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Chapter Newsletter

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Join ASMC Today!!!

The current fee is \$40 for one year or \$114 for three years. The membership fee is non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Okaloosa County has over 50 schools that are Kindergarten, Middle, and High School. That is a whole heap of schools that need school supplies!

President's Corner

Dane Manfredi, Hurlburt VP

Greetings ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter! Can you all believe that Summer Vacation for your kiddos is almost over? I hear the Christmas song, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of Year," playing repeatedly from a few of my neighbors' homes already as they prepare to send their kids back to school..... I am sure that many of you made great memories with your kids over this 2019 summer vacation and are now in full swing Back to School mode with your kids as you seek to get their new school supplies, clothes, and ASMC trademarked lunchboxes bought before the school year begins.

As you all look to buy these new school related items for your kids, please keep in mind the many local school supply drives that are taking place for people to donate needed school supplies for our local schools. I bring this up because I recently was in discussion with a teacher at my fitness gym and she was telling me how throughout each of the schools years she has been a teacher, she had repeatedly had to buy the supplies she needs for certain projects being that there is little aid received from her school to procure the items needed. This led me to reach out to three of my college friends that became teachers to ask them on their experiences of needing to procure school supply items throughout the school year. They too confirmed that they and their counterparts routinely go throughout the school year procuring school supply items out of their own pay to better teach subject material to our youth. One even stated that one year she estimated she spent upwards of 15% of her take home pay to procure the needed school supply items she needed for that years' school projects.

Unfortunately, our local schools go without Government Purchase Cards (GPC) that we in the government just "love managing. Rather, our local teachers rely mainly on what parents can donate at the beginning of the school years' based on fulfilling the Back to School checklists and the supplies that teachers procure out of their own funds. Therefore, I encourage us all, whether we are sending kids back to school or not, to go out and buy some school supplies and bring them to a local School Supply Drive. There are many events popping up over the coming weeks within our local community. Further, let's all make a point to ask throughout this school year what supplies we can procure our teachers through our GPCs, I mean our own income, to avoid having our valued teachers use their limited income for the school supplies they need.

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I hope you all have had a wonderful summer vacation with your kids and that many memories were made. For those that have kids returning to school in the coming weeks, I wish them the very best as they look to develop their knowledge towards becoming future leaders within this great country we live in. Now get out and buy those school supplies!

Future meeting announcements:



- August Professional Development Session - location and day will be sent via email. Catered by Pounders Hawaiian Grill
- ASMC Executive Council Meeting - via calendar invite
- Fisher House - See dates below
- Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser 21 Aug

Volunteer Opportunities



Thank you
Team Vets for
volunteering
on 23 July!

Thank you to all the volunteers this year that have supported Fisher House. The Fisher House provides military & veteran families with no cost lodging while their loved one receives medical treatment in the Eglin area. This can be stressful enough without worrying about what to cook for dinner. You can help by volunteering to prepare and serve dinner to the current guests. Opportunities are twice monthly, from 1600-1900 hours. If your team would like to volunteer, please contact Maika Andrew. Tues night open dates: 29 Oct / 19 Nov/ 3 Dec / 17 Dec



We appreciate all the
teams who have already
signed up to help! 96
CPTS, 53 WG,
AFLCMC/EBD, EBY,
and EBZ

Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

The Ways and Means committee is dedicated to helping our chapter achieve annual charitable objectives. The committee hosted a **Chick-Fil-A** fundraiser in buildings 349, 350, 351 & 11 on 25 June. We sold out in record time!! The funds collected will go to local charities, provide scholarships to college students seeking degrees in financial disciplines, and support our annual professional development event. Thank you to all the members who volunteered or participated and made the event a great success! Please be on the lookout for our next event on 21 August!"



Membership



We randomly selected a new ASMC member and we asked that person to share a little bit of information with us. Please welcome Zoraida to ASMC!

Q&A with Zoraida Meneses

Where do you work? I work in EBYC Branch.

What do you do? I'm a Financial Management Specialist in the PAQ training program. Currently I am part of a 4-person FM team that supports 3 AF Armament Directorate programs.

What are your hobbies? Spending time with my family, listening to music and collecting coffee mugs.

Why is ASMC important to you? Because as a member of the PAQ training program, I truly appreciate there being an organization that promotes training, education and professional development specifically for my career field.

What's your favorite FM tip for someone? Know how to reference and look up instruction, guidelines and policies. The number of programs and people we support can sometimes cause confusion so it is a good idea to know where and how to find the appropriate actions and answers to the multitude of questions that pop up every day.

What is your favorite thing about working at Eglin? Seeing the military planes fly above. Prior to being assigned to Eglin AFB I was an AF spouse for 20 years. However, I only remember hearing the planes form the flight line, not seeing them. Here I see the fighter jets and other cool planes fly above when I drive to and from work. It is a great reminder of why we do our job.



Membership cont.

“Help!...I’m not getting emails anymore!!” Any member that has moved to a new organization or changed your name, your email may have dropped off the ASMC distro list. If it has, send an email to aac.asmcgulfcoast@us.af.mil and we will add it back.

We would like to recognize and welcome 23 new members to ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter that have joined so far in 2019! Welcome aboard! We encourage you to volunteer with a committee! It’s a great way to network and meet other comptrollers!

Welcome Eglin AFB members:

Nickolas Biancalana
Theron A. Bell
Kristin Brooke Creak
Kevin Michael Dswope
Andrew M. Fitzgerald
Estefania Gonzalez
Jeffery S. Hannaford
Micki Hocker
Michael Kazakoff
Leigh Anne Limousin
Malcolm Macey
Zoraida Meneses
Ivelysse Reed
Nicole Richard
Pablo E. Rivero
Samantha R. Scheringer
Marianne Wright

Welcome Hurlburt Field members:

Hannah Grethel P Chavit
Daryl Fomby
Ian Johnson
Veleka D. Mcsween
Nikolai O. Smirnoff
Samuel P. Spaethe



If you have any questions or need assistance with your membership, please reach out to the Membership committee team - Nicole Allen or Darrell Reining. They will be happy to assist.

Programs

WE NEED YOUR HELP! DO YOU KNOW OF A PERSON THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AT ONE OF OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION? IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT RIETTA SYDNOR WITH THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION, TOPIC, MONTH AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT COULD BE HELPFUL.

Power is gained by sharing
knowledge - not keeping it
within. ~unknown

Continuing Education & Certification!

This year, the Gulf Coast Chapter awarded \$11,000.00 in scholarships to 10 high achieving, motivated, and students The scholarships are for high school graduates, undergraduate students, and ASMC members currently enrolled in college who are seeking degrees in academic disciplines relating to financial/resource management (such as business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, or finance. In each category, students are ranked based on scholastic achievement, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, career/academic goals, and financial need. Congratulations Students!

Karsun Barrett: Embry-Riddle University
Wesley Shackelford: University of Georgia
Renee England: University of Central Florida
Kaitlin Jones: University of West Florida
Luke Burleson: Vanderbilt University
Grason Shackelford: University of Georgia
Jasmine Rudd: University of Central Florida
Tyler Joseph: University of Mississippi
Summer Hudson: University of West Florida
Shelby Robinson: Georgetown University

“THE BEAUTIFUL THING ABOUT
LEARNING IS THAT NO ONE CAN
TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU”

~ B. B. King



Awards

In an effort to better align with Nationals, we are moving the chapter award nominations package submissions from February of the following year to current year End of November / Early December time frame. This will allow us to submit chapter winners to the national level. More information to come. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Frisch.

RPDS Sponsors

We would like to recognize our corporate RPDS sponsors and thank them for their support!

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Polish Wax & Nail Bar
Surge Trampoline Park
Yoga Junkie
Cakemasters Bakery
Bounce Party Playzone

Blue above and below

An F-16C Fighting Falcon and two F-15E Strike Eagles from the 85th Test Evaluation Squadron receive aerial refueling from a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to MacDill Air Force Base near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., March 19, 2019.

The Stratotanker provides the core aerial refueling capabilities for the United States Air Force and has excelled in this role for more than 50 years.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Hoskins)
<https://www.eglin.af.mil/News/Photos.aspx?igphoto=2002135140>

National News

July 15, 2019

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Emergency Funding by Kathryn at ASMC HQ

The House (as well as the Senate) version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) moved the \$9 billion included under the category of "Emergency" funding that was contained in the President's submission of the FY2020 Defense Budget to DoD's "base" budget. Since the movement of these funds to the base budget exceeds the current Budget Control Act thresholds, Congress will need to develop a deal to raise the caps or risk triggering sequestration. Read more about the House version of the NDAA at <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/defense-main/2019/07/house-passes-ndaa-version-includes-climate-change-and-transgender-amendments/>.

July 30, 2019

Budget Control Act at risk of disappearing after 8 years on Capitol Hill by Federal News Network

The Budget Control Act has been a defining feature of the federal fiscal landscape for eight years. Suddenly, it's on the verge of disappearing for good. The House approved a two-year budget deal last week that does away with the last vestiges of the BCA caps, and the Senate is set to vote on the deal this week. David Hawkings is a veteran of Capitol Hill politics, now the editor-in-chief at The Fulcrum. He talked to [Federal Drive with Tom Temin](#) about the BCA and how it finally met its demise. Reference: <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/federal-drive/2019/07/budget-control-act-at-risk-of-disappearing-after-8-years-on-capitol-hill/>

AFRL Run/Walk For the MONEY 5K!

3 October 2019 at 0730

Course will be a keyhole route – starting and stopping in the AFRL Parking Lot

Early Registration 9 July – 29 August - \$15.00

Late Registration 30 August – 3 October - \$20.00

To Register contact Kimberly Hill (882-5573) or Ashley Haslauer (883-2682)

Or email AFRLRun.for.the.money@gmail.com

All proceeds go to fund AFRL/RW's Corporate Awards, Spring Fling, and Octoberfest



The First 200 Registrants Get a T-Shirt!

Medals will be given!

Runners: Male/Female 39 and under – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Walkers: Male/Female 39 and under – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Male/Female 40 and over – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Male/Female 40 and over – 1st, 2nd, 3rd



Please e-mail all race questions to AFRLRun.for.the.money@gmail.com (monitored by Kimberly Hill and Ashley Haslauer)



Treasure Hunts are Real!

Did you know that YOUR unclaimed money or property can be held by the U.S. Treasury? Well, yes, and this is why it is time to go on a real life Treasure Hunt to find those unclaimed deposits or refunds rightfully owed to you!

Military, contractors, and civil service members move around quite often due to promotions, reassignments, Permanent Change of Station (PCS), layoffs, new job opportunities, family reasons or retirement. For example, commanders have to move every two years and the average military member might have to move every three or four years for stateside. For contractors, they might have to leave their current job because a contract option year has ran out and a new company might have won the next contract. Further, our civil service members have opportunities to grow within or outside their career fields by taking a PCS opportunity and relocating. As these moves take place, families, more often than not, may forget about that small deposit or refund that was owed to them prior to a transfer of duty location. With that said, does that make you wonder if you have money out there from a utility deposit, a refund, or had a check that you never deposited?

Wonder no more! There are data bases that you can start searching to identify owed deposits or refunds that are in your name, ready for the taking! One data base you can use is the *missingmoney.com* websites. If you identify unclaimed funds owed to you while searching these data bases, go to the *unclaimed.org* website and locate the U.S. Treasurer of that state the funds are in. Once at the U.S. Treasurer's website, you can look to claim your owed funds online or by mail depending on that state's requirements. For example, in Florida, go to *fltreasurehunt.org* to claim YOUR money.

HOWEVER, be careful when doing your research where that source is looking to attempt to charge you to claim your money. Likewise, don't pay to register to look for unclaimed funds. There are legal agencies like Law Offices that are valid however they will charge you a fee. For Example, I received a letter stating I had \$99 available and for a \$10 fee the company will file the paperwork. Yes, that is legal, and a valid source! But why pay someone money when I can file the claim with no fee! So my recommendation is to claim it free from the official U.S. Treasurer site.

I like hearing from people on what they were able to claim so be sure to keep me posted! Happy treasure hunting!

by Amy Tolar

Sources: missingmoney.com and unclaimed.org





Thank you to those
that volunteered for
the Bayview Beach
Cleanup on 27 July!

RELAY FOR LIFE

WE ARE SEEKING
VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD
THE COMPTROLLERS FOR
A CAUSE RELAY FOR LIFE
TEAM. IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE THAT
PERSON, PLEASE
CONTACT DENISE WARD.

*What we do matters! The below
article shows that through our
funding executions, significant
efforts get done!*

F-35 transported via C-17

An F-35 Lightning II is pushed into a C-17 Globemaster by 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron aerial porters May 8 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. This was the first-ever F-35 wing removal and shipment via air transport. The \$200,000 four-year project culminated in the transport of the aircraft to Hill AFB, Utah. There it will become the Air Force's first F-35 aircraft battle damage trainer. <https://www.eglin.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1883928/f-35-transported-via-c-17/> (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Monica Lubis)

