



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would do a terrible injustice if I did not start my article this month with a hearty "Thank You" to those responsible for the ASMC Holiday luncheon. Because of the planning and execution of Jill Brogan and her team this was perhaps one of the best Holiday parties I have attended. They did a spectacular job and we hope you all enjoyed this event. For those of you who missed the Reindeer game you missed a treat that was perhaps the funniest things I have seen in a while.

I would also like to send out thanks to all of you who brought a toy with you to the luncheon the donation boxes were over flowing for the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center. It is great that we can make a difference in a child's Christmas. If you did not get a chance to bring something for this toy drive Jenna Colon will continue to collect items until Friday Dec 10. We are still in need of toys for teenagers. Please contact her to find out where to drop them off.

Planning for the 2011 RDPS is in full swing and it promises to be one of the best yet. Our committee has worked hard this year to reduce the cost of attending to \$110 so please mark your calendars now, March 10, 2011. This training event

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President's Column - Continued

will feature speakers such as Maj Gen Ken Merchant, Brig Gen Wendy Masiello and Maj Gen (ret) Robert Chedister. The luncheon speaker this year will be Ms Michelle Prince, Best-Selling author of the book "Winning in Life Now...How to Break Through to a Happier You!"

Please keep our deployed men and women in your thoughts this holiday season. May Peace surround you this Christmas and be your blessing in the year to come.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dedra
Dedra Hickman, CDFM
President, Gulf Coast Chapter

Membership

Co-Chairs, Troy Brown and Woxie Williams

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 persons who do not 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.* Contact membership chairs Troy Brown 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,
Woxie & Troy

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.

Executive Committee

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Awards Committee	Ms Gayle Thomas	883-1686

ASMC Awards

It's time to start thinking about rewarding your outstanding performers. Nominations for Individual Achievement Awards are due 31 January 2011. These awards will be presented at the ASMC PDI.

Nominations must be prepared using the ASMC Awards OnLine website at www.asmconline.org/awards. For more information contact Gayle Thomas 883-2897 or gayle.thomas@eglin.af.mil

RPDS

RPDS planning is currently underway with most of the focus going towards programs you will find educational, entertaining and enlightening.

The biggest news we have right now is our price ... we've worked hard to reduce the cost to \$110.00 per person in order to ensure organizations are able to afford the cost of this training. You'll see some changes ... less frills ... but it will still be the same valuable training and networking event it has been in the past.

Watch for flyers and information for registration - and we hope to see you all there!

Katenna Edwards, April Chapel, Leah Hodge and Dana Alexander (NCMA)

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways & Means

Chair Jennifer Denega

Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

Future Events

📅 Gift-wrapping at the Eglin Base Exchange – please e-mail if you would like to help

📅 Dec 13 6-8 PM

📅 Dec 14 6-8 PM

📅 Dec 16 2-4 PM and 4-6 PM

📅 Dec 20 6-8 PM

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.

If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

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Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Mean Committee.

Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

So far this year, the Programs Committee has facilitated a diverse and successful professional development line up. Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events; more details will be forthcoming with flyers and registration e-mails.

12 Jan 11: Mr. Rick W. Martin, DFAS Command Client Executive for AFMC.
TOPIC: DFAS AFMC Support & DFAS Columbus Overview.

17 Feb 11: Col Barbara J. Gilchrist, Director DFMC School.

10 Mar 11: Regional Professional Development Seminar.

If you missed the December Holiday luncheon, you missed a great meal and good fun. Thanks to Jill Brogan and her entire committee for all their hard work putting on such a wonderful holiday event for our membership.

CDFM – Ron Millis

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)

The five day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course will be offered at Eglin AFB 3-7 Jan 2011. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If your personnel are interested in attending this course please have them register using the EDFMT Registration (available o/a 30 Aug 10) link below. There are FOUR SEATS LEFT for USAF personnel and shared between Eglin and Hurlburt Field. Attendees will be expected to complete CDFM certification within a reasonable timeframe after course completion.

Begin Date: 03 January 2011

End Date: 07 January 2011

Location: Eglin AFB, FL

Time: 0800-1630 Hrs

Location: Bldg 11 201B

NOTICE: EDFMT Module 3 Audio Course will be offered 14-15 Dec 10 on Eglin AFB FL. Please contact Ron Millis if you are interested in attending.

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>

Contact Ron Millis at 882-4329 for additional details.

Community Service

Big thanks to those who volunteered for **Habitat for Humanity** and **Shelter House** in preparing meal baskets and serving Thanksgiving dinners.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

RELAY FOR LIFE: Looking for additional people to help assist in this fund-raising event. If interested, please contact us. Meetings have already started to take place.

GIVE CHILD A CHRISTMAS: Thanks to those who signed up to volunteer – should be a great event for all involved.

SHELTER HOUSE:

21 Dec: **Winter Holiday Meal Basket Assembly**, Tues, 5:30 – 8:30pm. Volunteers needed to help assemble holiday meals. POC: Cynthia at 243-1201 or info@shelterhousenwfl.org

BRILLIANT MINDS:

Are requesting “slightly” used hand bags to be donated for upcoming fund raiser. POC: Nancy Rothe, 850-450-8942, nancyrothe@cox.net

FISHER HOUSE:

10 Dec: **Howl at the Moon Ticket Pre-Sale**. Camouflage and Christmas Lights, patrons encouraged to dress festive in support of the troops. Fisher House to receive (all) the money on the pre-sold tickets and money from the raffle. POC: Julie Thompson, 883-8072.

ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES - Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE: Continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil

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Community Service

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PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Brilliant Minds - medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, & Down Syndrome children
2. Habitat for Humanity - creating affordable housing opportunities
3. Relay for Life - fight against cancer
4. Fisher House - providing home away from home that enables family members to be close to a love one during stressful times.
5. Blankets of Hope - handmade blankets supporting wounded soldiers/vets
6. Shelter House - survivors of domestic violence
7. Opportunity Inc - helping the homeless
8. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
9. Helping Hand Committee
10. Give a Child a Christmas

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

POCs: Sheila Hale, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil, 883-0158
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Obama administration announces two-year federal pay freeze

By Emily Long elong@govexec.com December 2, 2010

Federal employees for months have heard conflicting arguments about whether they are overpaid and what size raise they should receive in 2011. But the Obama administration this week took steps to settle those questions.

The president on Monday proposed a pay freeze for 2011 and 2012 that will apply to all civilian workers, including Defense Department employees, but not to military personnel. Workers still will be eligible for step increases and promotions, officials said.

According to the White House, the freeze will save \$28 billion during the next five years and \$60 billion through 2020. Obama previously proposed a 1.4 percent pay hike for civilian and military employees in his fiscal 2011 budget, but lawmakers have shown little agreement on the issue of federal pay. Congress must act in order for the freeze to take effect, however, and there has been only tentative opposition from lawmakers on the proposal.

In addition to a freeze on base pay, civilian government workers will see no locality increases in 2011, the president said.

Lawmakers, union leaders and other observers have raised a number of concerns about freezing federal salaries. For example, the proposal unfairly singles out government workers and places an unequal burden on civilian employees by sparing military personnel the freeze.

The pay freeze also could make it hard for agencies to recruit and retain top talent for federal jobs and could spur early retirements, they said.



**2011 Niceville Valparaiso Relay for
Life**
'REFUSE TO LOSE'
\$ FM Money Grubbers \$

The 2011 Relay for Life is now underway to form teams. You can join the ASMC team!!! See the next page for details.

2011 Relay for Life

ASMC is sponsoring team FM Money Grubbers in the 2011 Niceville Valparaiso Relay for Life 15 April 2011 at the Niceville High School Stadium. Event begins at 6PM and ends 16 April 2011 at 12PM. The theme for this year's relay is Sports the slogan is "Refuse to Lose." Team members can participate in many ways:

- Sponsor a "Piggy Bank" in the "Every Penny Counts" fund raiser from January through March 2011
- Sell track markers to local businesses to line the track [\$150 ea]
- Plan and sponsor "Sporting" activities in the tent area
- Walk/run laps during the event
- Participate in 'Team Spirit' events throughout the evening
- Set up and tear down of the Team Tent at the event site

To join the team please log into:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

Select 'Sign Up', Select FM Money Grubbers. Team Captains are Elizabeth Moseley (882-0106) and Maika Andrew (882-7211). Please let them know when you have registered and what areas or events you want to join. Please contact them at Elizabeth.Moseley@eglin.af.mil or

Maika.Andrew@eglin.af.mil

Team kick off meeting will be held 14 December 2010, Building 260 (Eglin AFB), Room 116 from 1400 to 1500.

The opening event for the evening will be the survivor recognition lap. The event goal for this year is to have the track filled with survivors for the first lap. ASMC has many in their membership and many more family members and friends who are survivors. Please take a moment to make them aware of this event. We would be honored to have them register as a survivor team member or they can register as a survivor with no team affiliation at

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

Most of us have family, friends and other loved ones that did not survive their battle with cancer. Luminaries to honor their memory can be ordered on line <https://secure3.convio.net/tacs/site/Ecommerce?>

[PROXY ID=29843&PROXY TYPE=21&FR ID=29843&VIEW PRODUCT=true&product_id=5201&store_id=14721](https://secure3.convio.net/tacs/site/Ecommerce?PROXY_ID=29843&PROXY_TYPE=21&FR_ID=29843&VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=5201&store_id=14721) or team members will have order forms. Luminaries are on a donation basis, there is no set cost. The luminaries will be placed to line the track in alphabetical order to reflect their memory. Lighting ceremony will begin at 9PM.

Funds raised at the Niceville Valparaiso Relay for Life go towards Cancer research and education. There have been great strides in the early detection and treatment of this disease in the last decade thanks to the funds raised at events like this. The slogan for this year's event says it best we **"Refuse to Lose"** this battle.

December Luncheon highlights

On Thursday December 2, the Gulf Coast Chapter, ASMC, got together for a Christmas luncheon. We were all asked to bring an unwrapped gift for children served by Children's Advocacy Center.



The photo at left shows just some of the items so generously contributed by our members. The Toy Drive was a huge success! Thank you to all who contributed! I'm happy to say that we turned in over 125 items to the Emerald Coast

Children's Advocacy Center. The ECCAC was extremely happy and grateful for the 5 boxes full of items we brought into them. They send a huge thank you to ASMC members for your kind generosity. They ensure that the gifts donated will go to extremely grateful individuals. Jenna Colon will continue to collect gifts until Friday, 10 Dec. So if you want to contribute to the Toy Drive and haven't yet had a chance to, please contact Jenna Colon. – 882-2001

Our programs chairmen had two games for audience participants. The second one – the Reindeer game – was a relay and involved knocking over a Christmas tree. At right, Michelle Austin takes her turn.



December Luncheon highlights

The first game consisted of two teams competing by opening candy with thick oven mitts. Below are photos of the audience watching and Ron Millis and Programs co-chair Ivonne Caridi-Anderson encouraging the participants.



Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

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10 Mar 11: RPDS, Emerald Coast Convention Center, Fort Walton Beach

Please contact our Program Chairs, Ms Ivonne Caridi-Anderson (882-1929) or Mr Jon Slingerland (882-3301) 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 webmaster, Lynn Becker at 850- 882-4866 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

National News

For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from recent PDIs. You can access selected sessions online at
<http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

PDI 2010 was held in Orlando FL June 1-4, with a theme of “Getting in Tune with Professionalism.”

Go on the national website to see more about the PDI or to view selected sessions for CPE.

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

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