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QUOTABLE QUOTES

*"After the government takes enough to balance the budget, the taxpayer has the job of budgeting the balance."  
~ Unknown*

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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Meetings/Luncheons

The quarterly Executive Committee meeting of the Chesapeake Chapter of ASMC was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at Primavera Restaurant. Programs, speakers, and fund raising were some of the topics discussed.

**BG Karen Dyson**, Director, Operations & Sustainment, Army Budget Office was the featured speaker at our July 25 general membership meeting. BG Dyson spoke on fiscal hot topics, FY11, FY12, FY13 budget issues, and installed the new chapter officers for the 2011-2012 chapter year. The luncheon was held at the Beechtree restaurant in Aberdeen. There were 66 in attendance at this meeting. The 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$76.50 was won by Lori Bayliss, who generously gave the money to ASMC Chesapeake Chapter scholarship fund.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Hello all and welcome to the new year! I want to let everyone know that there will be a lot of exciting opportunities coming up over the next few months, so mark your calendars! The ASMC Holiday Luncheon will be held in mid-December. We will have the RM Basket raffle again as it has been such a success for fundraising and we are looking forward to more beautiful baskets this year! Proceeds from this year's raffle will benefit our local Boys and Girls Club. We will also be hosting our first ever mini-PDI in January! We have some exciting speakers lined up to provide you with the latest in Comptroller-related news and issues. Please keep an eye out for registration information and sign up early! Since this is a training opportunity, your organization can pay the registration fee, but you will need to get your supervisors approval. CLP's will also be provided, so this can help towards meeting your acquisition certification requirements! 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 and I look forward to an exciting year as your President.



*Denett Rose*  
President  
ASMC, Chesapeake Chapter

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS



L. to R.: Winfield (Kalonji) Kelley, Connie Lucas, Lisa Ryan, Denett Rose, Pat O'Shea, Lori Bayliss, BG Dyson, and Mary Morris.

## 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 Summer 2011 edition has recently been added. The four most recent Journals will be maintained on the website.

### FEATURED ARTICLE

The following article was extracted from:

<http://www.army.mil/standto/archive/issue.php?issue=2011-08-30>

### UH-60M Black Hawk

The UH-60M Black Hawk is the Army's new utility helicopter that utilizes the most modern technology in its navigation, communication, and tactical systems. This airframe will extend the service life of the current utility helicopter fleet by an additional 20 years. The UH-60M is equipped with wide-chord rotor blades, a stronger engine, a digital cockpit and is interoperable with the latest Army Aviation Mission Planning Systems. These qualities enable pilots to plan missions on laptop computers. Currently, the Army plans to procure 1,375 UH-60Ms, which along with the recapitalization of the UH-60L, will bring the fleet to 2,135 aircraft.



The UH-60M provides a full range of capabilities for search and rescue, assault, medical, cargo missions, command and control, and aerial sustainment. The UH-60M is an "all terrain, day/night/night-vision-system." The Black Hawk can deliver 11 combat-loaded troops and can transport external loads. The medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) version of the Black Hawk, HH-60M, includes a full medical evacuation mission equipment package in the cabin area, integrated Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) and an onboard oxygen generating system. Because of its patrol, lift and reconnaissance capabilities, other government agencies (OGA) such as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Air Force, are also procuring the new airframe.

The Army has increased the number of HH-60 Black Hawk helicopters required in medical evacuation companies from 12 to 15 airframes. The Product Office recently fielded 45 new UH/HH-60M to the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade in Fort Bragg, N.C. Concurrently, the Army trained 144 aviators, 24 maintenance test pilots, 230 crew chiefs, 356 avionics technicians and 36 aircraft electricians under a New Equipment Training (NETT) program. By fielding and training the 82nd CAB at their home stations, Soldiers were able to stay with their families longer before deploying to their next tour.

With an average age exceeding 20 years in our current Black Hawk fleet, the Project Office continues to examine obsolescence and recapitalization programs. Work continues on the T701D engines, which offer more shaft horsepower for Black Hawk and Apache, and is managed under Utility Project Office. The next engine for the fleet is programmed to be the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Improved Turbine Engine Program which will offer 3,000 more shaft horsepower and better fuel economy.

On Tuesday, August 31 a general membership training luncheon was held at Giovanni's Restaurant. The featured speaker was **John Montgomery**, Army Help Desk Lead for Wide Area Workflow (WAWF). Mr. Montgomery spoke to the chapter via teleconference about WAWF and gave members vital tips on utilizing this system for invoices and receiving reports. Members were asked to bring two non-perishable food items to the meeting to support the Maryland Food Bank.

### Future Meetings

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

- ▶ Thursday, October 13: Audio Conference, "Course Based Certification"
- ▶ December Holiday Party with RM Basket Raffles
- ▶ Thursday, December 8: Audio Conference, "Update on Deficit Reduction Proposals"
- ▶ Thursday, February 9: Audio Conference, "Budget Panel Discussion"
- ▶ Thursday, April 12: Audio Conference, "Federal Retirement Benefits Update"

In addition, plans are underway for a mini-PDI in January as well as other speakers/topics throughout the chapter year.

### NEWS FROM NATIONAL

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 and a fifth one is expected to be added to the list of conference hotels soon. The theme for next year's PDI is "Professionalism in Action". Registration for PDI workshops and accommodations will open in early February 2012.

### Future PDIs

- 2012 - Anaheim, California
- 2013 - Denver, Colorado
- 2014 - Seattle, Washington
- 2015 - New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2016 - Orlando, Florida
- 2017 - San Diego, California

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Coming in January 2012!**

Plans are underway for a Mini-PDI (one day event) to be held sometime in January 2012. The theme of the Mini-PDI is "The Future Is Now". Possible workshop subjects include: Fiscal Environment, Contracting Process, Civilian Benefits, Comptroller Career Program, and changes to myPay. If you would like to volunteer to assist the planning committee, please contact **Connie Lucas**, [connie.m.lucas4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:connie.m.lucas4.civ@mail.mil).



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/](http://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/) to register for this course.

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**"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today."**  
~ Will Rogers

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**MEMBER NEWS**

Congratulations to **Connie Lucas** on her graduation from Grantham University! Connie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration on August 6 in Kansas City MO.



**Pat O'Shea** is expected back at work in mid-October after undergoing a total hip replacement on Monday, August 29. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

(Do you think she planned this on purpose to miss fiscal year-end?)

The following article was extracted from the August 23, 2011 press release from U.S Army Garrison Fort Monmouth.

**Fort Monmouth Garrison to hold Inactivation Ceremony Sept. 13**

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J. – Fort Monmouth Garrison Manager George Fitzmaier will host a Garrison inactivation ceremony at Garrison Headquarters here on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. If there's inclement weather, the ceremony will be held instead inside the fort's Expo Theater.

The ceremony unofficially marks the closure of Fort Monmouth as a military installation.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, Fort Monmouth will perform its final daily retreat ceremony at 4:30 p.m. in the post's Cowan Park during which the American flag will be taken down from its flag pole for the final time during the post's existence as an active military installation.

Following the closure of the installation on Sept. 15, the property will begin preparation for transfer to the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA) to sell or lease the property for reuse within the civilian community.

Executive Director of the FMERA Bruce Steadman said that in the days, months and years following the closure of Fort Monmouth "security on the [closed] installation is the highest priority" for his organization. "FMERA will maintain a high level of security and will have a professional police force on-site to protect the property, tenants and visitors beginning Sept. 15, 2011," he said.

Fort Monmouth Garrison Manager Fitzmaier said that following the post's closure, the Army will retain a small caretaker workforce including contractors who will handle building and grounds maintenance and other upkeep missions.

"I'm confident looking toward the future that, through the continuing dedicated efforts of the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority and the ever loyal support of our neighboring civilian communities, the legacy of Fort Monmouth will be appropriately retained and cherished," he said.



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*Maryland National Guard Soldiers cross a flooded area in Salisbury, Md., Aug. 28, 2011, as they provide support to civilian law-enforcement and firefighting agencies following Hurricane Irene.*