



***FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

“Never Stop Trying to Make It Better”

12 – 16 March 2006
Westin Indianapolis Hotel
Indianapolis, IN



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS
NATIONAL GUARD CHAPTER



ASMC-NG

6 March 2006

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to downtown Indianapolis, Indiana for our annual National Guard Chapter Professional Development Institute (PDI)!

Once again, the National Guard Chapter is co-sponsoring this PDI with the National Guard Bureau Comptroller Division. This co-sponsoring arrangement allows our organization and the National Guard Bureau to provide the most current information available in areas such as fiscal accounting, budgeting, military pay, vendor pay, new system applications, and management controls. It also provides you the opportunity to receive information on future finance systems and best business practices from experienced National Guard Bureau instructors and fellow ASMC members.

As co-sponsors for this PDI, your National Guard Chapter leadership and the National Guard Bureau Comptroller developed this year's theme "We Should Never Stop Thinking about Making it Better". This theme beckons us to stop and think about the way we do business and the systems we use to conduct our business. We should never stop thinking about leveraging current technologies to improve our systems. Along with that, we must continually review our business processes in order to utilize these new systems to their fullest potential. Only through this process can we claim to be stewards of our scarce resources and providing the best services to our customers.

I hope you take full advantage of the many training courses provided at this year's conference. We have developed a full schedule that makes this PDI the premier event in the finance field. I highly encourage you to attend our Chapter meeting on Monday evening where we will elect a new President and a new Secretary. Don't forget the Chapter Fair on Tuesday evening with a silent auction and a live auction, where we will have fun and raise money for our scholarship fund. Also, please take the time to visit with our corporate sponsors and learn what they have to offer. As your outgoing Chapter President, I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's PDI and believe this is one training opportunity none of us can afford to miss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary A. James".

Gary A. James
National Guard Chapter
ASMC President



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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ATTENDEES

SUBJECT: Financial Management Professional Development Training

1. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to this year's Army National Guard Financial Management Training and National Guard Chapter of American Society of Military Comptroller (ASMC) Professional Development Institute (PDI). Again this year, the National Guard Bureau is co-sponsoring this training along with the ASMC to bring you the most current financial information available.
2. The theme for this year's conference is "We Should Never Stop Thinking about Making it Better". We co-developed this theme with the ASMC as a reminder to everyone in the financial world that we should never rest when it comes to taking care of our most precious resources, namely our Soldiers and the funds to which we are entrusted. We can do this by developing and fielding user-friendly financial systems using the latest technological advances and knowing how to use the current tools available. We have developed or are in the process of fielding systems such as Resource Management Online (RM Online); MyUnitPay; General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS); and the Defense Travel System (DTS). The implementation and fielding of these systems will require a considerable amount of training. You can do your part of "We Should Never Stop Thinking about Making it Better" by attending this year's PDI and working with your counterparts to gain an understanding of these systems, the tools available, and how to use them to your advantage. We can no longer afford to keep doing business as usual.
3. Based on this year's theme, my staff along with the ASMC has prepared an aggressive training schedule encompassing all the systems mentioned above and much more. We hope to provide a wealth of information for you to learn and put to good use back in your State. We encourage you to attend as many of the classes as possible and obtain best business practices from our

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instructors and your counterparts. We must continue to progress as a viable financial organization in these times of dwindling resources while continuing Modernization efforts and the Global War on Terrorism.

4. We are very pleased to once again hold this course in beautiful downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. It is one of the safest big cities in the nation and has a wealth of attractions for you to visit in your spare time. I encourage you to attend the scheduled social functions, enjoy our featured speakers, meet old friends, and gain some new ones. I look forward to meeting you and wish you a very rewarding conference.



TIMOTHY J. WOJTECKI
Lieutenant Colonel, GS
Chief, Comptroller Division

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2006 PROGRAM

The Professional Development Program objective is to enhance skills and abilities that personnel in the financial and resource management community must possess to meet the challenges of working in the 21st century. 11 March 2006 is designated as the travel and registration day. On Monday morning the Opening Ceremony will feature the Indiana Army National Guard Color Guard and special keynote speaker. A luncheon with guest presenter and various workshops complete the first day's schedule. On Tuesday morning we will present an update from the Army National Guard G8 and the Comptroller's State of the Union. Tuesday will also include a luncheon with featured speaker. A Chapter Awards Ceremony, DFAS Reorganization Update, and Resource Management Improvement Committee Report open Wednesday's schedule. Thursday, the final day of the conference, wraps up with Program Manager's Budget Execution and ARNG Financial Services Center overviews and Retiring of the Colors. A multitude of general and specific functional area workshops will round out the week's schedule. In addition, the conference will present continuing RM Online and myUnitPay demos. You can enhance your resume by taking the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) examination. CDFM examination reviews are also offered. Check your agenda for full details and course descriptions.

PROPER ATTIRE

As ambassadors of the U. S. Government and the National Guard Bureau, military and civilian personnel should dress professionally for this conference. Conference and workshop attire for Active Guard Reserve and Military Technicians is the **Class B Uniform**. Civilian personnel will wear **appropriate business attire**.

CHAPTER MEETING

Monday evening, the National Guard Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will conduct a chapter meeting and icebreaker. This is the perfect opportunity to meet and greet your fellow members.

BUFFET and AUCTION

Tuesday night's activities include a dinner buffet and our annual benefit auction.

Pledge of Professionalism

AS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS, I PLEDGE TO...

Be guided in all activities by loyalty to the highest principles, always remembering that public office is a public trust

Refrain from activities which are in conflict with the public interest or are discreditable to The Society, and to avoid activities which create the appearance of such conflict.

Exercise diligence, objectivity and integrity in professional activities, ever aware of the responsibility to eliminate improprieties.

Refrain from the transmission of usage, for personal gain or advantage, of information obtained in the professional environment.

Carefully earn, and continuously protect, my reputation for good moral character in comptrollership.

Recognize that professional example will influence associates and efficiency.

Continuously strive to increase my professional knowledge and skills to improve service and value to associates in the Society.

Extend the same consideration to the rights and interests of others that I seek for myself.

Respect the professionalism of fellow members and work with them to promote the goals and programs of the Society.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK J. GRASS

Deputy Director, Army National Guard

Brigadier General Frank J. Grass assumed duties as Deputy Director, Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Washington, DC on April 2, 2004. As Deputy Director, he is responsible for assisting the Director, Army National Guard in formulating, developing and coordinating all programs, policies and plans affecting the Army National Guard.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Brigadier General Grass enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard in October 1969. He attended the Missouri Army National Guard Military Academy Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in the Engineer Corps in 1981. Prior to assuming duty as the Deputy Director, Army National Guard, he served as the G-3 and Chief of Operations Division, Army National Guard.

EDUCATION:

1975 St. Louis Community College - Associate Degree - Environmental Technology
1985 Metropolitan State University – BS Degree – Liberal Arts
1992 Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
1997 Southwest Missouri State University – MS Degree – Resource Planning
2000 National Defense University, National War College – MS Degree – National Security Strategy

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Sep 81 - Oct 81, Platoon Leader, Det 1, 220th Engr Co, Festus, Missouri (Nonrated)
2. Oct 81 - Feb 82, Student, Engineer Officer Basic Course, Fort Belvoir,
3. Feb 82 - Jan 84, Project Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, St. Paul District, St. Paul, Minnesota
4. Jan 84 - Nov 84, Platoon Leader, Co D, 15th Engineer Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
5. Nov 84 - May 85, Company Executive Officer, Co D, 15th Engineer Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington

6. May 85 - Jan 86, Battalion Motor Officer, 15th Engineer Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
7. Jan 86 - Feb 86, USAR Control Group, Unassigned, St. Louis, Missouri
8. Feb 86 - Jul 86, S4, 880th Engineer Battalion, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri
9. Jul 86 - Jul 88, Company Commander, 220th Engineer Company, Festus, Missouri
10. Jul 88 - Jul 88, Civil Engineer, 35th Engineer Brigade, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri
11. Jul 88 - Jul 91, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri
12. Jul 91 - Jun 92, Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
13. Jun 92 - Jul 94, Engineer Exercise Project Officer, Headquarters, US Army South, Fort Clayton, Panama
14. Jul 94 - Jul 97, Chief, Exercise Section, Exercise Branch, Army National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Virginia
15. Jul 97 - Jul 99, Battalion Commander, 203d Engineer Battalion, Joplin, Missouri
16. Jul 99 - Jun 00, Student, National War College, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, DC
17. Jun 00 - Sep 03, Chief, Operations Division, Army National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Virginia
18. Sep 03 - Apr 04, G-3, Army National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Virginia
19. Apr 04 - Present, Deputy Director, Army National Guard, Army National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Virginia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass Device)
Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 2)
Parachutist Badge
US Army Excellence in Competition Rifleman Badge (Bronze)
Army Superior Unit Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

2LT ARNG 12 Sep 81 1LT AUS 19 Apr 83 CPT AUS 01 Jul 85 MAJ ARNG 04 Aug 90
LTC ARNG 07 Feb 95 COL ARNG 31 May 00 BG (LINE) ARNG 02 Apr 04



Colonel Billy R. Smith

Prior to his present assignment to the Finance School, COL Smith served as Commander, Defense Finance & Accounting Service-Orlando, FL. His first assignment was with the 59th Finance Support Unit in Bremerhaven, Germany where he served as Central Accounting Officer and Disbursing Officer. Subsequent assignments included: Resource Review Officer and Chief, Programs, Headquarters, Office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army; Comptroller/Budget & Accounting Officer, U.S. Liaison Office, Kuwait; Chief, Officer Proponency and Chief, Combat Developments, U.S. Army Finance School, Fort Harrison, Indiana; Commander, Company D, 1st Battalion, Troop Brigade, Fort Harrison, Indiana; Executive Officer, 4th Finance Battalion and Division Comptroller, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; and, NATO School (SHAPE) Budget Officer, Germany. He commanded the 126th Finance Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and served concurrently as the Defense Accounting Officer. He went on to serve as Director of Evaluation and Standards and later Director of the Financial Management Operations Department at the U.S. Army Finance School, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. COL Smith served as Comptroller/C8, 3rd Army/ARCENT/Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) at Ft McPherson, Georgia and Camp Doha, Kuwait, respectively during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. COL Smith graduated from Alcorn State University in 1980 as a Distinguished Military Graduate and received a commission into the U.S. Army Finance Corps. He received a Masters Degree from Webster University in Financial Management and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College. His military education includes the Finance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Defense Security Assistance Management Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Phase II - Joint Professional Management Course, and the Army War College.

COL Smith's awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Global War Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Airborne Parachutist Badge. COL Smith is married to Dr. (Colonel) Sheila B. Jones. Between them, they have two daughters, Felicia and Hannah.



Mr. Nelson M. Ford

**Principal Deputy for Controls to the Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Financial Management and Comptroller)**

Nelson Ford currently serves as Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller. From 2001 through 2004, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Budgets & Financial Policy in the Department of Defense, where he was responsible for financial management, policy development and program evaluation for the Defense Health Program.

Mr. Ford has held senior management positions in academic medicine, medical manufacturing and health insurance, as well as providing strategic and financial advice to a wide range of clients in the health care field. From 1997 to 2000, he was President and CEO of Clinipad, a manufacturer of disposable medical products. During the 1990's, he was Chief Operating Officer of Georgetown University Medical Center, with responsibilities including management of Georgetown Hospital and practice plans, research activities, and academic budgets of the medical and nursing schools.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Ford was a partner with Coopers & Lybrand and was responsible for healthcare consulting in the Mid-Atlantic region. He was the Executive Secretary of the Health Care Financing Administration and worked on health policy matters in the Office of Management and Budget during the 1970's. He serves on the board of AcademyHealth and has served on many other not-for-profit boards and advisory committees.

Mr. Ford holds a bachelor's degree in history from Duke University, a master's in education from the University of Delaware and has completed additional professional training at the University of Pennsylvania.



Mr. John J. Argodale

**Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA), Financial Operations
for the ASA (FM&C)**

Upon entry into the Senior Executive Service (SES) on December 28, 2003, Mr. Argodale became the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Operations (DASA(FO)), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller (OASA(FM&C)). As the DASA(FO), Mr. Argodale is responsible for policies, procedures, programs, and systems supporting finance and accounting operations; Army financial management systems and data integration activities; Army programs for management control, internal review, and audit compliance; and other financial management evaluation activities.

Prior to his current duties, Mr. Argodale served as the Army's senior accountant and Director, Finance and Accounting Oversight Directorate, OASA(FM&C). In this capacity, Mr. Argodale advised the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Operations on Army-wide financial management functions and duties. These responsibilities encompass oversight of the Army's financial systems and financial systems' integration with functional systems and processes, accounting policies and procedures, and oversight of finance and accounting support provided by the DFAS network.

Mr. Argodale began his career with the Military District of Washington-Finance and Accounting office in April 1977. He has served in a variety of finance and accounting positions at Fort Irwin, California; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Headquarters TRADOC, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Headquarters National Guard Bureau; and in the Office of the DoD-Comptroller.

Mr. Argodale holds a BA Degree in Accounting from Saint Leo University and an MBA Degree in Management from Syracuse University; he is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Army Comptrollership Program.

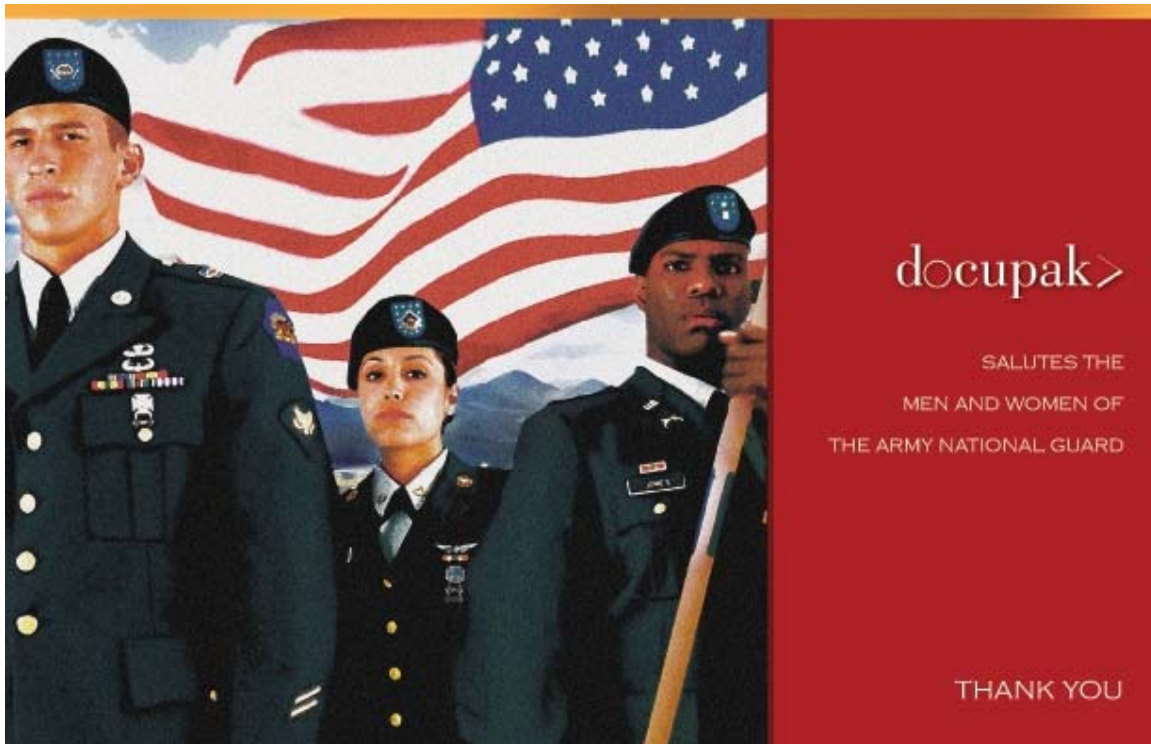
Mr. Argodale's honors and awards include: Special Act Awards, US Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service and Certificate of Commendation.



Workshop Presentations

All Workshop Presentations will be available for download or viewing on the GKO Portal approximately 30 days following the conference.

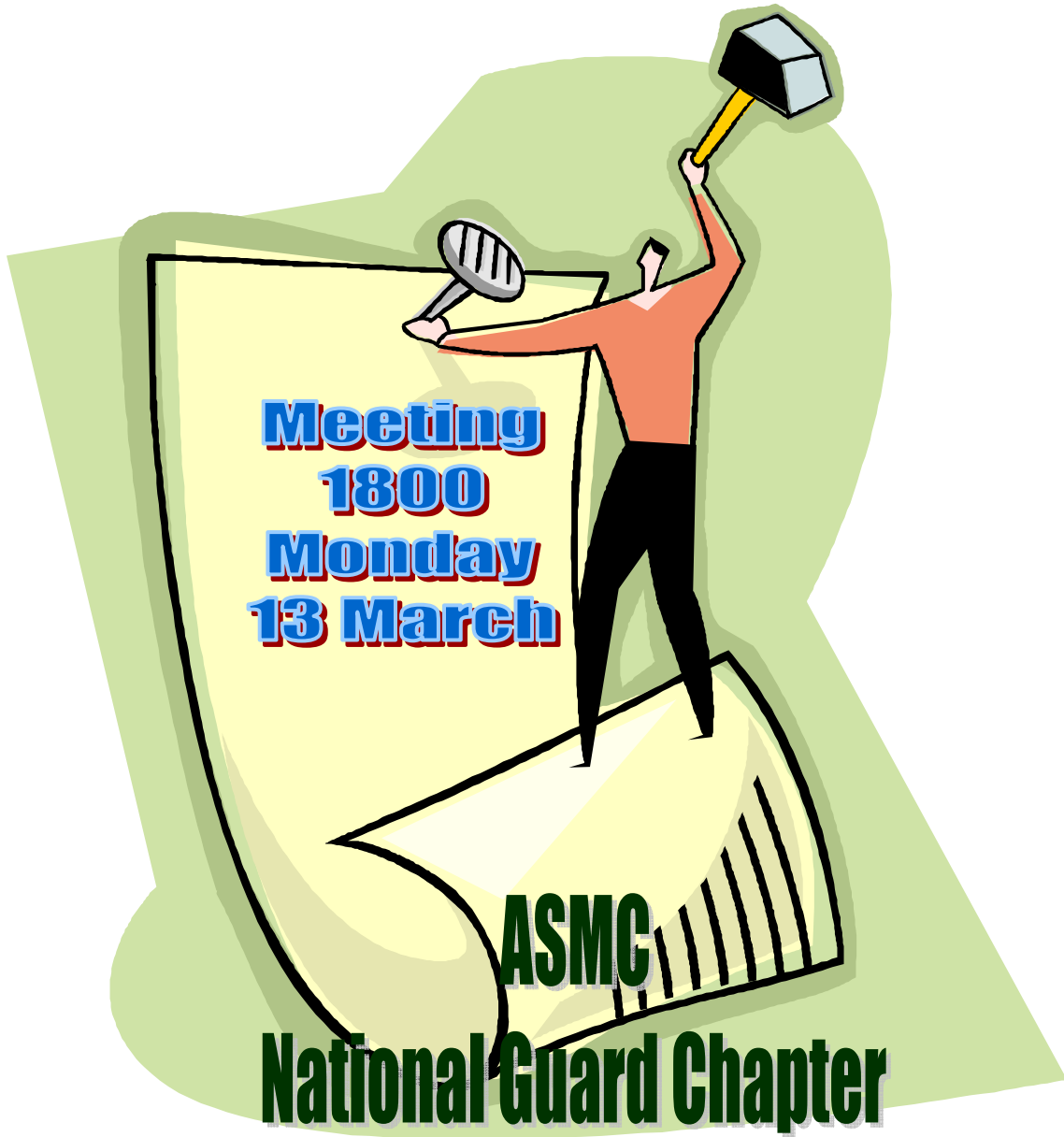
- ✚ Access the GKO Portal
- ✚ Select ARNG
- ✚ Select Resource Management (G8)
- ✚ Browse Topics by By Comptroller Division (ARC)
- ✚ There will be a file titled "2006 FMPD Indy" 12-16 March located in the Financial Services Center (ARC- F) document library



To our brothers and sisters In the Army National Guard Financial Management Community In the Gulf Coast States

*We offer our unending support and hope for a brighter
future for you, your families, and your cities.*





- ✚ Annual Chapter Meeting
- ✚ Announcement of Election Results
- ✚ National PDI Information
- ✚ Chapter News

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CDFM Testing

**Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March
0830 – 1630
CONGRESS ROOM**

**Pre-test Review
0930 – 1700 Monday 13 March
1030 – 1700 Tuesday 14 March
CONGRESS ROOM**

(times subject to change, check your agenda)



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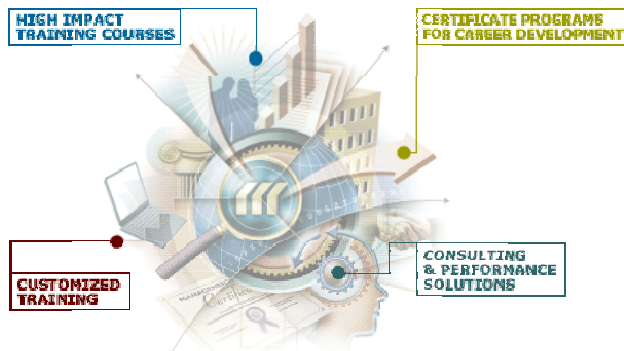
*Prizes for Best Individual and Best Group

 <p>1730 - 1800</p>	<p>Catch Up with Your Friends at Happy Hour (cash bar) But Please, <i>No Dribbling</i></p>	
 <p>1800</p>	<p><i>Slam Dunk</i> a Plateful of Food at the Buffet Table</p>	
 <p>Following Dinner</p>	<p><i>SCORE</i> a Great Item at the ASMC Charity Auction</p>	

Chapter Officers

President	Gary James
Vice President	Clif Jenkins
Secretary	Kathi Hughes
Treasurer	John Seprodi
Chairpersons	
Membership/Webmaster	Gloria Sherman
Awards/Corporate Sponsors	Klem Caron
Nominations	Diana Meador
Community Service/Charity	Dan Thompson
Storekeeper	Irene Salazar
Scholarship	Brian Bogner

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To

Rebecca Sowder
Gail Smith
Tim Meggenhofen

&

All of the *Awesome* Staff at the
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