



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



AUG 2013

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ASMC Members,

Thank you to all our members who attended our Gulf Coast Chapter mini-PDI. We had a phenomenal showing with over 160 attendees representing all the FM areas – Accounting, Audit, Budget, and Cost! It was an exceptional training day with outstanding speakers and a great opportunity to network and meet new people.

With all the challenges posed by sequestration and furlough this year, our ASMC chapter realized this event may be the only opportunity to receive vital FM training and earn continuing education credits. The mini-PDI committee, led by Michelle Woolgar, brainstormed an innovative way to offer a “no-cost” training day, which included top-notch speakers from the local area as well as a DCO with the Honorable Jamie Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management and Comptroller, and a special appearance from Ms. Glenda Scheiner, Director, Human Capital and Resource Management Office of the Under Secretary of Defense.

I've received positive feedback from numerous members that the mini-PDI was outstanding and they were thrilled to have this opportunity for training and networking. My sincere thanks to the committee for their tremendous effort conducting this event!

I'd also like to congratulate our Gulf Coast Chapter and members for being recognized as National Award winners for FY12-FY13 in numerous categories including:

Chapter Communications, #1 Distinguished Award for Category A
Five Star Chapter Recognition
Exceptional Community Service Recognition

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Executive Committee

President	Ms Denise Wagner	882-6835
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Publicity	Ms Jenna Colon	882-2840
	Ms Kaci Harris	882-8707
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Awards	Ms Joan Horn	883-1895
Newsletter	Ms Laura Gamble	884-6869
Webmaster	Mr Jason Guzzardo	882-0055

President's Column – continued

Individual Achievement Awards:

Mr Ray Graber, AFMC/Eglin, Budgeting-Distinguished, Unit under a MAJCOM

Mr William (Bill) Lannaman, AFSOC/Hurlburt, Financial Systems-Meritorious, Unit Under a MAJCOM

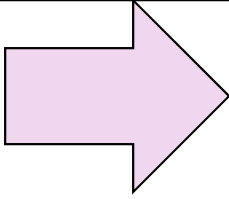
MSgt Daniel Doble, AFSOC/Eglin, Resource Management- Meritorious, MAJCOM

Mr Alex Wagner, National High School Scholarship recipient, \$1,000

Congratulations to our chapter and to all the awards winners! We look forward to seeing everyone at our August monthly luncheon.

Denise Wagner

August Luncheon



*Wednesday, August 28
Luke's Place, Eglin AFB
Gail Widener , 1100,
topic: EAP*

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, 883-3458

Membership

Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Anderson

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 Lindsey at 883-1609.

CDFM

Thinking of getting your CDFM certification? Wondering what information you need to know for the different module tests? We have study guides available to help!

Contact Lisa Gamon at 3-2890.

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.

Community Service

The Community Service Community would like to thank everyone for donating school supplies to the Emerald Coast Children Advocacy Center.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

NICEVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE: We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to head the Relay for Life team in April 2014. If you are interested please contact Vanessa Fuentes at 882-0254.

ON-GOING EVENTS:

Fisher House of the Emerald Coast depends upon donations to continue the work of supporting our military families. Many items can be donated to the Fisher House so that they do not need to be purchased. Please email for current "Needs List" POC: Gabriella Geier-DuReitz (gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil)

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, and car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, and cookies ect.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray ect) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC: patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil

Finally, help us keep track of your volunteer hours – email us. As always your suggestions welcomed!

POCs: Vanessa Fuentes, Vanessa.fuentes@eglin.af.mil, 882-0254
Patrick Dewitt, patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil, 882-2137
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Gabriella Geier-DuReitz, gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil, 883-2526

Gulf Coast Chapter – Tackling Economic Challenges in Times of Overwhelming Change!

By Sharon Pedersen and Denise Wagner

From the opening ceremony with the Air Force Color Guard to the grand finale featuring the Commander of the 720th Special Tactics Group, Colonel Kurt Buller, the Gulf Coast Chapter's Mini Professional Development Seminar was nothing short of spectacular! Embracing Change was this year's theme and that is exactly what this mini-PDI accomplished.

In years past, the Gulf Coast Chapter held this annual regional training event at the Okaloosa Island Conference Center, catering to 350-400 people. Unfortunately, due to the recent budget constraints, a conference of that magnitude was not feasible this year. In fact, ASMC HQs had to cancel its Professional Development conference due to sequestration limitations and lack of funding. Initially, the Gulf Coast Chapter considered cancelling their training event this year, but it was the "can do" attitude of the mini-PDI committee that kept the vision alive and the drive to find an alternative plan. The challenge for the team was how to organize an event that would provide outstanding training and networking opportunities yet cost zero dollars!

Our mini-PDI Committee Chair, Michelle Woolgar, and her Co-Chair, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, spearheaded the effort with support from team members, Brianna Hoppel, Joe Proctor, Jason Guzzardo, Amanda Phillips, Max Miller, Ken Pickler, and Lindsey Stephan. This dynamic team devised an innovative plan to offer a "no-cost" training day by securing a free conference center on base, free speakers (who were exceptional), and providing a complimentary breakfast!

The outcome of the committee's efforts was astounding with over 160 attendees from all FM disciplines to include Accounting, Auditing, Budget and Cost. The featured speakers included a video tele-conference presentation (via Defense Connect on Line) from the Honorable Jamie Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management and Comptroller, as well as a live training seminar from Ms Glenda Scheiner, Director, Human Capital and Resource Management, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense. Local guest speakers were Col Cameron Holt, Director of Contracting, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center; Col Anthony Comtois, Commander 919th Special Operations Wing; and Col Kurt Buller, Commander 720th Special Tactics Group.

Comments received from attendees included praise for the outstanding speakers and gratitude for the opportunity to receive vital training during a year of so much turmoil and budget uncertainty. With sequestration challenges facing us for

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future years, the Gulf Coast Chapter is thrilled to find a creative way to embrace change and provide exceptional training for our FM workforce!

At the mini-PDI, left to right, are Jason Guzzardo, Amanda Phillips, Michelle Woolgar, Denise Wagner, Joe Proctor, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, Brianna Hoppel, Lindsey Stephan.



Also at the mini-PDI, below left to right, are SrA Jordon Winfree, SrA Amanda Osborne, SrA Eric Avellar, and SSgt Emerson Schiess.



Scholarship news

We'd like you to meet our scholarship winners for the 2013-14 school year:

Alex Wagner is receiving a \$1,000 award. Alex graduated from Collegiate High School and is dual enrolled with North West Florida State College. He will be majoring in Business Administration at the University of Florida. In high school, he held several leadership positions to include Corps Commander, AF JROTC, Honor Guard Commander, Student Ambassador, Relay for Life and National Honor Society. Alex has over 1,020 hours in community service to include FWB Medical center, Holy Name of Jesus music ministry, and Niceville High School Tennis and Cross Country. Alex looks forward to joining University of Florida's leadership team and being a part of the Warrington Business School as an Ambassador. He is also looking forward to joining the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and hopes to one day become an Air Force officer and Chief Financial Officer. In addition to our local scholarship, Alex also received a \$1,000 ASMC National scholarship award.

Cassidy Gardner is receiving a \$750 award. Cassidy graduated from Navarre High School and will attend the University of Oklahoma. She will be majoring in Business. In high school, she was the President of the National Art Honor Society and for 3 years, she mentored first-grade students. She has volunteered many hours with the United Methodist Church Youth group and Relay for Life.

Chris Anderson is receiving a \$500 award. He is attending Troy University and is pursuing a Business Administration - Business Management degree and plans to continue with a Master's in Finance. Chris is a Pathways Intern working full time at the 96 CPTS as a budget/accounting clerk, responsible for accounting and finance aspects of the GPC program across Eglin Air Force Base and provides monthly training. In the community, Chris volunteers as an assistant coach for the 96 CPTS soccer team.

John Johnson is receiving a \$500 award. John has completed a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and is pursuing a Master's in Business Administration. John is currently a contractor working full time at Eglin. During his spare time, he works part time at the FWB Skating Center, volunteers during Relay for Life, and is involved with the college ministry at Trinity United Methodist Church.

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Alison Demonbrun is receiving a \$500 award. Alison is attending the University of Central Florida and is pursuing a major in Finance and a minor in Business. Alison currently works seasonal full time at the Crab Trap and Sarah K's Gourmet. Alison has a few business ideas, but would like to become a respected CEO of a major company.

We would also like to thank the scholarship evaluators and our IT assistants for taking the time to help make the program a success:

Mary Ann Brocketto

Leah Hodge

Ken Pickler

Jason Guzzardo

Joe Proctor

We want to thank each and every one of you! We appreciate you taking the time in making this program the success that it is!

Connie Clay (883-0239, connie.clay2@eglin.af.mil) and
Sheila Hale (883-0338, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil) and
Lisa Gamon (883-3465, lisa.gamon@eglin.af.mil)



Pictured, left to right, are Denise Wagner (ASMC Chapter President); Alex Wagner (\$1,000 scholarship winner); John Johnson (\$500 scholarship winner); Alison DeMonbrun (\$500 scholarship winner); Connie Clay (2012-2013 Education Committee Co-Chair); Sheila Hale (2012-2013 Education Committee Co-Chair)

Not pictured: Cassidy Gardner (\$750 scholarship winner) and Chris Anderson (\$500 scholarship winner).

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

*Aug 28 Gail Widener , 1100,
Lukes Place Eglin
topic: EAP*

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

National PDI 2013 was cancelled due to Sequestration.

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, such as the recent Sequestration webinar, PDI 2011 and PDI 2012 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.

***Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>
and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>***

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