



News from the Professional Development Committee

I've recently re-joined the High Desert Chapter, and am proud to serve as the new Chair of the Professional Development Committee. My esteemed and very valuable members are: **Jeannie Alvarado, Candy Good, Kathleen Augustine, Selina Carr-McEwen, Debra Lawrence, Zarie Fleming** and **Sheri Pflum**. There are no words to fully thank them enough for joining this committee, but I know they feel as rewarded as I do with the knowledge required for the work we do enhances our career every day. Seeing someone realize his/her career dream and knowing you were part of their shaping is why I do what I do, and I'm sure I can speak for the members of this committee.

My most previous experience working at the Pentagon as the Chief of FM Workforce Development, Education and Training prepared me for a seat on this committee, and I'm excited to be a part (again) of the High Desert Chapter. Some may remember me in my previous position at Edwards in AFFTC/FMC as a Cost Analyst, and as the 1st Vice President of the Chapter. I look forward to using some of the skills and experience I've gained since leaving in 2006 to work for the Chapter, and most importantly, the membership and the local FM community. It's good to be "home".

As soon as I volunteered, I was told that the Chapter would like to hold a mini PDI and if I could arrange that? Could I? Of course – as long as I have a talented team, and as you can see, I do! We immediately got to task, and with **Barb Sellers'** help, secured the Wolfe-Yeager conference room to map out a plan. We have a date; we have the time; we're still working on the place, the speakers and the agenda, but those will come later. For now, though, get excited, get ready, get set, and we're going to have a good time at the High Desert Chapter 2014 mini PDI!

April 30, 2014, 0700 – 1700 is the date and time. We've have broad areas where we'd like to focus the training on, and those broad areas are: Functional Training, Leadership Training, Personal Interest Training, and we'll take a look at the local nominees for National awards and the winners of the ASMC scholarships. Please know that these are the ideas that the committee came up with; not all of these

classes will be presented at the PDI, but we thought these provided good, quality training. We'll continue to search for interesting and current information to present at the PDI and beyond. Also, if you have any ideas not covered here that you think would be great to learn more about, please let me know at sharon.danburg@us.af.mil. I look forward to hearing those ideas!

Under the Functional Training we've identified possible classes: FIAR, FM Certification, Decision Support, and possibly a panel from AFTC and the wings to share best practices and show us what we do similarly and differently.

The Leadership training will provide speakers to share ideas on how to become a better leader, utilizing your strengths to lead people, teams, organizations, etc. We're also hoping for a few surprises in this area, so you'll just have to plan to attend as see for yourself!

The Personal Interest training will provide retirement information for military and civilians, benefits for military and civilian, resume writing and USAJOBS skills, personal finances, technology issues and MicroSoft Office skills.

After the PDI I want to know what you think – how we did; where we succeeded, where we failed, and what we should have done that we didn't do.

Keep your ear to the ground – you're gonna hear us ROAR!!

-Sharon Danburg

Chair, Professional Development Committee

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