



Sequoyah Chapter SMOKE SIGNALS

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President's Message...

ASMC Friends and Family,

Happy New Year! Another year is well underway and we have already had some excitement with getting an Appropriation and delays in submitting the FY 2019 President's Budget. As we look forward to 2018, we can remain focused and set goals for the future knowing that our efforts are making a difference for the warfighters.

Our January luncheon had to be cancelled due to the recent Government shut-down. We have now scheduled the luncheon for 6 Feb 2018 at Santa Fe Cattle Co and it will feature a presentation from the KC46 SPO on what is happening with the newest addition to Tinker AFB and the future AF Tanker. If you had purchased tickets for the January luncheon, they are still good for the February luncheon. If you purchased a ticket for the January luncheon and cannot attend the February luncheon, you will receive a refund from your ticket monitor.

Thanks to all who attended our Holiday Party in December; we had a huge turnout and had a great time. We also were able to provide two carloads full of toys for the Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center!

We are preparing for upcoming luncheons, Scholarship Program, and community service outreach opportunities such as Habitat for Humanities. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for speakers our outreach activities.

Thanks for everything you do to keep the Financial Management workforce moving forward and for our country.
Looking forward to a great year ahead!

~Michael Coleman

President, ASMC Sequoyah Chapter





COMMUNITY SERVICE



Our Habitat for Humanity event has been rescheduled for 2018. Keep your eyes peeled for this excellent opportunity!

A Look Back at DECEMBER EVENTS

Holiday Party-Spencer's Smokehouse BBQ:

We participated in a toy drive to benefit children spending the holidays at The Children's Hospital. For each donation of a new, unwrapped toy, we gave one ticket for entry to win one of the fabulous door prizes. Door prizes consisted of:

- 32" TV from the Base Exchange
- Craftsman Tool Box
- Amazon Alexa
- Amazon Echo
- \$300 in Gift Cards





JANUARY LUNCHEON RESCHEDULED

Our January luncheon has been rescheduled for 6 February and will feature Mr. Jack "Buddy" Leser, KC-46 Program Office Depot Activation and Sustainment, speaking on the new weapon system. We will be holding the luncheon off base at the Santa Fe Cattle Co. located on S.E. 29th just north of the base. Please contact your ticket monitor to purchase a ticket and reserve your seat by 1 February. If you have already purchased a ticket and still wish to attend, you will not need to obtain a new ticket. Additionally, if you purchased a ticket and will not be able to attend, contact your ticket monitor for a refund.

JOURNAL OPPORTUNITY

Looking for the aspiring (or accomplished) journalists out there... If you have any information, expertise, or general topics that you would like to share with a broad Air Force FM audience, ASMC Sequoyah would be happy (?) to help you get published in the Air Force Comptroller magazine.

TECH CORNER

Most of us like to use VLOOKUP to find data in a formula; unfortunately, it is unable search left. VLOOKUP is only capable of returning corresponding items from the far right of the spreadsheet. For instance, if we wanted to figure which organization had \$3,000 worth of interest penalties in the table below, VLOOKUP would be unable to return that data to us because column C is to the left of column D.

Unit (Col A)	# Late Payments (Col B)	Amount (Col C)	Base % (Col D)
66th ARS	5	\$1,200	16%
51st Med Grp	12	\$3,000	39%
Det 3	3	\$ 650	8%
32nd CEG	10	\$2,800	37%

To find values based in the spreadsheet we could use the formula combination of INDEX+MATCH. The syntax to accomplish this is: INDEX(column with data you want, MATCH (value you are looking for, column which contains this data, 0)).

Examples:

Questions	Formula	Answer
1. Interest = \$2,800	=INDEX(\$A\$2:\$A\$5,MATCH(2800,\$C\$2:\$C\$5,0))	32nd CEG
2. Unit most interest	=INDEX(\$A\$2:\$A\$5,MATCH(MAX,(\$C\$2:\$C\$5),\$C\$2:\$C\$5,0))	51st Med Grp
3. Unit least interest	=INDEX(\$A\$2:\$A\$5,MATCH(MIN,(\$C\$2:\$C\$5),\$C\$2:\$C\$5,0))	Det 3



CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE:

The objectives of the ASMC National Scholarship program is to recognize outstanding graduating high school seniors for academic achievement, to provide for financial assistance to seniors in order that they may accomplish their future financial management baccalaureate educational goals, and to increase local ASMC chapter scholarship programs.

AWARD CRITERIA/SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be a well-rounded, highly promising graduating high school senior in the final half of their school year, or a high school graduate within the last six months of the application deadline. Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Applicant must be entering a field of study directly related to financial/resource management (such as business administration, economics, accounting, finance). Applications that do not fall within these fields will not be considered.
- Applications must be typed and submitted on the official ASMC Local Scholarship Form. Incomplete application or submissions that do not follow the submission criteria will not be considered.
- Applicant must have a letter of recommendation from one of the following individuals: (1) high school principal, academic dean, or guidance counselor, (2) a high school teacher.
- Applications should include an official transcript and a copy of their college acceptance letter, if possible.
- Applications from prior winners will require documentation in support of a GPA of 3.0 or higher and a letter from the academic institution confirming continued work in the area of financial management.

AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURES:

Applicant's scholastic achievements, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, career and academic goals and financial need will be considered. A selection panel will review all applications received and make final recommendations to the ASMC Local Executive Committee, who will approve the final award winners. Individuals will be notified by April if they have been selected as a winner.

RECOGNITION:

ASMC Sequoyah Chapter will award two scholarships in the amount of \$500. Scholarships will be presented to the student(s) by the appropriate local ASMC chapter official. Notification of college enrollment will be required before disbursement of the scholarship check(s) to the successful recipient(s). Winners must agree to a personal interview with a local ASMC chapter official. Winners will be forwarded to compete in the ASMC National Scholarship Program. On a National level, ASMC will award up to nine scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each. Scholarships will be presented to the winning student(s) by the appropriate ASMC chapter official. The award presentations and names of recipients will be publicized at chapter meetings, newsletters, and in the *Armed Forces Comptroller* magazine.

DEADLINE:

Applications **must be received** by the ASMC Scholarship Chair by March 23, 2018. No exceptions to this deadline will be allowed. Any applications received incomplete, or after the due date, will not be considered for selection. Send all hard copy submissions to: ASMC Sequoyah Chapter Scholarship Committee, PO Box 45557, Tinker AFB, OK 73145. Please send an electronic copy to dennis.macy.1@us.af.mil. For additional information, please contact the ASMC Scholarship/Continuing Education Committee, Mr. Dennis Macy, 405-622-7969.



ASMC NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM

Thanks to those of you who renewed your membership early or on-time in December! Our "**RENEW YEAR's Resolution program**" December winners are as follows: **Mary Hudson of the Indianapolis Chapter** and **Rhonda West of the Crystal Coast Chapter** each won \$50 gift cards, and the \$150 gift card was awarded to **Anthony Best of the Cleveland Chapter!**

Each month, all on-time or early renewals will be entered into a random drawing to award two \$50 gift certificates and one \$150 gift certificate, respectively for those renewing on-time or early for one or three years. In addition to contacting the members who win the drawings, we will announce the winners on our website and social media. Renew your membership here:

<http://www.asmonline.org/membership/renew/>.

ASMC MEMBER ENGAGE PLATFORM

The newest ASMC member benefit is here! "*Engage*" is a valuable collaboration, lessons learned, and professional development opportunity just for you. Thus far we have launched our "Chapter Presidents" and our "All Member Community" collaboration groups and we look forward to launching additional communities (including groups for Early Careerists, Chapter Membership Chairs, and Chapter Treasurers, in the near future. Log into *Engage* now at <https://engage.asmonline.org/home>, using the email address and password associated with your ASMC member account, and join the "All Member Community" and also your chapter group related to the chapter designated in your ASMC membership profile. Check out the info, comments, questions, and answers already posted there by your colleagues and others, as well as share your own thoughts, questions, and great ideas.

CDFM EXAM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ASMC is currently seeking actively certified CDFM or CDFM-A volunteers to establish passing points (the final step of the exam development process) for the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Module 1-3 Exams.

As you know, we are updating the CDFM exams to reflect the current defense financial management operational environment and ability requirements for professionals in the field. Up to this point, groups of subject matter experts (SMEs) have helped us update the CDFM exam blueprints, weight the competency areas, review existing exam items, write new exam items (questions), and pilot test new exam items. We are nearly ready to deploy the new Module 1, 2, and 3 exams, but one task remains and we need the help of actively certified professionals.

The purpose of the CDFM certification is to recognize individuals who demonstrate competence in the field of defense financial management through standardized examination. That is, candidates are assessed based on their scores on a set of examinations that measure critical knowledge areas of the defense financial management profession. Exam scores are compared to a standard (or "cut-off") that reflects the minimum acceptable level of competence required to hold the certification. The development of the standard is referred to as "standard setting."

The new CDFM Module 1, 2, and 3 exams have been assembled and now we need help to set cut-off scores for each of them. This is a critical part of the exam development process and participation of



certified professionals is vital and appreciated.

The Standard Setting Workshop will take place for three full days, from 0800 to 1700, in Old Town Alexandria, VA. During this time, participants will receive training in exam standard setting best practices, review the new exam forms, make expert judgments about each test item, and discuss those judgments with other participants to reach consensus. The workshop will be facilitated by ASMC's test development consultant, the Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO), with the support of ASMC staff.

It is important to note that:

- ASMC will cover travel, lodging, and meals for non-local participants and will cover auto mileage and onsite meals for local participants.
- Exam standard setters have exposure to CDFM exam items and will therefore not be eligible to teach CDFM preparatory courses, such as the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC), for three years. Certified professionals who currently teach CDFM preparatory courses, such as the EDFMTC, are not eligible to participate.
- This volunteer opportunity is not compensated financially; however, ASMC will provide Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits and an official letter of appreciation that can be shared with supervisors, potential employers, etc.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active: 152 Inactive: 52 TOTAL: 204

TREASURY REPORT

As of EOM December: \$7,319.00

2017-18 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Board Position	Name	Phone	Board Position	Name	Phone
President	Michael Coleman	336-5639	Comm Svc Officer	Michael Potts	339-4267
Senior Vice President	Dustin Gier	739-4333	Fundraising Officer	Brenda Walker	336-8549
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2 nd VP of Programs	Carla Saulsberry	884-3046	Secretary	Kristen Cochran	884-3041
3 rd VP of Publicity	Stephen Sims	852-9683	Advisor	Lt Col Stephen Brogan	310-416-1610
4 th VP of Professional Development	Lauren Miller Patrick Steelman	884-8778 892-7968	Website Manager	Kriste Tirey	339-8889
5 th VP of Awards and Scholarships	Dennis Macy	892-7969	Historian	Michelle Sundbye	336-7647
			Certification Officer	Amanda Newton	339-4761