

FMNet Members:

With deep sorrow, we share with you the passing of one of our own and offer our condolences to his family and friends. LT Michael Volanti the disbursing officer with Charlie Detachment, 106th Financial Management Support Unit passed away 26 November while on leave in the United States.

https://www.army.mil/article/178907/knights_brigade_mourns_one_of_their_own

Announcements:

1. Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) Distributed Learning (dL) discontinued effective 1 November 2016 <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/thread/172376>
2. Navigating milBook may seem a challenge, but with a few pointers everyone will be off and running. <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/people/virgil.g.robitzsch/blog/2016/12/02/navigating-the-fmnet-on-milbook>.
3. The FMNet Message is best viewed in HTML on milBook at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-329856>

Training Opportunities:

The DoD FM Certification Community of Interest (COI) has training scheduled, "Getting Started in FM Certification", on 6 December at 0930 and 1330 Eastern Time for one hour each. Details

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/events/33225> (0930 6 December) and

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/events/332216> (1330 6 December).

General News and Information:

1. Patton's Own: SGT Kendra Newhart of USARCENT Financial Management (G8) was selected as a deployed Soldier to receive a telephone call from the President of the United States on Thanksgiving Day. <https://www.facebook.com/usarmycentral/videos/1384772111553329/>.
2. This week, the Senate and House Armed Services Committee completed the conference on the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017." The bill authorizes funding for the Department of Defense, provides a pay raise for military, and stops the reduction of military personnel. The conference report is <http://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20161128/CRPT-114HRPT-S2943.pdf>
3. AUSA Bulletin (24 November), Secretary Fanning identified budget instability as the biggest threat to meet readiness goals <https://www.ausa.org/news/fanning-budget-instability-biggest-threat>. AUSA Bulletin (1 December), a bipartisan defense bill halts and slightly reverses the Army's drawdown and provides a bigger than expected 1 January pay raise; the final hurdle is to become law <https://www.ausa.org/news/bipartisan-deal-halts-army-drawdown>.
4. The FY16 Schedule of Budgetary Activity Report recently published on the Army Audit Readiness AKO site includes the Independent Auditors' Report stating, "Management was unable to provide sufficient appropriate evidential matter to support the amounts in the schedule due to inadequate processes, controls, and records." <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/47576188>
5. A FORSCOM Resource Management annex provides what many of you have been looking for regarding delegation of authority for fund certification. "With approval from the Division Commander, BCT Commanders will delegate fund certification authority to their Brigade S-8s." <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-328712>.
6. 2016 Army Financial Management Workshop CPE/CET credit memorandum are now accessible for your use in order to meet Continuing Education and Training requirements for FM Certification <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-329830>.
7. News and requests from the field. Have you ever asked, "How do I find course material to present a block of instruction for professional development?" Depending upon what you are looking for, the material you may need is on the SSI SharePoint. This is the same material used on Blackboard in the

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classes here on Fort Jackson. To access course material, go to the "Learning Resource Center" (LRC) on the FM School's "One Stop" webpage, <http://www.finance.army.mil/>. After clicking the LRC link, use your AKO log-on from the dropdown menu; do not use 'adfs.tradoc.arm.mil'. The links for FM are in the middle portion of the LRC page. Select any of the courses you are interested in and then view the 'Course Lessons' link on the left. An example for PPBE: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-238474>

MILPER, ALARACT, Army Directives, DFAS, & FORSCOM Financial Management Messages:

1. MILPER messages available on the HRC MILPER web page at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/Milper>
2. ALARACTs on AKO at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/550282>.
3. Army Directives are on the Army Publishing Directorate at <http://www.apd.army.mil/Search/ePubsSearch/ePubsSearchForm.aspx?x=ARMY+DIR>
4. DFAS MilPay Messages. Multiple messages published since the previous FMNet Message <https://dfas4dod.dfas.mil/centers/dfasin/library/milpay/policy16/index.htm>
5. DFAS Manual 7097.01 change 17, dated 29 November. DFAS-IN 37-100 change 16 and 17, dated 23 and 30 November, respectively <http://asafm.army.mil/offices/LinksDocuments.aspx?OfficeCode=1200>
6. FORSCOM RMMs are available <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/afms/brigade-s8/content?filterID=contentstatus%5Bpublished%5D~category%5Bforscom-resource-management-messages%5D>.

Upcoming Events (all times Eastern Time):

1. GFEBS Scheduled Maintenance (ERP, BI, and GRC unavailable during the following times): (1) Unix/Linux Patching (10 hours) from Saturday, 3 December at 1600 to Sunday, 4 December at 0200. (2) Operations & Support Patch (6 hours) from Friday, 16 December at 1800 to Saturday, 17 December at 0000. (3) Unix/Linux Patching (10 hours) from Saturday, 17 December at 1600 to Sunday, 18 December at 0200. To receive emails of scheduled outages or if you have any questions, please contact the GFEBS Helpdesk at Army.GFEBS.Helpdesk@mail.mil or 1-866-757-9771 (+1 541 429 6442 internationally).
2. FY17 Theater Financial Management Forum from 4 through 8 December 2016. For more details, <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/thread/168864>.
3. The Civilian Personnel On Line (CPOL) Portal is unavailable during the monthly maintenance weekend Friday, 16 December at 2100 to Sunday, 18 December at 1700. <http://cpol.army.mil/announcements/>
4. The Ultimate Training Environment System (UTES) will be unavailable for scheduled maintenance (<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-247541>): (1) 17 - 25 December 2016, (2) 24 March - 1 April 2017, (3) 14 - 22 July 2017, and (4) 22 - 30 September 2017.
5. American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) 2017 National Professional Development Institute (PDI) is 31 May to 2 June in San Diego. Additional details are <http://asafm.army.mil/offices/po/poinfo/pdi.aspx>.

Social Media: Send the links to your peers.



Join Instructions: If you would like to join FMNet visit the Army Financial Management School COI link <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/afms> and sign in to milSuite with your CAC (signing in establishes your milSuite account if you didn't have one). When you reach the Army Financial Management School Community page look for the "Join" widget on the left and click it. Approval is automatic.



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrFUP9pi9QR6d4mDZ4-cW8Q>



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