



Southside Journal

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Message From the President

Dear Southside VA Chapter Members!

First, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Jennifer "Nikki" Barilow, our new CASCOM VP. I am excited to see the positive impact she will have on our organization, and look forward to collaborating with her.

Spring is here, bringing new opportunities for growth, learning, and giving back! As we move forward, I encourage you to stay engaged and take advantage of the exciting events ahead.

Upcoming Events

- **April 1: Scholarships** - Don't forget, the deadline for scholarship applications is coming up on April 1st. Check page 7 for more details and instructions on how to apply.
- **April 26: Community Service** - Join us in making a difference by participating in our community service initiative. Together, we can have a positive impact on our local community.
- **May 15: Scholarship Luncheon** - Save the date for our Scholarship Luncheon in May. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our scholarship recipients. More details will be coming soon.

I also wanted to take a moment to highlight two exciting opportunities available to our members:

- **Nominate a Member for an Award:** Do you know a member who has gone above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional leadership, innovation, or service to our organization? Nominate them for one of our prestigious annual awards! This is a wonderful way to recognize the contributions of your peers and showcase the amazing talent within our chapter. The nomination process is quick and easy - simply fill out the form on our website by March 31st. Winners will be announced at our Scholarship Luncheon on March 15, 2025.
- **Apply for our \$500 Grant:** In addition, we are pleased to offer a \$500 grant to support a member's professional development. The application can be found on our website, and winners will be notified by May 15th at the Scholarship Luncheon.

These programs are just a few of the ways we're working to support and celebrate the incredible individuals who make up our chapter. If you have any questions or need assistance with the nomination or application process, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our Executive Board.

As you know, the Federal government is undergoing some changes and with that the cancellation of our Mini-PDI March 27 and the National PDI. During these times, it is important to lean on each other and stay positive. Our chapter continues to try to support the FM community with lunch and learns, community service and awards.

Join the Executive Board

We are looking for motivated professionals to join our executive board. Your leadership and ideas can help shape the future of our organization. If you are interested in joining the Executive Board, please reach out to any of the current board members (see page 2 for contact information). Thank you for your continued support and dedication. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to create new opportunities for growth and community engagement.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

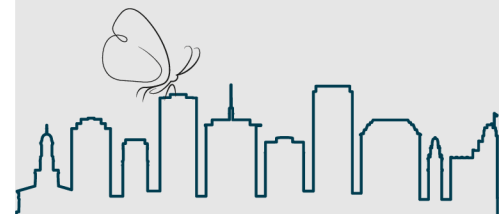
Regards,

Michel Moyers
Southside Virginia Chapter President



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The Biggest Finance Issues to Watch in 2025

States face a tricky year, with their own revenues stalling and federal aid running low.

With a new administration in Washington and the long-expected end of federal pandemic aid, states are grappling with a new financial picture this year.

Changes to the tax code in Washington could affect revenues in states, as could increased tariffs. Medicaid is expected to be on the chopping block in Congress, to help pay for tax cuts. Serious cuts would have profound consequences for states' bottom lines.

Still, states begin the year in pretty good financial shape. Budgets are mostly stable, with rainy-day funds remaining near record levels. A few states, however, are already seeing shortfalls — mostly blue states such as Maryland and Washington. Sales tax revenues have steadily been ticking down for months, while transportation spending has been ticking up.

To read the full article visit:

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3917664/dod-official-briefs-lawmakers-on-financial-management-progress-path-forward/>

2024 - 2025 **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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CDFM 25th Anniversary Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence



Since its inception, the CDFM certification has set the standard for excellence in defense financial management, recognizing professionals who demonstrate expertise, ethical responsibility, and a commitment to managing public resources effectively. We honor the legacy of this program, celebrate the achievements of our community, and look ahead to an exciting future.

To read more about Key Moments and Achievements in the 25 Years of the CDFM, visit the link below.

<https://sdfm.org/cdfm/25th-anniversary/>

LOOKING FOR LEADERS TO JOIN OUR BOARD!

If you would like to fill a vacant position or support a chair, contact an Executive Board member.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Scholarships - Apply by April 1, 2025

APR. 1

Don't miss a chance for your high school senior to secure a scholarship.

Scholarships provide financial support, making education more accessible and reduces student debt. Check out page 5 for more details.

Community Service: Chesterfield Food Distribution

APR. 26

Join Us to Make a Difference!

Come out and volunteer for the Chesterfield Food Distribution at J.A. Chalkley Elementary School (3301 Turner Road, Chesterfield, VA)!

Volunteer Arrival: 9:00 AM

Food Distribution: 10:00 AM until supplies run out (12:00)

Scholarship Luncheon

MAY 15

Join us for a celebration of our amazing recipients!

RSVP with your organization's VP (*see page 2 for your organization's VP*).

Time: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Location: Cesare's Ristorante & Pizza,
13301 Rivers Bend Blvd., Chester, VA

Chapter Meetings: First Thursday of the Month

THURS.

Our chapter meets the first Thursday of each month from 11:30-12:30 via MS Teams. If you have questions, please contact the chapter's secretary Brenda Fifield at brenda.fifield@deca.mil.

To read our chapter meeting minutes visit: <https://sdfm.southsideva.org/general-7-1>

Scholarship Program

We are excited to announce our Scholarship Program, designed to support graduating high school seniors who are passionate about pursuing higher education and making a positive impact in their chosen career field. We believe in the transformative power of education and are committed to helping bright minds reach their baccalaureate goals.

Scholarship Details:

- Amount: Up to \$1,000 in financial assistance.
- Eligibility: Open to graduating high school seniors who are planning to attend a university or college for post-secondary education.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Academic Achievement: Strong academic record and dedication to learning.
- Leadership: Demonstrated leadership skills in school, work, or community settings.
- Community Service: Involvement in activities that contribute to the betterment of the community.
- Extracurricular Activities: Participation in school clubs, sports, or other activities that show a well-rounded character.

All application documents must be received by April 1, 2025. Late applications will not be considered.

Visit our site for more information: <https://sdfm.southsideva.org/general-7-2>

Deadline

April 1, 2025.

Awards and Grants

Unlock Your Potential and Be Recognized!

We are excited to offer several distinguished awards and scholarships designed to honor the achievements, dedication, and leadership within our community. Whether you are a recent graduate, a high school senior, or a dedicated member, these opportunities are meant to support and celebrate your ongoing growth and contributions.

Apply, Share, and Celebrate!

Don't miss the opportunity to be recognized for your hard work, leadership, and service. We encourage everyone to apply, share with others, and let's continue to make a meaningful impact together.

Apply now and unlock your potential!

Awards and Grant applications are due March 31, 2025.

For more information visit: <https://sdfm.southsideva.org/copy-of-awards-1>

The Mark Patterson Continuing Education Grant

The \$500 Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible Southside Virginia SDFM members for their continuing educational endeavors. The Mark Patterson Continuing Education Grant encourages the development of local chapter members' continuing education programs.

Inspiring Leader Award

Recognizes an active SSVA Chapter SDFM Member for outstanding and continuous leadership, wisdom, guidance, mentorship and commitment to the Southside Virginia Chapter that made a positive impact on the SSVA Chapter and its members. The recipient of this award demonstrates extraordinary and exemplary leadership and mentoring skills and possesses an innate ability to motivate and inspire others to achieve their goals and cultivate their own abilities.

Iron Pillar Award

Recognizes an active SSVA Chapter SDFM Member for outstanding and continuous support of the Chapter. This includes significant contribution to existing chapter programs, knowledge sharing events, new initiatives and/or major program revamps.

Achievement Award

Recognizes an active SSVA SDFM Member who have outstanding accomplishments within one of the functional fields of Financial Management.

Member Spotlight

Jennifer "Nikki" Barilow

Comptroller of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management (DCSRM)
Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM)



Ms Barilow is the new Comptroller for the Combined Arms Support Command. Her expertise and leadership will be invaluable in guiding financial operations and supporting the mission ahead.

Biography:

Ms. Barilow currently serves as the Comptroller for the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), bringing extensive experience in financial management and strategic planning. Prior to this role, she was the Acting Chief of Staff and Resource Manager at White Sands Missile Range, overseeing a \$300 million budget and serving as a key financial advisor. Her career includes positions as a Financial Management Analyst at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and the Army Budget Office, where she played a significant role in workforce development and budget oversight. She has also held financial management roles with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 266th Financial Management Support Command, and the Army Medical Command.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, August 2023
- Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, 2024
- Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, 2018
- Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award, 2017

Welcome our new CASCOM VP!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Barilow as the new CASCOM Vice President of the Southside Virginia Chapter. Her leadership and dedication will be instrumental in driving our mission forward and supporting our members.

Mark Patterson (Retired)

Defense Commissary Agency



Congratulations on Your Retirement!

Wishing you all the best as you embark on this exciting new chapter! Your hard work, dedication, and contributions have made a lasting impact, and you leave behind a legacy to be proud of. May your retirement be filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures. Enjoy every moment—you've earned it!

Mark W. Patterson earned a BA in Psychology from Hampden-Sydney College in 1976 and later obtained a Master's in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1982. He began his career as a Procurement Agent before transitioning to management analysis and budget roles within the U.S. Army and Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). Over his career, he played a key role in DeCA's financial operations, managed major budgets, and helped establish the DoD FM Certification program. A lifetime member and past president of the Southside Virginia Chapter of ASMC, he has received three Superior Civilian Service Awards. Mark and his wife, Helen, live in Midlothian, VA, with their two daughters.

Thank you for
your 40+ years of
service.

"To DeCA and the current Resource Management team, I appreciate the opportunity to serve, your friendships, and wish everyone the best of luck and a happy future."

Sincerely,
Mark Patterson



Mark Patterson and Michael Moyers
(SDFM Southside VA Chapter President)



Mark and Helen Patterson (wife)

Promotions

Let's celebrate and congratulate the following employees on their well-deserved promotions!

Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence have truly paid off.

The achievements are a testament to their dedication and professionalism.

Best wishes to each of you in your new roles!

Mr. Andreaus Foster

Promoted to Branch Chief, Budget Formulation & Execution DLA Aviation.

New Positions

Congratulations on Your New Positions!

We are thrilled to celebrate this exciting milestone

in your careers! Your hard work, dedication, and expertise have led you to this well-deserved opportunity, and we have no doubt you will excel in your new roles.

Wishing you all the best as you take on new challenges and continue to make a positive impact. Congratulations, and we look forward to your continued success!

Mr. Jack Skym

Budget Officer, DLA Aviation

Ms. Megan Truong

Transitioning to USSOCOM,
J2 Budget Office.

Upcoming Events: National SDFM



SDFM | Academy

Fiscal Law Course

April 8-10, 2025
July 22-24, 2025
November 18-20, 2025

This comprehensive course is designed to cover essential topics, including Chapters 3, 5, and 6 of the GAO Redbook. With the ever-changing landscape of federal appropriations law, staying up-to-date and knowledgeable is crucial.

<https://sdfm.org/professional-development/events/>



SDFM | Signature Event

DA/DS

Data Analytics & Decision Support

October 23, 2025

Government and corporate leaders in the field of defense financial management (FM) convene at SDFM's Data Analytics & Decision Support (DA/DS) Virtual Conference to share insight in data analytics and the decision process in the age of generative AI.

<https://sdfm.org/professional-development/data-analytics-decision-support-virtual-conference/>



Finance & Accounting Technology Expo (FATE)

November 13-14, 2025

SDFM members can **claim free tickets (\$495 value)** to the Finance & Accounting Technology Expo (FATE) at the Javits Convention Center, New York.

- Attend Learning Theaters to tackle key tech challenges.
- Explore 80+ Demo Discovery sessions with top vendors.
- View the agenda: [FATE Agenda](#)

Limited to the first 200 members—register by March 31, 2025.
Contact membership@sdfm.org for your code.