

# THE GUARDIAN

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## Holidays Bring Happiness

*It is once again time for us to count our amazing blessings and help a National Guard family for Christmas. This will be our local community service event for this season.*

*This year, NG-ASMC has obtained the information for an Indiana National Guard member's family.*

*Though many of you do not reside in the Indiana area, we continue to urge each member or group to reach out to your local community and participate in lending a giving heart this season.*

*Examples for local community service include the following:*

- ~ Volunteer at a local homeless shelter*
- ~ Volunteer at a charge or food bank to feed less fortunate*
- ~ Commit to an angel tree gift program in your community*
- ~ Donate unused items to those in need*
- ~ Reach out in your NG families and give gifts to their children*

*Whatever it is you chose will bring a warmth to someone's heart and a smile to their face. Give when you can and take joy in knowing it is received with an open heart of gratitude.*

### QUICK LINKS FOR INFORMATION



National Guard Chapter  
<http://www.ng-asmc.org>

*Please visit our Facebook for more information!!!*

*~ Kimberly Hood - Chapter Treasurer*

## PRESIDENT CORNER

ASMC National Guard Chapter members:

This has been a good year for the National Guard chapter of ASMC. Our membership has increased and we have more CDFMs to n our rolls. We also had a scholarship award this year, something that had been absent for the past several years.

Most importantly, we were able to gather as a chapter in Des Moines in August. For some of you, this was the first time to meet other ASMC members outside of your own state. It was a great opportunity to renew old friendships and network with new members of the financial community.

Also important is the National PDI. About two dozen of you attended the PDI in Orlando and saw how other services operate and listen to presentations from national leaders. I urge you to make plans to attend the 2017 PDI in San Diego to further your professional development.

Our treasurer has included a message to remind all of us to be charitable during this holiday season. As an organization, we depend on charitable acts and volunteerism. We should be equally charitable in giving back to our local communities.

Finally, we need to add more members to our executive board. I have retired from the Army after 36 years of service. I plan to stay on as President until we have new elections in a few months, but we need members to step up and take on leadership roles. I have enjoyed the challenges of the past two years and built a strong relationship with National Guard leadership. It's time for me to move on and pass on the leadership of this organization to someone new. Thank you for your support and continue the high standards you set as professional managers of our Nation's funds.



### *ASMC MISSION:*

*To Promote Education, Training, & Professional Development in ALL aspects of Military Comptrollership.*

## \$\$ WINTER SAVINGS \$\$

Save NOW while you still can!

Membership fee increase is effective 1 January 2017. However, the actual increase will only occur after the individual membership "paid through" date.

Therefore, if you pay today – you could save for future years!

Individual annual membership will increase from \$26 to \$40.

Three year membership will increase from \$75 to \$114.

ASMC Membership benefits include the following:

1. Gain insight to information on current trends and developments in the financial management of the Department of Defense.
2. Receive a subscription to the [Armed Forces Comptroller](#), the quarterly professional journal of the ASMC, and the ASMC Connection, the monthly e-newsletter.
3. Receive discounts for registration at the national Professional Development Institute, a three day educational event that provides valuable CPE and networking opportunities.
4. Have access to online educational opportunities, where members can participate at their own pace, start and stop sessions, and download presentations.
5. Join in on NG-Chapter business. Chapter benefits could include monthly luncheons, local education activities, chapter publications, philanthropic endeavors and more.
6. Receive discounts on [Certified Defense Financial Manager \(CDFM\) Program](#) training [textbooks](#), [enrollment](#), and [recertification](#).
7. Have the opportunity to participate in the [National Awards Program](#). This program includes achievement awards, an essay contest, corporate member award, members' continuing education grants, high school scholarships and many chapter program awards.
8. Gain access to the CPE management tool, which allows members to manage, track and record their continuing education experience.
9. Have an opportunity to demonstrate leadership as a chapter officer or committee member.
10. Network with military comptrollers/financial managers and other business organizations interested in military comptrollership.

### We Want YOU!!!

*Chapter Officer Positions will open April 2017.*

*We need new highly energetic individuals to step up!*

*We are looking for people to fill vacancies in several areas.*

*Please send a resume and a position of interest to the Secretary, Mrs. Jennifer Pontow, [secretary@ng-asmc.org](mailto:secretary@ng-asmc.org), as soon as possible to get on a nomination ballot.*

*If you are interested in a Sub-Committee please send me your contact information and the board will vote at our next meeting. If you are interested in helping the organization contact me for more details.*

*~ Jennifer Pontow (Secretary)*