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QUOTABLE QUOTES

"When I die, I want to die like my grandfather who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car."

Will Rogers

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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Meetings/Luncheons

"Course Based Certification" was the topic of the audio session provided by National on Thursday, October 13. Members gathered in the Kennedy Conference Room, building 6007 for this training session.

On Monday, October 24 a general membership training luncheon was held at McGregor's Restaurant in Havre de Grace. The featured speaker was **Elizabeth Money**, Oncology Research Coordinator, University Hospital. Ms. Money spoke to the chapter about breast cancer awareness. Members were once again asked to bring two non-perishable food items to the meeting to support the Maryland Food Bank.

The quarterly Executive Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 21 by teleconference. Programs, speakers, and fund raising were some of the topics discussed. The officers were also briefed on the progress to date for the planned Mini-PDI.

A panel discussion on Fiscal Year-End Lessons Learned was held at our November 23 general membership meeting. Panel members included **Sandra Wimper** and **Sherry Taylor** from USASC, Fort Belvoir and **Craig Rousemano**, from CECOM G-8. The luncheon was held at Giovanni's restaurant in Edgewood. There were 38 in attendance at this meeting. The 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$44.00 was won by Laurie Gaston.

Another audio session was provided to members on Thursday, December 8 in the Bradley Conference Room, building 6007. Mr. **Robert Shue's** presentation covered the ongoing congressional actions to address deficit reduction.

On Tuesday, December 20 our annual chapter holiday party was held at the Mountain Branch

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Hello everyone! I hope you had a safe and happy holiday season and took a little time to rejuvenate and rest up for the year ahead. We have the great news of a signed budget, but the reality of dealing with reductions in many areas. GFEBS is on the horizon for many of us and that brings with it a lot of change. Our community will be very busy this year and the Chapter is committed to providing meetings and information sessions that will help you through it! As work schedules and commitments become more and more hectic it is important that we all remember to slow down every now and then and enjoy those around us that make our lives so full; lean on the folks that can help us, like our fellow chapter members; and remember to take things one day at a time.



On a lighter note, I encourage you to participate in the contest to pick a name for the President's section of the newsletter. Pat had the catchy phrase "Pat's Ponderings" and well, I just can't think of anything as catchy! So, please submit to me your ideas for naming this section by 10 February. I'll pick the one I like best, and the winner will receive a free luncheon at the next meeting. I look forward to your creative ideas!

Please keep an eye out in your email for monthly meeting announcements and as always, if you have an idea for a monthly meeting or a hot topic for discussion, please let us know. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Comptroller community!

Denett Rose
President
ASMC, Chesapeake Chapter

Restaurant in Joppa. Forty-six members were in attendance and sixteen members took part in the gift exchange. For Christmas, the chapter sponsored a local soldier's family. Some members brought gifts for the family to the luncheon. In addition, \$200 in cash contributions was collected in order to purchase any remaining items on the family's wish list. Baskets were once again provided by various organizations' RM offices for our annual Basket Raffle. Proceeds from the basket raffle totaled \$710. A check for the Harford County Boys & Girls Clubs will be presented in January at the mini-PDI.

Basket raffle winners were as follows:

- ▶ CMA basket: Robert Andrews, ACC
- ▶ PEO C3T basket: Judy Marcinkiewicz, PEO C3T
- ▶ HQ RDECOM basket: Lynn Cutshall, RDECOM Managerial Accounting (MAD)
- ▶ MAD basket: Pat O'Shea, HQ RDECOM
- ▶ APG GARRISON basket: Joyce Twitty, MRICD
- ▶ ACC basket: Judy Jones, ATEC
- ▶ CERDEC basket: Joyce Twitty, MRICD

Future Meetings

Be on the lookout for information about the following planned meetings:

- ▶ Thursday, January 26: Mini-PDI, "The Future is Now"
- ▶ Thursday, February 9: Audio Conference, "Budget Panel Discussion"
- ▶ Thursday, April 12: Audio Conference, "Federal Retirement Benefits Update"

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Quarterly ASMC Journal and Exam

ASMC now offers CPE credit to members who take and pass a ten question exam based on articles published in our quarterly journal. The Fall 2011 edition has recently been added. The four most recent Journals will be maintained on the website.

PDI 2012



PDI 2012 will be held in Anaheim, CA. The last time that ASMC held a PDI there was in 1996. Since that time, the convention center has been remodeled. Contracts with four hotels, all within walking distance, have already been arranged. The theme for next year's PDI is "Professionalism in Action". Registration for PDI workshops and accommodations will open in early February 2012.

Founded by fifty German families in 1857 and incorporated as the second city in Los Angeles County on February 10, 1870, Anaheim developed into an industrial center, producing electronics, aircraft parts and canned fruit. It is the site of the Disneyland Resort, a world-famous grouping of theme parks and hotels which opened in 1955, Angel Stadium of Anaheim, Honda Center and Anaheim Convention Center, the largest convention center on the West Coast. Its name is a blend of "Ana", after the nearby Santa Ana River, and "heim", a

common German place name compound originally meaning "home".

Future PDIs

- 2013 - Denver, Colorado
- 2014 - Seattle, Washington
- 2015 - New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2016 - Orlando, Florida
- 2017 - San Diego, California

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify: I put "DOCTOR". What's my mother going to do?"
 ~Author Unknown

FEATURED ARTICLE

The following article was extracted from:
<http://www.army.mil/gettysburg/flash.html>

Annie Etheridge Hooks, Nurse/Soldier -- 1839-1913

Anna Etheridge joined the 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry in 1861, serving as a nurse. Known as "Michigan Annie," she often was found on the front lines caring for the wounded where most surgeons wouldn't dare venture. She packed two pistols and rode a horse that hauled saddlebags filled with medical supplies. Annie was at the battles of First and Second Bull Run, Williamsburg and Chancellorsville, before riding to Gettysburg. During one battle, her regiment was bruised and battered pretty badly. When victory appeared hopeless, Annie shouted words of encouragement that inspired the men to fight on and win. One soldier later recounted: "All the officers in the Army of the Potomac would not have had as much influence over the men as did Annie, on her little roan mare." On May 27, 1863, Annie was awarded the Kearny Cross, a Union combat decoration awarded to soldiers for "overwhelming bravery."

Medal of Honor recipient Brevet Major General Clair A. Mulholland recalled observing Annie during the second day at Gettysburg during fighting around the peach orchard. "Amidst cannon shot that was throwing up loose dirt around the farm ... a woman on horseback and in uniform galloped back from the line of battle, asked for some information, and quickly returned to the front again. She was a nurse of the Third Corps, Anna Etheridge, and was directing the removal of the wounded. She was cool and self-possessed and did not seem to mind the fire."

Annie went on to serve in many more Civil War battles and became famous. On April 15, 1864, General Grant ordered that all women leave the front. However, Annie ignored the order and continued soldiering on in the thick of the fighting. One soldier wrote: "Annie's tent is besieged with visitors. People come from far in the rural districts to get a sight of the great heroine of so many campaigns and battles. We do not blame them much, for indeed she is a curiosity." Annie once spoke about her pension papers: "When camped near Jeffersonville, Indiana July 5, 1865, just before our return home I was presented with an official copy of the battles which we had participated in, nearly every one of which I had been with my command giving my services as a nurse." The document lists her as fighting in an incredible 32 battles. After the war, Annie married a veteran of the 7th Connecticut Infantry and settled in Washington, D.C. She died Jan. 23, 1913 at Georgetown Hospital and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Her grave is in Section 15, Number 710.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Come be a part of the **first** Chesapeake Chapter Mini-PDI! If you have not already signed up for the Mini-PDI, time is running out! The deadline for registering has been extended to **Thursday, January 19!**

This is a great training opportunity as each attendee will receive seven (7) CPE's for attending the mini-PDI. Three of the presenters being featured at this training have previously spoken at the annual National PDI. With tight travel budgets, fewer people may be able to take advantage of the training offered at the annual PDI. This mini-PDI will provide the opportunity to experience some of the available comptroller training without busting the budget! Topics covered during this training session include:

- MyPay Update
- How to Become a CDFM in 8 Weeks
- Emerging Issues in Financial Management
- Cost Analysis Fiscal Health Remedy
- Army Comptroller Career Management
- Taking Care of People
- Contracting's Role in Acquisition
- GFEBs

Information about the chapter Mini-PDI, including the revised agenda may be found at:
<http://www.orgsites.com/md/asmc-chesapeake/index.html>

In addition to the great speakers, we will also be conducting a silent auction/raffle to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County. Be sure to bring your wallet to support this terrific cause!

Here are a few of the silent auction items that will be available:

- ✓ 3 month membership to Snap Fitness (Value \$120)
- ✓ a Weekend Night Stay in a City View King Guestroom at the Liberty Hotel Boston (Value: \$495)
- ✓ 4 Tickets to the Historic Ships of Baltimore (Value \$72)
- ✓ 2 Tickets to any 2012 Preview Performance at Center Stage (Value: \$90.00)



The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Course will be held locally **April 9-13, 2012**. ATEC will be hosting this course. The EDFMT Course is a five-day, intensive financial management review course taught in three modules. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military

Comptrollers. Visit www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/ to register for this course.

MEMBER NEWS

Meet the Officers

President - Denett Rose

Denett has been with the Federal Government for 10 years – six with the US Geological Survey and the last four years with the Army. She is currently a Program Analyst with PEO C3T. Denett received her BBA from Wesley College and is currently attending the College of Notre Dame of Maryland for her masters in Management with a Project Management Concentration. Denett has been a member of ASMC for four years. She enjoys spending time with my husband and three small children - a daughter and twin boys (and yes, they are a handful).

Vice President (Administration) - Patricia (Pat) O'Shea

Pat has worked here at APG for over 31 years. Originally hired as a Mathematician for the ARRADCOM Cost Analysis office, Pat's position title changed to Cost Analyst and finally Operations Research Analyst (ORA) before she left the cost analysis field. Since 1998, she has worked in the financial management field and currently supervises a combination of financial management analysts and accountants. Pat received her BS degree in Mathematics Education and Psychology and spent a



year teaching high school before coming to her senses and becoming a federal employee. She joined ASMC in 1983 and has been a member of the chapter's Executive Board since 1997. Pat served as chapter President from 2002 through 2011 and currently is the chapter's VP (Admin). Between working, ASMC, and family (husband Pat and two teen-age boys), Pat has little time left over for hobbies, but she does like to de-stress by doing Sudoku. She also enjoys serving in various capacities at her church.

Vice President (Membership) - Connie Lucas



Connie has worked at APG since 1985 (with a two year "break" at Adelphi, MD). She is currently with the CECOM G8, Managerial Accounting Division. Other APG organizations that Connie has worked for are the ARL Logistics Office and the HQ RDECOM G8, Financial Management. She has been a member of ASMC since 2006. She was the VP for Programs for 2 years. Connie is originally from Interlaken, NY, but has lived in Aberdeen since 1987. Her hobby is bowling. Connie currently serves the Harford County USBC Women's Bowling Association as 2nd Vice President. She recently completed her online courses with Grantham University and graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration. She has also completed her Level II Acquisition Certification. When not bowling or studying, Connie enjoys spending time with her family, especially her four grandchildren; Allison, Daniel, Caitlin, and Kaedan.

Vice President (Programs) - Winfield Kelley



Winfield (Kalonji) Kelley is a graduate of Towson University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Wilmington University. Kalonji began working for the Department of the Army in December 2008 as a program analyst for Program Executive Office Command, Control Communication and Tactical (PEO C3T). His duties entail OMA budget execution, forecasting, and planning. He also works with the Technical Management division as the program analyst responsible for the oversight of the Technical Management Division program. Mr. Kelley is a native of Baltimore, MD and has a fiancée and a daughter.

Secretary - Lori Bayliss



Lori has been at APG for 23 years. She is currently an accountant in the RDECOM G-8, Financial Management. Lori has been a member of ASMC for about 12 years and has been on the Executive Board since 2007.

Treasurer - Mary Morris



Mary Morris is a graduate of University of Maryland University College and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Management. Mrs. Morris presently is working toward her 24 credits in Accounting. She has worked for the Department of Army since 1984. Presently she is working as an IT Specialist in RDECOM Managerial Accounting Division. She is married and has one son. Mrs. Morris currently serves as the treasurer to Cub Scout Pack 313. Mary enjoys spending time with her family, going to Walt Disney World, crocheting and when time permits working on scrapbooking.

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Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM):
www.asmc certification.com

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*It seems that this is a real possibility around Ireland's
Dingle Peninsula!
(Don't do it! GFEBs isn't **that** bad!)*