President’s Message

Happy New Fiscal Year to everyone. We made it through yet another year and are now working within the limitations of a continuing resolution. For most, a continuing resolution is a source of frustration and for all, it’s just reality. I thought I would look to our government for more information regarding continuing resolutions, as knowledge leads to understanding.

Whitehouse.gov provides the following information regarding continuing resolutions...

What is a continuing resolution?
Continuing resolutions (also known as “CRs”) are joint resolutions that provide continuing appropriations for a fiscal year. CRs are enacted when Congress has not yet passed new appropriations bills and a program’s appropriations are about to or have expired, or when the President has vetoed congressionally passed appropriations bills. Because of the nature of CRs, you should operate at a minimal level until after your regular appropriation is enacted.

How do I determine the amount available for obligation under a continuing resolution?
Usually, CRs do not appropriate specific sums of money. Rather, they provide “formulas” for calculating the amounts available for continuing programs at minimal levels. You should carefully review each CR to determine the formula provided. Keep in mind that the amount available under a CR is the product of negotiations among the various factions in the Congress and the Administration. As a result, the formula provided in each CR will likely differ from the formula in previous CRs.

Does the continuing resolution limit the purposes for which funds may be obligated?
Normally, yes. A CR makes amounts available subject to the same terms and conditions specified in the enacted appropriations acts from the prior fiscal year. The CR may also establish additional terms and conditions. Normally, you are not permitted to start new projects or activities.

Do I have to request a warrant from Treasury while operating under a continuing resolution?
Generally, no. Excluding a full-year CR, Treasury will not issue a warrant under a CR unless an agency explicitly requests one (see Treasury Financial Manual I TFM2–2000, section 2025.20). Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis if the CR extends beyond the second quarter of the fiscal year. Further FMS Treasury guidance may be found on the USSGL website (http://www.fms.treas.gov/USSGL/index.html).

For more information on continuing resolutions, go to www.whitehouse.gov and search continuing resolutions. Understanding them will lessen the frustration we associate with them.

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**Guest Speaker:** Mr. James Amps III
International Renowned Motivational Speaker and Author

**Topic:** “The Challenge of Success in a Diverse World”

**When:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 1200–1300 Hrs.

**Where:** Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) (Located in DLA & DCAA complex)
8725 John J Kingman Road, Bldg 6201
Ft Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6201

**Cost:** $15.00 (Members & Non-members)

**Menu Selection:**
1. Texas Beef Brisket-topped w/creamy coleslaw & Mojo Mild BBQ Sauce & potato salad
2. Pig Squealin’ Combo-Pulled pork sandwich & a "personal sized" onion loaf, w/potato salad
3. Fried Shrimp Po’ Boy-served on a baked dinner roll w/lettuce, tomato, & remoulade sauce
4. Pulled Chicken-Savory smoked chicken, w/coleslaw & Mojo Mild BBQ Sauce & w/potato salad

Register online NLT COB November 15, 2011 with your menu choice

For questions, please contact Sharon White via e-mail Sharon.d.White@usace.army.mil or 703-428-7325

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From ASMC National Headquarters—www.asmconline.org

Senate Armed Services committee leaders tell supercommittee to avoid additional defense cuts
31st October 2011

House Armed Services committee warns against “irresponsible” defense cuts
21st October 2011

GAO cites improvement in long-term fiscal outlook
28th October 2011

Electronic monthly statements for military retirees to become available November 1
21st October 2011

OMB urges Congress to hold firm on agreed-to FY2012 funding level and reject policy riders
27th October 2011

Panetta tells Congress he is accelerating efforts to achieve audit readiness
17th October 2011

Senate moves on FY2012 appropriations, but Continuing Resolution extension likely
26th October 2011

Feds retiring in early January 2012 must schedule leave by November 19 or risk losing it
17th October 2011

Will your career be affected by the proposed DoD Financial Management Certification Program? Listen to this audio presentation to find out
14th October 2011

Coast Guard Commandant tells Congress recapitalizing aging fleet critical to mission success
7th October 2011

President signs FY2012 Continuing Resolution to keep government running until Nov. 18
5th October 2011

New JCS chairman outlines priorities
4th October 2011

ASMC wants to know…

The Armed Forces Comptroller is available to members in two formats, which do you prefer?

Online 52.1%
Printed 46.71%
I’m not a member 1.2%

October Mentoring Luncheon

October’s Mentoring luncheon was held at the Humphrey’s Engineer Center Casey Building.

Everyone enjoyed the excellent opportunity to get advice and guidance from some of the best and brightest in our military comptroller and financial management community.

The Mentors were Dr. Ronald Adolph, Anita Bales, Joseph Bentz, and Sandra Richardson.
Publication Highlights—The Armed Forces Comptroller

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Efficiencies – Reducing DoD Overhead

Making Every Defense Dollar Count
The Honorable Robert F. Hale

Improving Defense Business Operations through a Cross-Functional, Integrated Management Approach
Elizabeth McGrath

What Were They Thinking?
Colonel Jeffrey Powell, CDFM

The infusion of Efficiency into DON Culture and Processes
Eric Fanning
Jennifer Balisle

Efficiencies – Reducing DoD Overhead: The Air Force's Efficiency Efforts
Colonel Charles Fulghum
Lieutenant Colonel Frank Verdugo

Contract Management – A Fundamental Component of Any Resource Management Program
Brigadier General Thomas A. Horlander, CDFM

The CFO Act Financial Audit Process – A unique Look in DoD's Efficiency Toolbox
John A Knubel

DFAS and the CFO Act
Keith Welk
Crystal Allen, CDFM
Terry Roberts

Applying a Commercial Merger & Acquisition Approach to Enable DoD Cost Efficiencies
Joann Boutelle
Jonathan Baba

Department of Defense Efficiency Initiatives: Implementing Proposals for Cost Control
Jeffrey P. Moon

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ASMC Connection
Stay informed of news and updates with this members-only monthly e-newsletter.

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Keep your management skills sharp with in-depth articles on defense financial management issues. Read the journal and take an exam to earn CPE's.

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Network and connect with local colleagues.

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Audio Education
Distance-based learning by leading experts.

Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Certification
The Sign of Distinction in Defense Financial Management

ASMC Online Learning Center (formerly PDI Online)
Members-only online education where you can earn more than 80 CPE's.
PDI
The industry’s largest gathering where you can network with more than 4,500 colleagues and attend education sessions that impact you on a day-to-day basis.
Pink Ladies for Breast Cancer Awareness

As we all know, Breast Cancer is a serious and deadly health risk to both men and women of all walks of life. To bring attention to this cause, Ms. Sharon White organized the group - The Pink Ladies. Ms. White and Ms. Diana Boyd began The Pink Ladies by wearing pink ponytails and the pink Breast Cancer Awareness Ribbon. The attention they received gave them the opportunity to share with inquisitive employees why they were wearing pink ponytails and to also educate them about the importance of mammograms in the fight against breast cancer.

On October 31, 2011, Ms. White came up with the idea for the Pink Ladies to wear pink wigs, in addition to the pink clothing and ribbons. The Pink Ladies grew to four members; in addition to Ms. White and Ms. Boyd, Ms. Jackie McMillian-Hanna and Ms. Vickie Lomax joined The Pink Ladies. Each ‘Pink Lady’ proudly wore a pink wig, a pink blouse, and the Pink Breast Cancer ribbon all day at work. While many people thought the ladies were donning Halloween outfits, the Pink Ladies were quick to point out they were donning pink hair, clothes and ribbons for breast cancer awareness.

At the end of the day – and the end of Breast Cancer Awareness Month – the Pink Ladies had a lot of fun and felt satisfied the mission to bring attention to the importance of mammograms in the fight against Breast Cancer was accomplished.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
- John Quincy Adams

By: Vickie J. Lomax

Did You Know...

From ASMC National—Earlier this year ASMC conducted a survey of its members, in which many have taken part. A result of the survey showed nearly 80% felt it was either very important or moderately important for ASMC to invest substantial resources into building a virtual attendance into PDI for those who cannot physically attend. Additionally, the challenges that may curtail training funds and the new DoD initiative for more professional training influenced ASMC's decision to offer a virtual PDI starting in 2012.
You are cordially invited...

Registration is now OPEN for the Mount Vernon Chapter of ASMC 2012 Professional Development Day

23 February 2012
0800 - 1600
Waterford at Springfield
6715 Commerce Street
Springfield, VA 22150
(703) 719-5700

Register by 31 December 2011 to take advantage of the early bird discount!!
ASMC Members - $100  Non-members - $135

Registrations received
1 January 2012 through 9 February 2012:
ASMC Members - $120  Non-members - $155

Register today!!
http://chapters.asmconline.org/mtvernon/
Free CDFM Module 2 Audio Training

When? 15 November – 16 November 2011

What? Module 2 (Budget and Cost Analysis) CDFM Training via audio lines. The training should be viewed as "top off" training for those who already have training or experience in Module 2 topics.

Which lessons are in Module 2?
- Defense Budget Process (60% of exam)
- Cost and Economic Analysis (20% of exam)
- Business Management Process Improvement (10% of exam)
- Fiscal Law (10% of exam)

How long is the training?
Two four hour sessions starting at 1200 and ending at approximately 1600.

Where will the training be conducted?
Training will be held at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency - TASC, Inc. located at Crown Center, 8211 Terminal Road, Suite 1000, Lorton, VA 22079-1421 (right off of Fairfax County Pkwy /VA-7100). General directions from Dulles Airport and National Airport are provided separately.

What kind of identification do I need to get in the complex?
A CAC ID Card (or another form of Government ID) and DoD decals are not required to access the Crown Center.

How do I register for the training?
Send an e-mail to the CDFM Chair, Tony Wisdom at anthony.wisdom@osd.mil (703-459-7485). While your name will be on the list of participants, it is a good idea to bring a copy of the email confirmation.

Can I just show up for training?
Not recommended. The maximum seating capacity is 25 and only registered, active ASMC members are approved to attend. A waiting list will be kept in the event that some members cancel their reservations.

Are there requirements for me after I complete the training?
The expectation is that you would take the corresponding exam for Module 2 within a month. Learning is perishable, “Use it or lose it”!

When will the next free training be offered?
This is a one time good deal sponsored by National.

What about the textbook?
The instructor will be lecturing from the most current edition therefore students are encouraged to bring an EDFMTC textbook published no later than October 2010 for the audio training. You can purchase the text book with Modules 1-3 ($40.00 shrink wrapped or $50.00 with binder). You can purchase the Module 4 Addendum separately for $25.00. You can purchase Modules 1-3 with the Module 4 Addendum together for $65.00. All textbooks are shipped UPS and you should allow up to 4 weeks for delivery. UPS will not deliver to a Post Office Box, please include a street mailing address on your order form (see attachment 1). Send payment to: ASMC, ATTN: EDFMTC Textbook Sales, 415 North Alfred St, Suite 3, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Can I just copy or scan the textbook material?
NO WAY! It is a copyrighted document and may not be reproduced without permission. Chapters have been advised that should the instructor or facilitator see an unauthorized copy of the textbook in the class (just one) the session will end immediately and will not be rescheduled.

How many CPEs are awarded for this?
8 CPEs. Documentation will be provided for you to fill in your name upon completion of the training session.

Are there cafeteria facilities?
No. However, at a cost of $11.00 per person you can obtain a bagged lunch that comes with a choice of an 8” sub along with an assortment of chips, drinks and a cookie. There is also a snack and soda machine in the kitchen area of the Crown Center. In addition coffee and tea will be provided as a complimentary service at no charge.
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What would you like to see in your Mount Vernon Chapter Newsletter?? Send information, articles, and suggestions to: Kisha.Morgan@us.army.mil

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Upcoming Events

**Suntrust Richmond Marathon**
Begin Date: November 12 2011
End Date: November 12 2011
Location: Richmond, VA

**Fiscal Law - Purpose Course**
Begin Date: November 14 2011
End Date: November 15 2011
Location: Washington, DC

**Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC) - Hosted by NAVY**
Begin Date: Nov 14 2011
End Date: Nov 18 2011
Location: Washington Navy Yard, DC

**Module 4 - Acquisition Business Management**
Begin Date: November 17 2011
End Date: November 18 2011
Location: Washington, DC

**Free CDFM Module 2 Training**
Begin Date: November 15 2011
End Date: November 16 2011
Location: DTRA - TASC, Inc. at Crown Center, 8211 Terminal Road, Suite 1000, Lorton, VA 22079

**Status of Deficit Reduction in Congress**
Begin Date: Dec 08 2011 14:00
End Date: Dec 08 2011
Location: Audio Education

**Status of Deficit Reduction in Congress - Corporate Breakfast**
Begin Date: Dec 13 2011 07:00
End Date: Dec 13 2011
Location: Bank of America on 15th Street NW in Washington D.C.

**Module 3 Audio Training - Accounting and Finance**
Begin Date: Dec 13 2011 12:00
End Date: Dec 14 2011
Location: Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, 7701 Telegraph Rd, Casey Building, Room 140B, Alexandria, Virginia

For chapter events visit
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For all ASMC events visit
http://www.asmconline.org/

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Missed the last edition of the Mount Vernon Chapter’s “Dollars and Sense”?
Go to our chapter website for information and upcoming events!!
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