



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

It's been an interesting month here in the 33d Fighter Wing. First, at the beginning of March, a cracked fan blade at Edwards briefly grounded the entire F-35 fleet. Then on March 19th, United Kingdom Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Frankie Buchler, the first international student aviator to fly the JSF, flew the F-35B. And finally this week, famous Tuskegee Airman, retired Lt Col James Harvey III, toured the 33d Fighter Wing to view the Integrated Campus and Joint Strike Fighter Air System.

Tuskegee Airman tours the 33d Fighter Wing. It certainly has a ring to it, no?

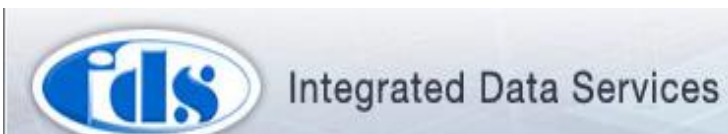
Many of us have heard about this storied group, but a brief reminder is worth mention. The Tuskegee Airmen, an elite group of African-American pilots in the 1940s, fought against racism and segregation, battled enemies during World War II, and fought for the right just to be considered for pilot duty. They trained in overcrowded classrooms and on problematic airstrips, and boldly suffered the racist attitudes of some military officials. However, this did not keep 992 men from graduating from their segregated pilot training facility at Tuskegee, Alabama. 450 received overseas combat assignments (150 did not return) and destroyed or damaged 409 German airplanes, 950 ground units,.

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## ***President's Column – Continued***

and sank a battleship destroyer. They completed more than 200 bomber escort missions during World War II, and cemented their place in history

As I reflected on the significance of a member of the most famous group of Airmen in Air Force history coming to our campus, it occurred to me that we continue to live in historic times. Sequestration has resulted in some of the most rapid downturns in defense spending since the Vietnam drawdown. As swords are turned into plowshares after 10 years of war, we must not lose sight of the fact that "interesting times" are simply a fact of life. Our challenge as financial managers of every sort, is to ensure that we embrace change and look for better ways to do business. Now is the time for us to sharpen our tools and respond to the call of history. The Air Force, and indeed the American people, deserves nothing less.

Best of luck, and thanks for all that you do.

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Scott

Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF

Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President

883-4040

## ***Membership***

*Chair, Kent Fitzgerald*

Membership is available to individuals who are actively employed in military comptrollership, as active duty or civilian personnel for DoD or USCG. Associate membership is available for those who don't meet the qualifications but are currently employed in a defense related financial management field. Employees of private sector companies who are interested in ASMC membership may join under the corporate membership program.

New military members E1-E4 and civilian GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. \*New members only.\* I will be providing information about upcoming membership drives and other activities as they are planned.

If you have any questions, call me, 883-3809.

## ***Executive Committee***

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### ***Ways & Means – George Joseph***

#### ***Ways & Means***

Chair: George Joseph

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events.

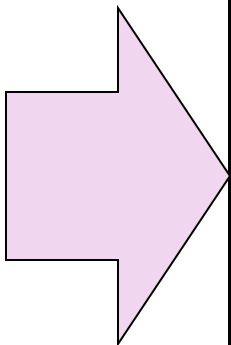
Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways & Means projects; your suggestions are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, contact Mr George Joseph, [george.joseph@eglin.af.mil](mailto:george.joseph@eglin.af.mil), 883-3458

### ***Minutes: Executive Council & Regular Meetings***

The ASMC Luncheon Meeting minutes and the Executive committee meeting minutes are now posted on the Gulf Coast Chapter webpage.

To review them, please go to the website <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/> and click on the tab marked “Minutes” along the top.

## April Luncheon



24 April at 1200 in the Sand Dollar Lounge at the Bayview Club.

Mr. Carlos Rodgers, Armament Directorate Comptroller, will speak. "Resource Management in the Armament Directorate and FM Career Mentorship"

Here is the A3 Link.

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=388799&TypeName=Class>

## Scholarship news

Two applications were submitted for the ASMC National Scholarship program which ended 31 Mar 13. Our Chapter will be notified in late May if either or both of our applicants have been selected as winners.

Our Local Chapter's high school and college scholarship campaign begins 1 Apr 12. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "refresh" button to see the 2013 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. If you know of high school or college students pursuing a degree related to financial/resource management, please make them aware of this opportunity. **The application deadline is 10 May 13.**

Our Local Chapter is also offering scholarships to Gulf Coast Chapter members only. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "refresh" button to see the 2013 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. **The application deadline is 10 May 13.**

The National Scholarship program is no longer accepting applications. (Deadline was 31 Mar 2013).

Points of contact are Connie Clay (883-0239, [connie.clay2@eglin.af.mil](mailto:connie.clay2@eglin.af.mil)) and Sheila Hale (883-0288, [sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil](mailto:sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil)).

## *USSOCOM Financial Management Awards*

Congratulations to AFSOC for winning 14 of 19 award categories in the CY 2012 USSOCOM FM Awards competition. Additionally, they claimed "runner-up" awards in 3 categories totaling recognition in 17 of 19 categories. Gulf Coast Chapter members and organizations are listed below:

### **AFSOC WINNERS - COMPONENT LEVEL:**

*Outstanding FM Organization:* HQ AFSOC/FM (TENTH year in a row!)

*Outstanding Comptroller :* Ms Annette Beard, HQ AFSOC

*Outstanding Author:* Mr Brian Delaney, HQ AFSOC

*Improvements to Budget Formulation and Execution - Individual :* Mr Jeff DeCocker, HQ AFSOC

*Innovations in Financial Management in a Combat Zone – Individual:* Capt Anthony Costanza, HQ AFSOC

*Innovations to Financial Management Processes – Individual:* MSgt Daniel Doble, HQ AFSOC

*Improvements to Financial Management Internal Controls – Team:* Audit Readiness Team, HQ AFSOC

*Innovations to Financial Management Processes – Team:* CAIB-POTFF Funding Process Team, HQ AFSOC

### **AFSOC WINNERS - BELOW COMPONENT LEVEL:**

*Improvements to Financial Management Internal Controls – Individual:* SSgt Kathleen Abling, 1 SOCPTS

*Improvements to Financial Management Internal Controls – Team:* Broad Spectrum Internal Control Analysis and Improvements Team, 1 SOCPTS

*Improvements to Budget Formulation and Execution – Team:* Establishing FM Processes for AF's Only Special Tactics Wing, 24 SOW/FM

### **AFSOC RUNNER-UP – BELOW COMPONENT LEVEL:**

*Innovations in Financial Management in a Combat Zone – Team:* CJSOAC Standup Team, 1 SOCPTS

## *Air Force Financial Management Awards*

### **Air Force Financial Management Awards**

*Congratulations to HQ AFSOC's Audit Readiness team for earning a FY 2012 Special Acts and Services Award for their efforts preparing the command for audit readiness!*

## Community Service

### Relay for Life

The Comptrollers for a cause Relay for life team has a lot of fund raising going on right now that you may interest you.

We are giving away an amazing **Wind Creek Casino Package**. This package includes a complimentary night stay at the Casino, a complimentary SPA service for two, 2 Complimentary cooking studio classes and a complimentary dinner for 2 at the Fire Steakhouse. This package is worth over \$700. It is very simple to get qualified to win. All you need to do is visit RFL team page and make a donation to the team. For every **\$5.00 donation** you will receive one ticket for a chance to win this package or donate \$20 and receive 5 tickets. Once your donation is complete we will email your ticket numbers. You are donating money for to help in the fight against cancer and also maybe the recipient of this amazing casino package deal. Here is the web link to assist you with your donation: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY13FL?team\\_id=1292962&pg=team&fr\\_id=50004](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY13FL?team_id=1292962&pg=team&fr_id=50004). Please make sure that you do not donate as "anonymous". Of course anyone from the Comptrollers for a Cause team can take your donation in cash or a check.

Our next fund raiser is coming up **April 11** from 11am to 11pm at Chili's in Destin. For each flyer that is presented when you pay your check Chili's will donate 10% of the sales to our Relay for Life team. Please invite everyone you know to come to Chili's for this event and ensure that each party has a flyer to present to their server.

If you are interested in purchasing a **"Fund Rays" coupon book** please contact one of the relay team members. These coupon books sell for **\$15** and contain over \$1000 in discount coupons for area businesses. With each coupon book the team sells we are \$7.50 closer to our fundraising goal of \$2500. Pick up one of our awesome **water bottle cozies** (\$9), **coin purses** (\$15), or **Nook cover** (\$20) today!

Finally, make sure you join us for the **Relay for Life event April 19** at the Niceville High School Stadium. The Relay kicks off at 6:30pm with the survivor lap. We still need volunteers to man the booth and people to walk. There is always a lot going on at the relay and a lot of ways for you to get involved. Please come out and show your support for the Comptrollers for a Cause team! POCs: Dedra Hickman (Dedra.hickman@eglin.af.mil)

## **Community Service**

### **Fisher House**

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, Fisher House dinners were a great success on 14 and 28 March. We already have volunteer teams ready to cook on April 4th and May 9th.

More opportunities to volunteer in April and May. Please consider signing up otherwise we will have to cancel support due to lack of volunteers.

**April 25, 2013** -- 5:00 pm - Cooking Dinner for Residents: Please meet us to prepare at 5:00 pm and serve at 6:00 pm. Teams for each day decide on the dinner menu ahead of time; prepare and share dinner with residents at the Fisher House.

**May 16, 2013** -- 5:00 pm - Cooking Dinner for Residents: Please meet us to prepare at 5:00pm and serve at 6:00pm. Teams for each day decide on the dinner menu ahead of time; prepare and share dinner with residents at the Fisher House.

POC Gabriella Geier-DuReitz ([gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil](mailto:gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil))

### **Pet Welfare**

We will be meeting at Pet Welfare Saturday **April 13th** to prep and repaint. We will meet from 9am-1pm. We need about 10 volunteers.

POC Lindsey Stephan ([Lindsey.Stephan@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Lindsey.Stephan@eglin.af.mil))

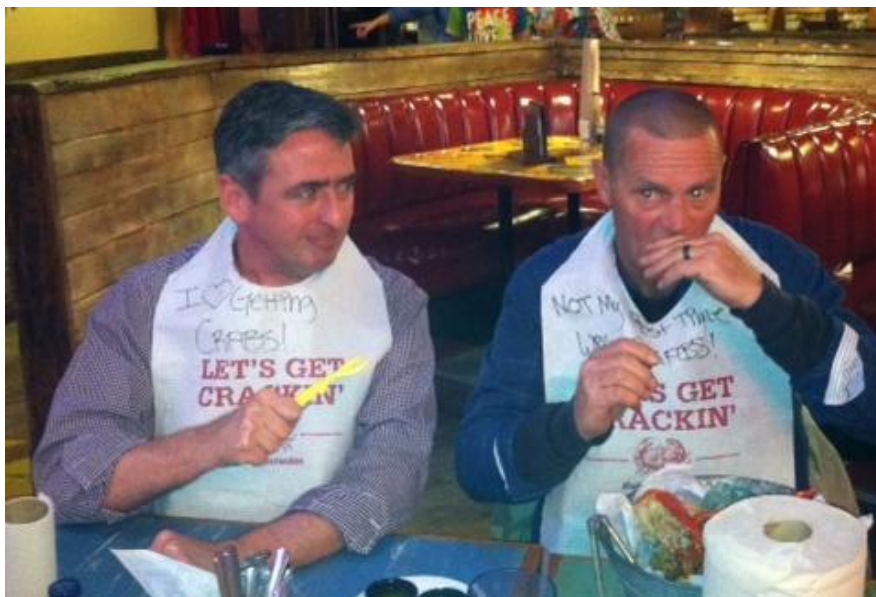
### **Blankets of Hope**

A big thank-you to Barbara Wimmmler, Barbara Oullette, and Jane Holland for stepping up to sewing the Blankets of Hope kits. Laura couldn't do it alone and still qualify as a "group" effort.

## Community Service



Thanks to those who came and supported our Relay for Life "Comptrollers for a Cause" team at Joe's Crab Shack!



## ***Pentagon cuts number of furlough days to 14***

*3/28/2013, LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press*

The Pentagon has cut the number of unpaid furlough days civilians will be forced to take over the next several months from 22 to 14, reducing the impact on about 700,000 workers. DoD is reviewing its furlough plan after Congress shifted more than \$10 billion to military O&M accounts as part of the 2013 funding bill. Congressional action gave officials leeway to spread money around to other key priorities, including training, maintenance, and possible ship deployments. While some military services initially considered eliminating the furloughs altogether, senior leaders argued that since not all the services could do that, it would be better to treat all DoD civilians equally.

The military had been faced with some \$43 billion in automatic cuts that kicked in March 1, but lawmakers passed a massive spending bill that shifted money around to give DoD more flexibility in finding savings. Under the new plan, the unpaid furloughs would not begin until mid-June, with notices going out before that. Officials have been meeting over the past week to discuss the range of options, including how many of the furlough days could be eliminated.

The Pentagon has declined to say how many of the 800,000 civilian employees would be exempt from the furloughs, although officials estimate 10 percent of the overall civilian workforce. Officials said last week that about 5 percent of Navy and Marine Corps civilians and about 24 percent of Army civilians likely would be exempt from the furloughs, although those numbers may change with the new funding.

Exempt workers include civilians in the war zone and in critical public safety jobs, and those whose jobs are not paid for through congressional funding, such as contractors, recreation jobs, or foreign military sales.

Critics have complained that the Pentagon has overstated the effects of the spending cuts and has canceled or sliced into more visible and popular programs. In early announcements the Navy delayed the deployment of an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf and canceled several other ship deployments.

Other services slashed training, equipping and maintenance programs, cut commissary hours and warned that 15,000 teachers and staff would be furloughed one day a week at the 194 military schools around the world. The Pentagon had said they would manage those furloughs so that pupils got the required hours of education and the schools did not lose their accreditation.

## ***Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events***

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:**

*April 24 – Mr Carlos Rodgers – 1200 Eglin Bayview Club Sand Dollar Lounge: Resource Management in the Armament Directorate and FM Career Mentorship*

Please contact our Program Chairs Tom Walker or Joe Proctor if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on program issues.

## ***ASMC Websites***

ASMC National Headquarters website is

<http://www.asmconline.org/>

Our chapter website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-0055) or David Loch (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## ***National News***

PDI 2012, the premier training event hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers, was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on May 30 – June 1, with a theme of Professionalism in Action.

Thanks to all who attended PDI 2012 in Anaheim, California. Photos from the week have now been posted on the [ASMC Facebook Page](#). Slides that have been made available to ASMC are available on the [program page](#) of this website. To reprint your receipt, please log in to your registration account at <https://secure2.rhq.com/asmc/pdi12/attupdate/index.cgi>.

***Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>  
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# Gulf Coast Chapter ASMC 2012 Award Winners



## Accounting & Finance

SMSgt Robert Laufer, 96 CPTS/CCS

## Auditor

Jacqueline Palomino, AFAA

## Budget Analyst

Ray Graber, 96 CPTS/FMA

## Cost Analyst

Chris Downing, AFLCMC/ESBN

## Intern/Trainee

Max Miller, AFRL/RWF

## Contractor

Rachael Peoples, AFLCMC/EBBC

## Small Team Achievement

AFSOC CJSOAC-A Stand-up  
Team

## Large Team Achievement

96 CPTS Financial Services Office

*Congratulations to all  
winners & nominees!*

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Contact Amy Tolar 884-1712 if you have any questions.

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