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Adding Value ... Self, Community and Country!



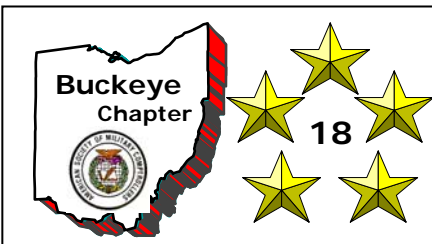
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by Ben Roberts
President, Buckeye Chapter
American Society
of Military Comptrollers
(Photo: John Maynard Jr.)

Here I am following in the footsteps of Roger Neefe as your Buckeye Chapter president. I will do my best to maintain his momentum. As a start, I offer a **theme** for the upcoming year: **"Adding Value ... Self, Community, and Country."** I strongly believe that our Buckeye Chapter adds value in all these ways – to you, to our community, and to our country. Also, we can work toward adding even more value in all of these dimensions.

I recently read a book, "The Speed of Trust" by Stephen M. R. Covey. In his book, Mr. Covey states that *too much time and energy is spent because trust does not exist in relationships*. So I thought about our Chapter and questioned ways we can instill trust in order to add value to self, community, and country. The answer seemed to keep coming back to **relationship building**.

For me, one of the most difficult things to do is to step out of my comfort zone to reach out to others and (thereby) to expand my network of relationships. But when I do gather the courage, I find the result is very enriching. Now the *challenge...how about you?*



July 4th



Independence
Day
2008

(See Tribute on p. 4)



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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VP-Participation	Lisa Snyder
VP-Programs	Joy Fenwick
Secretary	Christy Prenoveau
Treasurer	Rena Walters



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HQ ASMC News (www.asmcnline.org)

- PDI 2008 Feedback: Briefing charts received to date are posted at [Extended Learning](#). More charts will be added as they are received.
- CPE letters will have been e-mailed to all verified attendees by the end of June 2008.
- Following this year's PDI, HQ conducted a survey of participants. More than 2,200 responded, and about 93% rated the professional development offered at PDI as either good or excellent. These are outstanding ratings by survey standards. ASMC is pleased to have served the society well.
- This year we also held a silent auction that benefited our chapters and a raffle that aided the PDI charity. Of those who expressed an opinion about the events, about 87% felt that ASMC should continue them at next year's PDI in San Antonio.

Executive Committee Minutes – Jun 5

Bldg 21 Rm B413 12:00-1:00 PM

1. Officers Present (4 = Vote: Quorum): Neefe; Lindsay; Roberts; L. Snyder. Past Pres. (1 = No Vote): J. Snyder.
2. Chairs Present (8 = No Vote): Baker; Blount; Lannan; Mathews; Miller; Palmore; Walters.
3. Issues:
June Luncheon (Newman): Pam Franceschi will be the speaker. Carl Francis will be presenting the awards. Luncheon will be on MONDAY JUNE 16, 2008.
July Luncheon: Membership Appreciation and Awards Ceremony - First 100 members FREE!!
READS Program (Miller): Appreciation ceremony June 9th, 9:00am – 10:00am in the DSCC Command Conference Center, Bldg 20, 7th floor.
New Employee Orientation: Ben Roberts is looking for people willing to do the presentation for New DFAS Hires.
4. Adjourned – Next Meetings: June 26 & July 9.

Lisa Snyder, Secretary

Donation of Annual Leave

Sonya Thompson, Buckeye Chapter member, has been approved – due to a family illness – for the DFAS Leave Share Program. Chapter members wishing to donate (any amount of) accrued annual leave should visit the Employee Corner portlet on the DFAS eportal Human Resources community. Then, complete & fax the form to Charles Caldwell.

Ms. Franceschi Speaks – Jun 16

Ms. Pam Franceschi, Director of Finance, DFAS Accounting Operations, related excerpts from Warren Blank's *"The 108 Skills of Natural Born Leaders"* who said *"It is never too late to become what you want to be."* It takes opportunity, encouragement and training.

Key leadership skills include:

- Expanded self-awareness
- Rapport building
- Charting a course for action
- Creating a motivational environment

The challenge is to plan your next move:

- Build an action plan to develop your skills
- Practice regularly
- Become a leader who has these skills

"There's no royal road to the summit, each person must zigzag their own way." – Helen Keller

Read/view the full set of slides at http://www.asmcuckeye.org/whats_new.htm#Leadership.

New Officers – Jun 16



Our Speaker: Pam Franceschi (far left). Carl Francis, Past President (far right), administers the oath of office to (r to l):

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|------------------|---------------------|
| President -Elect | Debra White-Johnson |
| President | Ben Roberts |
| VP-Programs | Joy Fenwick |
| VP-Participation | Lisa Snyder |
| Treasurer | Renae Walters |
| Secretary | Christy Prenoveau |

Editor's Note: Photos are by John Maynard Jr., who also took June's luncheon photos.



Get Off Your Buts – Dr. Bob Hawkins

By Mary Mathews, Buckeye Chapter Member
PDI 2008 Workshop Synopsis

Up to a point, a man's life is shaped by environment and heredity. The big butts are excuses, barriers, illusions and diversions that keep you from experiencing life. People who are unable to motivate themselves must be content with mediocrity.

Key Points:

Ability – what are you capable of doing? Knowing how and being able to are not synonymous.

Motivation – determines what we do. Individuals have needs and act in a manner to satisfy them. There is a priority in needs, and more than one need may be operating at any given time.

Attitude – determines how well we do something.

Equity – individuals compare inputs to outputs with others.

Expectancy – individuals place certain values on work related rewards, and make conscious estimates of effort based the performance and rewards relationship.

Reinforcement – desired behavior can be increased and undesirable behavior can be decreased by proper application and punishment.

Typically, you have three types of employees: A = high achievers; B = those will get the job done; and C = those who without some coaxing will only do what is required for them to do at best. The C types can be turned around if giving more responsibility, as it gives them a sense of worth.

Things that help *mitigate your butts*:

Challenging, yet obtainable objectives

Clear and realistic plans

Constructive suggestions, like hints or tips

Generally accepted and clear work rules

Realistic schedules

Friendly reminders

Easy to use forms

Non threatening questions about your progress

Elements for personal success include:

Identity – everyone needs a sense of identity or belonging.

Values – what we value personally. Some of the most famous people in history always valued others more than themselves.

Goals – what we want to be, and what are we going to do to get there.

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Action Plan – need in order to succeed.

Motivation – must be self motivated to succeed and develop the necessary qualities to be motivated.

Discipline – need self discipline to guide you to success.

Flexibility – must be flexible, and show willingness to negotiate.

Outcome – applying all of the above, you should achieve a positive outcome.

There are *eight personal needs*:

Belonging Achievement

Advancement Power

Responsibility Challenge

Recognition Accomplishment

Final message was **believe in your--self, overcome your fears, begin now, and focus on your reward**. If you say I'll try, you are making failure acceptable. Use positive reinforcement to find success and meet your goals.

Awards Recipients



< Pam
Nowicki

Rena
Walters >



Pam Nowicki, Buckeye Chapter Past President, recently received two noteworthy DFAS awards. On May 8, at the DFAS-wide Leaders in Motion (LIM) graduation held at DFAS-Columbus, she was recognized for **exemplary service as a LIM program coordinator** the past two years. On May 28, at DFAS Service Day during PDI 2008 in Orlando FL, she received a DFAS Director's Coin and Award of Excellence for **the LIM support and a Green Belt project**.

Rena Walters, Buckeye Chapter member, and (it just seems like forever) Ph.D. candidate, was awarded a **\$2,500 Continuing Education Grant** from ASMC.



A Day to Remember

With permission of the author, Michael Marks, Poet

(While Independence Day is a celebration of the patriotism and sacrifice that first gave birth to the United States of America in 1776 it remains a day for all Americans to remember the ongoing sacrifices of our Armed Forces personnel in their defense of our nation.)

In crimson hue the missiles flew and cracked the sky asunder, while mortars tolled, explosions rolled and shook the ground like thunder. Yet in the midst of rockets roar a figure stood alone, a grizzled sergeant gazing on the field with eyes of stone.

He'd heard before the mortars roar in jungles far away, and left his blood there in the mud where fallen comrades lay. And when it seemed the gates of hell itself had opened wide, when every fiber of his being had screamed to run and hide, he held his ground and duty bound to country and to Corps he faced the final sacrifice as many had before.

A sudden movement in the night broke through his reverie, to drive away old memories he'd just as soon not see. On trembling legs a breathless figure dashed across the street collapsing on the ground before the grizzled sergeant's feet.

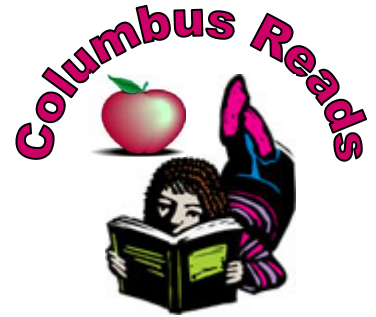
"Oh Grandpa did you see 'em?" asked the boy with shining eyes, "the fireworks are really cool, they almost fill the skies!" The sergeant smiled and hugged the boy, a moment most sublime. "You bet I did" the sergeant said, "I've seen them many times."

Then with a kiss on Grandpa's cheek he jumped and dashed away. Returning to the magic that was Independence Day. And with a gentle sigh the sergeant, flanked on either side by sons and daughters, hugged his wife, now thirty years his bride.

He raised his eyes to heaven where the flag now proudly flew, majestic in her billowing of red and white and blue. With hand upon his brow he stood once more in proud salute, His love for God and Country ever strong and absolute.

And thinking back upon those nights so full of pain and fear, when locked in mortal combat he was sure his end was near; He said a prayer of thanks that God had seen to pull them through And given him a life that those who'd fallen never knew.

With humble heart he took his place with patriots of lore, And shared an oath with every soldier that had gone before. Should e'er the call arise to stand for nation, God and friends... He knew from deep within his heart he'd do it all again.



Jun 9 Thank You



DSCC Deputy Commander James McLaugherty

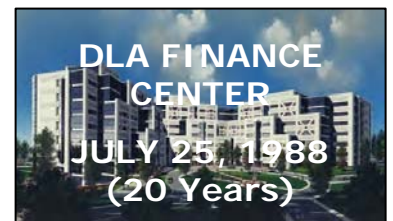


Tutors



Audience

Photos by Joy Fenwick



Happy Independence From Salary Day!

By Tom Shoop | Wednesday, June 27, 2007 | 02:10 PM

Here's an interesting factoid from the West Fargo Pioneer: When Congress first made Independence Day a holiday for federal employees in 1870, those employees weren't paid for the day.



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This Month's Event

WHO & WHAT

Annual Member Appreciation and Recognition/Awards "FREE" (to the 1st "100 Attending" Members) Get-Together

WHEN & WHERE

Thu., July 17th 11:30 AM –1:00 PM
DFAS Conference Center (C136/7)

COST (after 100 Attending Members)

\$11 Members; \$13 Non-Members

Special Diet - Call: Macy Newman



EVENTS



Next Month's Event

WHO & WHAT

Speakers: Camp Attendees
OBW Executive Director
Annual Ohio Business Week Summer
Business Camp Graduates' Reports

WHEN & WHERE

Thu., Aug 21st 11:30 AM –1:00 PM
TBD

COST

\$11 Members; \$13 Non-Members

Special Diet - Call: Macy Newman

School Supplies Collection



**Broadleigh
Elementary School**

Mr. Andrew Smith III
3039 Maryland Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43209
614-365-6144

List may change: Kleenex, book covers, school boxes, blunt scissors, pens, pencils, and thick-ruled paper. Also, folders and 16 (or more) count crayons. **No college (thin)-ruled paper.**

DATES: August TBD

Watch your email for dates/POC info.

Melissa Stevens 3C-303 & Mary Baker 2C-097

Columbus Reads



At Broadleigh Elementary (Maryland Ave.)
10:15-11:45 AM - Tue. or Thu. – Oct-May
English & Spanish Tutors Needed!
Supv. OK Needed: Send copy to Charles Miller
No Leave Needed! Buses To & From Provided!

Register @ www.asmcuckeye.org/formreg/comsvcs.htm by Sep. 19

Training provided last week of September.

Editor's Corner

This Newsletter is authorized and funded by ASMC's Buckeye Chapter. Articles are due by the 25th of the Month prior to the Month of Publication. Send articles to the Compositor-Editor:
Jim.Snyder@dfas.mil

Honored Members

CONGRATULATIONS!

May Promotions

Nicolle Bivins

Melinda Nelson

Stephanie Parmiter

Greg Smith

30 Years Federal Service

Maria Mosley

35 Years Federal service

Bill Richards

New Members WELCOME!



Angelique Huntley
Edmond Landefeld
Larry Marshall
Glenn Weimar

Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2008



CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Receipts	+	3,009.39
Disbursements	-	2,570.17
Ending Balance	\$	439.22

SAVINGS

Beginning Balance	\$	6,885.11
Deposits	+	0.00
Withdrawals	-	849.39
Ending Balance	\$	6,035.72

BALANCE \$ 6,873.94

FUNDRAISER ACCT \$ 399.00

Andre Lindsay, Treasurer



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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	Sharon Esmont
Awards/Competition <i>Co-Chair</i>	Mary Mathews Theresa Roach
CDFM Certification <i>Co-Chair</i>	Theresa Lannan Barbara Bail
Chapter Family	Juan McGuire
Chapter History	Beth Bing
Community Service <i>Broadleigh Elementary</i>	Melissa Stevens Mary Baker
Meetings <i>Co-Chair</i>	Macy Newman Mary Baker
Membership <i>Co-Chairs</i>	Shirley Brooks Teresa Woods Carla Woolford
Newsletter <i>Cartoons</i>	Jim Snyder Allen Foster
Nominations/Elections	John Collier
PDI 2008 Eligibility	Pam Nowicki
Publicity <i>Photography</i>	Rebecca Smith John Maynard
Scholarships/Education <i>Co-Chair</i>	Shirley Benton Charles Miller
Speakers	Carl Francis
Special Events <i>Co-Chair</i>	Sonya Thompson Gwen Palmore
Ways & Means <i>Cookbooks</i>	Teresa Blount Dawn Allen
Web Site	Renaе Walters Julia Tark



CDFM Study Groups Calendar

Module 1: Resource Management
Mondays: Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, Sep 8, 15 (Review)
Host: Pam Nowicki 693-0266

Module 3: Accounting & Finance
Tuesdays: Aug 5, 12, 19, 26, Sep 9, 16 (Review)
Host: Priscilla Applegate 693-7060

Module 2: Budget/Cost Analysis
Wednesdays: Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, Sep 10, 17 (Review)
Host: Barbara Bail 693-0657

All Groups Meet in Bldg 21 Room A420: 11–Noon

CDFM Testing
Monday, Sep 22: 9-11 AM; 1-3 PM
Bldg 21 Room B123 (Scioto)
Notify us of module/time slot choices by Sep 12
Theresa Lannan 692-5378 or Barbara Bail 693-0657

Events (Held in DFAS Bldg 21 or As Noted) Calendar

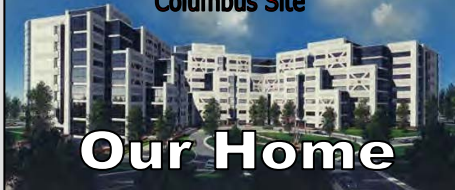
Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Jul 9
AGA Member Luncheon	Cancelled
Appreciation/Awards Luncheon (TBD, 11:30)	Jul 17
Executive Cmte. Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Jul 23
AGA National PDC (Atlanta GA)	Jul 27-30
Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Aug 6
AGA Member Luncheon (TBD, 11:30-1:00)	Aug 14
Executive Cmte. Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Aug 20
OBW Grads Luncheon (TBD, 11:30-12:45)	Aug 21
Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Sep 3
AGA/ASMC Luncheon (TBD, 11:30-1:00)	Sep 11
ASMC/AGA Luncheon (TBD, 11:30-1:00)	Sep 11
Executive Cmte. Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Sep 17
CDFM Test Day (TBD, 9-11 AM, 1-3 PM)	Sep 22

Community Service Calendar

For Community Service Events – Volunteer at:
<http://www.asmc buckeye.org/formreg/comsvcs.htm>

- Glorious Fourth: Independence Day** Noon-5 PM (Ohio Village: I-71 @ 17th Ave.) Jul 4
- Center of Science & Industry (COSI) Family Fridays** 5-9 PM (333 W. Broad St.) Jul 25, Aug 29, Sep 26
- Mid-Ohio Food Bank** 11 AM-1 PM (3960 Brookham Dr, Grove City) Aug 2
- Columbus Food & Wine Affair** 6:30-10:00 (Franklin Park Conservatory – 1777 E. Broad St.) Sep 5

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
Columbus Site



Our Home

3990 E. Broad St. - Bldg. 21
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