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## President's Message

Krystyna Kolesar



It is unbelievable how quickly time passes as I prepare my final message and begin to close out my tenure as your Chapter President for our Washington DC 2017 – 2018 term year. As I reflect, I remain most impressed by the caliber of the numerous individuals that I have engaged with over this past year. What a magnificent group of enthusiastic financial management professionals!

Without question, we operate in a tumultuous and unpredictable fiscal environment – infused with impacts of the Continuing Resolution and the looming threat of the Budget Control Act – not to mention the disruptive lapses in appropriation which caused a couple of government shut-downs. Even when we manage the topsy-turvy legislative processes, we encounter the erratic weather of the Washington DC area which includes bitter winter cold-snaps and stifling summer humidity – not to mention government closures due to an extremely blustery wind and a snow storm in March!

Looking at my first newsletter last July, I described us as “an agile and adaptive professional corps prepared and trained to serve our warfighters in the midst of this budget turmoil.” Reviewing the vision that I started out with, I am pleased with what we have accomplished. Nevertheless, we need to rise to the challenge as how best to reach our diverse membership while offering meaningful and timely training in the logistically-challenged footprint of the Washington DC area.

In this final newsletter, I dedicate my President's Message to acknowledge our extraordinary volunteers for they are the life force of our Chapter operations. Throughout the year, our committed volunteers generously spend their time and energy serving our ASMC Washington Chapter. Without them, we could not accomplish what we do as we continue to build our Chapter on a solid foundation. While I am unable to individually thank everyone, there are some special people to recognize.

**Membership and Training:** As the largest ASMC chapter nationwide, we are an impressive size -- 3670 members, a 5% increase over last year! Taking care of membership operations is Dan Olden who diligently kept track of us over the year and launched out-reach initiatives for our membership to include the Early Careerists events. Jennifer Miller, who happily greeted us each month at the luncheon check-in table, boldly ran a Tiger Team to “test-drive” new venues for our monthly luncheon and conducted an extensive Cost-Benefit Analysis that highlighted our current location as the best option. To encourage greater attendance at these monthly meetings, the Executive Board drafted an innovative pricing tier that will be piloted over the next few months. Throughout, Millie Thompson attentively served as our professional liaison with the Westin Hotel, dutifully ensuring that the terms of our contractual agreement were met.

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### ***President's Message Continued...***

Terry Placek tirelessly launched Chapter-funded training events throughout the year to enable our membership to sharpen their skills and earn critical credits. In concert, Dick Reed aptly managed the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) program and hailed our newest CDFMs. Another key aspect of our Chapter is the opportunity to network and enjoy each other's company at events such as the awesome Holiday Party, energetically led by the Army team of Nicole McClenic and Hairo Ortiz. Yet again, Deb Delmar superbly hosted — along with numerous volunteers like Rita Finney — our wildly successful Chapter-sponsored local Professional Development Institute (PDI). At the PDI, the ASMC Washington Chapter was able to recognize outstanding efforts of our membership due to the stellar efforts of Wendy Pouliot who conducted our awards program. Jessica McClain reliably chaired our scholarship program to identify eligible candidates.

**Communication:** In the early days of my tenure, I was fortunate to conduct a few exploratory sessions dedicated to cyber and web operation with Wayne Whiten, our webmaster, who personally led the charge to minimize "hits" that removed our ASMC Washington Chapter website from the "blacklist" in cyberspace. Another effective mode of communication with our membership is our bimonthly ASMC Newsletter which is creatively crafted by Mike Monson—what a great resource for our members! Rocky Wilber is our roving photographer who digitally captures our memorable events, most notably our monthly luncheon sessions. Beverly Veit meticulously gathered Chapter information to compete for our highly-coveted Five-Star Status, the highest rank for any Chapter to receive. Jeff Norris honorably led many community service events to include the annual wreath clean-up at Arlington Cemetery.

**Business Practices:** While standard operating procedures are not the most exciting activities, such documentation will provide us the visibility and continuity of our Chapter operations. I am pleased to acknowledge the foundational efforts undertaken to document a few of our business practices—such as the Treasury and Webmaster functions—to ensure both transparency and repeatability. Steve Birk, our hard-working Treasurer, continued his contributions to improve our budgetary activities while LTC Todd Handy shadowed his efforts to document these procedures. If we can continue on this path, we will provide a long-term value to our Chapter.

I graciously thank my Executive Board team for 2017-2018. This team sets the bar high for all our ASMC activities. A special shout-out to Cynthia Crippen-Cooks, our Executive Secretary, who carried a hefty workload in managing our monthly EB phone conferences with crammed agendas and executive summaries along with all the action items I tossed her way. Steve Birk, our extraordinary Treasurer, along with David Zavada for Audit, who diligently reviewed the numbers upon which our budget is based—both individuals allowed us all to sleep at night! I am grateful to the Vice Presidents (VPs) and the Assistant Secretaries (AS) who select top-notch luncheon speakers and make the activities happen all through the year: Greg Little (DoD VP), Nicole McClenic (Army VP), Hairo Ortiz (Army AS), Jane Roberts (Navy VP), Veronica Trent-Walton (Navy AS), Ben Yarish (Air Force VP), Pat Corey (Air Force AS), Jon Newell (USMC VP), Astrid Diaz (USMC AS), LT Mark Sanchez (USCG VP), Stella Whitsell (USCG AS), Deb Del Mar (Corporate / Retired VP) and Rita Finney (Corporate / Retired AS).

Finally, I'm delighted to turn over the reins of the Presidential responsibilities to Robin Farley who served as President-Elect this past cycle. He is a very talented professional in the financial management arena and comes with a great sense of the pulse of this community. I've personally known Robin for many years and count him as a trusted colleague and valued friend so I truly know that I leave our ASMC Washington Chapter in the best of hands!

I continue to look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming ASMC functions!

Best wishes, Krystyna



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Date	Upcoming Events / Sponsor / Speaker / CPEs	Location
17 May 18	Monthly Meeting / Luncheon / Danny Werfel	Westin, Crystal City
22 May 18	No Cost Training – Financial Management and Program Management: Integration and Intersections	DAU Building 6, Ft Belvoir, VA
30 May – 1 Jun 18	National PDI	Denver, CO
21 Jun 18	Monthly Meeting / Luncheon	Westin, Crystal City
23 Jun 18	Honor Flight Volunteer Support	WWII Memorial, Washington DC
26 Jun 18	No Cost Training – Earned Value and the Acquisition Program	DAU Building 6, Ft Belvoir, VA
18 Jul 18	ASMC & AGA Golf Tournament	Ft Belvoir Golf Club



Welcome to the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)-Washington Chapter. We seek to carry out the same goals and initiatives as our parent society, ASMC, such as education and training for members and supporting growth and advancement in military comptrollership.

As a local chapter, we provide education and training, sponsor research, and professional programs to address current issues. Comptrollership includes professional financial management in Department of Defense and Coast Guard:

- Accounting and finance
- Administrative support
- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Comptrollership
- Cost analysis
- Financial management
- Management analysis
- Program analysis
- Resource management
- Statistics



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### May 2018 Meeting



**Speaker:** *Mr. Danny Werfel*

*Former Acting Commissioner at the Internal Revenue Service*

**Time:** *Social 11:30am, Lunch 11:45am*

**Date:** *Thursday, 17 May 2018*

**Location:** *Westin*

*1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202*

**Mr. Danny Werfel** is a Partner and Managing Director at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG). He is a core member of the firm's Public Sector practice, focusing on all aspects of organizational change, including human capital, risk management, IT modernization, and business process improvements. As part of BCG's public-sector team, Mr. Werfel works with government agencies worldwide on finances, service delivery, transformation plans, and risk-assessment initiatives.

Before joining BCG, Mr. Werfel worked at the US Internal Revenue Service. He was personally selected by President Barack Obama and Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew to serve as acting commissioner in the wake of the agency's organizational crisis. Before that appointment, he worked for the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB), first as deputy controller and then as federal controller.

As former Controller, he was responsible for coordinating OMB's efforts to initiate government-wide improvements in all areas of financial management, including financial reporting, improper payments, real property management, financial accounting standards, grants management, and financial systems. Mr. Werfel took on an expanded role within OMB, leading the coordination of OMB's efforts in the areas of Federal procurement, information technology, and personnel policy and performance management.

Prior to his position as Controller, Mr. Werfel served in multiple capacities within OMB, including Deputy Controller, Chief of the Financial Integrity and Analysis Branch, Budget Examiner in the Education Branch, and Policy Analyst in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Werfel also served as a Trial Attorney in the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. Mr. Werfel is a recipient of both national and local awards from the Association of Government Accountants for his contributions to Federal financial management. He was the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service in 2008. Mr. Werfel also served as a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board from 2006 to 2009. Mr. Werfel holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Duke University, a Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Bachelors Degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University.

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### April 2018 Meeting Recap



**Speaker:** *Mr. Michael Powers*

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (FM&C)*

**Date:** *Thursday, 19 April 2018*

**Location:** *Westin*

*1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
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**Mr. Michael Powers**, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) shared his experience with strategically implementing audit. He offered his invaluable insights into the challenges and successes to gaining support as Army incorporates audit across the enterprise. One of the primary challenges was to effectively message audit readiness. The objective is to make audit readiness important across the Army enterprise rather than an effort that focuses on the financial management community. Audit covers varying types of activities including, but not limited to, Fund Balance with Treasury, Military and Civilian Pay, Real Property, and Weapons Systems/Acquisition. To overcome these challenges, Mr. Power's team developed a strategy to educate and put structure in place to get to audit. He worked with Army Senior Leaders to establish and document the Army Auditability Plan. He encourages continuous engagement with Army staff leaders through briefings to discuss the challenges, successes, and the activities across the Army enterprise that will help Army become audit ready. He offered his vision for us to continue to lean forward to make the audit process work throughout the Army community so that we will demonstrate to auditors that we are proficient in our jobs as financial managers.



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**NCR PDI Recap:** Because of the tremendous response of our ASMC members, as well as the DoD/Federal FM leadership and corporate sponsors, we held the largest National Capital Region PDI ever on Thursday 8 March - over 1600 strong – and sold out!

The overwhelming support and advocacy shown by our DoD FM community for this event -- amidst uncertain and challenging times -- enabled us to have an outstanding slate of presenters and great day of professional development, dialogue, and collaboration across government and industry. And a special shout-out of thanks to our terrific committee members for great work over the last twelve months listed at the end of this article!

This year's theme, "Beyond Audit-Mission Focus!" refers to the criticality of doing the right things and doing them right for needed outcomes. After many years of significant work, our military, civilian, and contractor professionals have challenged the status quo, modernized IT, improved operational effectiveness and enhanced professional advancement. Critical goals of standardization and simplification in our business environment will accelerate savings, audit outcomes as well as sustainability.

Our vibrant program included Keynote speakers Honorable David Norquist, USD-C; Ms Gretchen Anderson, CDFM, ASMC National President and DLA CFO; Mr. John Bergin, DoD Business Systems Reform Lead, DoD CIO; and uniform leader Lt. Gen. Jerry Harris Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans & Requirements, Headquarters USAF. Late morning government innovation sessions included Robotics Process Automation; Blockchain & Bitcoin; New Federal Shared Services; New Role for Audit Agencies; and UoT-CFO Gateway to Future! Early afternoon breakout sessions included: DoD Audit Update; DoD FM Careers; Taking Care of People; Enterprise Cost Management; Legislative Update; and Opportunities with SFFASs 48/50.

In conjunction with our formal program, our continued Corporate "Thought Leadership Bursts" from our Platinum and Diamond level sponsors (CPE/CET) during our morning and afternoon breakout sessions were well-received. These "bursts" provided intimate discussions and insights on proven methods and solutions for current DoD Financial Management challenges. Our training concluded with Military Service Department FM Updates from the Acting CFOs [Army, Navy/MC, Air Force, and Coast Guard] as well as OSD and 4<sup>th</sup> Estate [DCFO]. We wrapped up with a vibrant Speed Mentoring Session for our early careerists – always well received.

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2018 ASMC National Capital Region PDI

*Beyond Audit: MISSION FOCUS*



**Hope to see you again next year.** Our registration website will open **1 December 2018** - PLEASE REGISTER EARLY to ensure attendance. AND our event next year takes place on **Thursday 14 March 2019** at **Ronald Reagan Building!**

In closing, thank you for your support of ASMC and remember to challenge the status quo, simplify, and standardize to achieve fiscal readiness and Mission Focus.

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### June Community Service Opportunity



#### ASMC Community Service Event

Saturday, June 23, 2018

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

WWII Memorial

1750 Independence Ave SW, DC



**We are supporting the Honor Flight Network and need your help and grateful hearts to honor our heroes as they arrive in Washington DC!**

We invite you to join your fellow ASMC Washington Chapter members and their families as we greet our amazing veterans and honor them for their tremendous sacrifice! The Honor Flight Network was created solely to honor America's veterans and transports these heroes from 127 cities around the US to Washington DC to visit their memorials at no cost to them. The group is made-up of 100% volunteers who simply donate their time to greet them as they arrive in DC.

**We need you** and at least 20 or more volunteers to join us as we welcome 240 veterans at the WWII Memorial. Families (including children) and your friends are welcome—the more the merrier! Feel free to make/bring posters!!

**This will be an incredible opportunity to thank the men and women of our nation and honor their service to our nation!**

To sign up, please send an email with your name, email address, and phone number to Chris Pritchett ([cpritchett@kpmg.com](mailto:cpritchett@kpmg.com)) and Jeff Norris ([jnorris@kpmg.com](mailto:jnorris@kpmg.com)), both fellow ASMC Washington Chapter members.

Additional info about the Honor Flight Network can be found at <https://www.honorflight.org/> and the DCA Honor Flight at <https://honorflightdca.com>. A short video about the Honor Flight Network is located at [https://youtu.be/\\_VoWKh\\_T6aA](https://youtu.be/_VoWKh_T6aA)



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**Save the Date:**  
**ASMC & AGA Annual**  
**Golf Tournament**  
**July 18, 2018**

Ft. Belvoir Golf Club

We have both the Woodlawn and Gunston Courses

The event begins with a *shotgun start at 0800* and concludes with a catered lunch at the clubhouse.  
The format is Captain's Choice (Scramble).

**ENTRY FEES:** (includes catered lunch, cart, greens fee & prizes)

**Individual Golfer Registration:**

\$50 for current government/Military Personnel  
\$110 for Corporate/Retiree participants.

**Foursome Golfer Registration:**

ALL Current Government/Military: \$180  
ALL Corporate/Retiree: \$400

**2018 Tournament Online Registration link:**

<https://secure3.rhq.com/ireg/public/index.cgi?evid=R18-07-18-ASMC>

**This event is organized by the ASMC Washington Chapter:**

<http://www.washington-asmc.org>

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### Featured Article



#### Steps for Writing a Winning Award by Cynthia Crippen-Cooks



Have you wondered what panelists are looking for when reviewing FM award submissions? As we are aware, awards are a great way of recognizing the hard work of FM careerists. Since award winners are chosen based on written submissions, it is important that a submissions highlight how much each individual or organization has made a difference in financial management. Anyone who has had the honor of judging an award involving a written submission knows there is a lot of reading involved, and eventually all the words start sounding alike. This is expressly the case when using vague terms like 'triple bottom line', 'added value' and 'continuous improvement practices'. Reading submissions of this caliber, that are vague or get bogged down in generalities, can cause you to (mentally) plead with the author to cut through the fluff and just tell me what they actually did and how the performance made a difference.

We all want to win or at least want our submission to win. Below are some steps to assist you in writing a winning award. You do not need to be a writing scholar, just need a structured process and be able to successfully showcase ones unique attributes.

#### 5 STEPS FOR WRITING A WINNING AWARD:

##### Step 1.

First, writing a noble award submission may take longer than you expect. Give yourself time, do not be hasty and approach the submission process strategically. Plot out the four components on a timeline: selecting the category/project, writing the submission, proofreading and submitting the submission by the award due date. Grant yourself enough time to analyze your work. Do not be afraid to involve specialists who have worked directly in the subject area or on the project. Their words of wisdom may help you to clearly articulate the achievement. Identify a proofreader. Finally, check your format. Awards are generally written in narrative format.

##### Step 2.

Review nominating form and judging criteria very carefully. Be certain your award submission adequately addresses all questions and criteria. It is especially unfortunate to see a candidate eliminated because critical, required information has been omitted. Go back and review each question after you have written your response to verify you have answered each question. Make sure your nomination is free of grammatical errors and is easily understood. It is good practice to look back 12-18 months, but not further back (unless otherwise stated in the questions). Remember judges read hundreds of forms, therefore it is a good idea to put yourself in their shoes and ask yourself a series of questions such as:

- What was the biggest change made within the organization?
- What was the value added by this accomplishment?
- How is my project or triumph different from others?

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#### **Step 3.**

It is vitally important to make it easy for judges to understand why your submission deserves to win. One of the best ways to do this is to address the criteria point by point. Identify the most important words in the question and reflect them in your answer. Discuss all the points in your response submission, not just the areas you are recognizing the candidate for excelling in. From my experience, it is best to directly address the following aspects: who, what, why, where and how. The judges read multiple nominations and are looking for detailed specifics. Be concise because too much information can be just as harmful as too little information. Don't make the judges read through an array of glowing language to get to the nature of the answer. DO NOT use acronyms. Needless to say, if you are using the same example for multiple award entries, make sure you change the focus of your answers to reflect the questions and or criteria.

#### **Step 4.**

Use statistics, charts and testimonials to highlight the impact of the action being addressed. Make certain the evidence can support your claims regarding growth, customer satisfaction, process improvement or any other metric relevant to the category and judging criteria. When using charts or tables, explain what they represent for more clarity and relevance. Don't think you have to keep your nomination a secret or do it alone. Oftentimes people are delighted that a colleague or supervisor thinks enough of them to nominate them for an award. Speak with your nominee. Ask questions and listen for information you can use to support your own thoughts and ideas. Consult other colleagues and discuss the nominee with them. Be accurate, do not guess or generalize. Provide specific examples to reinforce what you have articulated in your submission. If possible, show patterns and trends that span over time.

#### **Step 5.**

Do not submit the first draft, take time to check the submission thoroughly and utilize a proofreader. Do not focus on the length of the submission, just concern yourself with sound content. Once you have written the submission, proofed the content, then focus on the word count limit. Be mindful to stick to the limit. If necessary seek your proofreader to help you meet your count limit. Aim for quality, not quantity. While proofreading, it is good practice to read the entry out loud. The final version of your entry should be compelling, interesting, contain the required details and be flawless.

These steps cannot guarantee you will win, however approaching the application process strategically, using the above steps will significantly improve your chances. Good luck!

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Ms. Crippen-Cooks is Chief, Financial Management Division, Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Resource Services-Washington. Responsible for developing, interpreting, and disseminating policies and regulations related to overall programs and activities serviced by Resource Services-Washington. In her current assignment she provides a broad range of financial support and administration services to Army senior officials and customers for 27 Field Operating Agencies across Headquarters Department of the Army.



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### Training & Education



#### New Training Opportunities

In partnership with the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), the Washington Chapter is sponsoring the following two workshops **free** to our members:

##### 1) Financial Management and Program Management: Integration and Intersections (CPEs: 1.5)

When: Tuesday May 22, 2018,  
Time: 10:00am-11:15am

Where: DAU Building 206  
DAU Classroom 62  
Ft Belvoir, VA

Registration deadline: Tuesday May 18, 2018

##### 2) Earned Value and the Acquisition Program (CPEs: 1.5)

When: Tuesday June 26, 2018  
Time: 10:00am-11:15am

Where: DAU Building 204  
DAU Classroom 41  
Ft Belvoir, VA

Registration deadline: Tuesday June 12, 2018



To register send an email with: your name, organization/company, grade/rank, telephone number and email address to: Terry Placek [terryplacek@yahoo.com](mailto:terryplacek@yahoo.com)



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## FY18 Class Schedule



### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY DEFENSE PROGRAMS

ACC 18-I 27 Nov–15 Dec 2017  
ACC 18-II 5 Feb–23 Feb 2018  
ACC 18-III 16 Apr–4 May 2018  
ACC 18-IV 30 Jul–17 Aug 2018

ECC 18-I 8 Jan–26 Jan 2018  
ECC 18-II 5 Mar–23 Mar 2018  
ECC 18-III 7 May–25 May 2018  
ECC 18-IV 4 Jun–22 Jun 2018

SRMC 9 Apr–13 Apr 2018

Defense Comptroller Program (DCP) - 2019  
16 May 2018 – 31 July 2019



### DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Army Comptroller Course (ACC) - 3 weeks  
GS 9-12; LT-CPT; SFC-MSG  
Entry Level Resource Management

Executive Comptroller Course (ECC) - 3 weeks  
GS 12-13; CPT-MAJ; MSG-SGM  
Advanced Resource Management

Senior Resource Managers Course (SRMC) - 1 week  
GS 14-15; LTC-COL; SGM  
Senior Level Resource Management

Defense Comptroller Program (DCP) - 14 months  
GS 11-14; CPT-MAJ; SFC-MSG  
Dual-Master Degree Program

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### ASMC National News



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PDI 2018 DENVER MAY 30 - JUNE 1

ACHIEVING PEAK PERFORMANCE

[Click here to register https://www.pdi2018.com/home](https://www.pdi2018.com/home)

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### Online Learning Center

Members earn continuing professional education credits by viewing and testing recorded educational sessions and the Armed Forces Comptroller.



### Upcoming Training Events

#### [CDFM Module 1 Onsite Refresher Course](#)

**May 22 2018**

Tyson's Corner, VA

#### [Centrally-Funded EDFMT Course](#)

**June 04 2018**

Arlington, VA (RTI)

#### [Centrally-Funded EDFMT Course](#)

**June 11 2018**

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ASMC offers the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) educational program and certification designation to those persons desiring to demonstrate proficiency in the core aspects of Defense Financial Management.



For more information, visit: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/>

## Congratulations to our newest CDFMs!

Fatima Abdulla  
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Opeoluwa Aniyikaiye  
Nancy Baranek  
Tara Capelli  
Tina Cooper  
Ravi Dadhanian  
Ryan deBenedictis  
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Christine Firth  
Gregory Gray  
Isaia Benette Infante  
Carmen Ingram

Calandra Layne  
Jia Ning "Jenny" Lu  
Christopher "Chris" Lucero  
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Shanel Mackall  
Gina Mauricio  
Christian Melgar  
Samuel "Sam" Mercado  
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While most candidates in the CDFM program are civilian or military/reserve members of the Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps or employees of defense contractors or suppliers, the CDFM program is open to all candidates who have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and meet the following work experience qualifications:

Have the required number of years of defense-related financial management experience outlined below:

- **Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher;** or
- **Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.**

OR

Do not have defense-related financial management experience, but can meet the following criteria outlined below:

- **Four (4) years of Federal government-related financial management experience;** and
- **An Associate's degree or higher.**

**There are three steps involved with earning your CDFM:**

**1. Enroll in the CDFM Program.** Your enrollment is valid for two (2) years, during which time you must take, and successfully pass, the three CDFM module examinations.

**2. Submit Your Verification of Financial Management Experience Form.** This form, which must be signed by a supervisor who can verify your work experience, must be returned to ASMC after enrolling in the CDFM program. You do not have to submit this form prior to taking a CDFM examination, but it is required prior to the awarding of the CDFM designation.

**3. Purchase and Schedule the CDFM Examinations.** Be sure to carefully – and completely – read the criteria associated with each testing option for the CDFM examinations. Failure to do so can result in the purchase of the wrong CDFM examination and/or the inability to test at your preferred location



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