alvarado*

Committees

Newsletter - *Stacey Piper*

Webmaster - *Rebecca Pease*

Membership - *Stacey Piper*

Communication & PR - *Vacant*

Professional Development - *Sheri Pflum*

Community Service - *Kathleen Augustine*

Scholarship - *Nancy Wachter*

Fundraising - *Debra Lawrence*

Awards - *Fran Morris*

Chapter Competition - *Vacant*

Nominations - *Rebecca Pease*

We need help! Questions?
Interested in joining the team?
Contact one of us for information.



Upcoming Events

- 23 Jan General Membership Meeting
- 5 Feb Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Feb General Membership Meeting - 5:30 @ Ramon's Mexican Restaurant in Rosamond!
- 5 Mar Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Mar General Membership Meeting