



Land of Lincoln Chapter Newsletter

January 2019



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Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday season. We’ve had a great first half of the 2018-2019 Board year. Thank you all for being so supportive and helpful. You never cease to amaze me. I’m looking forward to the second half of this year. We have many great things going on in the next few months.

We started the New Year off with a social event a Silver Creek Saloon and Grill. The food was excellent/free and the company was great. Thank you to everyone that attended. We had a really good turnout. We’ll have another soon.

The Regional PDI is on 12 March this year. SSgt Michael Risky, our Vice President, is working diligently to make sure it will be one of our best PDI’s. He’s getting help from some dedicated members. There is still room for motivated people to join his team. Contact him if you’d like to help out. You’ll have a great time, and you’ll get to see what it takes to put an event this size together.

Community service is an important part of any good organization. Our Land of Lincoln chapter is always looking for opportunities to offer a helping hand wherever it’s needed. In October, we were able to help with the Fall Southwestern Illinois Violence Prevention Center cleanup. Our Toys for Tots drive was a great success. In January, we have another opportunity to make a difference with our Winter Gear Drive.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our next Professional Development Session (PDS) is the 23rd of this month. The Director of Mid-America Airport Mr. Tim Cantwell will be our guest speaker. This year, we've made an effort to reduce the cost of attending the PDS's for our members. I hope this has made it easier for you to attend. If there is anything I can do to make our Land of Lincoln chapter better, let me or any of your board members know. If you'd like to attend one of our monthly board meetings to present an idea or just see what we do, contact me, a board member, or your organization's VP.

Charles Miller
Land of Lincoln Chapter President





ASMC Mission: To promote education, training, and professional development in all aspects of military comptrollership.



Chapter Vision & Goals

To provide Land of Lincoln Chapter members with "A Place to Grow" personally, professionally and financially.

- Open doors for future job opportunities with networking events
- Incentivize new member recruitment, membership renewal, and chapter volunteers



- Build peer connections by networking at community service events, Penny Pinchers fitness activities and Chapter socials.

- Recruit engaging & diverse professional development speakers twice a quarter
- Share National PDI presentations at quarterly Lunch & Learn Training Events
- Provide instructional resources & incentives to increase CDFM completion



January:

- 23 Jan – Professional Development Session (PDS) Hosted by Air Mobility Command (AMC)
- 31 Jan – ASMC Award Packages due to National

February:

- 6 Feb – Executive Board Meeting
- TBD – Professional Development Session (PDS) Hosted by SDDC/ACC/635 SCOW

March:

- 6 Mar – Executive Board Meeting
- 12 Mar – Food Drive
- 12 Mar – St. Louis Regional PDI

April:

- 3 Apr – Executive Board Meeting



Are you looking for ways to support the Land of Lincoln Chapter?

We have just the opening for you!

- ❖ CDFM Committee
- ❖ Facebook Committee
- ❖ Newsletter Committee
- ❖ Publicity Committee
- ❖ Website Committee
- ❖ Regional PDI Committee
- ❖ Fundraising Committee
- ❖ Membership Committee
- ❖ Community Service Committee
- ❖ Awards Committee (NGA)
- ❖ Audit Committee Members
- ❖ Scholarship Committee

Please contact your Org VP for more information!



ORG VP's by ORGANIZATION

375th AMW – A1C Ashley Krueger (256-5731) and SSgt Michael Risky (256-5650)

AFAA – Dallas Dlouhy (229-6161) or Ron Dauphin (229-6170)

ACC Units – Dee Mix (229-6605) or Jenni Thole (229-6607)

AMC – Suzanne Signore-Hayes (229-2205) or Rhonda Matthews (229-2343)

DISA – Kathy Biermann (229-9429) or Jennifer Brown

SDDC – Roseangeli Blocker (220-5348) or Jessie Gottschall (220-5322)

USTRANSCOM – Lynne Keith (229-5385) or Melissa Strength (220-4757)

635th SCOW – Soleita Lee (256-6720)

Corporate – Jim Wolfe (624-2804) / Jennifer Schrage (222-3819) / Jami Geragosian (229-2362) / Dave Speicher (229-2355)/Mandy Barth (229-4741)



Penny Pinchers Running Club

Whether you are a seasoned runner or just getting into the running game, the Penny Pinchers team is a perfect match for you! Meet up with familiar faces before the start of each race to share well wishes and build camaraderie. (You may even hear some good spirited trash talking about potential victories!)

After the race, join your fellow Pinchers for a carb-loading session where you can recount the highlights of race day! Simply email aaron.f.parker.civ@mail.mil if you're interested in becoming a Penny Pincher or for more information.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: KELLYE BREEDEN***Can you briefly describe your career path?***

I began my career as a PALACE Acquire (PAQ) intern at Wright Patterson AFB, OH, where I started as a cost analyst supporting the HH-60 Recapitalization program. I was fortunate enough to complete my internship in the C-17 Financial Management Branch, where I built a solid foundation as the financial manager for RDT&E and procurement funding. After completing my PAQ internship, I moved to Scott AFB, IL to accept a position in the newly established Program Executive Office – USTRANSCOM. The experience I gained there was incredibly valuable as I was an integral part of building an organization, allowing me to earn increasing levels of responsibility. Earlier this year, I was selected to be the Executive Assistant to the Director, Program Analysis and Financial Management – a Tier 3 Senior Executive Service member. The insight I now have at the strategic level is priceless to my professional development.

What are your future career goals?

My experience to date has piqued my interest in a few particular areas – leading people, data analytics, and process improvement. As I move forward in my career, I plan to pursue career and educational opportunities that will allow me to enhance my knowledge and skills related to these competencies. At this point in my career, I know that I enjoy working as part of a team and, more specifically, enjoy building a strategy to lead a team to support the mission. Working in a brand new organization made me realize just how instrumental it is to design efficient processes to implement that strategy and to constantly be looking for better ways to do business as the environment and technology changes.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: KELLYE BREEDEN (cont.)

How has your involvement in ASMC helped to develop your career? Which ASMC programs/offerings have you found to be the most beneficial?

There have been two primary benefits associated with my involvement in ASMC. First, my decision to volunteer for multiple officer and committee chair positions allowed me to grow my leadership abilities. If you want a crash course on learning to motivate people, a volunteer organization is a great place to start. I helped achieve several goals over the years working to improve the experience ASMC members while gaining insight into the dynamics of people and improving my ability to manage a significant number of tasks during what I would call a renaissance year for our local chapter. The second major benefit is a byproduct of working to build a strong chapter – my network grew significantly. For these reasons, I would not pick a specific program as the most beneficial but instead would suggest that the opportunities that exist to demonstrate my leadership abilities and to learn new skills have been the most beneficial for me.

If you could pass along one piece of advice to ASMC early careerists, what would it be?

My advice to ASMC Early Careerists is to take advantage of opportunities to network with senior leaders. These individuals have a deep understanding of our career field, from a strategic perspective of how to accomplish the mission to an understanding of what it takes to rise through the ranks. Learn from their experiences and leverage their lessons learned to avoid enduring the same pitfalls from their past. Use them as a soundboard to share your good ideas and work through challenges in your career. Create a team of well-known and well-respected allies who can help you navigate your career to achieve your goals. A small effort to network can pay huge dividends in the long run!

Interview from the National ASMC Newsletter: August 2018

<https://asmconline.org/uncategorized/asmc-newsletter-august-2018/>



Chapter Member News

Share your good news such as promotions, transfers, new arrivals, graduations, retirements, etc. with the rest of our members. Send your news to Ms. Hillary Esker (hillary.a.esker.civ@mail.mil) for inclusion in the next newsletter.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS (PDS)

August PDS

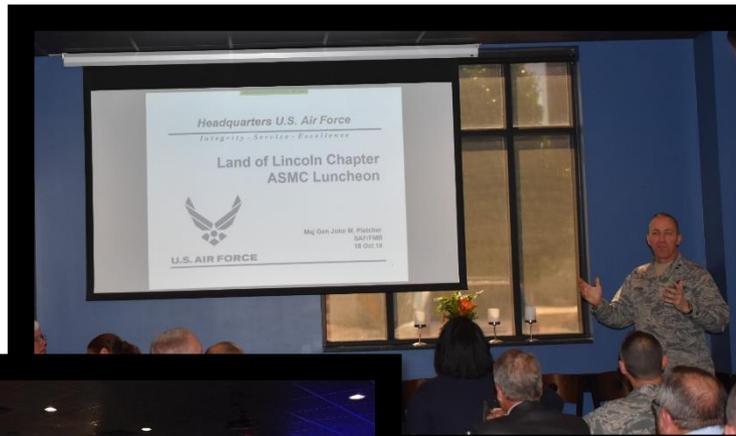
The Aug PDS was held on Wednesday, 22 August 2018 at the Belle Court in Belleville, IL and hosted by DISA. The guest speaker was Major General (Ret) Alfred K. Flowers, the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget. He provided a senior leadership perspective based on his 46 years of military service. He stressed the importance of service and serving others. Mr. Flowers also signed copies of his book, "Reflections of a Servant Leader" for those in attendance.

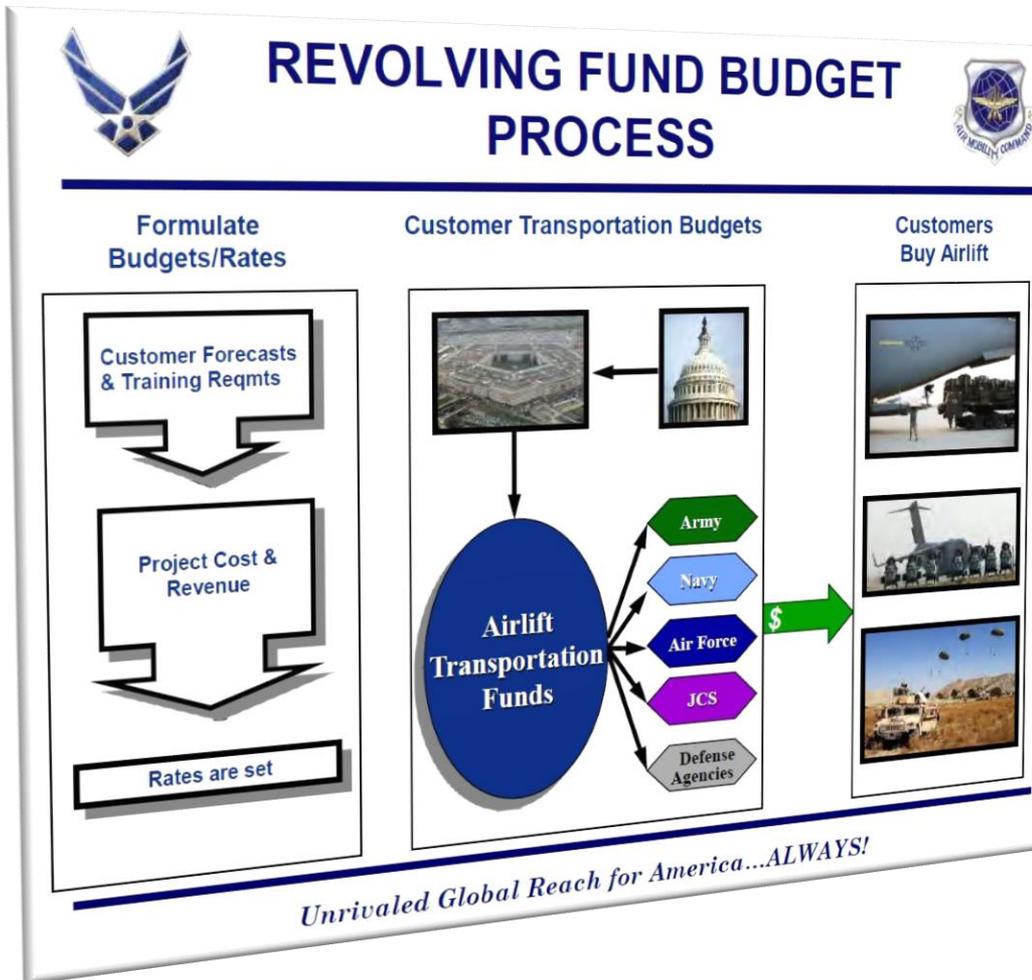


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS (PDS)

October PDS

The Oct PDS was held on Wednesday, 18 October 2018, at Bella Milano in O'Fallon, IL and hosted by the 375th Comptroller Squadron and Air Force Audit Agency. Our guest speaker was Major General John M. Pletcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. Major General Pletcher provided his leadership perspective where he stressed understanding the reasons we serve and how we as resource managers fit into the overall mission. He also provided his FY19 financial outlook for the Air Force. President Elect Zohaib Jabbar made additional chapter announcements including upcoming local CDFM testing opportunities.





December PDS

The December PDS took place on Tuesday, December 11th at the 932nd AW Auditorium, Scott AFB. Our guest speaker was Mr. Blaine Dodrill, HQ AMC/FM TWCF Flight Chief. Mr. Dodrill gave a briefing on the Air Mobility Command (AMC) Transportation Working Capital Fund (TWCF) program. He described the mission, explaining how the revolving fund cycle operates, and illustrating how the budget process works.



Violence Prevention Center Fall Cleanup

On 13 Oct 2018, the Chapter participated in the Violence Prevention Center's Annual Fall Cleanup. Four of our Land of Lincoln Chapter members donated their time to help with the cleanup efforts. A special thank you to all of the Fall Cleanup volunteers, Mr. Charles Miller from HQ AMC, Mr. Curt Freund from USTRANSCOM, Ms. Lynne Keith from DFAS, and Ms. Felicia Ziegler-Gray from USTRANSCOM!



FINANCIAL REPORT – 2018-2019 BOARD YEAR

Operating Budget Category	Proposed Budget	Expenses to Date	Available Budget
Scholarships	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00
Professional Skills Development	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Early Careerist	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
CDFM Incentive	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Awards	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Membership	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Social Connectedness	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Quarterly Volunteer/Active Mbr Award	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
ASMC LoL Chapter Promotions	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Charitable donations	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Administrative	\$3,000.00	\$581.05	\$2,418.95
2017 National PDI Scholarship	\$2,218.00	0.00	\$2,218.00
Total	\$16,418.00	\$581.05	\$15,836.95

Chapter Accounts	Balance 30 November 2018	Balance 31 December 2018
Savings	\$14,673.05	\$14,676.17
Checking	\$10,326.29	\$10,138.15
CDs	\$4,065.31	\$4,071.23
Grand Total	\$29,064.65	\$28,885.55

****Data as of 31 December 2018



Save The Date!

12 March 2019

**Regency Conference Center, O'Fallon, IL.
2019 ASMC St. Louis Regional PDI**

“GATEWAY TO DEVELOPMENT”

Registration opening up in February. Look out for more information coming soon!

Contact SSgt Michael Risky for any questions (michael.risky@us.af.mil)



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PDI 2019



Professional Development Institute

Registration will open at the end of February. Stay tuned for future announcements!

The National Professional Development Institute (PDI) is the premier training event of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC), and will take place on May 29-May 31 in San Antonio, TX (with Pre-PDI May 27-28). Defense financial managers in the public and private sectors will converge for the three-day event to enhance their resource management knowledge and skills, as well as share best practices toward meeting the complex challenges of today's fiscal environment.

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DoD Completes First Full Financial Statement Audit; Findings Will Directly Benefit Readiness

November 16, 2018

This week, the Department of Defense fulfilled its commitment to the American people by completing a full-scope, department-wide, financial statement audit.

More than 1,200 auditors conducted over 900 site visits at over 600 locations across the DOD and examined hundreds of thousands of items.

Auditors evaluated data for accuracy and completeness to verify counts, location and condition of military equipment, real property and inventory. Auditors also tested for security vulnerabilities in DOD business systems and validated the accuracy of personnel records and actions, such as promotions and separations.

“The release of the first-ever Department of Defense audit is a historic accomplishment and indicates our commitment to accountability and reform. We conducted the audit to facilitate transparency with Congress and the American taxpayer and to determine corrective actions to instill long-term discipline,” Patrick M. Shanahan, deputy secretary of defense, said.

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Multiple DOD organizations received the highest rating of unmodified or “clean” audit opinions, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works; the Military Retirement Fund; Defense Health Agency – Contract Resource Management; Defense Contract Audit Agency; and the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Working Capital Fund. The Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund and the Defense Commissary Agency received modified opinions, which means they do not comply with generally accepted accounting principles but financial statements are fairly presented.

With a department-wide audit, some organizations are new to the audit process. These organizations received a disclaimer, meaning multiple issues need to be fixed. The auditors provided favorable feedback that Army, Navy and Air Force properly accounted for major military equipment and military and civilian pay. Auditors found no evidence of fraud. They identified issues the department needs to address, including inventory, real property and information technology security.

The department started the audit in December 2017 in order to find problems and fix them. DOD is committed to fixing these issues and continuing to improve the ability to defend the nation while being good stewards of the taxpayers’ money.

The DOD-wide audit report and links to component audit reports will be available at <http://comptroller.defense.gov/odcfo/AFR2018.aspx>.

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