

Association of Syracuse Defense Comptrollers Newsletter

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ASDC News

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Message from the President

Our luncheon guest speaker on May 23, 2011 is Ms Sandra Gregory, the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer. In this capacity she heads the Office of Financial Management Workforce and leads special studies, and directs projects related to financial management to include the Department of Defense's (DoD) leadership role, along with the CFO Council's role, in establishing a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Academy for the federal government.

We will also be joined by the DCP class 2011 as they will be in town for their Wash DC week. You are invited to attend the ASDC Reception on 24 May 2011 the Defense Comptrollership Program Class of 2011 Reception & Retirement Recognition of COL (R) David Berg, Director.

With summer approaching and the lapse of two more years, the time for elections is upon us. We need new volunteers/candidates for nomination to serve on the board. To review the available positions, go to the www.su-asdc.org site and then select Officers for a list of each position and current incumbent. If you are interested, please let me know.

John Argodale

Upcoming Program Events

The following events are planned for the remainder of the 2010/2011 program year. If you have a suggestion for speaker/topics or other ideas on social or morale events, please contact the VP for Operations, Jack.Mutarelli@calibresys.com or VP at Large, Steve.Allenbach@us.army.mil

Luncheons:

May 23, 2011 (with DCP Class)

ASDC Reception: 24 May 2011

July 27, 2011

News from the 'CUSE

DCP 2011 Trip to DC

DCP 2011 will travel to Washington, DC during the period Sunday, May 22, 2010 until Friday, May 27, 2010 for the following purpose:

The purpose of the trip of DCP 2011 to Washington , DC is to provide an overall understanding of the Defense Planning, Programming and Budget Process from the view point of the OMB, CBO, OSD Comptroller, OJCS- J8; USD(HA), the Army, Navy and Air Force Budget offices and the US Coast Guard Budget office. In addition the visit will provide the students with a deeper understanding of the operations of the Congress with visits with HAC and SAC staffers.

This the fourth consecutive year the class has made the trip.

ASDC Reception: 24 May 2011

You are cordially invited to attend the Defense Comptrollership Program

Class of 2011 Reception & Retirement

Recognition of COL (R) David Berg, Director

Location: Crystal City Marriott, 11999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA

When: Tuesday, 24 May 2011, 6-8 PM

Dave Berg Retiring

COL (R) Dave Berg, ACP Class 25 - 1977- has announced his retirement as Director of Defense Programs at Syracuse University. He will retire in October 2011 after being in the position since 1995. A University search is underway for his replacement.

Subject: Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement & Scholarship

For the 13th consecutive year the Defense Comptrollership Program has been awarded the Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement & Scholarship. This is an outstanding for students who are taking 60 graduate credits in 14 months. Following is the Chancellor's notification and award citation. Signed by Nancy Cantor, Chancellor & President, Syracuse University, 7 March 2011.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the **Defense Comptroller Program Class of 2011** has been selected to receive a Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship for their outstanding work in improving the quality of life in the greater Syracuse community. This award is given each year to Syracuse University students and groups who exemplify the highest ideal of sustained, quality engagement with citizens in our community. Your dedicated, active involvement is an excellent example of *Scholarship in Action*, the vision for Syracuse University. *Scholarship in Action* encourages students and others to learn, discover, and create through deep engagement and exchanges with practitioners and communities in the region and throughout the world. I join the staff of the Mary Ann Shaw Center for Public and Community Service (CPCS) in saying how proud we are of you.

Defense Comptroller Program Class of 2011

The Defense Comptrollership Program (DCP) is a dual master's degree program in which each member will earn a Master's in Business Administration and an Executive Master's in Public Administration upon completing sixty credit hours in fourteen months. Also each student will take either the Certified Defense Financial Manager or Certified Government Financial Manager exam while at Syracuse University. In addition to the rigorous course load, each member is required to complete a minimum of twenty-four hours of community service in the Syracuse/Central New York area.

The DCP Class of 2011 is comprised of thirty-two students. There are five women and twenty-seven men, of whom sixteen are Army personnel, fifteen are federal civil servants, and one is a Coast Guard officer. The academic performance of the DCP Class of 2011 is impressive considering many of the students also have a family with them. The DCP Class of 2011 has maintained an average GPA of 3.694 through the end of the Fall 2010 semester. The top 20% of the class had a GPA above 3.926. At the same time, they have collectively performed 385.5 hours of community service and plan on completing an additional 382.5 hours before graduation in August 2011.

Student members of the DCP Class of 2011 have volunteered their time supporting the community in and around Syracuse. Amongst the various groups and organizations that students have volunteered with include, but are not limited to: Academic and Sporting events at Syracuse University; Boy and Girl Scouts; Duck Race to End Racism; Local Churches; the Salvation Army; ROTC; Blood Bank; American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA); Meals on Wheels; and the Special Olympics.

The DCP Class of 2011 will continue to support these wonderful groups and organizations until graduation, and many students plan on volunteering their time for additional activities during the spring and summer semesters. It is estimated that the class will have performed over 768 hours of public service during their fourteen months at Syracuse University. Being selected to attend DCP at Syracuse University is a great honor and privilege, and the students are inspired through a collective sense of dedication to give back to the community that they have become a part of during this time.

The DCP Class of 2011 is diverse in its cultures, backgrounds and lifestyles, but they share many common values and goals. By taking the time to volunteer with the various organizations within the local Syracuse area, DCP students demonstrate their selfless action and spirit of altruism and a willingness to share their rich experiences. For this dedication and commitment, we request your support in awarding the Chancellor's Award for Public Service to the DCP Class of 2011.

Alumni in Focus

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

John F. Kennedy

While I learned many things at Syracuse I also learned that there is always so much to learn! I remember being so excited to be selected to attend the Army (now Defense) Comptrollership Program in 1991. I had no idea what I was in for, but I was ready for it; or so I thought. It only took me a few months of papers, exams and study groups to question what I had gotten myself into. While I was definitely academically challenged and wondered if I would survive some classes, there was always encouragement and support from friends and classmates to see me through. While those days are long gone, many of the lessons and friendships are still with me.

As I progressed through my assignments after Syracuse, I was continually amazed by the wide breadth of application of the comptroller knowledge and skills that I garnered at Syracuse. At each new assignment, I was reminded about what I learned at Syracuse and how I needed to learn even more. However, without those basic skills, I could not have grown in my career. I have been fortunate to have had a variety of assignments since then. I cut my teeth on Defense resource management at the Army Medical R&D Command before being accepted into Class 40 (1992). After graduation, I first went to the Army Cost & Economic Analysis Center, where I developed OPTEMPO cost factors for ground and air vehicles. That earned me a berth on the US delegation to the United Nations (UN) to set up standard cost factors and methodologies for costing UN Peacekeeping operations. What an experience! After that, I was off to the Army Budget Office for a variety of assignments. I developed the Army civilian pay budget, managed RDTE accounts, and established the resource management structure for the Objective Force Task Force. I then went on to manage the Army Investment Accounts for Communications and Aircraft systems before heading off to Senior Service College at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). Since ICAF is the only Senior Service College that gives a degree in National Resource Strategy, having a good foundation in resource management from DCP was invaluable. After ICAF, I was accepted as a charter member of the Army Senior Fellows program which was created and designed to prepare civilian talent for the responsibilities of senior executive service, through the cultivation of strategic thinking and leading change. As a pioneer in the program's development, I launched the program's business office and assisted in dealing with funding and personnel issues. After a short detail to the OSD Comptroller's office to manage the GWOT (Global War on Terrorism) funding, I was selected to be a SES as the Deputy Director for Resource Management in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics). What an honor ... and what a challenge! It has been the culmination of all my comptroller knowledge and experiences. While my scope of responsibility has expanded and my knowledge has grown since my days at Syracuse and the DCP, I still know that the education and experience then was a huge contributor to my success today.

I continually cross paths with other DCP alumni and I still keep in touch with a couple of my DCP classmates. Unfortunately though, I lost two of my classmates, Dave Laychak and Rhonda Rasmussen on 9/11 at the Pentagon. However, I know that they are here in spirit and continue to encourage me and my classmates to be successful resource managers and leaders.

As I close, I want to commend all DCP alumni and the current class on making a wise decision to attend the Defense Comptrollership Program. It is an unforgettable experience and an important step in your life long journey of learning and leading. I also wish all current and future graduates much success in their personal and professional lives, and many opportunities to keep learning and leading.



Anne P. Twist

**DCP Class 40 (1992)
Graduate of National
Defense University
(NDU), Industrial
College Armed Forces
(ICAF) in 2007**

**Deputy Director
Resource
Management,
Acquisition Resources &
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Under Secretary of
Defense, Acquisition
Technology and
Logistics**

ASDC Volunteers at Walter Reed

Article by Mary Jo Rubino

In December, ASDC personnel volunteered at Walter Reed for the Virginia Ann Weidmaier Holiday Dinner. This is the fourth year ASDC has assisted the USO of Metropolitan Washington for this event during the holiday season. The volunteers included Charlene Kalinich, John Kalinich, Candice Baptist, Ron Adolphi, Geoff Ballou, Al Runnels, Teresa Fiegl, and Christina Reynolds. Mary Jo Rubino, ASDC Vice President for Support, helped to coordinate the volunteer effort.

This year the volunteers were very busy as we helped package approximately 130 meals to deliver to the Walter Reed hospital patients and staff. In addition, some volunteers helped to provide information, hand out T-Shirts and other gifts to the attendees, and also to photograph the event.

The event was held at the Mologne House at Walter Reed and consisted of delicacies from Washington, D.C. area restaurants -Blue Duck Tavern, Brasserie Beck/Marcel's, Citronelle, Equinox, Rocklands and Mussel Bar. The meal included items such as pulled pork, lasagna, and beef brisket as well as plenty of savory desserts.

The attendees were also treated to entertainment from a local school chorus group as well as an Elvis impersonator. Santa and his elves were also on hand for to hand out toys and take pictures with the children.

A special thank you to both Charlene Kalinich and Al Runnels for offering their vans to transport the meals to the hospital, and John Kalinich for photographing the event.



Activities

Engaging with SU Alumni

The Greenberg House is home to the SU Alumni Club of Washington and the DC Maxwell Alumni Association. Both are among the most active alumni organizations in the country. Many other alumni activities sponsored by SU's schools and colleges take place throughout the year. Check out their website for activities and events: <http://greenberghouse.syr.edu/>

Class Connectors to ASDC

The following representatives have volunteered to serve as Class Connectors to reach out and re-establish connections with classmates by gathering updated email and snail mail information. If your graduation class is missing from this list and you would like to volunteer to be a Class Connector, Veronica Helden at email Veronica.Helden@us.army.mil. Contact information is at <http://www.su-asdc.org/ClassConnector.asp>.

- 1976 - Ron Adolphi
- 1988 – Debara Zedalis
- 1989 – Fred Mason
- 1990 – COL Francis Machina
- 1991 - Jesse Villagran
- 1992 – Anne Twist
- 1993 – BG Curt Rauhut
- 1994 – Kathy Miller
- 1995 – Steve Barth
- 1996 – Diane Randon
- 1997 – Jennifer Lasichak
- 1998 – Geoff Ballou
- 1999 - Becky Allen
- 2000 - Holly Williams
- 2001 - Mike Watson
- 2002 - Patsy Provines
- 2003 – COL Brent Penny
- 2004 – Mary Jo Rubino
- 2005 - Cecilia Carroll
- 2006 - Debra Goddard
- 2007 - Mischelle Johnson
- 2008 – Veronica Helden
- 2009 – Eric Molfino
- 2010 – Kelly Smith

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