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*Chapter President
Thomas Giovingo*

Greetings SDFM Aviation Chapter,

I hope this short note finds you well.

After extensive discussion, the Aviation Chapter’s position on holding our local Mini-PDI is a go. We have confirmed with AFMC for sponsorship, and we have FM leaderships blessing.

The Mini-PDI will be held on 6 May 2025 at the WPAFB Club. This is an all-day event, don’t miss it. We will be getting more information out to the Chapter as it becomes available. If you are willing to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Ms. Andrea Hamilton, Committee Chair, Professional Development at andrea.hamilton.3@us.af.mil.

We have an upcoming Lunch and Learn scheduled for 24 April 25. We have Mr. Lewis SAF/FMI. We hope to see you there. The Lunch and Learn programs are recorded and worth 1CPE. Don’t miss a free CPE opportunity by reading the AFC Journal winter edition. It can be found on-line at SDFM.org. Also, navigate to the SDFM’s learning management system and search for “Journal”. Email education@sdfm.org for access. There are eight issues worth two CPE, thats 16 total. Please take advantage.

Twenty-five Years of the CDFM Program: This year marks 25 years of measuring competency and defining distinction through SDFM’s Certified Financial Management Certification (CDFM). Want to tell your story of the CDFM journey and what it has done for your career? Contact SDFM Marketing at marketing@sdfm.org to share your story, be featured in anniversary materials, and join the celebration.

If you have not done so, please check out the SDFM web page www.sdfm.org.

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Website: <http://www.asmc-aviation.org/>



On 4 March 2025, Mr Todd Baker presented, Understanding Technology Hype. Mr Baker, Senior Financial Operations and Business Transformation Advisor for SAF/FMF. Mr Baker represents FM interests and requirements for new capabilities, interfaces, program sustainment and user experience to improve organizational processes with non FM stakeholders. Mr Baker is responsible for understanding new technologies and being able to advise our Air Force leadership on sort of when and where these technologies might fit into our current environment.

Mr Baker stated that artificial intelligence (AI) is the next wave of technology. He then discussed the technology hype cycle and its relevance to DoD technology adoption, particularly within financial management. Mr Baker used Gartner's Hype Cycle model to illustrate how new technologies progress through stages of inflated expectations, disillusionment, enlightenment, and finally, productivity. He highlighted the tendency for the DoD to lag behind industry in adopting new technologies due to the complexity of implementation within large government systems.

Using examples from past and last year's PDIs, Mr Baker demonstrated how "hype" drives focus on specific technologies, like data analytics and, more recently, AI. They emphasize that not all hyped technologies are equally mature or suitable for immediate implementation. Examples of emerging technologies in various stages of the hype cycle are provided, including electric aircraft, wireless EV charging, and hydrogen vehicles, illustrating how expectations and timelines can vary.

Focusing on AI in finance, Mr Baker explained concepts like causal AI (understanding cause and effect), self-integrating applications, generative AI (like ChatGPT), and Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG). While generative AI is currently experiencing peak hype, it lacks the explainability and causal reasoning crucial for financial applications. Causal AI and self-integrating applications hold significant promise but are still in early stages. RAG, which allows AI interaction with user-uploaded documents, is closer to practical application. The overall message is to be aware of the hype cycle when considering new technologies and to prioritize mature, proven solutions for complex government projects.

Mr Baker stated, while initial enthusiasm suggested AI could revolutionize areas like accounting and fund control through explainable AI, current applications haven't reached that level. The concept of the "citizen data scientist," empowering individuals with data analysis tools, also hasn't scaled as predicted, with centralized data analysis remaining more effective. However, embedded analytics, like AI assistants within existing software (e.g., Microsoft Copilot), are showing practical value. Predictive analytics for cost modeling, while initially hyped for financial markets, is now finding more realistic applications within government cost projections. Mr Baker then emphasized the importance of adopting mature technologies in complex government projects. He also recommended resources like Gartner's Hype Cycle and exploring tools like ChatGPT to understand AI's evolving role. In addition, there are YouTube videos and other tools if interested in understanding more.

Mr Baker acknowledged there are limitations of current AI capabilities, but there is potential of emerging applications as they mature.

Mr Baker was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Aviation chapter and donation in his name to the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The full presentation and slides can be found at <https://www.asmc-aviation.org/luncheon/chapter-luncheons/>

Volunteer Opportunities:

Dayton Food Bank, Apr 14, 1-3 pm. To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-55199952-dayton>

Memorial Day Flag Placement Ceremony, 24 May, 9:30 am. Flags are placed through the whole cemetery, not just portions. To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA2AABF4C16-55275239-memorial>

Upcoming Member Meetings:

24 Apr 25 - Mr Elwood "Eddie" Lewis, SAF/FMI - Topic: TBD

06 May 25 - Mini PDI

11 Jun 25 - Ms Angela Palma, AFAA - Topic: TBD

10 Jul 25 - Ms Vanessa Sims, Deputy, SAF/FMB - Topic: ECQ Development



Crayons to Classroom

On 28 Mar, several SDFM Aviation Chapter members volunteered at the Crayons to Classrooms. Crayons to Classrooms is committed to providing tools to at-risk children in the Greater Dayton Region, including Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren counties. Their vision is to ensure every student in need has the tools for success everyday, in every way. Their mission is to secure and distribute school supplies at no cost to teachers of students in need. They encourage community donations while also leveraging an extensive collection of supply chain partners to secure essential school supplies at significantly reduced costs. Then distribute those items at no cost to teachers in their Dayton store. This committed collaboration between business leaders, individual donors and volunteers helps to assure equal access for students in our community and fuel their love of learning.



SDFM Audit Task Force Lays Groundwork for Long-Term Audit Sustainability in Defense Financial Management (ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 4, 2025 /PRNewswire/)

The Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM) is taking a pivotal role in ensuring the long-term sustainability of clean audit opinions across the Department of Defense (DoD). Through its Audit Task Force, SDFM is spearheading efforts to create a comprehensive framework that will enable the Military Services, Defense Agencies, and the broader DoD to maintain auditability beyond the first clean opinion.

Achieving a clean audit is a critical milestone, but ensuring audit sustainability requires continuous refinement of internal controls, data accuracy, and financial reporting processes. The SDFM Audit Task Force is collaborating with key stakeholders across the defense financial management community to institutionalize best practices, strengthen financial oversight, and enhance workforce competencies to support auditability for years to come.

Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has underscored the strategic importance of achieving and sustaining a clean audit opinion, stating, “A clean audit isn’t just an accounting requirement—it’s about restoring trust, improving accountability, and ensuring every dollar supports our national defense priorities. We must institutionalize sound financial management practices to maintain audit readiness year after year.”

SDFM CEO Rich Brady echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the value of audit integrity in both the public and private sectors. “A clean audit opinion isn’t the finish line; it’s the foundation for better decision-making, resource allocation, and operational efficiency. In the private sector, companies leverage audit findings to drive business improvements—our defense community must do the same. The SDFM Audit Task Force is committed to ensuring that once the DoD achieves a clean audit opinion, it has the tools and strategies in place to sustain it.”

Chaired by Mr. David Clifton, a retired DoD senior executive with 40+ years of government service, the SDFM Audit Task Force is composed of senior financial management professionals, auditors, and policy experts dedicated to advancing financial stewardship in the defense sector. By developing innovative solutions and fostering cross-sector collaboration, the Task Force is helping to shape a culture of continuous improvement that aligns with the DoD’s commitment to transparency and efficiency.

For more information on the SDFM Audit Task Force and its initiatives, please visit www.sdfm.org or contact Charles McEntee, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, at mcentee@sdfm.org.



TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2025 Treasurer:

Rebecca Wilkins



	WPFCU - Chapter General Funds	Fidelity - Chapter Investments	Fidelity - Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$23,504.00	\$203,085.23	\$175,152.48
+ Income/Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,298.13	\$1,377.41
+ deposits	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$23,504.11	\$205,383.36	\$176,529.89

Note: The Fidelity ending balances are 28 February 2025. The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.



Schedule Teams Chat Messages

In addition to instant chat messages, Teams enables users to schedule a chat message. Scheduling a chat message works same way as using the delayed send option for Outlook emails. When composing a chat message you would like to auto send at a later point in time, right-click on the Send button. The options for a date and time will appear, select the time and click the Continue button. Once the delivery time has been selected and the message is ready, hit send like normal. The message will appear in the chat with the scheduled time. Scheduled messages can be edited and deleted like any other messages. More details on scheduled chat messages can be found here, <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/schedule-chat-messages-in-microsoft-teams-2fc5ea77-7bb4-4511-8f59-e62bac1c0f6a>. This feature is only available for chat message, not channel posts.

Manage Calendar Notifications in Teams

The Teams Activity Feed has the ability to show meeting invitations and modifications in addition to chat and group notifications. While this enables users to see more in their Activity Feed, this additional category of notifications may make the feed too noisy and potentially redundant to the meeting invitations received in Outlook. The ability to toggle these notifications can be found in the Teams Settings in the Notifications and Activity section. Scroll down to the Calendar section, where a toggle for “New invites, updates and cancellations sent to me” can be toggled on and off. Another toggle is available for “When people forward meetings I’ve organized.”

Microsoft To Do

The Microsoft To Do app is a task manager app that is intended to help users stay organized. To Do enables users to create, manage, and share tasks and lists as well as set due dates and reminders. As part of Office 365, To Do can be integrated with the Outlook and Planner apps. In Outlook, the To Do app will appear in the left-hand app launcher in Outlook. If it is not visible, click on More Apps to locate it. Once open, To Do will organize tasks by Important, Planned, Assigned to me, Flagged email, and Tasks.

Users can also access To Do by going to their Office 365 homepage. For commercial users, they can log into <https://www.microsoft365.com/>. When it comes to work, it will depend. For example, many DoD users would sign into <https://portal.apps.mil>. Once logged in, various Office apps will be listed on the left-hand side of the page. If the Forms button is not displayed, an apps, or all apps, button will also be available. Clicking on it will list all the Office apps including Forms.

PowerPoint Mouse Drag Shortcuts

PowerPoint provides an easy way to move objects along a single axis. Most users will click and drag to move an object on a slide around. If you hold shift while dragging (**Shift+Drag**) an object, the object is easier to move only vertically or horizontally. Another option is to duplicate objects, **Ctrl+Drag** will create a duplicate of the selected object. Similarly, dragging an object with the **right-click** will give an option to move or copy the selected object to the new location when you release the right-click.

Adobe Keyboard Shortcuts

Press Ctrl++ to zoom in

Press Ctrl+- to zoom out

Press Ctrl+0 to zoom to 100%

Press Ctrl+Shift++ to rotate the page clockwise 90 degrees

Press Ctrl+Shift+- to rotate the page counterclockwise 90 degrees

Pressing Ctrl+F will open the text search box that allows you to search the pdf for specific text. This function is what most users are familiar with.

Pressing Ctrl+Shift+F will open the Advanced Find window. This search function will allow you to perform searches with specific criteria (e.g. whole words only, case-sensitive, etc.) There is also a “Look In” section that allows you to search the current document or search all pdfs in a specified folder. This is very useful if you need to look through several documents at a time.



ASMC – Aviation Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
12 March 2025 (1200-1246
hrs)

I. **Call to Order:** Thomas Giovingo at 1200 hrs

II. **Attendance/Reports**

Treasurers: Rebecca Wilkins, Vacant

Secretary: Shannon Wheeler

President-Elect: A1C George Walton

Vice-Presidents

AFAA: Jonathan Pepples (A)

AFLCMC: Julie Louthain (A)

AFMC: JoAnne Hutchison

AFRL: Tammy Pendergast (A)

At Large: Rhonda Pepitone

Contractors: Shawn Coil (A)

88th CPTS: A1C George Walton

Committee Chairs:

Audit: Stephanie Burd, Michelle Bahan

Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills

Awards and Recognition: Sheena Fast (A), Vacant

Chapter Competition: Heather Brodess (A)

Communications: Colleen Robinson (A)

Community Activities: Jennifer Caplinger, Jessica Pauley

Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason (A)

Membership: Jaime Iaquina, Edward Jackson (A)

Professional Development: Trent Harpest (A), Andrea Hamilton (A)

Early Careerist: Sandra Moncree (A)

Programs: Shawn Coil (A)

Tickets: Vacant

Ways & Mean: Sarah Garrette

Historian: James Davis

Other Attendees: Tracey Hearn (A), Jonathan Paden (A)

(A) = In Attendance

III. **General Business**

A. OLD:

- i. Mini PDI Committee - Andrea Hamilton and Trent Harpest provided an update on the Mini PDI. Andrea discussed they had a committee meeting trying to determine if they should go forward with the Mini PDI. AFMC is still going to sponsor. The committee was going to put to vote whether virtual, in-person or cancel. Continued discussion on if AFMC co-sponsors the event does it make it official and members do not have to take leave. Also, since there is not travel we would need to fill one speaker spot.
- ii. Chapter Audit - Thomas asked if we had all documents needed for the audit. Heather Brodess commented the auditor does not have all the document needed to do the audit. Waiting on Treasurer to return to provide documents.
- iii. Old Club Invoice unpaid - Andrea confirmed the old invoice has been paid.



iv. Revive the monthly networking gatherings in-person at a local establishment (rotating venues). We're looking for ideas and for someone to lead this effort.

" NEW:

i. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities -

1. Crayons to Classroom, Mar 28, 1300-1500
2. Dayton Food Bank, Apr 14, 1300-1500
3. Memorial Day Flag Placement, May 24, 0930 start, VA National Cemetery

ii. Upcoming Lunch & Learns - We have the following speakers lined up:

1. 24 April, Mr Elwood "Eddie" Lewis, SAF/FMI
2. May has the Mini PDI
3. 11 June, Ms. Palma, AFMC AFAA/QLF
4. 10 July, Ms. Sims, SAF/FMB
5. Aug, Ms Theresa Frank, AFMC/FMC

iii. VPs/Committee Chairs. Thomas stated we have a replacement for secretary position. Ms Shannon Wheeler will be replacing Shawn Kain since he retired.

iv. Mini-PDI Board vote - Thomas put the matter of having the Mini PDI to the Board to vote. The Board voted to have the Mini PDI. Second vote was to have in-person vs virtual. The Board voted to have the Mini PDI in-person.

IV. Meeting Adjourned: 1246



HOT OF THE PRESS - Digital PDI, 28 May 2025

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge, enhance your career, and engage with the defense financial management community – all from the comfort of your home or office! As the Department of Defense navigates an era of budgetary constraints, modernization efforts, and global strategic competition, financial management professionals play a critical role in driving efficiency, accountability, and mission success. Digital PDI 2025 will explore key initiatives shaping the future. 4 Blocks of 6 Concurrent Sessions. Earn Up to 27 CPEs, 6 CPEs live on event day & an additional 20 CPEs through on-demand recordings.

For more information and to register go to - <https://sdfm.org/professional-development/professional-development-institute/>

Free Access for SDFM Members

Free access to live sessions for members. (It is \$99 for the full access which includes the on-demand sessions.)

Affordable Access for Non-Members

\$99 for live programming access or \$199 for full access, including on-demand sessions.

Anniversary of Support for PPBE Reform [<https://sdfm.org/news/society-of-defense-financial-management-sdfm-marks-one-year-anniversary-of-ppbe-reform-commissions-final-report-and-engagement-of-the-sdfm-ppbe-reform-task-force/>]

SDFM reaffirms its dedication to supporting PPBE reform efforts as it marks the one-year anniversary of the PPBE Reform Commission's Final Report and engagement of the SDFM PPBE Reform Task Force. Read the Press Release [<https://sdfm.org/news/society-of-defense-financial-management-sdfm-marks-one-year-anniversary-of-ppbe-reform-commissions-final-report-and-engagement-of-the-sdfm-ppbe-reform-task-force/>]

Laying Groundwork [<https://sdfm.org/news/sdfm-audit-task-force-lays-groundwork-for-long-term-audit-sustainability-in-defense-financial-management/>]

"A clean audit opinion isn't the finish line; it's the foundation for better decision-making..." said Rich Brady, CEO, SDFM. SDFM's Audit Task Force is laying the groundwork for long-term audit sustainability in DFM. Read the Press Release [<https://sdfm.org/news/sdfm-audit-task-force-lays-groundwork-for-long-term-audit-sustainability-in-defense-financial-management/>]

Big Update for the CDFM Practice Test! [<https://sdfm.org/cdfm/cdfm-practice-test/>]

We've added 380 new practice questions and 80 extra acronym flashcards! Get 3 months of unlimited access to Modules 1-3 for just \$59.99 (\$19.99 for 3 months of access for Module 4). Learn more & Download the App [<https://sdfm.org/cdfm/cdfm-practice-test/>]

SDFM Honored with Award [<https://sdfm.org/news/sdfm-awarded-silver-trendy/>]

SDFM was recently recognized with a silver award at the Annual TRENDY Awards in recognition of its 2024 organizational rebrand. Read More about the Honor [<https://sdfm.org/news/sdfm-awarded-silver-trendy/>]

SDFM Awards [<https://asmc.secure-platform.com/a>]

The deadline is approaching to submit applications for chapter-based and membership recognition awards. These include chapter leadership, corporate member of the year, and chapter recognition. Submit your chapter nominations by April 10 [<https://asmc.secure-platform.com/a>]

A list of all SDFM Events can be found at <https://sdfm.org/events/>



2024-2025 Executive Board

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Treasurers	Ms. Rebecca Wilkins

Organizational Vice Presidents

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Communications	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Advertising/Publicity	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	Ms. Colleen Robinson
Photographer	Ms. Tracey Hearn
Webmaster	Mr. Jonathan Paden
Community Activities	Ms. Jennifer Caplinger; Ms. Jessica Pauley
Health & Wellness	Mr. Fernando Mason
Membership Professional	Ms. Jaime laquinta, Mr Edward Jackson
Development	Mr. Trent Harpest, Ms. Andrea Hamilton
Early Careerist	Ms. Sandra Moncree
Programs	Mr. Shawn Coil
Tickets	Vacant
Ways & Means	Ms. Sarah Garrette
Historian	Mr James Davis

