



# Newsletter

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## LAND OF LINCOLN CHAPTER

### Message from Your President



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Greetings ASMC Members,

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, I'm sure you spent time thinking about people in your lives for which you are most grateful. I would like to take a moment to say how grateful I am to have active members as part of the ASMC Land of Lincoln Chapter. Our elected officers and board members are a tremendous help to me. Without their efforts and positive attitude we could not keep our chapter going! I also appreciate the speakers who volunteer their time to make each luncheon unique and educational, along with the attendees who invest their time in educational pursuits. I also enjoy having the opportunity to chat with and get to know our members. I am also thankful to be in a position where I can be of service to my fellow members within the Defense Financial Management team.

As the season of giving approaches I encourage you to think of the many people in the United States and around the world who have not been as fortunate as you and I. I encourage you to send thoughts and prayers their way and consider giving your time to a good cause.

During the past few months our Chapter has been busy with Community Service projects. Thank-you TSgt O'Conner for organizing these events. We participated in the Komen Race and the clean-up effort at the Violence Prevention Center. In the next few months we will collect toys for the Toys for Tots program and arrangements are under way to begin collecting toiletry items for the veterans at Jefferson Barracks. Our LOL Chapter is not only a chapter but we are a team who reaches out to others! Thank-you to all the members!

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## Message from President (cont.)

I hope to see many of you at the December luncheon. Our speaker will be Congressman Bill Enyart and his staff. Cong Enyart began his career as an airman and retired as Major General heading up the Illinois National Guard. I look forward to his presentation and hope many of you will join us.

The ASMC Awards committee is busy collecting nominee packets from each of the organizations. Under the direction of Mr. Weathers winners will be selected for each of the categories at the chapter and National level. I encourage each of you to take a moment and think of someone in your organization who should be nominated. Contact Mr. Weathers or any of the Awards Committee members if you have additional questions.

Mark your calendar for the Training Symposium scheduled for February. June Hamilton Dean is working on acquiring speakers for the training and will forward details as soon as she finalizes the venue and speakers. In addition to the Training Symposium plans are underway to hold a membership drive. This would be a great time to encourage your co-workers and peers to attend this event.

In closing I would like to wish each of you a Blessed Holiday surrounded by family and friends.

//Signed//  
Nellie Nolden  
President  
Land of Lincoln Chapter



## FAREWELLS

Edward (Scott) Dillon, DISA  
Retired 30 Sep 2014

Ruby Green, DISA  
Retired 30 Sep 2014

Lori Rohling, DISA  
Retired 3 Oct 2014

## PROMOTIONS & MOVES

Jamie Dumstorff, Deloitte  
Promoted to Manager, Aug 2014

DISA CFE Members:  
Nellie Nolden, Karen Moss, Barbara Allen, Sandra Allen, and Loretta Lapinski  
Management reassigned to the DISA  
DODIN R&SI Internal Review Division  
10 Aug 2014

## CONGRATULATIONS

Linda Fowler, AFSPC  
Awarded Level 2 DoD FM Certification

Jim Schmidt, AFSPC  
Awarded Level 2 DoD FM Certification

Katina Green, AMC  
Awarded Level 2 DoD FM Certification

Cheryl Six, AMC  
Awarded Level 2 DoD FM Certification

Shenita Meriwether, AMC  
Awarded Level 2 DoD FM Certification

Robert Folen, USTRANSCOM  
Earned CDFM-A

Rhonda Wold, USTRANSCOM  
Earned CDFM

Vanessa Bryant, USTRANSCOM  
Earned CDFM-A

## CONGRATULATIONS CONT'D

Randy Janisch, USTRANSCOM  
Welcomed FIRST granddaughter  
Vivica Rose, 19 Oct 2014



Kellye Breeden is a Cost Analyst in the Program Executive Office – TRANSCOM (PEO-T), where she supports a variety of Information Technology (IT) programs. She prepares Independent Government Cost Estimates (IGCEs), Economic Analyses (EAs), and assists with the development of vital documentation necessary for advancement into the next phase of a program's acquisition lifecycle. Prior to moving to Scott AFB in Oct 2012, she was a Financial Analyst at Wright Patterson AFB, where she managed more than \$350M of the 3010 Procurement budget for the C-17 Division during her final year as a Palace Acquire (PAQ) intern.

Kellye has been a member of ASMC since 2010, joining the Land of Lincoln Chapter in 2012. She took on the role of Organizational Vice President for USTRANSCOM in the summer of 2013 before becoming the Chapter's Secretary in 2014. She is eager to work with Land of Lincoln Chapter members to implement new ideas and ways of doing business to help our Chapter address changes in our environment and remain a forward thinking organization.

Outside of work, Kellye enjoys spending time with friends and family, who she is happy to live near again. Over the past year and a half, she has become somewhat of a runner and recently completed her second half marathon (in 1:50:39). She roots for the St. Louis Cardinals and hopes to see them in the World Series again this year.



## FALL Cleaning & Maintenance

at the  
Violence Prevention  
Center

11 Oct 2014



Non-perishable food items and paper products were collected at the October business luncheon and donated to the Violence Prevention Center.

at the December ASMC Luncheon we collected

# Toys for Tots

A special thanks to all those who donated!



## TREASURER'S REPORT as of October 2014

### Share Draft Account

Beginning Balance	\$1,378.95
Deposits	830.00
Drafts	839.55
Outstanding Drafts	30.98
Ending Balance	\$1,338.42

### Certificate of Deposits

Beginning Balance	\$2,791.64
Dividends Paid	0.00
Ending Balance	\$2,791.64

### Share Savings Account

Beginning Balance	\$6,694.06
Transfer to Share Draft	0.00
Dividends Paid	1.42
Ending Balance	\$6,695.48

**Grand Total of All Accounts: \$10,825.54**



## CBO deficit reduction options include cuts to defense spending and federal pay raises and retirement plans

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has identified a series of options policymakers can take to address the continuing high level of federal budget deficits and the growing federal debt. CBO issues such deficit reductions options annually.

In “**Options for Reducing the Deficit: 2015 to 2024**” CBO describes 79 options to reduce the deficit including spending cuts to mandatory and discretionary programs and revenue increases. Included in the report are 10 options affecting the Defense of Defense (DoD) budget that range from caps on pay raises and pensions and cost controls on military health care to specific program cuts and cancelations.

Regarding military compensation, a CBO option would cap increases in military basic pay at .5 percent below the increase in the Employment Cost Index (ECI), saving \$24 billion from 2016 to 2024. Current law requires military pay increases to be set at the projected full increase in the ECI, unless adjusted by the president or the Congress.

CBO also proposes a cap on federal civilian pay raises. Current law sets annual civilian pay raises at .5 percent below the increase in the ECI, unless adjusted by the president or the Congress. The CBO option would reduce the pay raise called for under law by .5 percent, saving \$54 billion for the entire government.

Another CBO option would replace 80,000 military personnel performing so-called “commercial jobs with 53,000 civilian employees. This option, according to CBO, would allow DoD to cut military end-strength by 80,000 and could save \$21 billion from 2016 to 2024.

CBO options would also affect military and civilian retired pay. One option would eliminate concurrent receipt of retirement pay and disability compensation for disabled veterans. Currently, military retirees who have disabilities as a result of combat and those retirees who have a VA disability rating of 50 percent or more receive full retirement pay and disability compensation (concurrent retirement and disability pay), without a dollar-for-dollar adjustment to retirement pay for their disability pay. The CBO proposal would end this concurrent receipt saving \$112 billion from 2016-2024.

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CBO also proposes consideration of cuts to military and federal civilian pensions. Currently military annual retired pay is based on the average of the servicemember's basic pay over the 36 months of their career with the highest pay. Civilian retired pay is based on the average individual's pay over the three consecutive years with their highest earnings. The CBO option proposes that military retired pay be based on a 60-month average and civilian retired pay on a five-year average. This option would apply to personnel who retired in 2016 and after and would save \$2.5 billion in military retired pay and \$3.1 billion in civilian retired pay from 2016-2024.

CBO options affecting military health care programs include both cost controls and benefit limitations. One option would increase enrollment fees, copayments, and deductibles for working age military retirees using TRICARE, saving \$20 billion from 2016-2024. Under the second option, working age military retirees and their families would not be eligible for TRICARE Prime, but would allow them to enroll in TRICARE Standard (fee for service plan) or Extra (preferred provider network) at a premium that is 28 percent of the average cost. This option would save \$76 billion over the 2016-2024 period.

Four CBO options affect specific DoD programs: F-35 Joint Strike Fighter; Ford Class aircraft carriers; ballistic missile submarines; and the New Long-Range Bomber.

One CBO option would cancel the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and buy the most advanced versions of the F-16 for the Air Force and the F/A-18 for the Navy and Marine Corps, saving \$41 billion from 2016-2024. Another option would end the Ford Class aircraft carrier construction program with the completion of the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy, authorized in 2013, saving \$20 billion.

CBO also proposes an option cutting the number of submarines in the SSBN force to eight in 2021 by retiring one Ohio-class submarine a year during 2016-2021, saving \$21 billion from 2016-2024. The beginning of the Ohio class replacement program would be delayed until 2021. And, a CBO option to defer development of the New Long-Range Bomber until 2015 or later would save \$34 billion over the period.

*"CBO Deficit Reduction Options Include Cuts to Defense Spending and Federal Pay Raises and Retirement Plans." American Society of Military Comptrollers ASMC. N.p., 2 Dec. 2014. Web. 4 Dec. 2014.*



## The Crooked Yardstick: Redefining Success

By Gerry Sandusky | *December 3, 2014*

Take inventory of your successes. What comes to mind? The title of your position? How much money you make? The value of your home? An award you won? If you had to measure your success, would you place yourself in the top 10 percent? Top 5 percent? Did your organization or your team meet this quarter's goals? Regardless of which success percentile you stand in, does the nagging sensation that something isn't quite right tug at you? You're not alone.

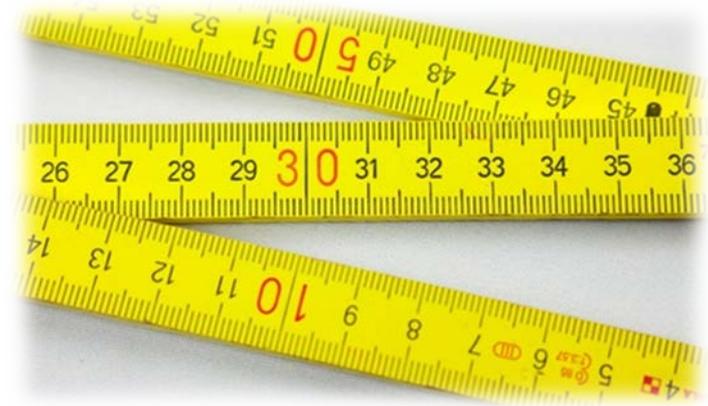
A recent Harris poll shows a downward trend in happiness in America. Only 35 percent of Americans say they're happy—2 percent fewer than five years ago. A Gallup poll taken last year shows only 13 percent of employees in the world feel engaged and invested in their jobs.

Abraham Lincoln had a keen insight into happiness. He said, "I reckon most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." The same can be said of success.

Ruth McClain, a talented seamstress who grew up an orphan in Philadelphia, used to lose track of time standing at the metal racks in fabric stores that held wooden yardsticks. To the casual observer they all looked the same. Not to Ruth McClain. She examined them, observing a curve in one, a bow in another, a nick in another.

Asked about her fixation with the yardsticks she explained once, "If you measure garments with a crooked yardstick, the garment will look right when you finish making it. It will come out the right size, but the person who wears it will feel like something isn't quite right. They won't know what it is, but they'll feel it. When you measure with a crooked yardstick the finished product never feels quite right."

Goals and benchmarks others set for us create a similar effect as measuring garments with a crooked yardstick, because even if you hit the benchmarks something still won't feel quite right. Eventually, like running into the wind, that feeling will fatigue you, overwhelm you—burn you out.



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Career goals, income levels, and possessions never fully satisfy us when someone else sets them as a standard of success. Who said you had to become a multimillionaire? That the unemployment rate had to go down? If it wasn't you, then stop using those data points as measurements. They're crooked yardsticks. Sure, they reflect something, but they may not reflect what matters to you.

Here are four questions that will help straighten out your yardstick:

## 1. Who are you?

Not just your name or your logo but your essence. What are the essential things you want people to remember about you or your organization long after you're gone? What do you stand for? What really matters? What makes you feel special and fulfilled?

## 2. Where are you, and how long have you been there?

That's your present and your past. Know it and honor it. Make peace with it. Now stop letting it limit you. It's just your starting point for the future. To get accurate directions you need to know a starting point and an ending point. Your starting point doesn't define you.

## 3. Where are you going?

A lot of people and organizations can't answer this. Stop until you can. If you don't know where you want to go, how will you know if you're on course or off course? You won't. Instead, you'll fall for the trap of using goals and measurements set by other people to define your success.

Imagine outcomes that feel true, authentic, that feel like wearing a perfect fitting jacket while you walk through the woods on a chilly fall afternoon. There's no one else around to see you in that jacket. Just you. Does it feel tailored for your body, warm, just enough to keep you comfortable with your hands tucked into the pockets but not too much to bog you down? Someone made that jacket using a straight yardstick. That's what success feels like. It can look like a thousand different things. That's your choice. But make sure your vision of it feels right.

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#### 4. How will you get there?

Probably the same way Ruth McClain did: measuring everything with a straight yardstick. You will remain the product of a crooked yardstick until you have the courage to define success on your terms and measure it only by your terms. No matter how good everything looks, it won't feel quite right, and achieving more won't change that.

Answer those questions honestly at an individual level and you will quiet the noise caused by exterior expectations or crooked yardsticks. Answer them at an organizational level and you will unleash purpose and commitment beyond anything you have experienced before, because these answers come from a place deeper than the bottom line.

Ruth McClain had less than \$500 in her checking account when she died at the young age of 58, but she died happy and she died fulfilled. She raised a good family, loved her husband and five children. She died knowing the shirts and blouses, the dress and the drapes she made brought beauty and joy to the lives of others. And she died knowing her life, like those garments, was measured using a yardstick *she* carefully selected.

Choose your yardstick carefully. Your success and happiness depend on it.

[Gerry Sandusky](#) is the play-by-play voice of the Baltimore Ravens, and a speaker, corporate trainer and author of [Forgotten Sundays](#).

Sandusky, Gerry. "The Crooked Yardstick: Redefining Success." *Government Executive*. N.p., 3 Dec. 2014. Web. 4 Dec. 2014.



## *July 2014 Business Meeting*

The July Business Meeting was hosted by USTC, held at Bellecourt Place, Belleville. The Guest Speaker was Mr. Larry Jameson, Deputy Director, Programs and Readiness (TCJ3-P). Mr. Jameson discussed USTRANSCOM's Mission Area Management (MAM) process, which helps to ensure prioritized requirements receive the necessary funding.

## *August 2014 Business Meeting*

The August Business Meeting was hosted by DISA, held at Bellecourt Place, Belleville. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Dale Geiger, Government/Business Cost Expert. Dr. Geiger spoke on cost, national security, clean audits, and the future of the government accounting profession.



## *October 2014 Business Meeting*

The October Business Meeting was hosted by 375<sup>th</sup> AW and AFAA, held at the Scott Club, Scott AFB, IL. The Guest Speaker was CMSgt Manuel Roblesreynoso, AMC/FM Enlisted Functional Manager. CMSgt Roblesreynoso provided his perspective, ABC's, on what characteristics make an effective leader.

## *December 2014 Business Meeting*

The December Business Meeting was hosted by the Land of Lincoln Chapter Board Members, held at Bellecourt Place, Belleville. The Guest Speaker was Ms. Renysha Brown, who currently serves as the District Director for Illinois 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for Representative William Enyart. Ms Brown provided an overview of legislation impacting Scott AFB and the surrounding area. Much of the presentation focused on specific elements of the current National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that directly affect Scott AFB employees. In addition, Ms. Brown highlighted statistics regarding the Rep Enyart's district.

<http://www.asmclo.com/Minutes.html>





**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS**



**AMC will host the January luncheon.**

**Details to come via email.**



## Upcoming Events

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 05 2015**

St Louis (1st choice) (Army)

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 05 2015**

Eglin AFB, FL (Air Force)

[Open Enrollment Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 12 2015**

Rosslyn, VA

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 12 2015**

Arlington, VA (JB Myer-H) (ARNG)

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 12 2015**

JBSA Ft Sam Houston, TX (Army)

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 12 2015**

Peterson AFB, CO Denver (Air Force)

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 12 2015**

Wright Patterson AFB, OH (Air Force)

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 12 2015**

Bldg 3495 Toftoy Hall, Redstone, AL (Army)

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 12 2015**

Richmond, VA (DW-DLA)

[Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course \(EDFMTC\)](#)

**January 26 2015**

Boise, Idaho (ARNG)



## 2014-2015 Executive Board

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## 2014-2015 Organizational VPs

375 AW	SSgt Jessica Moulton	256-2799
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## 2014-2015 Committee Chairs

Audit	Amelia Sitze	229-6172
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Newsletter Co-Chair	Stephanie Westerman	229-6759
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Scholarship Co-Chair	Mollie Bergmann	229-6164

You can view Executive Board Meeting minutes at:

<http://www.asmcloL.com/Minutes.html>

**Please consider signing up for one of the vacant committee chair positions - we need you!**

If you would like to serve on any of our Land of Lincoln committees, please contact your org VP, the Committee Chair, or one of the Executive Board Officers.



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**Our ASMC Land of Lincoln Chapter is looking for a new Newsletter Committee!**

While we have enjoyed this opportunity to share ASMC and other news with you these past 4 years, we feel it is time for a new set of eyes to step up to the plate and bring some fresh new ideas to our Land of Lincoln newsletter.

If you feel you are a suitable candidate for this committee position, please contact Nellie Nolden, Jennifer Thole, or Stephanie Westerman.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

Signing off as your Newsletter Editors,  
Jennifer Thole and Stephanie Westerman

