

FMNet Members:

We celebrate Thanksgiving this week and thank you for your service; please continue to remember those serving away from home and their families. Happy Thanksgiving!

If you are receiving the FMNet Message via an email, I suggest viewing the message on milBook at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-328341>.

Announcements:

1. A recent blog entry ("USC, what's that?") in the University of South Carolina Partnership Community of Interest explores how people receive information about various courses and seeks your feedback <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/afms/usc/blog/2016/11/21/usc-whats-that>.
2. Were you unable to attend the 15 November AFMO Townhall on Fort Belvoir? The slides are on the AFMO News and Products milBook group page at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-326824>.

Training Opportunities:

The DoD FM Certification Community of Interest (COI) has two training topics scheduled over the next two weeks. "The CET Process" is 29 November and "Getting Started in FM Certification" is 6 December at 0930 and 1330 Eastern Time for one hour each. Details <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/events/33220> (0930 29 November), <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/events/33221> (1330 29 November), <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. Last week SGT Bor and SPC Kipchirchir, two Financial Management Technicians and Olympians, visited Fort Jackson. The excerpt from "The Fort Jackson Leader" is on the FMNet <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-328296>.
2. The Strategic Portfolio Analysis Review (SPAR) enables Army senior leaders to make informed resource decisions within a larger strategic framework <https://www.army.mil/standto/2016-11-22>. Financial Managers assist in this effort by providing the analysis of funds executed to accomplish a commander's lines of effort. A similar topic is in a previous FMNet Message from 7 October.
3. Recently, five West Point cadets learned of what is arguably the best news receiving Finance as their branch, thus becoming the newest members to the Finance Corps. See their picture with Colonel Teri Pleinis at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/thread/164644> under the 23 November entry. We look forward to seeing them in the Financial Management School following their graduation from the United States Military Academy.
4. In an S1NET subspace, you will find the "Readiness Tracker" for APFT, Weapons, Required Training, etc. Access the tracker and view the rave comments <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-322738>.
5. If you are looking for an overview and background of Army Financial Management Optimization (AFMO), view [https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Army_Financial_Management_Optimization_\(AFMO\)](https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Army_Financial_Management_Optimization_(AFMO))

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 <https://dfas4dod.dfas.mil/centers/dfasin/library/milpay/policy16/index.htm>
5. FY17 DFAS Manual 7097.01 change 16, dated 22 November <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. The Defense Travel System (DTS) will be unavailable for six hours beginning Friday, 25 November at 2300 http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/dts_status.cfm?ID=50. DTS will conduct a Continuity of Operations Exercise from 10 to 17 December <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/news.cfm?ID=72>.
2. 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).
3. FY17 Theater Financial Management Forum from 4 through 8 December 2016. For more details, <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/thread/168864>.
4. 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/>
5. 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.
6. 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>.

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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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