

# THE UPDATE

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AN ASMC HQ "HONORED" NEWSLETTER (1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2008)

## Courage...!

Last week I visited the Marine Corps War Memorial and Gettysburg National Military Park. Both were awesome places to reflect on the huge sacrifices made by many **Patriots of Freedom**. Knowing the heavy casualties both before and after, the vivid image of the flag raising on Iwo Jima provides a small window into the resilience and determination of **combat veterans**. And the numerous memorials at Gettysburg remind us we have not forgotten the **supreme sacrifices** made by so many.

As Veterans Day approaches, we will take time to "honor all veterans". We should also contemplate their courage. **Courage** is something you may wonder if you have...so that if you are faced with challenges, you are prepared to take action. If you have courage to take the right action, then you can add value to yourself, community, and country.

Recently Charles Miller and our Chapter received praise for supporting **ColumbusReads**. Also, ASMC National honored Pam Nowicki for support to the CDFM program. These examples, and there are others, illustrate courage exists **in our midst!**



*Ben*

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

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## Veterans Day

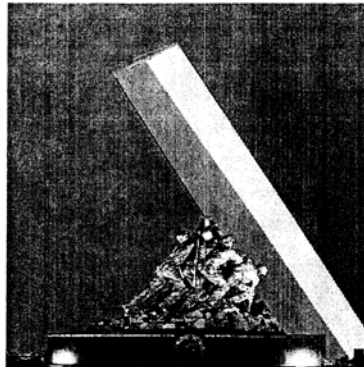


**Nov. 11, 2008**

(Tributes, pp. 5 & 6)

## NEVER AGAIN!

One tower going back up – one more to go!



*Allen Foster*



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



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



Luncheon Report – Oct 16

By Cheri Hanby  
Staff Writer

**Jennifer Sizemore**, ASMC HQ, spoke on: **“Did You Know?”** Her presentation viewed ASMC’s 60-year history. When formed



(Photo: T. Casasanta)

December 1948 at San Antonio, Texas, it had 9 members, all military officers. It was entitled the Society for Military Accountants and Statisticians. In 1955, it was changed to ASMC. ASMC now has 148 active chapters (19,000 members, 4,400 of whom are CDFMs.) ASMC’s goals are: to keep members informed; and, to ... *See next column*

provide networking opportunities, professional development material, chapter leadership opportunities and member benefits.

Ms. Sizemore emphasized the need for members to become involved in their community and work, being “as involved as you can”. Some activities ASMC sponsors include: chapter luncheons; National PDI and local mini-PDIs; the Enhanced Defense Financial Manager training course; CDFM certification; and, audio conferences. Some events are: local chapter events; participation in local chapter organization and planning; volunteer events and annual awards programs, locally and nationally. She concluded her presentation with encouraging members to look at the available awards on the national website.

Planning Board Minutes – Oct 8

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

**Officers Present** (4=vote=quorum) Fenwick, Prenoveau, L. Snyder, Walters

**Chairs/Co-Chairs Present** (11=no vote) Bail, Baker, Carter, Harris, Lannan, Mathews, Newman, Palmore, J. Snyder, Stevens, Torain

**Discussion: October/November Luncheons:** Oct. 16 speaker is Jennifer Sizemore from ASMC National; room conflict being resolved. Franklin University to provide Nov speaker.

**Google Calendar:** Works good for reminders; Renae/Christy will edit; link to website ok’d.

**CPE Status:** Cost through NASBA \$800 first year, \$400 a year for renewal. No fee through Accountancy Board of Ohio; will ASMC accept? Will check with J. Sizemore when she is here.

**Broadleigh School:** Winter collection Dec 1-10; delivery Dec 12; donation button on web site if unable to shop. Will check with PX concerning cleaning of any donated coats.

**CDFM:** Study begins Nov 3; on-site test Dec. 15; new text o/a Thanksgiving; need Mod 1 facilitator; audio interest high, turnout low.

**Special Events:** Professional Fair Dec 4, 11 to 1, in the Indy/Denver Rooms; requested suggestions for additional participants.

**Newsletter:** Deadline of Oct. 23.

**Programs:** Audio conference on Fiscal Law Oct. 21; room may be crowded.

**Fund Raising:** Another opportunity like Fantasy Football; checking gambling issues.

**Adjourned.** Next Meeting: Wed. Nov 5.

Christine Prenoveau, Secretary

Exec. Cmte. Minutes – Oct 22

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

**Officers Present** (5=vote=quorum) Fenwick, Roberts, Prenoveau, L. Snyder, Walters

**Agenda: Financial Software:** Renae is trying to automate the treasurer’s reports and is researching financial software from DFAS or DSCC. If we have to buy, it should cost \$90. received non-profit status from the state; will send 3 years of financial reports to the IRS.

**November Luncheon:** Speaker is from Franklin Univ. Speakers Bureau; topic: non-profits.

**ePortal Project:** Renae will set up demonstrations with Executive Board. This is a repository for local ASMC documents. Need to set up permission and access for Board.

**Member Brochures:** Jim S. sent price list. Board voted unanimously to order 200 complete brochures to initially have on hand.

**Special Events:** Fiscal Law video conference was useful. Professional Fair is Dec. 4. Form on what/who we would like to have at the Fair will be available on our web site. Will check if CDFM literature will be available. Will let us know about staffing needs for Fair.

**Action Items:** Check on financial software. Set up ePortal Project demos for Executive Board. Order 200 new member brochures. Check on video Conference payment. Report if volunteers are needed for Professional Fair. Check moving ahead on non-profit status. Provide Newsletter Articles to Jim S. by COB Oct. 23.

**Adjourned.** Next Meeting: Wed., Jan. 21.

Christine Prenoveau, Secretary



## News from New DFAS SBM Deputy

By Joseph Sunday  
Staff Writer

**Ms. Nancy Zmyslinski**  
DFAS Deputy Director  
Strategic Business  
Management (SBM)  
(Photo: J Maynard Jr.)



*Related by Ron Cox, Executive Assistant to Nancy.*

"There are several challenges where we need to focus. First of all is support for the Enterprise Resource Plans (ERPs). DFAS does not own the ERPs, but we are a critical partner with our customers to ensure they have successful results. Another challenge is in Change Management. We are in a time of significant change for DFAS. The bulk of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) has been completed – and we have successfully consolidated the mission into principally five enduring sites. But with the election will come a new administration, and it is important that SBM provide the strategic blueprint for our Agency as we move forward.

Accomplishments we would like to see in the next 12 months include implementation of the major ERPs, such as the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System (DIMHRS). We will have defined roles and responsibilities within DFAS and with our ERP customers. Thereby we can work these ERPs in the most effective manner and avoid duplicative efforts.

We will see more collaboration within DFAS as we start to look at ourselves in a more corporate manner. (From Nancy's perspective:) We are not Operations or Corporate Organizations or SBM – we are all one DFAS."



*Ms. Zmyslinski was named a Meritorious Presidential Rank Award recipient by President Bush.*

## Audio Conference – Oct 21

By Jim Snyder  
Editor

1.5 CPEs

**Mr. Keith Dunn**, a Naval lawyer, conducted an audio conference regarding fiscal law. ASMC HQ was the host. He cautioned (check with a lawyer first) to:

- Ensure expiration dates for contracts and subscriptions are not set in either October or November. Funds may or may not be available to pay for them.
- Interagency provided funds not used in the current fiscal year cannot be banked for use the next fiscal year.
- Antideficiency Act violations must be reviewed within 1 year if intra-agency and 9 months if inter-agency.
- No agency may augment its appropriations. Such funds received must be deposited with the Treasury.
- Refreshments may seldom be paid with appropriated funds (exception: if non-severable from rental cost).
- Conference fees may be charged to recover costs of holding one. (Excess: see Treasury above). You may not enter into a no-cost conference contract.
- Non-personalized commanders coins are incentive awards. Low cost (<\$50) items – i.e., recognition awards – may be provided at retirement.
- Bottled water is a "personal" expense.

## UPDATE Staff



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Retiree Remembrance

By Cheri Hanby, Staff Writer

Dr. Robert (Bob) Osborne

Age: 59

Year Retired: 2004

Years Fed. Service: 29

Also, Retired Army Reservist

Chapter Mbr. since: 1991

ASMC Mbr. since: 1989

Past Chapter Office Held:

Treasurer 1999-2000

Fondest Memory of Chapter:

...“getting on site testing for the CDFM, which made it easier for members to take the exam. I also, was asked to proctor on site due to a previous test situation with a team member who required assistance.”

Fondest Memory of Federal Employment:

“It is hard to select one. I enjoyed working there; however, starting the DBMS (Defense Business Management System) Training Division at DFAS-CO comes to mind.”

Current Place of Work: Ohio Dominican University (Asst. Professor of Accounting)

Current Hobbies: Stamp collecting and genealogy (a 17-generation father’s side trace)

Good Words” You Live By:

“Have passion about what you do or don’t do it.”

“Good Words” For Others:

“Every problem has a solution, you may not like the solution, but it does.”

Spouse (or Significant Other): Debbie

Years Together: 10

College Graduate of: Marshall University  
BBA, Masters, PhD Accounting

Professional Certifications:

CPA; CMA; CFM; CBM; CGFM; CDFM; ATP

City Where You Live: Pickerington



(Photo: ODU)

New Member Mindset

By Cheri Hanby, Staff Writer

Vicki Kay

Age: 28

Years at Work: 14

Years Fed. Service: 2.5

Chapter Mbr. since: 3/2008

ASMC Mbr. since: 3/2008

Role You Hope to Play in Chapter:

“Currently, I am happy to be an active member of the Buckeye Chapter. Hopefully, in the future I can assume some roles of responsibility within the Chapter.”

What Motivated You to Join the Chapter?

“I joined the Buckeye Chapter for networking opportunities. I also hope to become more involved in community events sponsored by ASMC.”

Current Place of Work:

DFAS-CO Accounting Operations Site Support Office

Current Hobby: Reading

“Good Words” You Live By:

“Nothing is too big of a challenge.”

“Good Words” for Others:

“What goes around comes around.”

Spouse (or Significant Other): Jason

Home State: Ohio

College Graduate of: Franklin University

Bachelors: Finance

Parting Thought:

“Have respect for everyone and don’t give up.”



(Photo: T. Casasanta)

FEA Conference

Riding the Wave to  
Professional and Personal Success  
November 24-25, 2008  
Concourse Hotel, Port Columbus IAP



## HQ ASMC News ([www.asmonline.org](http://www.asmonline.org))

### LinkedIn Professional Networking (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=953357>)

LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries. ASMC has created a group on LinkedIn as a forum for discussion of ASMC matters. Discussion and membership will be moderated to a limited degree. The opinions expressed in the group are those of the individuals and not of ASMC.

## CFC Tradition – Oct 1



Chapter Vice President for Programs  
**Joy Fenwick** presents CFC Chair  
**Philippa Houston** the annual  
\$250 Kick-off check donation.

(Photo: Tom Casasanta)

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## Veterans Day: *The Warrior*

The battle had intensified.  
And he was troubled.  
He was trapped in his decision of leaving  
home to miss Thanksgiving  
and His Son's birthday.

He looked down upon his children and cried.  
Was he going to leave them?  
His beautiful wife, how much he would miss  
her. He looked at his home  
and realized there was nowhere like it.  
The inner battle between departure  
and staying was tearing him.

He then looked upon his nation.  
His bigger family.  
The beautiful cities and wondrous mountains.  
The children and the women,  
the men and the grandparents.  
He looked at the East; the great army  
was coming against his people.  
He looked at his wife and his commander.  
He cried and mourned.

He left to fight. He had bravery and courage.  
He believed that he would win for his people.  
He kept the sweet, lovely picture of his  
wife and children in his heart.  
He knew he'd come back for them.

He was shot in the leg, yet he continued to  
fight. To fight for his family.  
He prevailed and saved the nation.  
He returned to his family,  
and the war within him ended.

He was the warrior.

**Robert Okyere © 2007**  
Westerville North High School

## Veterans Day: *To Honor, To Serve*

Notice the art work in the halls of our school?  
Or do you walk past without a thought?  
Notice his guitar and gun  
and the emotion on his face.

I look at this picture and wonder.  
Wonder where he is heading  
and what he is leaving behind.  
Wonder how he feels on the inside.  
To be a soldier at war.  
Wonder how it feels  
to sacrifice for your country.

Suppose he will never return.  
Or will be wounded in battle.  
Suppose his guitar is the only piece  
of his life he has left.  
Or the only piece of sanity he has with him.

To honor, to serve,  
To protect and save.  
Will he ever find his way home?

**Kim Pattee © 2007**  
Gahanna Lincoln High School





Veterans Day: *The Treasures We Don't Own* © March 2006 by Michael Marks

The kitchen air was heavy with the smell of pumpkin pie, and though my odds seemed poor at best I thought that I would try, to steal a bite before the turkey from the oven came and thought that I had pulled it off until she said my name.

"Just looking babe," I straightened up and struggled to begin, betrayed at once by angel's eyes above a devil's grin. "Oh really?" she so soft replied, a towel drawing quick, that I could naught but dash before I felt its sudden flick.

So in defeat I ambled to the refuge of the den, amid the jibes of relatives who knew where I had been, and saw my son a-sprawl among the paper on the floor, creating works of art to hang upon the freezer door.

I half expected pilgrims or an Indian with maize, some symbol of the holiday beneath his fervent gaze; instead I saw a pile of junk he'd penciled in with care-- if it had any meaning I was clearly unaware.

As though he sensed my question he looked up with shining smile, and said "It's for Thanksgiving, I've been thinking for a while." He pointed to the drawing now with very somber tone "*They're someone else's treasures that I'm thankful I don't own.*"

"I think you've got that backwards son," I said, my head inclined. "A treasure is, well, special, like the best thing you could find." The look that crossed his face came from his mother, not from me -- "I know that dad," he huffed, "here, take a look and you will see."

"I saw a wooden crutch like this last week on our TV; some homeless kid in Baghdad lost a leg below the knee. His single prize possession was that twisted wooden steed-- I've never kicked a landmine, so a crutch I just don't need."

"A chunk of rock like this is something else I wouldn't crave, it's all those kids in Kurdi-something had to mark a grave they dug by hand when both their folks got blown up by a bomb-- But every day when I come home, I know you're here with mom."

"I don't need body armor that our soldiers dearly prize, and just as well," he whispered, "they don't make it in my size. And we don't have to worry 'bout a roadside IED\*, so I can ride my bike to school and not a big Humvee."

And on he went through every item drawn upon the page, expressing thanks to live so far from combat's bitter rage; And thankful too that not another day could he remember, when fear came to America like it did that September.

*See next column*

(\*IED = *Improvised explosive device* = booby trap (land mine))



U.S.A.

U.S.A.F.

"I figure that the things we treasure here," he seemed to muse are really cool because we have a lot from which to choose. But folks who live where wars are fought, they don't have near as much, so treasure there might be no more than just a wooden crutch."

I found the lesson simple and the reasoning profound; when fight we must, to take the battle off to foreign ground by those who stand in jeopardy to keep the wolves at bay, and shield our homes and families from terror and dismay.

So now upon Thanksgiving's meal, we gather hand in hand, and first among our blessings count the heroes of the land, who guard us all and keep us safe at price of flesh and bone, and give us chance to say our thanks for *treasures we don't own.*

U.S.N.

U.S.M.C.

U.S.C.G.





**This Month's Event**

**WHO & WHAT**  
 Speaker: Dr. Michael Posey  
 Franklin University Speakers Bureau  
 Non-Profit/Volunteer Management  
 Member Luncheon

**WHEN & WHERE**  
 Thu., Nov 20 11:30 AM –1:00 PM  
 DFAS Conference Center (C136/7)

**COST**  
 \$11 Members; \$14 Non-Members  
 Special Diet - Call: Macy Newman, Chair



**EVENTS**



**Next Month's Event**

**WHO & WHAT**  
 Annual Professional Information & Education Fair (*Professional Organizations/Certifications; Colleges & Universities; Refreshments*) = FREE!

**WHEN & WHERE**  
 Thu., Dec 4th 11:30 AM –1:00 PM  
 DFAS Conference Center

**CO-SPONSORS**  
 ASMC, AGA, DFAS-CO LIM Program  
 Gwen Palmer, Chair

**Honored Members**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Meritorious Presidential Rank Award  
**Nancy Zmyslinski**

New DFAS Leader to Employee Award  
**Linda Marvin**

Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM)  
**Margo Berry**

30 Years Federal Service (in October)  
**Gae Snyder & Lavonne Stone**

**Broadleigh Elementary School**

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

**WINTER GEAR COLLECTION**  
 For Grades 1-5: Dec 1-10

(Items Needed: New Winter or Stocking Caps/Hats, Ear Muffs, Scarves, Mittens/Gloves, Socks, Any of These in Sets; Gently Used Clothes & Coats!)

Make a cash donation at: [www.asmcuckeye.org/PP%20Broadleigh%20Donations.htm](http://www.asmcuckeye.org/PP%20Broadleigh%20Donations.htm)

Mary Baker, Chair

Winter Weatherlore

*As high as the weeds grow,  
 So will the bank of snow.*

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**New Members**

**WELCOME!**

**Jarvis Matthews**  
 Charles Miller, Chair



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Treasurer's Report**

As of Sep 30, 2008

<b>CHECKING</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,017.58
Receipts	+ 99.00
Disbursements	- 225.59
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,890.99</b>
<b>SAVINGS</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 8,114.09
Deposits	+ 251.83
Withdrawals	- 0.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,365.92</b>
<b>FUNDRAISER ACCT</b>	<b>\$ 913.65</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$16,170.56</b>

Renaee Walters, Treasurer



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**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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Awards/Competition	Mary Mathews
<i>Co-Chair</i>	Theresa Roach
CDFM Certification	Theresa Lannan
<i>Co-Chair</i>	Barbara Bail
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Chapter History	VACANT
Community Service	Melissa Stevens
<i>Broadleigh Elementary</i>	Mary Baker
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<i>CPE Credits</i>	Emma Carter
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<i>Co-Chair</i>	Carla Woolford
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<i>Co-Chair</i>	Mamie Torain
Ways & Means	Teresa Blount
<i>Co-Chair</i>	VACANT
Webmaster	Renae Walters



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Conference Room B413



**CDFM Study Groups Calendar**

**Module 1: Resource Management**

**Mondays: Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 3, 10 (Review)**  
Host: Barbara Bail 693-0657

**Module 3: Accounting & Finance**

**Tuesdays: Nov 4, TBD, 18, 25, Dec 4, 11 (Review)**  
Host: Priscilla Applegate 693-7060

**Module 2: Budget/Cost Analysis**

**Wednesdays: Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 5, 12 (Review)**  
Host: Barbara Bail 693-0657

**All Groups Meet in Bldg 21 Room B319: 11-Noon**  
**CDFM Testing:**

**Monday, Dec 15: 9-11 AM; 1-3 PM**  
**Bldg 21 Room A119**

**Notify us of module/time slot choices NLT Dec 1**

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)	Nov 5
AGA Audio Conf.: Soft Controls (C138, 2-4)	Nov 12
AGA Member Luncheon (C147, 11:30-1:00)	Nov 13
<b>Member Luncheon</b> (C136/7, 11:30-12:45)	<b>Nov 20</b>
<b>Chapter Leader Training</b> (TBD, 2-3 PM)	<b>Nov 20</b>
<b>FEA Conference (Concourse Hotel, 8-4)</b>	<b>Nov 24-25</b>
Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Dec 3
<b>Professional Fair</b> (TBD)	<b>Dec 4</b>
AGA Audio Conference: Fin. Mgrs. (TBD, 2-4)	Dec 10
AGA Holiday Dinner (TBD, TBD)	Dec 13
<b>CDFM Test Day</b> (B123, 9-11 AM, 1-3 PM)	<b>Dec 15</b>
<b>Officer Listing Due to ASMC HQ</b>	<b>Jan 7</b>
Planning Board Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Jan 7
AGA Member Luncheon (TBD, 11:30-1:00)	Jan 8
<b>Member Luncheon</b> (TBD, 11:30)	<b>Jan 15</b>
Executive Cmte. Meeting (B413, Noon-1 PM)	Jan 21
AGA Audio Conference: XBRL (TBD, 2-4)	Jan 21

**Community Service Calendar**

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

<b>Mid-Ohio Food Bank</b> 9-12 (1625 W. Mound St.)	Nov 1
<b>Veterans Parade</b> 9-2 (Nationwide Blvd & High St)	Nov 7
<b>Rockwell's Thanksgiving Holiday</b> Noon-5:00 PM (Ohio Historical Society – I-71 at 17 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)	Nov 15
<b>Center of Science &amp; Industry (COSI) Family Fridays</b> 5-9 PM (333 W. Broad St.)	Nov 28, Dec 26, Jan 27
<b>Holiday Craft Fair</b> 10 AM-2 PM (Ohio Historical Society – I-71 at 17 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)	Dec 6
<b>Rockwell's Family Overnight</b> (Ohio Historical Society – I-71 at 17 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)	6-11 PM Jan 30 7:30-11 AM Jan 31