

THE UPDATE

SDFM BUCKEYE CHAPTER BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to be your incoming President, and I want to acknowledge the leadership by Ms. Stacy Son and last year's board. During a recent board meeting Ms. Son suggested that the chapter aligns to DoW with commitment to mission, our military, their families and community. I would like us to continue our monthly professional development sessions focusing on topics that are of interest to our members and supporting DoW. Growing the chapter by having a presence at installation events; actively recruiting for many years we've focused on just those who are on the DSCC installation, but we have opportunities to support our Ohio Army National Guard's Accounting and Finance team who are in the area by inviting them to our professional development sessions and potentially joining our chapter.

I am excited to welcome our returning board members, Mr. James T Reed VP of Programs, he led the team in navigating through protocols that came down from OSW as it pertained to our speakers, he and Ms. Son worked with DFAS' General Counsel to understand the expectations while ensuring we followed protocol, he also stepped up by helping with the newsletters in both instances helping Buckeye Chapter achieve our 5 Star rating with National. Ms. Adu Enin-Kattah, for the past two years, has been our Accountant ensuring the chapter's financial statements are accurate, paying our bills, making sure our chapter's 501c3 paperwork is submitted timely and overseeing our contract with Legends aka: Team Shop which allows us to raise the much-needed funds to support our chapter. Her commitment to our chapter shows as she steps into her new role as our secretary.

Our incoming President Elect is Mr. Joseph Swartz; he is currently the Director of Programming & Budget Execution for DFAS. He has held many leadership roles over the years at DFAS and is one of the most approachable managers I've known, and I am confident he will help lead the chapter and help us grow.

Welcome back to the fold to Ms. La 'Varis Woods, who has held many various roles over the years with our Buckeye Chapter. She has been helping Mr. Reed this past year with our monthly professional development sessions, ensuring things are set up in the room while also manning the virtual side of our presentations. Ms. Woods will be stepping into the role as our chapter's accountant.

As the force behind the scenes is one of our most active volunteers Ms. Jernell Logan, our new VP of Participation. An Army Veteran who has never truly "hung up her uniform" she has remained very active with the military and veteran community. She's already started looking at various organizations that we can get involved with to support the mission of our military, their families, survivors and our veterans.

I'm looking forward to this upcoming year with plans to grow the chapter and reach out to our local military partners who support the financial community. We are looking for fresh ideas to improve how we do things. I've been an active member for 11+ years and been a committee or board member in some capacity for all of those years.

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THE BUCKEYE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Professional Development Seminars**
 - Tuesday August 25, 2026, Buckeye Chapter Awards Ceremony
 - Tuesday October 13, 2026, Lunch and Learn with Karen Stewart, Topic: CDFM Prep
 - Tuesday November 17, 2026, Lunch and Learn with Liz Gibbs Emerging Technology
 - Tuesday January 19, 2027, Lunch and Learn with K. Michael Isbill, Topic: Workplace Fraud
 - Tuesday February 16, 2027, Lunch and Learn with Ben Thayer, Leadership
- **Upcoming Buckeye Chapter Meeting**
 - What/When: Planning Committee August 11, 2026
 - What/When: Executive Board Meeting October 18, 2026

NATIONAL NEWS: 2026 Data Analytics & Decision Support Conference Elevating Financial Management Decisions in the Age of Data and AI

Co-located and co-sponsored with NDIA's Emerging Technologies for Defense and Conference
September 8-10, 2026 – Walter E. Washington Convention Center

What You'll Explore

- The evolving role of the comptroller, CFO, and financial manager as strategic decision partners
- How enterprise-level data governance, integrity, and relevance enable trusted insights
- Applying analytics and AI to PPBE and other core defense financial processes
- Reimagining decision support in an era of generative AI and increasing complexity
- Bridging financial expertise and analytics to support enterprise transformation

Registration link: https://eweb.ndia.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=NDIARegLoginRequired&evtKey=8C3B23BC-5385-4EE6-B5BF-0968530B379F&URL_success=DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode%NDIARegProcEvent%26evtKey%3d8C3B23BC-5385-4EE6-B5BF-0968530B379F

LOCAL PDS: June 2026 Joint PDS with the Wright Patterson Chapter

Guest Speaker: 1st Sgt Jason Stanley (Rickenbacker ANGB), Topic: The "R" Factor



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