

ASMC GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



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Greetings Comptrollers!

I am looking forward to serving as Vice President (Tenant) this year. When I went to National PDI in Orlando I attended the recruitment and retention class. The leader's spoke of ways to increase membership, asked other chapter members of ways to get people to attend monthly luncheons and best practices to fundraise. HQ ASMC is focused on increasing membership and encouraged each chapter to get people active within our chapters. Therefore, if you have any ideas, please share them with me and I will pass the information to our committee teams.

Speaking of committee teams – let's talk about Community Service for a moment. The visitors staying at Fisher House are not only family members, but they are people that are going through treatments. When my AFRL/RWF team served - the experience was amazing! One night a lady staying at the Fisher House said, "Oh my! I did not know we would get a hot meal provided - thank you so much!" Another night, there was a gentleman, named Major John L. Haynes, USMC (Ret), who captured our attention as he shared his war stories.

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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.



President's Corner



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We did not want to leave that night because it was like sitting at Grandpa's house as he told history to us. As we were leaving Fisher House that night, one of the volunteers asked Major Haynes, "Are you going to write your story so it will be recorded in history?" He said, "Yes" and that he was working on a book. What a treasure that will be when that book comes out. These three experiences, amongst many others untold stories of Fisher House experiences, shows the value of all parties when participating in a volunteer opportunity.

Therefore, our Community Service team is stepping up this year with providing meals to Fisher House. Maika Andrews and others are committed to making a difference! Several organizations within the comptroller community has volunteered – will your team? Maika has scheduled dates for ASMC Gulf Coast chapter to provide and serve a meal and she will have more dates available in October that will need to be filled. Please give her a call so your team can assist!

Can you believe August is here already – as the End of the Fiscal Year is fast approaching and children are going back to school? Take a moment out of your demanding schedule for some quiet time to prep for the busy time to come. Be mindful with safety in the forefront because the kiddos are taking the busses to school. Slow down, don't make illegal turns, stop when school busses have their red lights flashing, and check the roads twice before proceeding when kids are getting off the bus.

Amy Tolar
ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, VP Tenants



Upcoming Events



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AUG LUNCHEON

When: 25 Aug, 11:30 am
Where: Two Trees, Eglin Golf Course, FWB
What: Maj Thomas Cook, 96 CPTS/CC

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

SEP LUNCHEON

When: 14 Sep, 1:00 pm
Where: Eglin AFB, West Gate Chapel Annex
What: Free! Ice cream Social with 96 CPTS/FMA and 1 SOCPTS/FMA

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

MEMBERSHIP

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. To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 8).

Chair: Heather Long, 884-2806, heather.long.7@us.af.mil



Community Service



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Fisher House:

The ASMC Community Service committee has scheduled bi-monthly dinners at our local Fisher House here on Eglin AFB. The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter started preparing meals last July, and is scheduled every other Tuesday. Below are the upcoming dates our chapter has committed to serve dinner for the guests:

- 9 Aug 16 – 96 CPTS
- 23 Aug 16 - AFRL
- 6 Sep 16 - EBDW
- 20 Sep 16 - EBAI



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.

Pictured below is FM Team from EBM:





Education/CDFM



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Thanks to all the fundraising efforts, we were able to give out 5 scholarships this year! Congratulations to Emily Ashworth who will be attending Florida State, Nolan Arenz who will be attending Florida Southern, Meridith Schmieder attending University of Florida, Charles Shackelford attending University of Georgia, and Sarah Witkos attending University of West Florida.

- 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/>
- EDFMT Course Details/Schedule:
<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course/>
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

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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>.

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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