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**ASMC PDI 2024**

# **TOGETHER WE SOAR**

BLENDING TRADITION AND INNOVATION IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT





# OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Fellow Airmen and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024 American Society of Military Comptrollers Professional Development Institute and the Department of the Air Force Community Day!

As we progress through Fiscal Year 2024, it's abundantly clear that our commitment to readiness remains paramount. The experiences of the past year underscore the importance of remaining vigilant and adaptable in the face of challenges. In the keynote session, CMSgt Leah Anderson and CMSgt David Weaver will share their experiences supporting our FM mission and explore the depth and breadth of financial management's influence and worth. They will address the question: Do we as FMers truly embrace our role and the power we hold at every level in an operationally driven world?



Following the keynote speakers, we will recognize our top performers for FY 2023.

The accomplishments of today's award winners showcase the exceptional contributions of Airmen individually, as part of teams, and supporting the greater mission.

Reflecting on past PDIs, it is evident how vital it is to have a forum to unite cultivating relationships, fostering leadership development, and sharing knowledge. I encourage you to take a moment to explore how your contributions align to the success of SAF FM's mission. Embrace the array of opportunities available that this Defense-wide event has to offer, and endeavor to connect with the many FM professionals from across the DoD, in addition to your fellow DAF FMers.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and the work you do every day to maintain the fiscal readiness essential to the DAF's preparedness on the fiscal frontline.

*One Team, One Fight!*

**Carlos Rodgers**

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Financial Management and Comptroller)

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# DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



**Major General Michael A. Greiner** is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. Maj. Gen. Greiner is responsible for planning and directing the formulation and execution of the Department of the Air Force's (DAF) budgets totaling more than \$194 billion annually. He leads a staff of military and civilian financial managers who develop, integrate, justify, and defend DAF resource requests to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.



**Chief Master Sergeant Leah M. M. Anderson** is the Executive for Enlisted Matters to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. She serves as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary on the utilization, training, and assignment of over 2,000 financial management enlisted personnel throughout the Department of the Air Force. As the Air Force Career Field Manager for financial management personnel, she is the Headquarters Air Force focal point for all financial management functional, training, contingency, manpower and personnel issues. She also serves as the secretariat's ambassador to the financial management enlisted force, disseminating career field information and addressing concerns.



**Chief Master Sergeant David W. Weaver** is the Financial Management Enlisted Functional Manager for Headquarters PACAF. He advises the Command Comptroller on a \$1.1 billion dollar budget encompassing 31 Air Force and Department of Defense appropriations supporting 46,000 personnel and 334 aircraft. CMSgt Weaver also provides guidance on enlisted and functional policy and is responsible for the training, education, and development of over 400 Financial Management and Comptroller personnel assigned to the Pacific Theater. Throughout his active-duty career, Chief Weaver has served in a variety of positions to include document control and quality examination, disbursing, military pay, resource advisor, and three deployments as a paying agent.



**Ms. Teresa R. Fiegl** is the Assistant Auditor General of the Operations and Support Audits Directorate, Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA), JBSA Randolph TX. She leads Air Force-wide audits in Cyber and Space Operations; Installations and Nuclear Operations; Air and Intelligence Operations; and Personnel, Training, and Healthcare Operations. Ms. Fiegl previously served as a Regional Audit Manager with DCAA, St. Louis, MO, where she oversaw audits of federal contractors throughout the Midwest and Denver, CO. Before that, she was the Data, Governance, and PPBE Integration Division Chief with Program Analysis and Financial Management Directorate, United States Transportation Command, Scott AFB.



**Master Sergeant Samuel P. Spaethe** is the Enlisted Force Development Manager at the Pentagon. In his role, he supports the Financial Management (FM) community by aligning both in-garrison and contingency training and career development with strategic operational imperatives. MSgt Spaethe also works with top-level FM organizations to formulate and design software-based processes and tools to modernize the field using automation, data strategy, and artificial intelligence.

# PDI DAF COMMUNITY DAY AGENDA

29 May 2024 - Overview

TIME	GENERAL SESSION	SPEAKER
0930-0935	Opening Remarks/Keynote Speaker Introduction	MSgt Samuel Spaethe
0935-0955	FM Update	Mr. Carlos Rodgers
0955-1010	Budget Update	Maj Gen Michael Greiner
1010-1045	Keynote Speakers: Embrace Your Power as an FMer in an Operational World	CMSgt Leah Anderson & CMSgt David Weaver
1045-1115	Presentation of Air Force Financial Management & Comptroller Annual Awards	Mr. Carlos Rodgers, Maj Gen Michael Greiner & CMSgt Leah Anderson
1115-1130	Presentation of Air Force Audit Agency Annual Awards	Ms. Teresa Fiegl
1130-1150	Audit Agency Update	Ms. Teresa Fiegl
1150-1200	Closing Remarks*	Mr. Carlos Rodgers
1200-1400	Break – Move to Lunch	
1400-1700	Air Force Community Day Workshops a. (1400-1515) Block 1 b. (1545-1700) Block 2	

\*at the conclusion of this event please stand and remain standing until the official party has exited

CAREER COUNSELING AND MENTORING  
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

Civilian, Officer, and Enlisted

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# Workshop Agenda

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**DAF001**

The Future of the FM Career Field

**Briefer:**

Brig Gen Frank Verdugo

**DAF006**

This is How We Do It

**Briefers:**

Dr. E. Yolanda Rutland  
Brig Gen Jason Corrothers  
CMSgt Leah Anderson

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**DAF004**

Enlisted Excellence: The New CFM's Vision for AF Finance

**Briefer:**

CMSgt Leah Anderson

**DAF010**

How to Build a Corrective Action Plan

**Briefers:**

Mr. Josh Campbell  
Ms. Rebecca Farr  
Ms. Pam Olivarez

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**DAF002**

The AI Wingman: Integrating a Large Language Model AI into the FM Workflow

**Briefers:**

Maj Stefan Choquette  
MSgt Samuel Spaethe

**DAF009**

FM Data Analytics with Advana Financial Air and Space Team Resources

**Briefers:**

Mr. Jaydeep Patel  
Capt Carter McElhany  
Mr. Jordan Loeb

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**DAF003**

Cultivating Success: Nurturing Skills for Future Growth

**Briefers:**

Ms. Hillary Johnson  
Ms. Denise Ward  
Ms. Kelly Pendergrast

**DAF007**

FMers at the Helm: A Command Perspective

**Briefers:**

Col James Cunningham  
Col Anthony Smith  
Col Robert Clay

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**DAF005**

USAF Comptroller Officer Development

**Briefer:**

Maj Shauna Young

**DAF008**

Cost Benefit Analysis: Applying the Principles of Economic Analysis to Innovative Ideas

**Briefer:**

Mr. Evan Mallard

BREAK

END OF DAY

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

## **DAF001 Future of the FM Career Field**

Brig Gen Frank Verdugo (AFMC)

How does the FM Force of the future look? Find out the answer to this question and more during this discussion! It will cover a range of topics like CPTS and MAJCOM/FLDCOM focus areas, proposed organization structure changes, and the way ahead.

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## **DAF002 The AI Wingman: Integrating a Large Language Model AI into the FM Workflow**

MSgt Samuel Spaethe (SAF/FM) and Maj Stefan Choquette (HR NORAD-USNORTHCOM)

Learn how to leverage AI technologies to improve workflow, automate processes, and reduce workload during this workshop.

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## **DAF003 Cultivating Success: Nurturing Skills for Future Growth**

Ms. Hillary Johnson (AFPC/DPCZF), Ms. Kelly Pendergrast (AFPC/DPCZF) and Ms. Denise Ward (AFPC/DPCZF)

Join the Career Field Team (CFT) as they provide an overview of career information and opportunities available to help FM civilians develop skills and facilitate professional development.

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## **DAF004 Enlisted Excellence: The New CFM's Vision for AF Finance**

CMSgt Leah Anderson (SAF/FM)

Listen to the new Enlisted Career Field Manager, CMSgt Leah Anderson, present her vision and goals, key areas of focus, and priorities for FM.

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## **DAF005 USAF Comptroller Officer Development**

Maj Shauna Young (AFPC/DPMLA)

The Officer's Assignment Team (OAT) shares insights on ways FM officers can refine their leadership and technical skills.

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# Workshops

## **DAF006 This Is How We Do It**

Dr. E. Yolanda Rutland (SAF/FME), CMSgt Leah Anderson (SAF/FM) and Brig Gen Jason Corrothers (SAF/FMBO)

Hear from Dr. Rutland, CMSgt Anderson, and Col Corrothers on how AF civilians, officers, and enlisted members interact and collaborate with each other, leveraging their unique skills and perspectives to accomplish SAF/FM's mission.

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## **DAF007 FMers at the Helm: A Command Perspective**

Col James Cunningham (86 MSG/CC), Col Anthony Smith (87 ABW/CC) and Col Robert Clay (SBD2/CV)

"FMers At The Helm" features a panel of sitting FM leaders assigned to senior (O-6) non-FM command billets. This unscripted, interactive forum focuses on leadership and directing the FM community forward.

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## **DAF008 Cost-Benefit Analysis: Applying the Principles of Economic Analysis to Innovative Ideas**

Mr. Evan Mallard (AFIMSC/FMCX)

Gain an understanding of the game-changing Cost Benefit Analytics tool and how it has forever altered the HQ AFIMSC Innovation Program. You will even walk away with a template that can be used by other organizations.

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## **DAF009 FM Data Analytics with Advana Financial Air and Space Team Resources**

Mr. Jaydeep Patel, Capt Carter McElhany, and Mr. Jordan Loeb

Discover the latest information and updates about the FASTR Air Force Financial Management Community Space on the Advana platform, including an overview of features and demonstration of functionality.

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## **DAF010 How to Build A Corrective Action Plan**

Mr. Josh Campbell (SAF/AG), Ms. Rebecca Farr (SAF/AG) and Ms. Pamela Olivarez (SAF/AG)

Improve your understanding of how to construct a Corrective Action Plan to address deficiencies.

# FY2023 FM ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

## The Robert D. Stuart Award for Excellence in Financial Management

Ms. Teresa L. Frank, HQ AFMC/FMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH (AFMC)

## The James E. Short Award Outstanding Contribution to Mentorship and Career Development

Ms. Teresa R. Bickett, SAF/FMB, Pentagon, Washington DC (SAF)

## The Major General Frank R. Faykes Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year

Major Christopher L. O'Dell, 81 CPTS, Keesler Air Force Base, MS (AETC)

## The Major General Alfred K. Flowers Comptroller Organization of the Year

39 CPTS, Incirlik Air Base, TR (USAFE)

## The Chief Master Sergeant Larry P. Gonzales Superintendent of the Year

Senior Master Sergeant Lynnette N. Banks, 375 CPTS/FMD, Scott AFB, IL (AMC)

## The Excellence in Cost Analysis Award

Mr. Carlos F. Zerpa, SAF/FMCS (AFCAA), Pentagon, Washington DC (SAF)

## Financial Management Officer of the Year

Captain Alyssa C. Loss, 48 CPTS/FMA, RAF Lakenheath, GB (USAFE)

## Financial Management Civilian of the Year (GS-09 and above)

Ms. Tara L. Kammerer, 28 CPTS/FMA, Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD (AFGSC)

## Financial Management Civilian of the Year (GS-08 and below)

Mr. Dale T. Black, 11 CPTS/FMA, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington DC (AFDW)

## Financial Management Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

Master Sergeant Nickolas B. Fisher, 502 CPTS/FM, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX (AETC)

## Financial Management Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

Staff Sergeant Kayla L. Ludwigen, 39 CPTS/FMA, Incirlik Air Base, TR (USAFE)

## Financial Management Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Destiny R. Story, 502 CPTS/FMF, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX (AETC)

## Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year

Mr. Shenendoah Hoefflerle, SAF/FMCI, Pentagon, Washington DC (SAF)

## Non-Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year

Mr. Evan J. Mallard, AFIMSC/FMC, San Antonio, TX (AFMC)

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# AWARDS

## Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Officer (MAJCOM/FOA/DRU Level)

Lieutenant Colonel Luke M. Kaspari, ACC/FM Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA (ACC)

## Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Enlisted (MAJCOM/FOA/DRU Level)

Master Sergeant Kon W. Lee, AFPC/DPMLA, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX (AFPC)

## Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Civilian (MAJCOM/FOA/DRU Level)

Ms. Tia L. Maldonado, HQ AFDW/FM, Joint Base Andrews, MD (AFDW)

## Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Officer (SAF/AFCAA/Air Staff Level)

Major Tiffanie L. Katz, SAF/FMBP, Pentagon, Washington DC (SAF)

## Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Civilian (SAF/AFCAA/Air Staff Level)

Ms. Kara L. Fast, SAF/FMB, Pentagon, Washington DC (SAF)

## Resource Advisor of the Year - MAJCOM/FOA/DRU Level

Ms. Pamela F. Sutton, ACC/IASF, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA (ACC)

## Resource Advisor of the Year - Installation Level

Staff Sergeant Madison L. Lemaire, 88 CPTS/FMF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH (AFMC)

## Educator of the Year

Major Kevin M. Dwyer, Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL (AETC)

## Author of the Year

Major Joseph P. Regan, 1 SOCPTS/CC, Hurlburt Field Air Force Base, FL (AFSOC)

## Financial Analysis Office of the Year

39 CPTS, Incirlik Air Base, TR (USAFE)

## Financial Operation Office of the Year

502 CPTS/FMF, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX (AETC)

## The General Larry O. Spencer Special Acts and Services Award

Resourcing NATOS Worst Natural Disaster, 39 CPTS, Incirlik Air Base, TR (USAFE)

# SPECIAL ACTS AND SERVICES AWARDS

Typhoon Mawar Support and Recovery, AFIMSC/RM, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

36 CPTS, PACAF, Andersen Air Force Base, GU

POM25 Special Interest Items Team, SAF/FMCE, Pentagon, Washington DC

HQ AETC/FM, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX

House Hunters Working Group, 27 SOCPTS, Cannon Air Force Base, NM

USAFE-AFAFRICA/FM Ukraine Supplemental Execution Team, USAFE, Ramstein Air Base, DE

DAF Post Pay Review Team/Pay Integrity Information Act Team, SAF/FMF, Pentagon, Washington DC



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# AFAA AWARD WINNERS

## Leadership Award

Mr. Brian Clelan, QL

## Process Improvement Award

***New PowerPoint Report Template, FDW***

Mr. Prentiss Spivey and Mr. Jason Ralph

## CDA Team of the Year

***Automatic Test Systems and Equipment, OS***

Mr. Christopher Tusko, Ms. Tracey Janssen, and Mr. Michael Clark

## Local Audit Team of the Year

***Mass Transportation Benefits, FDE***

Ms. Melissa Kulus, Ms. Claire Jones, and Ms. Dana Guillen

## Auditor of the Year

Ms. Nichole Dontigney, FDE

## Audit Manager of the Year

Ms. Shelley Delker, OS

## Wingman Award

Ms. Rebecca Farr, DS

## Staff Auditor of the Year

Ms. Mary Davis, DS

## Teamwork Award

***Mandatory & Operational Material Weakness, QL***

Ms. Lori Dusoe, Mr. Kevin Nutter, Ms. Angela Wallace, and Ms. Pam Olivarez

### ***Additional Team Members***

Mr. Brian Clelan, Ms. Barbara Bair, Ms. Stefanie Burns, Mr. Dennis Bugaev,

Ms. Leigh Ann Churcher, Ms. Sheena Fast, Mr. Jason Gumm, Mr. Jonathan Pepples,

Ms. Kegin Sparks, Ms. Robyn Williams, and Ms. Jessica Young

## Support Staff of the Year

Ms. Heather Parker, OS

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