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Another Successful Year!



Ben

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

As my presidency comes to a close, I am proud to reflect on all of the progress and success that we have had over this past year. We have successfully expanded our membership, participated in various community service activities and carried out this year's theme of adding value for self, community and country.

Our Chapter received several awards at the 2009 PDI banquet in San Antonio, TX. The long standing Five-Star Award was the 19th consecutive since our charter was established in 1990. The prestigious Community Service Award was our 8th consecutive win and the Chapter Leadership Award, our 5th award, was presented to Charles Miller Sr. Also, Charles was chosen to receive a Recruiter of the Year Award. He put in tremendous effort to recruit 40 new members. We now have over 400 members! Finally, at our May luncheon, we congratulated seven new Certified Defense Financial Managers (CDFMs). Congratulations and thanks to all of the members!

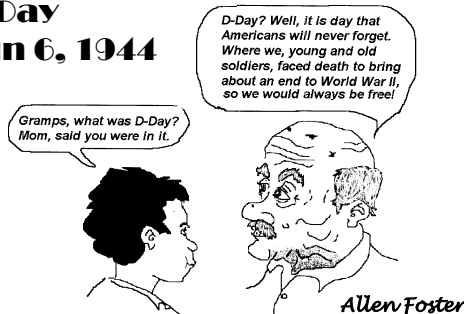


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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Ben Roberts
P-Elect	Debra White-Johnson
VP-Participation	Lisa Snyder
VP-Programs	Joy Fenwick
Secretary	Christine Prenoveau
Treasurer	Renaе Walters

D-Day Jun 6, 1944



New Chapter Logo



**Adding Value ... for
Self, Community and Country!**



**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS
BUCKEYE CHAPTER ***** CHARTERED: JULY 17, 1990**



Treasurer's Report

As of: Apr. 30, 2009

CHECKING		SAVINGS	
Beginning	\$ 4,230.00	Beginning	\$ 1,005.68
Receipts	+ 1,770.00	Deposits	+ 225.00
Disbursements	- 2,141.60	Withdrawals	- 0.00
Ending	\$ 3,858.40	Ending	\$ 1,230.68

FUNDRAISER ACCOUNT \$ 1,100.89

BALANCE \$ 6,189.97

Renaе Walters, Treasurer



Scholarship Roses

226 Dozen Roses & 23 Cookbooks Sold – Approx. \$850 Raised



Thank You!

Top Sellers

- Diana Javor
- Charles Miller
- Pam Nowicki
- Teresa Woods

Thank You!

Exec. Cmte. Report – Apr 29

Bldg 21 Rm B317 12:00-1:00 PM

Officers Present: (3 = vote: no quorum) Prenoveau, L. Snyder, White-Johnson

Past Presidents Present: (no vote) Collier

Discussion: 1. Elections Begin on Monday, May 4. There are 14 candidates for 5 positions (3 for each office except VP-Programs). Several bios/photos were not submitted; deadline will be May 1. Elections close on May 21. Past Presidents will tally the votes/certify results. Installation will occur at June 18 meeting.

2. Other Business Proposed a new chairperson – Scheduler – to coordinate with the conference center/secretarial support staff to reserve rooms for Planning/Executive meetings. The plan is to also set up an automated invitation system (and distribution list) to invite and then remind the applicable members of meetings. Carol Wilson accepted (subordinate to the Secretary). Proposed combining future Executive Committee/Planning Board meetings. This would only require 1 meeting a month, for 1 1/2 hours. The first part (1 hour) of the meeting would be the Planning Board; the last half hour would be the Executive Committee; adjusted as needed. Proposed tentative schedule for next year and possible speakers. D. White-Johnson decided on the theme "Building a Strong Foundation – Personally & Professionally." Announced that items were still needed for the kitchen basket for the raffle at the PDI.

Adjourned. Next Meeting TBD.

Christine Prenoveau, Secretary

Planning Bd. Report – May 6

Bldg 21 Rm B317 12:00-1:00 PM

Officers Present: (4 = vote: quorum) Prenoveau, Roberts, Walters, Fenwick

Chairs Present: (14 = no vote) Bail, Baker, Collier, Lannan, Mathews, Miller, Newman, Nowicki, Palmore, J. Snyder, Stevens, Torain, Wilson, Woolford

Discussion: Volunteers M. Stevens to be added as a POC; Ben requested volunteers be contacted/welcome as soon as possible

Voting Underway. Luncheons CDFM luncheon May 21 will recognize 6 (possibly 7), Claudia Carr will speak. Officers/Chairs should stay an hour to discuss advice/help National ASMC can provide. June luncheon rescheduled for June 23. Considering off-site for July member appreciation luncheon. Need to consider raising price of luncheons. PDI Need more donations for basket raffle. Newsletter May 22 is due date. Asked CWC for \$150-\$200 for 2010 20th Anniversary celebration. CDFM Checking on on-site testing in June and sending out survey link to members. Community Service Thank you reception planned for all who volunteered with ColumbusReads. Membership 402 members. Treasurer Website domain renewal for 10 years is \$99. Ways and Means Asked about Kroger gift cards as fund raiser; check when we are officially a non-profit. Ordered 40 extra dozen roses; should profit about \$700. Other Food Bank record surpassed by 12 skids in 2 hours. M. Mathews needs names for member awards. Carol Wilson welcomed as new Scheduler.

Adjourned. Next Meeting Jun 3.

Christine Prenoveau, Secretary



**From the Doctors' Desks...
Professional Certification**

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By Dr. Tom O'Brien, PhD (Retired) and Dr. Bob Osborne, PhD (Retired)

Photos: T. Casasanta

Your career is going along very smoothly and suddenly you hit a brick wall. You just can't seem to get that promotion you want. Maybe it is time to consider getting a professional certification. So what is the significance of earning a professional certification? Happy you asked that question. The answer is simple. Earning one brings many important benefits including: better advancement opportunities; possibility for higher compensation; greater career mobility; increased competence as an accountant or finance professional; and, greater respect from colleagues and others. Professional certification set you apart as a qualified professional in the field.

Considering all the benefits, certification is most helpful. The answer is match the certification to your chosen career. The most common held by accountant is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation. Others include: Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), and the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM).

Professional certification sets you apart from your co-workers and tells the world you are serious about your chosen career field. In today's world and current environment, getting a professional certification is more important than ever. The real question is: Why aren't you seeking a professional certification?

DeBono's Blue (Facilitator/Control) Hat (Part 2 of 6)



Photo: T. Casasanta

By Renae Walters, Adjunct Faculty, Ohio Dominican University
LEAD Program

The Blue Hat, defined as control of thinking, is very important. It is the first hat the facilitator wears in strategically guiding teams through a variety of thinking processes; it has to do with "thinking about thinking". The role of the Blue Hat is to plan the strategy, set the agenda, and analyze the results of the brainstorming session. The facilitator role is to identify the problem/issue and to provide a focused structure in which team members can maximize problem solving by incorporating a variety of cognitive frameworks.

One possible application of the Blue Hat is to conduct a SWOT analysis; examine strengths (S) and corresponding opportunities (O) for improvement; identify external opportunities and threats (T) for decision making; and, play to strengths, while working to shore up weaknesses (W). The most significant contribution of the Blue Hat is that it encourages cognitive diversity within the group. This skill set includes: facilitating creative brainstorming; providing equal opportunity for all members to wear different hats; focusing on processes rather than personalities; applying the Six Thinking Hats method as a neutral metaphor for thinking processes; and, keeping the team on task.

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HQ ASMC News

The Buckeye Chapter received these National Awards at PDI '09 (May 26-29), San Antonio:

FIVE-STAR CHAPTER
(19th Year-in-a-Row)


COMMUNITY SERVICE
(8th Year-in-a-Row)

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP & RECRUITER OF THE YEAR
Charles Miller Sr.
(Chapter's 5th Selectee for Both)

Miller is ASMC Leader & Recruiter

ASMC HQ has named Charles Miller a 2008 Chapter Leader & Recruiter. He will receive his awards at the upcoming PDI. His leader nomination notes his chair roles, fundraising and community service (especially with ColumbusReads, Broadleigh Elementary collections, Mid Ohio Food Bank, the Ohio Historical Society and the Center of Science & Industry). He is the 5th Chapter member to be named for each award. **Congratulations!**



(Photo: T. Casasanta)

2009 Election - Voting Statistics

No. of Eligible Ballots (Members)	380
(vs. 2007 = 323; 2008 = 354)	
Quorum (= 10% of Eligible Ballots)	38
No. of Ballots Received	184
(vs. 2007 = 166; 2008 = 152)	
% Ballots Received (Rc'vd) vs. Eligible Ballots	48%
(vs. 2007 = 52%; 2008 = 43%)	
% Valid Ballots of Ballots Received	94%
(vs. 2007 = 95%; 2008 = 93%)	
For the 3-candidate contested vacancies:	
% of Ballots Rc'vd for VP-Participation Winner	48%
% of Ballots Rc'vd for Secretary Winner	58%
% of Ballots Rc'vd for Treasurer Winner	56%
For the 2-candidate contested vacancies:	
% of Ballots Rc'vd for President-Elect Winner	57%
% of Ballots Rc'vd for VP-Programs Winner	57%
Compiled by the Elections Committee	

Honored Members

CONGRATULATIONS!

FEA Public Service Award Finalist
Jon Bosworth (a Winner!)
& **Eva Taylor** (a Winner!)

Reassignment to Deputy Director, DSCC Supplier Operations
Ben Roberts


SES Induction as Deputy Site Director, DFAS-Columbus
Pam Franceschi
35 Years Federal Service
Edward Robinson

Black Belt Certification
Renae Walters

2009 AGA Chapter Officers
Barb Bail (Secretary) &
Nancy Zmyslinski (President Elect)

New Banner (at PDI '09)

American Society of Military Comptrollers



BUCKEYE CHAPTER

A Proud Tradition
Est. 1990

Design: Jim Snyder
Craftsmanship: Linda Ferguson



Flag Day Tribute

By Joseph Sunday, The UPDATE Staff

Flag Day is June 14th and this day was selected because the "Stars and Stripes", was deemed the official National symbol of the United States of America. It was authorized by Congress on that Saturday of June 14, 1777 in the fifth item of the congressional agenda. This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress and made the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag's design. Then in 1885 Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States. But it was not until President Wilson, on June 14, 1916, issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day. So when did Flag Day start? (By law: August 3, 1949)

There are different stories on when the first Flag Day was. The first claim was from a Hartford, CT, celebration during the first summer of 1861. By the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

The most recognized claim, comes from New York. On June 14, 1889, Professor George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten for the poor of New York City, had his school hold patriotic ceremonies to observe the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution. This initiative attracted attention from the State Department of Education, which arranged to have the day observed in all public schools thereafter.

Bernard J. Cigrand, a school teacher in Waubeka, WI, reportedly spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14 as a national holiday. Although his attempts failed, the day was widely observed. "Father of Flag Day" honors have been given to William T. Kerr, who was credited with founding the American Flag Day Association in 1888 while still a schoolboy in Pittsburgh, PA. (Source: Fireworks.com et al)

Father's Day Tribute

By Cheri Hanby, The UPDATE Staff

It has been said that the earliest Father's Day observance was held by the ancient Romans during the month of February, when they honored their deceased fathers.

The observance we are familiar with is the result of a 1910 Mother's Day observance sermon heard at a church in Spokane, WA by Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd. She thought of her father and the many sacrifices he had made caring for her and her five brothers since her mother died. She wanted to honor him, so she gathered support from the town's ministers and the local YMCA. A proposal went to Congress for a vote, but since Father's Day conflicted with a Mother's Day observance, it was voted down. It did not become a recognized observance until 60 years later.

My Dad will be 81 this year, and due to physical limitations, he no longer swings us around but he can make himself and all of us dizzy with laughter. Life continues to bring forth change, however his love is still constant. (*"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty."* -- Unknown) (Source: TheHistoryOf.net)

The UPDATE Staff /Support

(Photos: T. Casasanta)



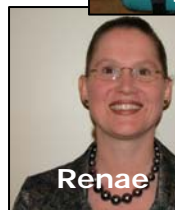
Allen



Kefentse



Becky Cheri Joseph Jim



Renae



Tom



Pam



Retiree Remembrance

By Jim Snyder, Editor

Ken Maykowski

Age: 63

Year Retired: 2006

Years Fed. Service: 36
(23 – Retired Military)



(Photo: Self)

Chapter Mbr. since: 1995

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Past Chapter Offices Held: Member of Membership and Mini-PDI Committees

Fondest Memories of Chapter: National PDIs (Cleveland, Orlando, San Diego). Meeting folks from across the DoD agencies ... especially those I served with in Iraq.

Fondest Memories of Federal Employment: Iraq tour. I felt I was doing something good and necessary for our country. It was a bit dangerous but I had prior military service.

Current Place of Work: Reasonable Tax Services in Hilliard – about 1200 hours between December and April.

Current Hobbies: Reading and traveling (to away OSU football games) (National parks).

“Good Words” You Live By: *“Take one day at a time ... and enjoy life. You do not know how long you have on earth. You must get in at least one good laugh a day.”*

“Good Words” For Others: *“Enjoy life ... and retire as soon as you are able. There is so much more to life than just working all the time. Enjoy time with your kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.”*

Spouse: Sharon; 28 years together.

College: Bachelors (The Ohio State University)

City Where You Live: Prairie Township

Parting Thought: *“Enjoy life to the fullest ... especially your retirement.”*

New Members



WELCOME!

Gail Krivicich
Susan Simari

Charles Miller, Chair

New Member Mindset

By Jim Snyder, Editor

Jarvis Matthews

Age: 32

Years at Work: 18

Years Fed. Service: 1.5



(Photo: T. Casasanta)

Chapter Mbr. since: 2008

ASMC Member since: 2008

Role(s) You Hope to Play in Chapter: I shall participate in community service activities as my schedule allows.

Who or What Motivated You to Join the Chapter? Kefentse Cade and Charles Miller. The kids/charitable activities of the chapter.

Current Place of Work: DFAS Accounting Operations – Accounts Payable.

Current Hobby: Fishing; bowling; watching sports..

“Good Words” You Live By: *“Keep your faith in God.”*

“Good Words” for Others: *“Treat others as you wish to be treated.”*

Spouse (or Significant Other): LaToya – married 5 years; 3 children.

Home State: Ohio.

College Graduate of: Central State University – Bachelors; DeVry – Masters (underway).

Parting Thought: *“It’s been a great ride; I want to continue.”*





Breaking Records! – May 2

By Pam Nowicki, Event Chair

ASMC Buckeye Chapter started volunteering quarterly at the **Mid Ohio Food Bank** in 1995.

We have sorted, stacked and repackaged thousands of pounds of food for shelters, hurricane survivors, and food pantries.

A new program for Seniors 60 and over has us filling boxes with a variety of food (for 5 day periods).

The first time we 'Ran the Boxes' we loaded over 25 items per box and filled 9.5 skids [427 boxes] in 3 hours. On Saturday, May 2nd, we loaded up 12 skids [540 boxes] with over 30 items per box in just under 2 hours. WOW!

I am very proud of Buckeye Chapter as we continue to support our community in a very real, needed way. Keep Up The GREAT WORK!

CDFM Luncheon – May 21

By Kefentse Cade, The UPDATE Staff

Guest speaker was **Ms. Claudia Carr**, ASMC's Associate Director for Certification. Honorees were: **Margo Berry; Vicki Conner; Tutti Doeslaere; Andy Flynn; Arlene Kennington; Beth Layao; and, Renae Walters**. Over 60 folks attended (including guests from the on-site EDFMTC course). 76 Buckeye Chapter members are CDFMs.

Ms. Carr said a Department of Defense (DOD) objective is to operate with a tighter budget, even though saving money is not DOD's job. A majority of its financial managers are 30 and under. The median age for new hires at DOD in the financial management workforce is 35 years old.

Significant challenges DOD faces include a considerable loss of experienced employees over the next decade, and the training of new employees. Furthermore, employees at DOD will need to develop analytic skills, acquire multiple skills sets, and learn hot skills. She added:

ASMC can assist DOD members by providing training and certification programs such as CDFM, keeping members informed, and helping them network.

This & Next Month's Events

WHO & WHAT

Annual New Chapter Officer Installation Ceremony & Luncheon
Speaker: Jim Hunter, DFAS-CO COS

WHEN & WHERE

Tue., Jun 23rd 11:30 AM –1:00 PM
DFAS Conference Center (C147)

COST

\$11 Members; \$13 Non-Members
Special Diet - Call: Macy Newman, Chair

WHO & WHAT

Annual Chapter Awards and Member Appreciation Luncheon
Speaker: Ben Roberts, Past President

WHEN & WHERE

Thu., Jul 16th 11:30 AM –1:00 PM
TBD

COST (1st "100" Members = FREE!)

\$11 Members; \$13 Non-Members
Special Diet - Call: Macy Newman, Chair

CDFM Luncheon Photo(s)



Claudia Carr

(Photos: T. Casasanta)



Berry, Kennington, Layao, Walters



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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	Emma Carter
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 Scheduler	Carol Wilson
Community Service <i>Broadleigh Elementary</i>	Melissa Stevens Mary Baker
Meetings <i>CPE Credits</i>	Macy Newman Emma Carter
Membership <i>Co-Chair</i> <i>Co-Chair</i>	Charles Miller Belinda Harris Carla Woolford
Newsletter <i>Cartoons</i>	Jim Snyder Allen Foster
Nominations/Elections <i>On-Line Process</i>	John Collier Roger Neeve
PDI Eligibility	Pam Nowicki
Publicity <i>Photography</i>	Rebecca Smith Tom Casasanta
Scholarships/Education <i>Co-Chair</i>	Shirley Benton VACANT
Special Events <i>Co-Chair</i>	Gwen Palmore Mamie Torain
Ways & Means <i>Co-Chair</i>	Mary Mathews VACANT
Webmaster	Renaë Walters



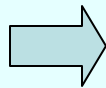
**Defense Finance and Accounting Service
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Conference Room B413**



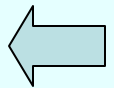
CDFM Study Groups

Please take the CDFM Interest Survey at:

www.asmc buckeye.org



CDFM Testing:
Monday, Jun 15: 9-11 AM; 1-3 PM
Bldg 21 Room C128



Notify us of module/time slot choices NLT Jun 8

Theresa Lannan 692-5378 or Barbara Bail 693-0657

Community Service Calendar

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

- Columbus Reads Thank You** 1-3 PM (DFAS Conference Center) *Jun 3*
- Columbus Arts Festival** ALL DAY (Columbus' Discovery District) *Jun 5-7*
- Night at the Museum** (7-11 PM, Ohio Historical Center: 1-71 @ 17th Ave.) *Jun 20*
- Special Olympics Summer Games** ½ Day Fri & Sun; ALL DAY Sat (Ohio State University) *Jun 26-28*
- Center of Science & Industry (COSI) Family Fridays** 5-9 PM (333 W. Broad St.) *Jun 26, Jul 31, Aug 28*
- Glorious Fourth: Independence Day** Noon-5 PM (Ohio Village: 1-71 @ 17th Ave.) *Jul 4*
- Mid-Ohio Food Bank** 9 AM-Noon (1625 W Mound) *Aug 1*

Events (in Bldg 21 or ...) Calendar

- Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM) *Jun 3*
- CDFM Testing (C128, 9-11 AM; 1-3 PM)** *Jun 15*
- New Officer Luncheon** (C147, 11:30-12:45) *Jun 23*
- AGA National PDC (New Orleans)** *Jun 21-24*
- Officer Transition Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM) *Jun 25*
- Officer Listing Due to ASMC HQ** *Jul 7*
- Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM) *Jul 8*
- AGA Member Luncheon** (C153, 11:30-1:00) *Jul 9*
- AGA Audio Conf.: Measures** (TBD, 2-4 PM) *Jul 15*
- Awards Luncheon** (TBD, 11:30-12:45) *Jul 16*
- Executive Cmte. Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM) *Jul 22*
- Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM) *Aug 5*
- AGA Audio Conf.: Stimulus** (TBD, 2-4 PM) *Aug 12*
- AGA Member Luncheon** (TBD, 11:30-1:00) *Aug 13*
- Member Luncheon** (TBD, 11:30-12:45) *Aug 20*
- Executive Cmte. Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM) *Aug 26*