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The National Professional Development Institute (PDI) is a premier training event for resource managers in the Department of Defense and US Coast Guard. Each year, more than 3400 attendees converge for a four day event, which includes a full day of service activities, seven general sessions, more than seventy workshops, and many special events and activities.

PDI 2009 will be held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio on May 26-29, with a theme of Building the Stars of Tomorrow. The registration fee for PDI is \$615 and ASMC members receive a \$100 discount. Registration for PDI and the hotel reservation system will open on approximately March 2, 2009. Please check the ASMC website for further information.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Pamela Curtin, USSOCOM/SOFM-MI

Fellow Tampa Bay Chapter ASMC members,

As you'll see in the executive board meeting minutes from the February meeting, a number of steps are being taken to address a range of chapter administrative matters. Some are minor – reinstating the CDFM reimbursement program for military chapter members, and aggressively seeking nominations from chapter members for ASMC national scholarship and awards programs – and some are more substantive or overarching in nature.

First, the board approved standing up a group to review our current chapter and by-laws, with an eye to any updates or changes that might be required. The last official, signed version that I have is dated 1983, when the Tampa Bay chapter was founded. Volunteers interested in serving on this committee should contact me.

The other major issue that was approved was the creation of a Financial Planning group to develop a five-year spending and investment road-map. The chapter received a windfall with the \$86,000 received as a result of the 2008 National PDI. To ensure that there are sufficient



funds in the future to support the growth of this chapter and its members, the financial planning group will be charged with developing that strategic plan. LTC Greg White has volunteered to head that effort, and will be joined by chapter Treasurer Janet Williams. We're looking for five additional volunteers to serve as part of this planning effort – if interested, please call or email me.

Finally, this June, we will elect a new President and Executive Board. I encourage you to consider serving for a year in a leadership role in our chapter. The current list of committees, along with the incumbent officers, is posted to our website ([www.asmcmacdill.com](http://www.asmcmacdill.com)) or you can contact me for additional information.

### New and Improved

The ASMC Tampa Bay website is up - it is still a work in progress, so as you go on to look at the new site, please send suggestions for additional links or other improvements to myself or Don Norton. As we work to rebuild the site, I ask the chapter members to please share with us photos from previous ASMC events for us to add to the website.

[http://asmcmacdill.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://asmcmacdill.com/Home_Page.html)

### ASMC Tampa Bay Members:

We have the pleasure of Management Concepts coming to the greater Tampa Bay Area the week of 30 Mar – 3 April 2009 to provide the latest on Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training, the course will be conducted at the Base Library from 0800-1630, Monday – Friday. If you are interested in attending please call Ms. Vickie McDevitt 826-5545 or email [Vickie.McDevitt@socom.mil](mailto:Vickie.McDevitt@socom.mil).

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The Tampa Bay ASMC Krewe continued their effort to make a difference in our community, as an enthusiastic group of 25 members, family and friends volunteered at America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay on 24 January. The Krewe unpacked food donations, sorting through usable and non-usable items, while others took the usable items and stocked them on "grocery store" shelves. These donations will find their way to the most needy families and individuals in our area.

America's Second Harvest is a member of the national Feeding America food bank network. The Tampa food bank services 10 counties in west central Florida. Since they began operations in 1982, America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay has processed and distributed 100 million pounds of safe and nutritious surplus



food to those in our area who need it most. Working with over 350 partner charities and churches, America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay currently distributes enough food in a single week to provide over 100,000 meals.

Thanks to our ASMC volunteers for supporting our community and keep up the good works!

Fran Machina....(CACI) Community Service Coordinator

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## MINI-PDI OCT 2009

The Tampa Bay Chapter is working to host a mini-PDI in October, 2009. The focus of this educational opportunity is "Jointness," and invited speakers will include the Combatant Command J8s and Comptrollers, along with representatives from the Services, Joint Staff and Department of Defense. Volunteers are still needed to serve on the following planning committees and help make this event a success: Programs, Administration, Protocol, Registration, Finance, and Webmaster. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Pamela Curtin at [pamela.curtin@socom.mil](mailto:pamela.curtin@socom.mil), or Angie Blackwell at [angie.blackwell@socom.mil](mailto:angie.blackwell@socom.mil).

**April ASMC luncheon** is Tuesday, April 7 at the Surf's Edge (Enlisted) Club. The speaker will be Col Lawrence M. Martin, Jr., who is the MacDill Air Force Base Commander. His subject will be "What's coming up on the Base". The lunch will be the country buffet. Watch for the official flyer to come out later.

## CDFM Reimbursement for Military Members

The Tampa Bay Chapter is re-instituting its reimbursement program for military personnel who successfully complete the requirements to become Certified Defense Financial Managers (CDFMs) after a two-year hiatus. Requirements for reimbursement include: Military Member; active ASMC member (dues current); certification received since June 07.

Details and submission requirements are posted to the CDFM page of the chapter website, or members can contact the Awards Chair, Yolanda Dean, at [deany@socom.mil](mailto:deany@socom.mil) or 826-6366.

Air Force civilian personnel can receive reimbursement for successful CDFM certification through Headquarters, Air Force.

## Looking for a new Chapter Logo?

Submitted by Don Norton



In an effort to fine tune our Chapter Logo, we are having a contest to choose our new logo. Our original logo, pictured here, was introduced to the Chapter in the late 1990's. This logo has been a staple for volunteer polo shirts and chapter coins. However, in an effort to keep up with the changing times and changing technology it is time to upgrade our logo as our chapter transforms into the future.

We have 4 entries to choose from and all four logos carry over similar properties to our original logo in which we hold true to our Chapters core. To vote for your new logo, please visit our official chapter webpage at: <http://www.asmcmacdill.com> Go to the Event & Images page to cast your vote. Voting ends on March 31<sup>st</sup> so please don't hesitate.

## **Health Tip: Use Household Chemicals Safely**

### **Suggestions to prevent potential harm**

Posted March 4, 2009

(HealthDay News) -- Common chemicals stored throughout the home could pose health risks if not stored properly and used correctly.

The Cleveland Clinic offers these safety suggestions when working with household chemicals:

- When using all-purpose cleaners in the kitchen or bathroom, always wear gloves, and open a window or turn on a fan to minimize inhalation of fumes.
- Be careful to avoid letting bleach touch your skin or splash in your eyes. Also, avoid breathing in the fumes.
- Never mix bleach with any other cleaner, especially anything that contains ammonia.
- When using an oven-cleaning product, fully protect yourself with goggles, gloves and long sleeves. Look for cleaners without lye, and make sure the area is well-ventilated.
- Antibacterial cleaning products can burn the skin, so make sure you wear gloves.

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## **Spinach and Fresh Fruit Salad**

### **Main Ingredients:**

Freshly squeezed lemon juice: 2 tbsp  
Balsamic vinegar: 3 tablespoons  
Extra-virgin olive oil: 1 cup  
Baby spinach: 1 (5 ounce) bag  
Dried cranberries: 1/2 cup  
Sliced fresh strawberries: 1/2 cup  
Fresh blueberries: 1/2 cup  
Brie cheese: 4 ounces  
Green bell pepper: 1 small, seeded and sliced  
Avocado: 1 small, peeled, pitted and sliced  
Sunflower seeds: 1/4 cup  
Walnut halves: 1/4 cup



### **Directions:**

1. In a small bowl, combine the balsamic vinegar, olive oil and lime juice.
2. In a large bowl, toss the spinach, bell pepper, strawberries and blueberries with 1/4 cup of the dressing. Top with slices of brie cheese, avocado, dried cranberries, sunflower seed and walnuts.
3. Pour the rest of the salad dressing on top when nearly ready to serve.

## Lawmakers urge halt to NSPS pending review

by Brittany R. Ballenstedt [bballenstedt@govexec.com](mailto:bballenstedt@govexec.com) February 13, 2009



Members of a House committee on Friday urged the Defense Department to stop converting employees to its new personnel system until a thorough review of the system by Congress and the administration is completed.

The National Security Personnel System "made wholesale changes to the current federal employee system, resulting in widespread distrust and discontent within the ranks of the hundreds of thousands of dedicated DoD employees, both among those who have been converted and those who have not yet been converted to NSPS," wrote Reps. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, in a Feb. 11 letter to Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

The department has added more than 205,000 non-bargaining unit employees to NSPS since 2006 and planned to bring an additional 3,600 into the system in the coming months.

The letter also pointed to recent reports by the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office that highlighted concerns over the cost of NSPS versus its benefits as well as a perceived lack of transparency in the new system. The lawmakers also questioned the Bush administration's last-minute move to issue controversial labor relations, hiring and promotion rules that "go beyond the intent of Congress when it enacted revisions to NSPS" in the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.

Pentagon spokesman Les Melnyk said on Friday that Defense officials just learned of the lawmakers' request to halt NSPS and are evaluating its impact on the planned conversion of employees to the system. The department also is examining how a Jan. 21 White House memorandum, which suspended all pending federal rule changes issued by the previous administration, will affect the new personnel rules imposed by Bush. Those rules take effect March 17, Melnyk said.

During the campaign, then-Sen. Obama pledged to either overhaul or repeal NSPS.

Richard Brown, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, on Friday praised the decision to halt conversion to NSPS, noting that the country has too many pressing needs to justify any more resources going to a failed personnel system. "It is a disgraceful waste of tax-payers' money to continue converting Defense workers to NSPS when the entire program might shortly be repealed," he said.

## ON THE HILL

Obama's honeymoon bliss fading: President Obama's honeymoon is beginning to fade. Members of Congress and old political hands say he needs to show substantial progress reviving the economy soon. [Read More...](#)

The president's earmark plan fails to sway critics: President Obama on Wednesday laid out a general plan that would subject lawmakers' earmarks to public hearings and competitive bidding, but the effort left critics and government watchdogs dubious. [Read More...](#)

Conrad: Congress to address Obama budget: Following a meeting at the White House, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Budget Committee said Congress will pass a budget that addresses President Obama's major priorities. [Read More...](#)

Rep. Murtha presses forward with tanker program: The chairman of the House defense appropriations committee said he will use the upcoming war emergency supplemental bill to jumpstart a controversial refueling tanker program. [Read More...](#)

Stimulus ad crosses state lines: A radio ad targeting Republicans for voting against the stimulus bill last month misses the mark in Minnesota, where constituents are told to call a Pennsylvania legislator to voice their displeasure. [Read More...](#)

Obama calls on congress to pass tough new regulations for financial institutions: WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Barack Obama is calling on Congress to pass strong financial sector regulation and oversight to prevent future crises and restore "accountability, transparency and trust in our financial markets.

In remarks prepared for delivery Wednesday afternoon, the president offers no specific regulatory framework, but calls for "core principles." Among them are consumer protections, accountability for executives and a regulatory plan that covers a broad series of financial transactions that have escaped regulation in the past.

Obama was scheduled to meet Wednesday with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and with the chairmen and ranking Republicans of the House and Senate committees that would be charged with drafting the regulations.

"Let me be clear: the choice we face is not between an oppressive government-run economy and a chaotic and unforgiving capitalism," Obama says, according to remarks obtained by the Associated Press. "Rather, strong financial markets require clear rules of the road, not to hinder financial institutions, but to protect consumers and investors." Read More at [http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/090225/obama\\_banks.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/090225/obama_banks.html)

### **PDI 2008 Online – Free CPE!**

You can earn free CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from PDI 2008 and PDI 2007. You can now access selected sessions online at the PDI extended learning page <<http://www.asmonline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>>, along with the briefing charts received to date.

### **LinkedIn Professional Networking**

LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries. ASMC has created a group on LinkedIn as a forum for discussion of ASMC matters. Discussion and membership will be moderated to a limited degree, and the opinions expressed on the group are those of the individual members and not of ASMC. You may find our group here <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=953357>

**Renew ASMC Membership Online** – Join Online Prospective members of ASMC may now apply for membership online at the ASMC website. This method decreases the processing time by up to a week, so please encourage anyone you may be recruiting to apply online. Also, current members may renew online and update member information (new e-mail, address, job title, etc). Please read the instructions at ASMC Online Renewal

<http://www.asmonline.org/membership/renewal.shtml> on how to determine your default username and password

### **Register Now for Acquisition Business Management (Module 4)**

This course will be held on March 17-18, 2009 in Rosslyn, VA. Visit the ASMC website for more details.

### **Defense FM Survey**

ASMC, along with Grant Thornton LLP, is doing a short online survey of defense financial managers. The “Looking Forward” survey (should take only a few minutes to complete) asks members for input to identify the top financial issues and concerns going into a new Administration. ASMC will reward the three chapters with the highest percentage response rate to this survey a cash award. The award will be based on the number of responses received per chapter divided by the total paid membership of a chapter as of March 31, 2008. Please be sure to enter your chapter’s name when you fill out the survey. To access the survey, visit the Survey <<http://surveys.gt.com/asmc-2009-members-questionnaire>> before March 15! Aggregated results of this survey will be published and available on the ASMC website.

## FAREWELL



ASMC Executive Director, Mr. Robert Hale, has been selected by President Obama to become the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

BEST WISHES!

## KREWE CHAPTER-ASMC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. An ASMC Executive Board Meeting was held on 12 Feb at 1432, at The MacDill Main Library. The following board members were in attendance:
  - Ms. Pamela Curtain- PRESIDENT
  - Ms Karen Houston- CENTCOM VICE-PRES
  - LTC Mac Tonsmeire- SOCOM VICE-PRES
  - Ms. LaTonya K. Byrd- SECRETARY
  - Ms. Janet Williams- TREASURER
2. The meeting began with a discussion about 501(c)(3) status. The original packet was sent to the IRS 31 Dec 08, and a confirmation was received 13 Jan 09. The chapter is waiting to receive a confirmation from the IRS regarding approval status of the packet.
3. The Executive Board members discussed upcoming events for the 2009 calendar year.
  - a) Mini PDI is now scheduled for October, 2009. The focus will be Jointness, leveraging all the Combatant Commands
  - b) Plans for a chapter social were discussed. Potential outing locations included the Tampa Greyhound Racing Track, Busch Gardens, a Tampa Bay Rays game, or a Starship Dinner Cruise. The price of tentative locations will be researched and event will then be determined. Mr. Royce Gentzel asked about the possibility of holding a membership drive. He suggested that new members receive free admission to the upcoming social. Details for this event are still being worked.
  - c) Everyone was encouraged to submit activities for future months in order to alleviate planning for the new board members who will be sworn in June 2009.
4. The last signed copy of the By-Laws and Constitution of the Tampa Bay Chapter of The American Society of Military Comptrollers are outdated. Ms. Curtin recommended creating a committee to update both the constitution and by-laws. One potential recommendation for the re-write is to create a new committee is needed to handle all finance matters. The Executive Board concurred with this recommendation.
5. Both the scholarship and awards committees need to be reestablished. Possible awards include Krewe Member of the Quarter and Krewe Member of the Year. The chapter also discussed awarding scholarships to deserving high school students and adults for continuing education.
6. The 5 Star Chapter Status officially became a responsibility of the chapter secretary. The secretary must submit reports to the National Headquarters throughout the year in order for the chapter to maintain five star status.
7. A discussion turned to the need for a new chapter logo. The potential logo will be placed on the chapter website for all members to cast their votes on. The deadline for the vote will be 15 Mar 09. Once the logo is approved, new polo shirts will be ordered.

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8. PDI Money was discussed extensively. Ms. Curtin expressed her concerns about making major expenditures of funds until a spending and investment plan is developed, potentially by a new finance committee. She would like for the chapter to devise a blueprint for spending, as well as saving and investments. Additionally, members, especially those who contributed to the PDI, should be aware of the proposed plan for spending and investment. It was proposed by Ms. Curtin, and seconded by LTC Mac Tonsmeire, SOCOM Vice-Pres, that there should be a balance of both spending as well as saving of all funds in the treasury, and that until that plan is developed, funds should be placed into investments to enable the PDI funds to continue to grow. The Executive Board concurred with this recommendation.
9. The chapter was commended for their volunteer efforts and encouraged to send all additional volunteer ideas to Mr. Machina.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 1525.

## Treasurer's Report By Janet Williams, USSOCOM/SCSO-S-BA

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STATUS OF FUNDS FOR: February 2009

MACDILL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, MONEY MKT & IMPREST FUND ACCOUNTS:

	Money Mkt	CD Account	Checking	Savings	Total MFCU
<b>Revenues</b>					
Dues -Chapter Rebates	0.00	0.00	202.00	0.00	202.00
Deposit for luncheon	0.00	0.00	11.00	0.00	11.00
Dividend	7.71	9.44	0.00	0.00	17.15
Fund Raisers: Christmas Gift Wrapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dec Luncheon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7.71</b>	<b>9.44</b>	<b>213.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>230.15</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Ck #804 Pam Curtin Reim Golf Tournament	0.00	0.00	240.02	0.00	240.02
Ck #805 Kristen O'Sullivan Postage mailing	0.00	0.00	17.50	0.00	17.50
Ck #806 Royce Gentsel CDFM #3	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
Ck #807 Pam Curtin - Golf Tournament prizes	0.00	0.00	22.00	0.00	22.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>354.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>354.52</b>

	Checking	Savings	Total MFCU
<b>MFCU SHARE ACCOUNT SUMMARY:</b>			
Balance - beginning of month	91,338.00	205.80	91,543.80
Plus Revenues	213.00	0.00	213.00
Less Cleared Checks:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Less Expenses	(354.52)	0.00	(354.52)
<b>Balance - end of month</b>	<b>\$ 91,196.48</b>	<b>\$ 205.80</b>	<b>\$ 91,402.28</b>

	Begin Bal	Dep/WD	Dividend Income	Ending Bal
<b>OTHER ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:</b>				
MONEY MARKET	6,521.41	0.00	7.71	6,529.12
CD ACCOUNT	4,017.50	0.00	9.44	4,026.94
<b>TOTAL OTHER ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>10,538.91</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17.15</b>	<b>\$10,556.06</b>

GRAND TOTAL BALANCE IN BANK **\$101,958.34**  
 NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) FROM LAST MONTH: **\$87,545.24**  
 TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) FOR THE YEAR: **\$86,971.57**

	Begin Bal	Income	Expenses	Ending Bal
Cash on Hand (Imprest)	22.29	0.00	0.00	22.29

ASMC TREASURY BALANCE (Bank + Imprest) **\$101,980.63**

Prepared by

*Janet Williams*  
Ms Janet Williams, Treasurer

Approved by

Ms Pam Curtin