



THE UPDATE

SDFM BUCKEYE CHAPTER BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully many of you were able to participate in our Professional Development Sessions/Chapter Luncheons these past two months. Josh Rapke from the DFAS Artificial Intelligence Center of Excellence and Theresa Cyr from the DFAS Enterprise Accounting and Audit Support team were exceptional in their presentations, and it has been our pleasure to bring impactful leaders from Department of War Financial Management to share their expertise in areas which are relevant to the environment we are operating in these days. Over the past year, we have been fortunate to bring so many events to our membership and look forward to continuing this trend. The Buckeye Chapter Executive Board is interested in hearing your ideas on how we can improve chapter operations or new ways to engage our membership as we plan our event schedule for the next year. Please feel free to reach out to any of the board members to share your feedback! We would love to hear from you!

THE BUCKEYE CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW



Neither Rain nor Sleet, Snow, nor below Zero temperatures prevented our volunteers...

In a heartwarming display of community support, volunteers from the SDFM Buckeye Chapter braved the winter elements for their sixth annual "Souper Bowl" event. Held on the Saturday of Super Bowl weekend, the mission was to gather food and supplies for military personnel, veterans, and their families, stocking the M.A.S.H. Pantry at the DSCC Installation.

This year's focus was on "Creating Meals," with donations centered on non-perishable items that could be combined to form complete meals. Collected goods included cereal with shelf-stable milk, pasta, canned chicken, and sauces. Additionally, herbs and spices were requested, as they are not commonly donated to food pantries. A recipe for "Frito Chili Pie" was even shared to inspire meal ideas from the pantry staples.

The volunteers' generosity extended beyond food. Responding to a need from the local VA hospital's Women's Health Clinic, the drive also collected essential items for new mothers, such as diapers, formula, and baby wipes.



From July through March, the SDFM Buckeye Chapter demonstrated a strong commitment to community service through a series of successful fundraising and support events. The chapter consistently mobilized its members.

During the summer, the chapter assisted the Epilepsy Alliance of Ohio with a fundraising effort at the Polaris Summer Fest in July. In August, they organized a special MASH Food Pantry Drive at the request of Feds Feed Families, collaborating with the DSCC Wellness committee to collect food for pantries at both Rickenbacker and DSCC.

As autumn arrived, the chapter's activities continued with a member's personal contribution to "Operation Evergreen" in September by writing 200 Christmas cards. In October, the chapter participated in the MWR Trunk or Treat event by handing out chips.

The winter months were marked by significant charitable work. In November and December, the chapter supported the Hope Emergency Fund's holiday collection through a check and purchases from an Amazon Wishlist. Chapter members also volunteered at OSU games to help the fund's own fundraising efforts. This was followed in February by the chapter's highly successful 6th Annual "Souper Bowl," a drive-up food collection that supported the MASH Pantry at DSCC.

Looking ahead to the spring, the chapter continued its efforts in March by collecting items for Easter Baskets for the DSCC FMWR's "Eggstravaganza."