

SUBJ: Mr Tucker, Executive Dir ASMC Speech 18 Feb 2010

Mr Al Tucker is the Executive Director of the American Society Military Comptrollers (ASMC). He was the Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) honored guest speaker at the 18 February 2010 monthly meeting held at the Langley Bayside Enlisted Club.

Mr Tucker personally and individually welcomed every member that attended. He began with the background of ASMC being a non-profit association that was founded in 1948. HQ National serves financial managers in five military services and defense agencies. The organization has about 18,000 members, 150 chapters and 150 corporate members. ASMC National offers its members many advantages here are a few: National PDI along with regional PDIs, Chapter training programs, the special Certification program (CDFM), professional journal (Armed Forces Comptroller Journal), and selected training courses.

Mr Tucker discussed the future of defense financial management and how it will affect the ASMC member. He stated the ASMC member's profession is Defense Financial Management that consists of specific Body of knowledge that maintains the ethical standards that ensures the public trust and legal liability.

Mr Tucker explained to the membership that they must rebalance their resources in their career. The members should sharpen their skills, stay flexible, be mobile, get more training, diversify their experience, and obtain certification.

Mr Tucker provided details on how ASMC can help you in your career. ASMC will keep you informed, help you stand out, provide leadership opportunities, broaden your perspective and provide certification of your skills.

- ASMC helps keep you informed by providing the National Professional Development Institute (PDI). The PDI will provide you education and training along with CPE credits.
- ASMC can help you stand out by providing the test-based certification. ASMC provides the Enhanced Defense Financial management Training Course. When you pass the three tests you become a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM). ASMC gives out awards each year and presents the awards at the PDI.
- ASMC can help you be a leader by helping you to develop your talents while working in your local ASMC Chapter. The local chapter assists and trains the member in their continuing community service.

Mr Tucker talked more about the CDFM testing. He said there are currently four modules available for review and testing. Modules I-II-III are required to obtain your CDFM certificate. The Module IV is optional and adds an "A" to your CDFM Certification.

- Module I covers the Resource Management Environment
- Module II covers the Budgeting and Cost Analysis section
- Module III covers the Accounting and Finance knowledge
- Module IV covers the Acquisition section

Mr Tucker informed the audience to finish their CDFM requirements they must complete the following:

- Must complete four years of federal government related financial management experience with an Associate degree or higher), or
- Complete three years of Defense related financial management experience (without degree), or
- Complete two years of Defense related financial management experience an Associate degree, or higher.

ASMC assists members trying to obtain their CDFM with audio conferences.

- Audio session for Module I, two four-hour sessions on consecutive days.
- Audio session for Fiscal Law and Ethics updates for 1 ½ hour

Mr Tucker announced that the training schedule for EDFM classes and for Modules is in the HQ ASMC web site, www.asmconline.org, please ensure you take time to find these training dates and locations.

Mr Tucker said the National PDI 2010 will be held at Nashville, TN. Starting 1 June to 4 June 2010. Please try to attend, CPE credits will be awarded for workshop attendance, see all of you in Nashville.