



SDFM | Chapter **Buckeye**

SDFM Buckeye Chapter Constitution

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CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (SDFM) BUCKEYE CHAPTER

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ARTICLE I – Name

Section 1.1 The name of this organization is the Buckeye Chapter of the Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM), which is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. Military Comptrollership includes the fields of financial/general management, accounting, finance, budgeting, auditing, programming, reporting, statistics, cost/management analysis, and support activities in management/industrial engineering, automatic data processing, operations research/systems analysis, and such other fields as SDFM’s National Council may designate.

ARTICLE II – Location

Section 2.1 This organization operates at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), Defense Supply Center Columbus, Columbus (Whitehall), Ohio, with the consent of its senior Director.

ARTICLE III – Purpose and Objectives

Section 3.1: The purposes of this Chapter are to:

Section 3.1.1 Afford a means by which its members may, through combined action and the application of advanced knowledge, techniques and sound management, assist in maintaining and improving the high standards of military comptrollers;

Section 3.1.2 Foster a spirit of good will and good fellowship among its members;

Section 3.1.3 Perpetuate the traditions growing out of its members’ roles as service members, government employees or civilians supporting the Armed Forces of the United States of America;

Section 3.1.4 To promote the Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM) Community, education on DoD Comptrollership, and education in general, and,

Section 3.1.5 Exchange ideas and techniques for supporting the military services and DoD agencies.

Section 3.1.6 To uphold the highest ethical and professional standards.

Section 3.2 Objectives: To fulfill the purpose(s), the Chapter objective(s) will be to:

Section 3.2.1 Conduct conventions, seminars, and other professional meetings;

Section 3.2.2 Initiate and exchange correspondence;

Section 3.2.3 Contribute to SDFM's publications through which ideas and professional information concerning military comptrollership are exchanged; and,

Section 3.2.4 Foster training and education opportunities.

ARTICLE IV – POLICIES

Section 4.1 The articles of organization for the Buckeye Chapter include this constitution, its bylaws, and any amendments to either document. In the event of a conflict between this constitution and the bylaws, the constitution shall govern. Every Chapter member is expected to read each of these documents.

Section 4.2 The Chapter will be non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan.

Section 4.3 The Chapter shall not carry on activities not permitted (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

Section 4.4 The Chapter has been formed primarily for educational purposes as listed in Article II including, for such purposes, the making of contributions to organizations that qualify as (b) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

Section 5.5 No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall be distributed for the benefit of its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 5.1 The Chapter is comprised of the five classes of membership (Active, Life, Associate, Honorary and Corporate) authorized in SDFM's constitution which are available without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin.

Section 5.1.1 Active Members. Active Members shall be persons who are or have been employed as professionals in the defense financial management field, who remain in good standing, and have paid the appropriate dues and fees.

Section 5.1.2 Life Members. Life Members shall be those Active Members who have been in good standing for thirty consecutive years, who are past National Presidents, Honorary Members, or who have paid life membership dues and fees. Life members are exempt from membership dues. Honorary Life Members are those persons who have made significant contributions to defense financial management, who are not eligible for, or who would not otherwise be expected to join, one of the other classes of membership, and are determined by the Board of Directors to be awarded Honorary Life Membership.

Section 5.1.3 Student Members. Student Members shall be persons who are enrolled full time (at least 12 undergraduate or nine graduate credits per semester) in a degree granting program of higher education, are not eligible for Active Membership, demonstrate an interest in the defense financial management field, and who remain in good standing, and have paid the appropriate dues and fees. Student status is available for a maximum of six years and once a member moves to Active membership, they cannot go back to student membership.

Section 5.1.4 Corporate Members. Corporate Members shall be corporations and their designated employees, which demonstrate an interest in the defense financial management field who remain in good standing, and have paid the appropriate dues and fees.

Section 5.1.5 Retired Members. Retired memberships shall be available to individuals who are either no longer working full time, have reached age 62, or have a permanent disability that prohibits their working, and who wish to remain in good standing, and have paid the appropriate dues and fees.

Section 5.2 Termination of Membership. The National Board of Directors may expel any member from the Society for conduct contrary to the objectives of the Society by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Section 5.3 The Chapter shall abide by the provisions of SDFM's constitution regarding member voting, motion advancement, dues payment, dismissal, resignation, suspension, and reinstatement.

Section 5.4 Any individual who subscribes to the purposes and policies of SDFM and this Chapter may become a member, subject only to compliance with the provisions of both entities' constitutions and bylaws.

Section 5.5 Applications for membership may be submitted to the Chapter's Membership Committee. Notice of acceptance to membership will be received from SDFM's Executive Director.

Section 5.6 Every individual who is a member of this Chapter is entitled to all benefits of such membership.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 6.1 The Chapter's appointed or elected officers, and past presidents (at the invitation of the Chapter President), shall comprise the Executive Committee which is charged with conducting the Chapter's business. Chapter business includes, but is not limited to, the rules of conducting such business, as outlined in the Chapter's bylaws and the authorization, or recommendation(s) to the membership, of the expenditure of Chapter funds.

Section 6.2 In conducting the Chapter's business, the officers may affect motions and vote on those motions. The past presidents may do neither, as they serve only in an advisory role to the Chapter.

Section 6.3 The Chapter officers will be President, President-Elect, Vice-President–Participation, Vice-President–Programs, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers' duties will be designated in the Chapter's bylaws.

Section 6.4 If needed, the Chapter's Executive Committee may designate a temporary officer position and appoint a member to perform the duties of that office. Should the office evolve to the need for it to become permanent, approval of the Chapter membership must be obtained under the membership voting provisions of the Chapter's bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – PLANNING COMMITTEE

Section 7.1 The Chapter's Executive Committee and appointed Chairpersons of other committees shall comprise the Chapter's Planning Committee. This Committee is charged with discussing the activities, events, programs, or services the Chapter will pursue or provide during its business year.

Section 7.2 Annually, in the June-August timeframe, the Chapter President shall identify the Committees, and shall appoint the respective Chairpersons, (s) he deems necessary to administer and execute the activities, events, programs or services the Chapter will pursue or provide during its business year.

Section 7.3 The Chapter President may appoint ad hoc committees as needed to assist in administering and executing the activities, events, programs, or services the Chapter will pursue or provide during its business year.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS & QUORUMS

Section 8.1 General membership meetings will be held at least quarterly meetings of the Chapter will be held. The Planning Committee will determine the meeting dates.

Section 8.2 The Chapter's Executive Committee, Planning Committee, and other committees will meet as necessary to conduct, administer and execute the Chapter's business.

Section 8.3 Special meetings of the organization may be called by the Chapter President or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX – INACTIVATION & DISSOLUTION

Section 9.1 A two-thirds majority vote of all Chapter members eligible to vote is required to effect inactivation or dissolution of the Chapter.

Section 9.2 The net assets of the Chapter, upon inactivation or dissolution, will be distributed under the direction of the Executive Committee who will coordinate with the SDFM's Executive Committee. Any distribution of the Chapter's assets will only be made to non-profit or charitable organizations.

Section 9.3 Chapter records will be forwarded to SDFM Headquarters.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS, BYLAWS, REVIEWS & DISTRIBUTION

Section 10.1 This constitution may be amended. A copy of any amendments will be submitted to SDFM Headquarters.

Section 10.1.1 Notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at a general membership meeting and notification to members by one or more of the following: The Chapter Newsletter, Broadcast Email, or Website posting.

Section 10.1.2 The proposed amendment shall be subject to final approval by the Chapter's Executive Committee.

Section 10.2 This constitution will be implemented by such bylaws as necessary. A copy of this constitution and the bylaws will be submitted to SDFM's National Secretary as required by SDFM's bylaws.

Section 10.3 The Executive Committee will review the constitution and bylaws at least every five years.

Section 10.4 A copy of this constitution and the bylaws are available to any Chapter member at our website.

ARTICLE XI – EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 11.1 This constitution, together with the Chapter's bylaws, will become effective when approved by the membership.

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SDFM Buckeye Chapter President
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