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NEWSLETTER

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Hey everyone! This has been an interesting quarter to say the least. We are moving into the second half of the fiscal year hoping to see our current year's distribution before we see closeout guidance. We, at least in the Test Wing, are being scrutinized at a level of detail that I've not seen in 20 years. We are in the midst of a massive hiring freeze with implications beyond what may have been expected. And I don't know about you, but I'm curious to see what the PB holds for my programs. So yes, interesting and I love it. It is times like these where our people shine. We can showcase the flexible and creative sides of us that often get buried in our day-to-day life. The mission needs innovative problem solvers and we have just the right people to fill that need. If you have not yet had the opportunity to take the Defense Decision Support course or something similar, I highly recommend it. The model it uses is not unlike others you may have seen, but is good foundation nonetheless. For me, it highlighted the importance of taking a little time up front to understand the problem, exploring possible solutions and doing proper analysis – all before attempting to evaluate and pick a solution. It is very natural for us to jump to the last steps and rule something out because it just doesn't make sense, but careful analysis doesn't cost

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MINUTES: Executive Council

The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are 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.



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much in terms of time. Time invested in the beginning to make the right decision may actually save time where a wrong decision could cause re-work later. On that note, there are many opportunities for training and professional development including our annual Regional Professional Development Institute. The RPDI committee has a great day planned for you so I hope you will take advantage of it. The day following the RPDI, we are hosting a golf tournament. I do hope you will sign up, take a few practice swings and come on out. It is sure to be a good time. Just around the corner also is Relay for Life and the May luncheon at which we will install the new officers. I hope you will find the time to make it to these events, introduce yourself to someone you don't know yet, and find out how you can volunteer to share your talents with the FM community.

Kathy Davis
ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, President

Relay for Life – 5 May 2017

New fundraising event! Dockside Cooking Experience **25 April at 6pm (see flyer next page)**. Call restaurant to RSVP! Our Team theme is Lego Superhero! We have a large LEGO display that will be in the tent. Come to the event with your "superhero" gear on!

The "Comptrollers for a Cause" Team link to sign up is <http://main.acsevents.org>.

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/nicevillereley>

We are still looking for motivated people to help with Booth Design. Also, please contact **Sarah Carroll** for more details on **Scentsy fundraiser** that will support our team.

Final meeting is **24 April 2017 at 1100 at the Mini-Mall**.

POC: SSgt Scott Clark, 882-1892

CHEF ERNIE'S COOKING EXPERIENCE

APRIL 25TH 2017 - 6PM TILL 8PM. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5:30 PM AND CHEF ERNIE IS DONATING \$10 PER PERSON TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

CHEF ERNIE WILL PREPARE A FOUR COURSE LOCAL SHRIMP INSPIRED MEAL RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES, TEACHING YOU ALL OF THE TRICKS HE HAS LEARNED OVER THE YEARS! TICKETS WILL NOT LAST LONG AND BY THE WAY WE WILL BE FILMING THE ENTIRE EVENT FOR CHANNEL 3 WEAR/WFGX. SO DON'T WAIT! CALL NOW!

#850-678-1241

FIRST COURSE:

NOLA SHRIMP SALAD

cajun seasoned steamed shrimp over house salad with our remoulade dressing

SECOND COURSE:

BBQ SHRIMP

jumbo local head on shrimp sautéed with garlic butter, fresh lemons, bay leaves, cajun seasoning, white wine, Worcestershire, salt, pepper & dockside hot sauce with french bread for dipping

MAIN COURSE:

BIENVILLE PASTA

a New Orleans classic with button mushrooms, bacon, & shrimp in a parmesan cream sauce over penne pasta

THE PERFECT FINISH:

MAW MAW IDA'S STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE

sautéed strawberries over vanilla ice cream & pound cake with whipped cream

TICKETS ARE \$35 PER PERSON AND INCLUDE TEA & COFFEE WITH A CHANCE TO WIN DOOR PRIZES: DOCKSIDE GIFT CARD, DOCKSIDE T- SHIRT & ONE LUCKY WINNER WILL WIN A SIGNED COPY OF CHEF ERNIE'S NEW COOK BOOK "AYEEE". ALSO CHEF ERNIE IS GOING TO DONATE \$10 PER PERSON TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE, SO COME OUT AND HELP SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE.



Upcoming Events



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RPDI

When: 20 April 2017
Where: Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island
What: Training Event, 6 CLPs

[See the flyer on next page for more details](#)

MAY LUNCHEON

When: TBD
Where: TBD
What: ASMC New Officer Induction!

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

WAYS AND MEANS

Welcome to **AmazonSmile**!

Thank you for supporting Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC Armament Div Corp Acct. Remember, always start at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2139423> and Amazon will donate **0.5%** of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Save the Date! **21 Apr 17** will be **ASMC's Annual Golf Tournament**. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Tournament, as well as interested players. Please contact Eric Alber and Amy Tolar if you would like to volunteer.

POCs: SSgt Crystal Brown, 882-0865, crystal.brown.10@us.af.mil
Mika Gellinger, 882-8650, mika.gellinger@us.af.mil

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2017 Regional Professional Development Institute (RPDI)

"Decision Strategies for the Financial Professional"



April 20TH, 2017
0800 - 1600

Emerald Coast Convention Center
Okaloosa Island, FWB

Cost: \$100 for ASMC members
and \$125 for non-members

REGISTRATION LINK:

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/rpds/>

***ETMS Course Number: GCCRPDI2017**

***ETMS Course Title: 2017 Regional Professional Development Institute**

Questions please contact:

Brianna Hoppel at brianna.hoppel.1@us.af.mil
and Dedra Hickman at dedra.hickman@us.af.mil



Hosted By:



ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter

Planned Breakout Sessions:

- ❖ The Value of Decision Support – FM COE
- ❖ New MIPR AFI – Ms. Lynn Carroll
- ❖ Personal Finance/TSP – Ms. Holly Newton
- ❖ AFSOC Senior Leader Perspective – Mr. Steve Herrera
- ❖ G-Invoicing/DEAMS – Ms. Lynn Carroll
- ❖ Resume/Interview Panel – Senior Leaders
- ❖ Fact Based Decision Making – FM COE
- ❖ Biased, Who Me? – FM COE
- ❖ Linebacker I & II from Vietnam – Mr. Karl Eschmann
- ❖ Emotional Intelligence – Ms. Kelly Childs
- ❖ Civilian Career Program (AFPC) – Ms. Crystal Moore
- ❖ Decision Support: We Can Say It, But Are We Doing It? – FM COE
- ❖ Leadership and Influence – Ms. Kelly Childs
- ❖ Contracts/Progress Payments – Ms. Lanie Bolin
- ❖ Edward Jones on TSP – Ms. Chantel Williams

Attendees will earn 6 CPEs at this event!



Membership



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Please note the increased fees, effective 1 Jan 17. Below are the updated rates.

New Rates

3 Yrs. \$114.00

1 Yr. \$40.00

Why Join ASMC? What are the benefits?

Besides getting to network with those in the Financial Management, Auditing, Accounting, or Cost Analysis career fields at Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field, 7SFG, and members in over 140 other chapters worldwide, there are many other benefits.

- Gain insight on information, current trends and developments in financial management of the Department of Defense and U.S. Coast Guard through various educational opportunities, like monthly training luncheons, on-line educational opportunities, or through newsletters.
- Earn CPEs for attending monthly luncheons with FM-related topics and other training opportunities.
- Receive a quarterly subscription to the "Armed Forces Comptroller," and the monthly "Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter" to stay informed.
- Contribute articles for the monthly chapter newsletter or the Armed Forces Comptroller.
- If interested in becoming a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM), receive discounts on enrollment, training textbooks, and recertification. Plus, CDFM is one of the DoD-approved Test-Based Certifications recommended for the DoD FM Certification Program Levels 2 & 3.
- Get college credit for taking the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC), recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE) with a 3 credit hour recommendation. For more information visit <http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/get-college-credit-2/>
- Opportunities for leadership roles within the Chapter Executive Council and Committees.
- Serve community alongside other ASMC members through numerous volunteer opportunities in areas of your interest and enjoyment, on base and out in the local area.
- Have the privilege to be considered in the pool to attend National PDI.
- Opportunity to be recognized at Chapter awards, as well as National awards program.
- Explore other benefits and discounts from partners such as: GEICO, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, University of Phoenix Online, and Becker Professional Education.

For more information on ASMC membership benefits visit

<http://www.asmconline.org/membership/benefits/> or contact Membership Chair,

Ivonne Caridi-Anderson.

- Be mentored, and mentor someone. Continue to grow with us!!!

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Community Service



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Fisher House:

Below are the next set of dates our ASMC chapter has committed to serve dinner at the Fisher House. A small team of volunteers (can be 3 or 4) prepares and serves a meal for the Fisher House guests. We volunteer a couple of hours, from 1700 to 1900 approximately. Maika Andrew coordinates with FH on guest count, menu or anything else that arises. This is a great way to give back to our community and can be a great team building activity.

- **23 May 17 – (your team)**
- **20 Jun 17 – (your team)**

If anyone is interested in volunteering to provide a dinner with the Fisher House, you may call Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or she may be reached by email at maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil.



96 CEG

Team Members

below



96 CPTS

Team
Members
above



ASMC Annual Awards Winners



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Congratulations to our Annual ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Winners!

Accounting & Finance category:	Thomas Walker
Auditor of the Year:	Teresa Schutter
Budget Analyst of the Year:	Kent Fitzgerald
Comptroller of the Year:	Jeff DeCocker
Trainee of the Year:	Shelby Robison
Contractor of the Year:	Pamela Denney
Resource Manager of the Year:	MSgt Sari Taylor
Cost Analyst of the Year:	Amanda Stamey
Large Team Achievement:	AFSOC Integration Team
Nominees for Small Team Achievement of the Year:	AFSOC FM Reorganization Team
Financial Systems Support of the Year:	Doyle Comstock

Award Co-Chairs: George Joseph and Kristen Moyer



Education/CDFM



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- 2017 Scholarship info is published on ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter website!
- To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/> and search by chapter.
- CDFM Reimbursement: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/cdfm.html>
(New rules and form dated 13 May 2015)
- Purchasing a CDFM Test Module:
<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/testing-resources/>
- Forgot your CDFM Candidate number:
<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/get-my-candidate-id/>
- EDMFT: Eglin ASMC will not host the EDFMT Course this year as we were unsuccessful in meeting the mandatory requirement (25 student minimum) for our May 2016 class. For those interested in taking the EDFMT course this year, you may register at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>. Please contact Edwina Freeman at information provided below if you have any questions.
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

Education POC: Lisa Gamon, lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil, 883-5336

CDFM POC: Edwina Freeman, edwina.freeman.1@us.af.mil, 883-5317



Federal Auditor Considering Review of Trump Hiring Freeze Effectiveness

By Eric Katz, 6 Apr 17, govexec.com



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The federal government's chief auditor is determining whether it will assess the costs and pitfalls of President Trump's federal hiring freeze following a request for the investigation from two Democratic senators.

The Government Accountability Office should examine savings or losses from the freeze, the impact of the freeze on agencies' budgets and mission, and whether contractors have or will likely replace the work previously done by federal employees, Sens. Gary Peters, D-Mich., and Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., wrote in a letter to the agency this week. Chuck Young, a GAO spokesman, said the agency has received the letter and is currently going through its "normal review process" to determine if it will conduct the audit.

The senators applauded the goals of the hiring freeze but said they were "extremely concerned" it would ultimately increase government spending and waste. In 1982, GAO reviewed hiring freezes instituted by Presidents Carter and Reagan. The auditors found the moratoriums did little to make government more efficient.

"The government-wide hiring freezes had little effect on federal employment levels and it is not known whether they saved money," GAO said. "Because they ignored individual agencies' missions, workload, and staffing requirements, these freezes disrupted agency operations and, in some cases, increased costs to the government."

Rather than reducing the cost of labor overall, the auditors found that agencies developed "alternative sources" to get work done that increased spending.



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“Any potential savings produced by these freezes would be partially or completely offset by increasing overtime, contracting with private firms, or using other than full-time permanent employees,” GAO said. “Decreased debt and revenue collections also occurred as a result of hiring freezes.”

A governmentwide hiring freeze fails to take into account actual workload, GAO said, and employee reduction should instead be “targeted to where it can best be absorbed.” The large swath of exemptions federal agencies have already built into the freeze may also offset potential savings.

Trump included in his memorandum that initiated the freeze a provision that prohibited agencies from turning to contractors to fill work left undone by the moratorium, though Carter and Reagan made virtually identical demands.

Peters and Heitkamp said they were “concerned that this freeze will do little to save money or reduce the size of the federal workforce.” They added they were also “concerned about the important programs and customer service needs that could be disrupted under this freeze. Across the board cuts and a shrinking of the total federal workforce are not the answer to making the federal government more efficient or effective.” The senators said the freeze could “negatively affect the talent and morale of our workforce.”

According to its spokesman, GAO will likely come to a decision on whether it will investigate the freeze in “a couple weeks.”



Websites



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We're on FACEBOOK!

We are pleased to announce that our Chapter's **Facebook** page is up and running! We will utilize this venue to share announcements of events and praises going on throughout our chapter. If you would like to submit a picture to share on the Chapter Facebook page, please email it to, gulfcoast.asmc@gmail.com, and be sure to include a caption. Pictures must be related to Chapter members/events. Be sure to like our page! <https://m.facebook.com/gulfcoast.asmc>. Be sure to look at the Facebook Page for the latest Giveaway!!



ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: <http://www.asmconline.org/>
Gulf Coast Chapter website is: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-7595) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2017 - held in San Diego, CA.

Please take advantage of other opportunities to fulfill your required CDFM CPEs to include local chapter training events, programs offered through the Online Learning Center, PDI 2011- 2016 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on www.asmconline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



Info from Becker Professional Education



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Becker is adding new courses constantly and many of them apply to the Government. They have both Yellow book and Green Book courses as well as soft skills that everyone needs. Below is information on CPA and CPE courses:

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