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SPARTAN FLAG: Strengthening Expeditionary Financial Readiness in the European Theater

DAF FM Strategic Plan Connections

Goal 3 | Objective 3.4

By MSgt Jeremy Dearing, USAFE

In a strategic effort to enhance financial management readiness across the European theater, United States Air Forces in Europe–Air Forces Africa Financial Management (U-A/FM), in partnership with the 700th Contracting Squadron (700 CONS), recently conducted Spartan Flag. Spartan Flag is a multi-day field exercise designed to meet the SAF/FM Silver Flag readiness requirement and directly supports Department of the Air Force (DAF) Financial Management (FM) Strategic Plan Objective 3.4: Enhance the FM Contingency Capabilities to Support the New Strategic Environment. The exercise aims to revamp FM deployment training and exercises to strengthen FM's contingency capabilities and value to Combatant Commanders, and to ensure the FM military workforce is always ready to deploy and respond when called.

Spanning three and a half days, the event immersed finance and contracting personnel in a realistic deployed environment. Participants lived and operated from field tents, navigating complex, scenario-driven tasks under conditions designed to mirror those encountered during contingency operations, including making cash payments in Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) Gear. The training structure demanded adaptability, collaboration, and the application of core financial principles under pressure.

The exercise emphasized disbursing operations, deployed accounting, customer service, and fiscal law compliance. These functions are essential to mission success in expeditionary environments. Unlike classroom-based instruction, it places Airmen in hands-on, high-pressure environments where technical skills must be applied in real time. The curriculum reflects real-world lessons and deployment feedback, with a strong focus on mission-essential tasks relevant to current contingency operations.

Spartan Flag was led by MSgt Jeremy Dearing (52 CPTS) and TSgt Carl Wheaton (U-A/FMFS), who drew on the extensive expertise of Mr. Carl Greene (U-A/FMFS) and Ms. Suzanne Signore-Hayes (U-A/FMFA) to refine both the curriculum and execution. TSgt Shea Townsend (U-A/FMFS) provided critical support in coordinating and facilitating the exercise. Together, the team delivered a high-impact training experience that emphasized operational realism and professional rigor. ➤

SSgt Jasmyn Farmer (31 CPTS, Aviano Air Base, Italy) dons MOPP gear in response to an alarm.



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The participants included six financial management professionals selected from various Comptroller Squadrons across USAFE. TSgt Alton Kelly (100 CPTS) and TSgt Jonathan Mook (86 CPTS) served as Disbursing Agents; SSgt Danielle Lask (501 CPTS) and SSgt Angelica Yap (48 CPTS) were assigned as Budget Technicians; and SSgt Jasmyn Farmer (31 CPTS) and SrA Xavier Mitchell (52 CPTS) performed

duties as Cashiers. These Airmen executed a series of tasks requiring integrated action with contracting professionals, delivering financial support in alignment with operational timelines and constraints.

Participant feedback affirmed the value and relevance of the training. “I liked the aspect of [a] real deployment environment,” said SSgt Lask. “Also, I liked working with contracting; it gave me a better perspective of their role.” This type of integrated exposure is essential in fostering mutual understanding between finance and contracting professionals, two disciplines that must operate in lockstep during contingency operations. SSgt Yap echoed that sentiment, stating, “The scenarios made us really read through the regulations and learn new things. It gave us insight to what we will be doing with contracting in a deployed environment.” Her comments highlight a key benefit of the exercise: reinforcing regulatory literacy under realistic conditions where missteps could carry operational consequences.

As the DAF continues to implement the Air Force Force Generation (AFFORGEN) model and adopt the principles of Agile Combat Employment (ACE), financial managers are expected to operate with greater autonomy, speed, and joint integration. Exercises like Spartan Flag are essential in preparing the FM workforce to meet these expectations. Beyond technical proficiency, the exercise develops expeditionary judgment, cross-functional communication, and mission-first thinking – all of which are indispensable in modern conflict environments.

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Spartan Flag: The Poem

In a land far away, not quite near, not quite far,
The finance folks trained under sun, moon, and star.
They packed up their boots and their ledgers with care,
For Spartan Flag called them to tents out somewhere.

“Come quick!” cried out Wheaton, “Bring pencils and brains!”
“We’ll practice our numbers in sunshine and rains!”
MSgt Dearing was ready, prepared for the task—
With Townsend to help and some questions to ask.

They joined with 700 CONS in the field,
Where the rules of contingency finance were revealed.
From the AFICC came a great plan so grand,
To test every finance and contract command.

For three and a half days, with no time to lag,
They lived and they worked in a bold Spartan Flag.
Disbursing! Accounting! Support docs galore!
And reading fiscal law until their brains were sore!

TSgts Kelly and Mook kept the cashboxes tight,
Counting and logging well into the night.
SSgts Lask and Yap budgeted smart,
Forecasting funds with a spreadsheet and heart.

Farmer and Mitchell, with focus and flair,
Processed each payment with technical care.
They tallied and checked, they did not delay—
Ensuring each dollar was spent the right way.

“It felt like deployment!” young Lask shouted loud.
“Working with contracting made me feel proud!”
Yap chimed in quickly, “The regs were intense,
But applying them live? Now that made some sense!”

The lessons were clear as the field days passed—
Finance must be ready, resilient, and fast.
To support all the missions that come down the line,
They must know their budgets, their contracts, their signs.

Spartan Flag’s goal is to build what we need:
Airmen who think, who support, who lead.
With guidance from Greene and Signore-Hayes, too,
Retired but wise—they knew just what to do.

So now if you ask, “Can finance deploy?”
They’ll answer with confidence, pride, and some joy:
“We trained in the field, we know what it takes—
To track all the funds and prevent any breaks.”

So here’s to the Airmen who count and who spend,
Whose duty and judgment we all must commend.
From Europe they trained, through cold wind and fog—
Just look for the camp with the Spartan Flag log!

JUST TOUCHED DOWN: Welcome to the Runway!



by Ms. Maddy Junco, SAF/FME

This spring, SAF/FMEW (Workforce Development) launched a refreshed SharePoint site for the Department of the Air Force (DAF) Financial Management (FM) workforce. Formerly the DAF FM Professional Development Hub, the site has been updated and rebranded to the [FM Force Development Runway](#) (also known as the Runway for short).

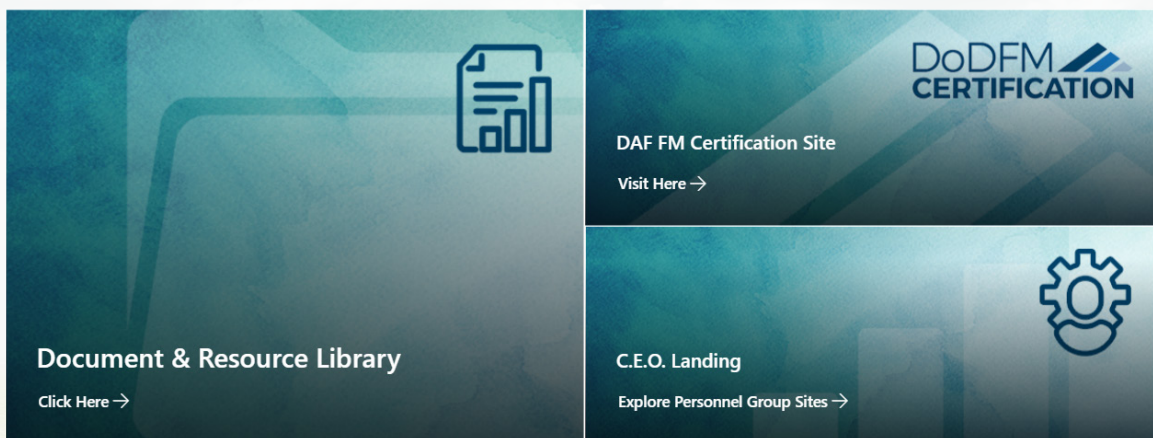
The original site was established as a central location where FMers could go to find detailed information regarding FM professional development opportunities. Built upon FM's three components of professional development – leadership, experience, and education and training – the site was intended to house other internal and relevant sites, highlight news and events, and host key files and products. However, with the launch of myFMHub, the site's role has evolved. Currently, myFMHub is regarded as the premier source for the latest DAF/FM information, including functional and subject areas, workforce development tools, strategic documents, and key products. Users are also encouraged to leverage myFMHub to access recent news, periodicals, the digital DAF/FM Key Personnel Directory, and more.

Although certain original components have been reallocated to myFMHub, the new FM Force Development Runway continues to uphold FM's components of professional development in its own way. Users can explore new and specialized resources in a more organized, easy to navigate structure, including a comprehensive repository of financial management training sites and tools, and access to the Civilian Force (FM Career Field Team), Enlisted Force (coming soon!), and Officer Force (Officer Assignment Team) sites via the new C.E.O. Landing page. Additionally, users can find a collection of direct links to other FM sites, including FM Online, the Comptroller Services Portal, the SAF/FM Public site, and more. Note that FM Leadership Series and DAF FM Certification are subsites that can be directly accessed through the Runway.

Given the new structure and expanded functionality, SAF/FMEW hopes users will jump in and take advantage of the plethora of resources available on the Runway. Here's a rundown of key features included on the homepage:

Up front, you can find links to the Document & Resource Library, the DAF FM Certification site, and the new C.E.O. Landing.

- Additionally, myFMHub is linked directly throughout the Runway. Please continue to leverage myFMHub for all your strategic document needs and to stay up-to-date on the latest SAF/FM Online Newsletters and AF Comptroller magazines (P.S. don't forget to take the publications quizzes to earn your CETs)!



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[Click Here](#)




JUST TOUCHED DOWN: Welcome to the Runway! (cont.)


- Visit the C.E.O. Landing to find links to civilian, enlisted, and officer personnel group sites – the perfect place to search for specific resources related to your individual career path!

C.E.O. Landing


Click the links below to access specialized FM resources specific to each C.E.O. (civilian, enlisted, and officer) personnel group!



Civilian Force [Career Field Team site]



Enlisted Force [site coming soon!]















Officer Force [Officer Assignment Team site]

- A comprehensive Training Directory is now available to help you stay on top of your professional development goals. In this list, you'll find internal and external financial management training courses available on-demand and for free!








Training Directory

Access internal and external financial management training resources at the click of a button!

 <p>AF myLearning</p>	 <p>Becker CPE</p>	 <p>DAU</p>	 <p>Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO)</p>
 <p>Digital University</p>	 <p>Financial Information Collaboration Space (FICS 2.0)</p>	 <p>FM myLearn</p>	 <p>JKO LCMS</p>
 <p>O'Reilly</p>	 <p>Percipio</p>	 <p>SharePoint Online Training (SPOT) Search</p>	 <p>Silver Flag with Virtual</p>

- Last but not least, you can find a repository of links to make visiting your favorite FM sites and online resources easy with the click of a button – simply add to your bookmarked links for future reference.

Additional Resources

 Comptroller Services Portal (CSP)	 FM Online	 FM Leadership Series	 myFSS
 SAF/FM Public Website	 MyVECTOR	 DAF E-Publishing	

JUST TOUCHED DOWN: Welcome to the Runway! (cont.)

Considering the site was recently launched, you may see additional features incorporated as our team continues to gauge resource needs and interest from the field. If you have any questions about the site, or would like to share feedback, please reach out to SAF.FMEW.Workflow@us.af.mil.

Click [here](#) to jump in and discover how the Runway can help you take off on your professional development journey today!



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Find all these key documents and products (plus more) in the [myFMHub](#) File Library!

OPERATIONAL TESTING AT THE 53D WING: Fueling the Warfighter at the Speed of Relevance



by Sam Belk, ACC

The 53d Wing, a name synonymous with innovation and cutting-edge airpower, operates at the very edge of the possible. While the thunderous roar of its aircraft and the dazzling displays of aerial prowess often capture the public imagination, a less heralded, yet equally vital, force quietly drives the wing's success: its financial engine. At the heart of this engine lies the A8 Strategic Plans and Programs directorate, a team of dedicated financial managers led by Comptroller Amy Benton. These are the individuals who ensure the 53d Wing not only has the resources it needs but that those resources are strategically deployed to support the warfighter at the speed of relevance.



The A8 directorate is far more than just bean counters. They are active collaborators and coordinators, working in close partnership with A-Staff directors, MAJCOM Program Managers, and a network of financial managers spanning 16 geographically separated units and numerous Department of Defense agencies. This intricate web of relationships is essential for securing funding for vital programs and meticulously managing expenses for high-stakes flag exercises and demanding Research, Test, Development, and Evaluation (RTD&E) initiatives.

"Our mission is simple: to empower the warfighter," explains Ms. Benton. "That means ensuring they have the tools, the training, and the support they need to be successful in any environment. And that starts with responsible and innovative financial management."

Virtual Black Flag: A Paradigm Shift in Operational Testing

One of the most compelling examples of this commitment to innovation is the 53d Wing's successful execution of the second annual virtual Black Flag exercise. This groundbreaking initiative represents a paradigm shift in operational testing, offering a cost-effective and highly secure alternative to traditional live-fire exercises.

The virtual Black Flag environment allowed Joint Task Force operational testers to amass data equivalent to a full month of physical testing in a mere five days, resulting in an estimated \$350M in savings for the Air Force operational test community. This staggering figure underscores the transformative potential of virtual testing.

"The virtual testing environment is a game-changer," Ms. Benton emphasizes. "It enables our operators to gather critical data while significantly reducing the costs and logistical complexities associated with traditional exercises. We can push the boundaries of operational testing in a safe and controlled environment, ultimately leading to more effective warfighting capabilities."

The virtual Black Flag exercise provides warfighters from both the Air Force and Navy with a consistent and secure environment to develop and refine their techniques, tactics, and procedures before venturing into kinetic environments. This virtual proving ground fosters innovation and collaboration, allowing warfighters to experiment with new approaches and hone their skills without the risks and constraints of live-fire scenarios. Furthermore, the virtual environment offers operational security advantages not attainable in traditional settings, protecting sensitive information and capabilities.

Investing in the Team: The Financial Management Bootcamp

Recognizing that its people are its most valuable asset, the 53d Wing A8 office has established an annual financial management (FM) bootcamp. This intensive week-long training session brings together financial managers from across the wing's vast network to Eglin Air Force Base, the location of the 53d Wing headquarters.

"While we offer consistent virtual training, providing in-person classes puts faces to names, allowing us to build relationships with our geographically separated colleagues while providing quality, uniform training," explains Keisha Mitchell, 53d Wing Budget Officer and the architect of the FM bootcamp. "These personal connections are invaluable when navigating the complex financial landscape of the Air Force." ➤

OPERATIONAL TESTING AT THE 53^d WING: Fueling the Warfighter at the Speed of Relevance (cont.)



In addition to the bootcamp, the wing provides annual training on critical topics such as Fiscal Law and Defense Travel System Approving Official procedures, ensuring that its financial managers remain at the forefront of their field. This ongoing commitment to training and development empowers the A8 team to effectively manage the wing's resources and support its mission.

A Force Multiplier Behind the Scenes

The 53d Wing A8 directorate serves a vast and diverse constituency, supporting 16 locations, three MAJCOMs, 42 units, over 1,600 Airmen, and 25 distinct weapon systems. Their tireless efforts ensure that every aspect of the wing's operations, from weapons systems and munitions testing to cutting-edge research and development, is adequately funded and strategically aligned with the Air Force's priorities.

"It's all about our most valuable asset; our people," emphasizes John Feagin, Deputy Comptroller. "I'm fortunate to work with a dedicated group of professionals who are committed to ensuring the 53d Wing has the resources it needs to accomplish its mission. From securing funding for cutting-edge technology to ensuring the success of vital training exercises, A8 plays a pivotal role in keeping the 53d Wing at the forefront of airpower innovation. Our team is a testament to the dedication and expertise that often goes unnoticed behind the scenes, ensuring that every dollar counts towards the defense of our nation."



The 53d Wing is geographically spread across the continental United States at various bases.

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by Mr. Michael Smiley, SAF/FMF

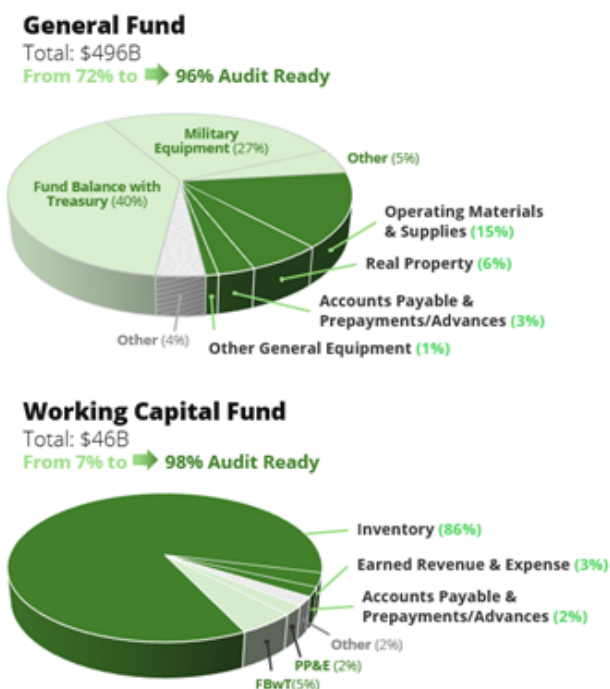
The first step to winning the race to a clean audit is to understand where the finish line is. Thankfully, Congress showed us exactly where the checkered flag is when they passed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 National Defense Authorization Act—the law that mandates we pass an audit by 31 December 2028. And thanks to your hard work, the Department of Air Force (DAF) has made significant strides against our audit objectives, pushing us closer to our opinion goals.

As it stands, the DAF General Fund (GF) and Working Capital Fund (WCF) sit at 72% and 7% audit-ready, respectively. Some of our big wins (like being the first military department [MilDep] to fully close our Fund Balance with Treasury and Military Equipment material weaknesses) have propelled us to be the perennial front runner among MilDeps and Defense Agencies with disclaimed audit opinions in ‘fixing the findings’ and remediating deficiencies. But our race is far from over, and we have major hurdles standing between us and a clean audit opinion.

As noted in his recent Tone from the Top memo, Secretary of the Air Force (SecAF) Dr. Meink is calling for the DAF to achieve a clean audit opinion by FY27, a full year ahead of the Congressional deadline. To get us there, the SecAF directed the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management and Comptroller (SAF/FM) to “develop and integrate plans to achieve and sustain an auditable financial ecosystem.” To that end, my team and I have worked with Offices of Primary Responsibility (OPRs) to create an Audit Acceleration Plan (AAP) for key focus areas across our GF (Operating Materials & Supplies; Real Property; Accounts Payable & Prepayments/Advances, and Other General Equipment) and WCF (Inventory; Earned Revenue & Expense; and Accounts Payable & Prepayments/Advances). Completing the tactical steps within the AAPs, which features objectives for everyone from Headquarters to our bases and installations, will make our balance sheets almost completely auditable (96% for GF and 98% for WCF), ultimately positioning us to be the next MilDep to secure a clean audit opinion.

Figure 1: Balance Sheet Auditability

Move Fast and Fix Things



Space Race

The Air Force isn’t alone in this bold endeavor. In his 15 April 2025 memo, Vice Chief of Space Operations General Guetlein charged all Guardians with preparing for and executing a successful U.S. Space Force (USSF) financial statement audit in FY 2026. The SecAF affirmed that timeline in his Tone from the Top when he called for the newest branch of the U.S. military to be fully prepared to undergo a standalone financial statement audit next fiscal year through separating from the Air Force GF. Since USSF financials have been reported under the Air Force to date, its balance sheet will get a head start thanks to several Air Force audit wins (e.g., a balanced checkbook with Treasury and validated location/condition of our satellites). USSF will continue to carve out its financials as it works to best position itself for its inaugural audit flight.

A Total Team Effort

To get those clean opinions in an accelerated timeline we must make changes to our processes. Since 2018, our audit efforts have been controls-based, meaning we’ve developed solutions that fix both surface area problems and their underlying causes (i.e., internal controls). The U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) proved there’s another way to obtain a favorable opinion, by using a more substantive approach to ➡

pass their audit. While the DAF and USMC balance sheets differ in size and complexity (e.g., DAF's audit scope is 10 times larger than the USMC), we can take a page from their playbook to accelerate our audit goals.

This new approach will require a brute force effort from the total force. That means more Airmen and Guardians, in and out of uniform, need to make audit a top priority and should expect to perform a myriad of audit-related activities (see Figure 2). This includes providing key supporting documents on time to the Auditor and conducting sample testing on a monthly basis until we secure our opinion.

We will also leverage techniques that have been used by some of the world's largest commercial entities to meet their audit goals. Specifically, we will apply statistical sampling techniques to accurately carry forward our financial statement balances and verify accounting records accuracy throughout the Universe of Transactions (UoT). Additionally, we will enhance audit procedures by integrating Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning technologies, which can enable us to meet our audit readiness timeline with greater efficiency.

Figure 2: Examples of Substantive-related Efforts



Winning the Audit Race

While leadership can plot the course and set the strategy, executing the acceleration plan falls upon all of us. I've discussed the AAP with the Action Owners/OPRs, and I expect each OPR to socialize and normalize these plans quickly. I look forward to our teams making significant progress, quickly. We've come out of the gates strong, but to finish this race, we need everyone—in and out of Financial Management—prioritizing and performing audit-related activities.

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DEAMS Update

State of the Business

by DEAMS Functional Manager



Each quarter, the Defense Enterprise Accounting Management System (DEAMS) Agile Development Teams convene to review progress and prioritize upcoming work. A key element of these quarterly events is the “State of the Business” presentation delivered by the DEAMS Functional Manager. This update summarizes the key points from the presentation given on 25 June 2025.

A primary focus of the DEAMS Functional Management Office (FMO) is supporting the Department of Defense (DoD) goal to achieve an unmodified audit opinion by 31 December 2028. To this end, audit readiness has been declared the top priority, with four key programs aligned to meet Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 objectives:

- **Treasury Disbursing:** This program will contribute to addressing the DoD’s material weakness related to Fund Balance with Treasury.
- **G-Invoicing:** G-Invoicing will provide the necessary transparency for reconciling intragovernmental transactions.
- **Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM):** Expected to be implemented in Q1FY26, ICAM will enhance the security of sensitive financial data.
- **DEAMS Compliance Team:** The team is preparing for a Type 2 System and Organizational Control (SOC 2) audit in FY26 to ensure the accuracy and effectiveness of internal controls.

The DEAMS Deployment and Training Team presented their short- and long-term schedules, outlining a continuous deployment rhythm extending into FY29. The team’s current focus is on deploying existing DEAMS functionality to acquisition programs. Concurrent efforts include developing specific capabilities, such as the interface with the Job Order Cost Accounting System (JOCAS), to provide comprehensive support to program offices. Additional civilian payroll deployments are also underway. To date, these efforts have transitioned over \$11 billion for execution within DEAMS. Two further deployments are planned for FY25, adding an additional \$10.6 million in execution.

Legacy to DEAMS (L2D) conversions are ongoing at various locations and are projected to continue into FY31. This program involves a detailed review of all transactions remaining in General Accounting and Finance System (GAFS) to determine appropriate actions: de-obligation, migration to DEAMS, or retention in GAFS.

G-Invoicing for DEAMS users with G-Invoicing responsibilities training sessions will be held from late July through August, scheduled across all time zones for user convenience. Approximately 5,400 users have been identified as requiring this training, and full attendance is anticipated. The training schedule is below, and also available on the [G-Invoicing news page](#) of the DEAMS Outreach Portal.

PACAF G-INV August Training MS Teams: Japan Standard Time (JST)		
Date Time	Teams Link	Dial in by Phone:
28-Jul 1000 JST	Join the meeting now	1-410-874-6750 669 531 918#
5-Aug 1000 JST		
12-Aug 1000 JST		
19-Aug 1000 JST		
26-Aug 1000 JST		





Eastern/Central G-INV August Training MS Teams: Central Standard Time (CST)

Date Time	Teams Link	Dial in by Phone:
29-Jul 1100 CST	Join the meeting now	1-410-874-6750 669 531 918#
5-Aug 1100 CST		
12-Aug 1100 CST		
19-Aug 1100 CST		
26-Aug 1100 CST		

Alaska/Hawaii G-INV August Training MS Teams: Hawaii-Aleutian Time (HST)

Date Time	Teams Link	Dial in by Phone:
29-Jul 1100 HST	Join the meeting now	1-410-874-6750 669 531 918#
5-Aug 1100 HST		
12-Aug 1100 HST		
19-Aug 1100 HST		
26-Aug 1100 HST		

USAFE G-INV August Training MS Teams: Central European Time (CET)

Date Time	Teams Link	Dial in by Phone:
31-Jul 1100 CET	Join the meeting now	1-410-874-6750 669 531 918#
7-Aug 1100 CET		
14-Aug 1100 CET		
21-Aug 1100 CET		
28-Aug 1100 CET		

Mountain/Pacific G-INV August Training MS Teams: Pacific Standard Time (PST)

Date Time	Teams Link	Dial in by Phone:
31-Jul 1100 PST	Join the meeting now	1-410-874-6750 669 531 918#
7-Aug 1100 PST		
14-Aug 1100 PST		
21-Aug 1100 PST		
28-Aug 1100 PST		

The DEAMS Agile Development Teams continuously address system fixes and updates. These updates are implemented promptly to maximize efficiency gains. In June, the teams successfully delivered 12 system releases, incorporating over 64 stories and bug fixes. Many of these changes are behind-the-scenes system enhancements that improve performance or data integrity. Development updates included progress on Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (OBIEE), Treasury Disbursing, Contract Writing Systems auto-posting metrics, G-Invoicing, and the Defense Departmental Reporting System (DDRS).

OBIEE: As the reporting replacement for Discoverer Viewer (DV) reports, OBIEE has replaced 90% of the DEAMS DV reports and 85% of the Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) DV reports. The remaining DV reports will be phased out in Q1FY26, contingent on validation of the remaining 94 reports following data warehouse stabilization. ➤

Treasury Disbursing: International Vendor Payment functionality is scheduled for release in late July, bringing DEAMS into compliance with Executive Order 1429, “Protecting America’s Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.” As of the end of May 2025, the amount disbursed directly from the Treasury has reached the same level as the end of Q3FY24.

Contract Writing Systems: Auto-posting rates continue to exceed expectations. The auto-post rate for initial contract awards is now 1.26 days, compared to 6.45 days in 2023. The average posting time for contract modifications has been reduced to 18 minutes, down from over 5 hours in 2023.

G-Invoicing: Twelve pilot transactions, totaling approximately \$80 million, have resulted in G-Invoicing orders, with roughly \$40 million in performance recorded in DEAMS to date. The servicing side is being delivered incrementally for order creation, and the billing and performance processes are expected to be released in Q4FY25. Following the Deployment and Training Team’s classes, the requesting side of G-Invoicing will be rolled out Air Force-wide in Q1FY26.

DDRS: The OUSD-C Financial Statements rely on the accuracy of data from DDRS, which in turn depends on DEAMS data being compliant with Standard Financial Information System (SFIS) version 11.2. The DDRS interface has been updated with SFIS 11.2 data elements, and the Development Team is targeting a Q1FY26 delivery.

For detailed information on each of the releases, select the [Release Notes](#) tile on the DEAMS Outreach Portal home page.

The Latest from SAF/FMFO

by Ms. Jenny Beer, Director, SAF/FMFO Accounting Policy & Operations

Fiscal Year End Closeout

Accounting Policy & Operations (SAF/FMFO) is more than ready to assist Department of the Air Force (DAF) customers with FM Systems, including Defense Enterprise Accounting Management System (DEAMS), as we race towards year end closeout. In addition to our regular arsenal of resources—DEAMS Users Group, DEAMS Answer Bank, Users Forums, Data Analytics & Field Support Power BI applications, to name a few—we are launching our Fiscal Year End (FYE) Closeout Information site in mid-July. The site houses critical suspense dates, policy guidance, official memorandums, GPC and reimbursements guidance, and much more. Access the DEAMS Outreach Portal to navigate to the site.



With milBook’s decommission in April 2025, a new virtual FYE War Room application is in development on SharePoint with Power Apps. The group will be comprised of SAF/FMFO, SAF/FMIE, SAF/AQ, Defense Finance Accounting Service, and designated Command representatives. Customers are encouraged to utilize existing support channels, including self-help resources, the Help Desk (SAF/FM Self Service Portal), and their FMA; any issues needing assistance above and beyond Help Desk procedures will need to be presented to their Command Rep for War Room elevation.

SAF/FMFO successfully wrapped up our inaugural quarterly Command Engagements. This new support model provides an open-forum, cross-communication approach equipping Commands with the knowledge and tools to solve problems independently, enhancing data-driven decision-making and maximizing resource allocation. These interactive engagement sessions provide a venue for the FM workforce to deep dive into accounting processes and posture DAF to be better prepared for FYE.

New DEAMS Account Reactivation Process

Effective 1 July 2025, any user requesting a DEAMS account reactivation, including unlocking those that have been inactive for 90 days or more, will be required to submit a new DEAMS DD Form 2875. This action is necessary to implement recommendations from an Independent Public Auditor.

Guidance for completing DD 2875-DEAMS can be found on the DEAMS Outreach Portal.

Funds Control Changes in DEAMS

On 1 July 2025, DEAMS implemented tighter FY25 funds control, tracking commitments at more granular levels. This shift reintroduces commitment tracking and may expose overspent conditions. Increased vigilance is required to prevent funding problems. Please access the [news page](#) for more information and direct any questions to your assigned [Command SME](#).



Discover NEW Playbook Guides on FICS 2.0

We have exciting resources to share with you! The [Financial Information Collaboration Space \(FICS\) 2.0](#) now hosts two recently released playbooks for key processes. Read about Civilian PCS and Voucher Balancing activities.

- [Civilian PCS Playbook](#)

The Civilian PCS Playbook is your ultimate guide to mastering entitlements and reimbursements for civilian employees on the move. Packed with step-by-step instructions and quick-reference guides, you'll gain the confidence to process travel vouchers and ensure a smooth relocation experience.

- [Voucher Balancing Playbook](#)

Voucher balancing is essential for maintaining strong internal controls and preventing fraud. The Voucher Balancing Playbook equips Military Pay Technicians with clear, step-by-step procedures to identify and correct payment and collections errors. This latest version incorporates updates from SMEs and test bases empowering you to lead your squadron with confidence and precision.

Remember, FICS 2.0 hosts a myriad of FM procedural products like tools, trainings, playbooks, and more for FM technicians. Check it out today!



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The era of the Commanders Resource Integration System (CRIS) platform is coming to an end, henceforth marking the transition to a new and powerful enterprise data analytics platform, Advana FASTR Data Warehouse (FDW)!



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