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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reflection on Education

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the "Back to School" collection for Broadleigh Elementary School. DSCC and DFAS associates donated hundreds of school supplies for the children at Broadleigh. The teachers and students were overwhelmed by the caring and thoughtfulness shown by our organizations. I would also like to thank the volunteers involved in the collection and distribution of all the donated items.

As our children go back to school in search of that higher education, maybe it is time that you think about continuing your education as well. Whether it is doing a developmental to learn a new skill, attending a PDO or completing a college degree, it is important to keep investing in your professional and personal development. There are many educational opportunities offered at DFAS, on-line courses, audio conferences and certification classes and study groups.

Keep trying to attain your professional competence and continuously improving your skills and abilities.

"The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action" Herbert Spencer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 8 Luncheon: Joint ASMC/AGA Location
DFAS Conference Center C153

Oct 20 Luncheon: TBA Location DFAS
Conference Center C153

Nov 17 Luncheon: TBA
DFAS Conference Center 153



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OUR 21ST YEAR - CHARTERED JULY 17, 1990



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TREASURER'S REPORT – As of July

Christine Prenoveau, CDFM

	CHECKING	+ SAVINGS	= OVERALL
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 1,497.39	\$13,141.28	\$ 14,638.67
DEPOSITS	+\$ 1,411.00	+ 0.00	+ 1,411.00
WITHDRAWALS	- \$ 2,302.72	- 1000.00	- 3,302.72
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 605.67	\$ 12,141.28	\$ 12,746.95
 OVERALL BALANCE			\$ 12,746.95



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS /CONGRATS

Teresa Kemp

AWARD WINNING MEMBERS

- Elizabeth Berry
- Natalie Hanrahan
- Deborah Jones
- Larry Marshall
- Mary Prenoveau
- David Reckart
- Cynthia Rivera
- John Yerkey



Special Note: Chonnel Woods ASMC member - is in the leave share program - is in the leave share program for anyone who can donate leave....send application directly to Charles Caldwell.



PLANNING BD/EXEC. COMMITTEE – JULY

Gwen Palmore

Board Discussion: *Community Service:* Broadleigh Collection/Newman collecting all through August. **Audit:** Prenoveau prepared audit Neefe turned it in. **CDFM:** Novotny On site testing Sept. 19th. **Webmaster:** Site is not finished will continue to work with POC. **Special Events:** PDO will be at Ohio Dominican 2012- 5 Start needs submitted **Meetings:** Ohlemacher Checking on all volunteer activities to see if ASMC can get credit/all volunteer opportunities will be announced to membership. **Treasurer:** Prenoveau complete **Newsletter:** Sept 25 deadline to send articles to karey.dyer@dfas.mil. **Attendance: Officers:** (4) Snyder, Mathews Prenoveau, Palmore **Chairs:** (9), Brooker, Novotny, Nelson, Rowley, Wilson, Simari, Bail, Kay, Berry. **(11:30 – 1:00PM). Next Meeting:** Sept 10 Room B413



HQ ASMC NEWS

ASMC Connection

News and Announcements <http://www.asmonline.org/>**OMB tells federal agencies to prepare FY2013 budget 5% below FY2011**

Federal agencies received budget guidance this week directing them to prepare their FY2013 budgets at levels five percent below that enacted for FY2011. In a memo from OMB Director Jacob Lew, agency heads were also told to develop alternative funding cuts that would bring budget levels to 10 percent below the FY2011 enacted levels. Lew said that by having two estimates, the president will have the information needed to make the tough choices necessary to meet the hard spending targets in place. Read full story <<http://ASMC.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xNz11NzgwJnA9MSZ1PTEwMjEzMjA1MTQmbGk9Nzg4MTc4MQ/index.html>>

**Education and Training****Online CPE Management Tool**

Over 140,000 CPE's have been entered in the new ASMC CPE Management tool by 6,200 members. This members only tool allows you to track your education and upload certificates regardless of your certification. This tool can be used to track CPE for CDFM, CDFM-A, and other certificate programs. Watch a short video on how the tool works on the ASMC Member Portal

<<http://ASMC.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xNz11NzgwJnA9MSZ1PTEwMjEzMjA1MTQmbGk9Nzg4MTc4Mw/index.html>> .

News and Announcements

CBO projects FY2011 deficit to be \$1.3 trillion

29th August 2011

Per Diem rates set for FY2012

26th August 2011

Panetta calls potential automatic cuts a "doomsday mechanism"

25th August 2011

What OMB meant to say about FY2013 budget guidance

23rd August 2011

OMB tells federal agencies to prepare FY2013 budgets 5% below FY2011 levels

18th August 2011

Army restructuring to be focus of new panel

16th August 2011

Air Force announces 90-day civilian hiring freeze

15th August 2011

Deficit reduction committee members named

11th August 2011

OMB directs agency CIOs to focus on IT portfolio management

9th August 2011

Panetta warns of the effects of unacceptable defense cuts

5th August 2011

President to nominate DoD acquisition head Ashton Carter to be new Deputy Secretary of Defense

4th August 2011

President signs debt ceiling increase/deficit reduction bill

3rd August 2011



ASMC STAFF MEMBER LOSES MOTHER

by Editor

Healing and Peace



The mother of **Mary Baker**, one of our previous board members, died recently, as many know, such a loss is difficult. Mary shared her thanks for flowers and support with a card. The card is on file for anyone who would like to see it. In her memory, we offer this traditional Navajo prayer:

As I Walk with Beauty

*As I walk, as I walk
The universe is walking with me
In beauty it walks before me
In beauty it walks behind me
In beauty it walks below me
In beauty it walks above me
Beauty is on every side
As I walk, I walk with Beauty.*

TRIVIA

By Pam Nowicki, CDFM

LAST MONTH TRIVIA:

How many of our 2011-2012 Officers hold a CDFM(-A) and what positions do they now hold in the Buckeye Chapter?

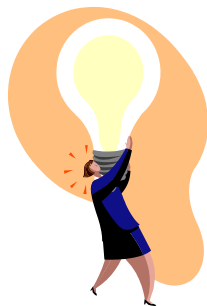
Winner: Not complete

Photo: T. Casasanta

NEW TRIVIA: After the Doug Battle Scholarship was established there was another one created and named after a former member of the Buckeye Chapter, what was the name of that person?

Send answers to PAM.NOWICKI@DFAS.MIL

MID-OHIO FOOD BANK COMING UP!

Pam Nowicki, CDFM

Aug 6

Mid-Ohio Food Bank is dedicated to **feeding hungry people** by collecting and distributing food and grocery products, educating the community about hunger, advocating for **hunger-relief programs**, and collaborating with others who address basic human needs. August 6, we hope you will share this experience. Contact ASMC members and Pam Nowicki if you want to volunteer!



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

REMEMBER APRIL IS THE MONTH TO RE-REGISTER ONLINE AT KROGER! WE NEED YOU! The Kroger Community Rewards Program is an excellent way for you to **support our Chapter scholarship fundraising efforts**. Our chapter is making money each month from just a few members. Just take a few moments to register or **re-register** your card. You don't have to be a member to participate, so you can ask your **friends and family** to participate as well. Register or enroll through our Chapter's web site: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

www.asmcbuckeye.org/Kroger_Rewards_Program.htm

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Clip Those Box Tops



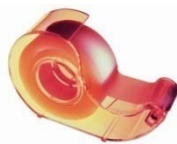
We all shop for groceries; sometimes two or three times a week -- or more. Now turn the shopping trips into easy cash for **our sponsored schools** and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the **Box Tops** logo on hundreds of products in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and bring them in. Each one is worth **10¢** for our **sponsored schools**.

BROADLEIGH BACK TO SCHOOL

by Macy Newman

Supplies Being Collected

Every year DFAS/DLA employees set aside funds and show support for their community by donating to Broadleigh Elementary. You can contribute too. **Items being collected are; calculators, lunch bags, glue, pencils, pens, tissues, crayons, soap, markers, hand sanitizers, scissors, tape, rulers** and more. You can contact any of the following people to give your supplies and be a part of this tradition; **Deadra McIntosh 2C-050, Carla Woodford 2A-295, Minerva Moorehead 5A-100, Teresa Kemp 5C-037, Melissa Stevens 3B-294, Barb Bail 6C-006, Jill Wilcox 5B-227, Lisa Snyder 7C-013, Shirley Bailey 4B-081, Mary Mathews 7A-22. Building 10-12-121 Pam Nowicki, Building 11-12-060 Joy Fenwick, Building 20-B5S067 Dianne Vehorn. We know you will shine again as in years before! Thank you Everyone!**



MENTORING

by Pam Nowicki, CDFM

Proud to Serve

Mentoring is an exciting part of government work and is promoted at DFAS/DLA and especially in ASMC. Let's face it, most of what we do at ASMC falls under the category of mentoring. Training for CDFM and study groups is part of mentoring. So are audio groups that promote understanding of the processes and things happening in government from the presidents office on down the chain of command.



Photo: T. Casasanta

You can also become part of a program where an individual will help you. So you ask, "What is DFAS Columbus Mentoring Program?"

Here are some facts that you can use to start the process of becoming active in the mentoring program...

How Do I Register?

Step 1: Go to the DFAS Growth & Learning sub-community on the e-portal.

Step 2: Select Mentoring and Coaching under eLearning.

Step 3: On the Mentoring and Coaching page, find "DFAS has a new Mentoring System!!

Access it [HERE](#)."

Click on the "HERE" and you are on your way!

If you want to register as a mentee, use 197706 as your group number.

If you want to register as a mentor, use 303927 as your group number.

For more information: Pam Nowicki, CDFM, 614/693-0266, pam.nowicki@dfas.mil

DFAS Columbus Mentoring Advisory Group, Chair

ATTENTION BUCKEYE CHAPTER CDFMs

by Nalin Patel

Have You Renewed Your Certification Within The Last 2 Years?

According to Ms Claudia Carr, Associate Director for **Certification at American Society of Military Comptrollers, ASMC** is changing their Certified Defense Financial Managers (CDFM) renewal policy. In an effort to ensure that CDFMs are constantly engaging in continuing professional education and are interested in maintaining their certification, the ASMC has been working to **contact CDFMs who have not kept their certification current**. The policy requires the certification holder attain a minimum of 80 CPEs every two years, remit the renewal fee, and verify the accuracy of the renewal information by accepting the CDFM renewal terms and conditions.

ASMC has been notifying individuals who have been awarded the CDFM that the current policy, which inherently allows for a 2 year grace period, will change as of January 1, 2011. CDFM renewals that are processed before December 31, 2010, will not be subject to the new policy changes. Once the new policy is in effect, steeper renewal and reactivation fees, as well as possible retesting, will apply. CDFM renewals are randomly audited and you should be prepared to present supporting documentation if you are selected for a renewal audit. For more details please read the **policy posted on the ASMC website at** http://www.asmconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CDFM_revised_policy.pdf

Tradition

MILITARY HERO

by Editor

Oldest Survivor of Bataan Death March Dies at 105

May Albert Brown rest in peace. August 17, 2011 marks 105 years of life, even in spite of his years suffering at the hands of the Japanese Army and the Bataan Death March. If you have not read or studied the Second World War, you have much to learn. The Filipino people along with many American soldiers suffered and died. Torturous standards were kept by enemy. Some 78,000 men walked over 65 miles to get



from Bataan province near the Philippine capital of Manila to Japanese POW camps. The stories history holds of the horror of war and they were lived out by men like "Doc" Brown. He was forty years old and in his prime. But after such suffering doctors told Brown not to expect to live past fifty. He proved them all wrong.



Many will find the pictures and stories of this brutal time in our history too vulgar to look at and too frightening to listen to. But Young military men listen, as this hero shared his story many times. The love of country, and his fellow man, and the military code of honor and respect for life is what the young men hope to better understand, as they sit and listen to a man, who proved himself over the years. He kept a small nub of a pencil and a pad of paper in canvas bag, hidden in the lining. He documented the march through the jungles.

Born in 1905 in North Platte, Nebraska, he studied dentistry in 1920's and was called to serve in 1937, he left his practice never able to return due to his injuries. A broken neck and back along with many diseases like Malaria were part of what Brown suffered. It left him nearly blind, and thus his doctors telling him to enjoy what time he had left on earth. How could they know that would be another fifty-plus years.

Those who knew him speak of his love of life and bright shining attitude. He shared his story and the story is still relevant today. It is the most favorite story of all Americans; to overcome evil with good, to walk into hell and come out alive, and fight to see another day. The men who serve today, have the same desire. Brown scribed the details of the march, mile for mile he scratch out the horrors in that small pad he kept hidden. But hope was hidden in his heart, as with every soldier that triumphs over the suffering of war. The message is the same never give up, never give in. You must continue on, with a promise of tomorrow, and a hope that all men will fight to live as free men. It is worth living for, and for so many it is the high price they have paid; to die defending freedom. We who support the warfighter, we support their tenacity and hope in the future of all mankind. God bless the American Heroes of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Albert Brown represents them well.



CHAIR OF THE MONTH

by Editor

New Name Rachel Ohlemacher/Meetings

Rachel Ohlemacher works as an Accountant in **Treasury Division /SOT Reconciliation**; after receiving her Bachelors in Psychology, Bachelors in Forensic Accounting, and Masters in Security Management. She would like to be a **certified forensic examiner**. She started at DFAS in 2007 as an auditor. She was in the Air Force (4 years) and then stayed at home to raise her sons and attend school.



Photo: T. Casasanta

Her sons are; **Kaleb**, age 10 and **Ayden** age 6. She met her husband of thirteen years at boot camp; he is still in Active Duty in the Air Force and will retire in 7 years. Her hobbies are her children at this time in her life. She spends, what seems like all her time, at the ball fields and skate parks and **believes in family first**.

But she does enjoy couponing and categorizes herself as an "**extreme**" **couponer** for about 2 years now. She prides herself on not paying for gas and if so it is cheap! Rachel has many memories of federal government near and dear to her heart like; her first days of boot camp, when she got rushed to the hospital, for an emergency appendectomy. She was more afraid of returning to boot camp than having the surgery. She is a **military brat**, and loves it. She could not imagine her life any other way.

Joining ASMC Rachel would say, **networking** and **meeting people** was her motivation, she is naturally reserved, and wants to spend more time around people. She has a **respect** for **Lisa Snyder**, after working with her in the past, and that made the choice to join an easy one.

Although new to ASMC, Rachel is familiarizing herself with the **organization** and **benefits**. She is enjoying her position as Meetings Chairperson and has goals to bring in new members. She even finds some time to volunteer when family obligations permit.

Rachel's words for others, "**I am not a scholar**, I do not know quotes, my husband will tell you I mess them all up and scramble them. **I live what I am taught** and that is to cherish my family. I am learning sadly how time goes by so fast. Be grateful for what I have and truly respect others. **I believe in destiny** and that things, good or bad, do happen for reasons. **I am here for a reason.**"



"Football represents and embodies everything that's great about this country, because the United States of America is built on winners, not losers or people who didn't bother to play."

~Woody Hayes

FROM THE DOCS' DESKS

Robert Osborne, CDFM

2010 Audit Report

August 3, 2011

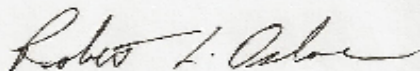
Members of the Buckeye Chapter,
American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)
Columbus, Ohio

I have reviewed the accompanying Report of Receipts and Disbursements of the Buckeye Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The Report of Receipts and Disbursements are the responsibility of the Chapter President and Treasurer. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying Report of Receipts and Disbursements based on my review.

As of June 30, 2011 the Buckeye Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers had invested with the Columbus Metro Federal Credit Union of Columbus, Ohio, regular checking account with a balance of \$1,497.39 and a savings account with a balance of \$13,141.28. In addition, the Chapter had a separate checking and share account earmarked as "Fundraiser Accounts" invested with the Columbus Metro Federal Credit Union of Columbus, Ohio. The Fundraiser Checking account had a balance of \$0.00 and the Share Account had a balance of \$5.00. All balances reconcile and correspond to the statements of these accounts that I reviewed. All checking account checks, transfers, and deposits on the bank statement matched with the transactions in the records of the Buckeye Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers.

I reviewed all transactions, including supporting documentation, which were processed against the checking and share accounts of the Buckeye Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers. I reviewed all checking account statements for the Chapter. From my review, I conclude that the checks that were drawn upon the accounts were written within the guidelines of the Board of Directors of the Buckeye Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers.

In my opinion, the Report of Receipts and Disbursements referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Buckeye Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers for the period ending June 30, 2011, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.



Robert L. Osborne
Certified Public Accountant
Ohio License # 44595

This letter is submitted by
Robert Osborne to the
Membership of ASMC.

AUGUST LUNCHEON

Ohio Business Week Foundation

by Cheryl Mobley

In recognition of Ohio Business Week Foundation, this month's speaker was **Gayle Troy** from the Ohio Business Foundation. She explained the purpose of the program and the criteria used to award scholarships. This program is designed for high school students who are interested in becoming a college business major, and/or interested in starting their own business. If students are not sure what they want to pursue, it helps to enhance the student's knowledge of what employers are looking for when hiring, as well as giving the students some insight on what is involved in entrepreneurship.



Photo: T. Casasanta

The Ohio Business Foundation camp is conducted for a week on the campuses of Ohio Dominican and Youngstown State University. Once the students arrive on campus they are divided into groups. Each group elects their own officers and develops a product. Additionally, students must develop a business and financial plan with the goal of understanding what is in a financial statement.

These students toil very hard and their innovative energy is extraordinary. At the end of the week, each group of students presents their product to a panel of judges. The judges historically have been CEO's, but recently have been recent college graduates and/or graduates from the program. It has been the desire of the organization to reach the young people who participate by example and young business leaders seem to help them connect. Points are awarded on a scale of 1-5 for the financial statement, marketing plan and web page.

Entry qualifications for students are to have an overall 2.5 GPA, write an essay and have reference from their school administrator; however, Mrs. Troy said if a student is really interested she considers the whole person during the student interview. She wants to give kids who might not be considered a chance at something big!. AMSC members shared there was a question and answer period at the end that gave members a chance to communicate their good cheer to Mrs. Troy and the program. ASMC has been contributing to the group for years.

The pamphlets and information she shares with ASMC are full of excitement and you can see that these children are getting a life altering experience. Mrs. Troy speaks of the three things she wants the children to do, dream, believe and achieve! If you are interested in finding out more about the Ohio Business Foundation program go to www.ohiobusinessweek.org



ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS

Varied Sources

Member Luncheon Joint ASMC/AGA	DFAS Conference Center Room C153	Sept 8 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Member Luncheon TBA	DFAS Conference Center Room C153 Room	Oct 20 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Member Luncheon TBA	DFAS Conference Center Room C153	Nov 17 11:30 AM – 1 PM

COMMITTEE

Varied Sources

Planning Bd./Executive Committee	DFAS Bldg 21 Room B413	Aug 3 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Planning Bd./Executive Committee	DFAS Bldg 21 Room B413	Sept 7 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Planning Bd./Executive Committee	DFAS Bldg 21 Room B413	Oct 12 11:30 AM – 1 PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE www.asmcuckeye.org/formreg/committeevol.htm

Mid-Ohio Food Bank Volunteer.	3960 Brookham Drive Grove City	TBA 9 AM – Noon
Ohio Historical Society All Hallow's Eve Event POC sbrouillette@ohiohistory.org	800 E 17th Ave Columbus American House Hotel (614)297-2616	Sept 21 6 PM Sept 24 9 AM

AUDIO CONFERENCES ... Earn CPEs!

Varied Sources

Upcoming Audio Courses

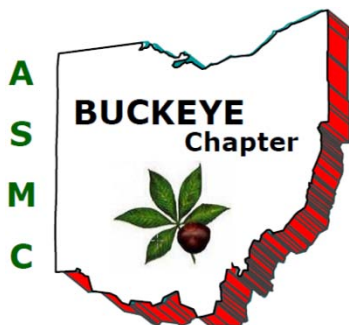
Module 1	DFAS Bldg 21	Oct 25 26
Module 2	DFAS Bldg 21	Nov 15 16
Module 3	DFAS Bldg 21	Dec 13 14



Registration for audio courses will open in mid September. Times and Locations to follow
For information on upcoming events and classes contact; **POC Jenny Novotny 3X0931**



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