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President's Corner



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Greetings!

Can you believe it is December already and 2016 is almost in the history books? First let's enjoy December - the cooler weather, parties, food, games, football, and holiday movies! What games and activities do you play at Christmas time? Maybe you play the Minute to Win It game - picking up candy canes or tossing marshmallows, unwrap the gift that is in layers of wrapping paper, board games, or the saran ball with all the goodies in it? How about some cookie decorating or making ornaments - great for office team building exercise! Whichever game you play, I hope you have fun during the holidays!!!

Mark your calendars! These are important events coming up for ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter and I wanted to be sure to highlight them. The Reginal Personal Development Seminar (RPDS) is coming up in April 20th. If you would like to volunteer on a committee, contact Dedra Hickman or Brianna Hoppel. We are trying to schedule the following day (April 21st) for the ASMC Golf Tournament. Contact Eric Alber if you would like to volunteer. Relay for Life event starts May 5th at 6pm at the Niceville HS Stadium and Superhero is the theme. If you would like to volunteer contact, SSgt Scott Clark. Volunteering is very important because it brings us to the

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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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community, it's a great way to network and meet other ASMC members, and it rewards the recipient. Please sign up and volunteer today!

Despite the fact that December might be a busy month for you with planning, traveling, cooking, and stress, take some quiet time for YOU! With all these life challenges, be sure to exercise when things get to demanding. Be on the lookout for your wingman, if things appear to be too tough on someone reach out to them this season. As always, keep those that are overseas or away from their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Amy Tolar
ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, President

Relay for Life

The "Comptrollers for a Cause" Team has been created on the Relay for Life website and accepting team members. There is no entry fee required upon signing up, but a \$10 donation would definitely help the cause. I will be having a Relay for Life Team meeting on **7 December** at Einstein's Bagel at the Mini-Mall from 1130-1230. Anyone interested in participating on the Relay for Life Team is welcome to attend. We will be discussing to formation of Committees and our way forward in preparation for May 2017.

We are looking for volunteers to attend the Niceville Christmas Parade. The parade will be December 3rd at 1000. Team members will be passing out candy and it will count for some much needed SPIRIT POINTS!!

POC: SSgt Scott Clark, 882-1892



Upcoming Events



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DEC LUNCHEON

When: 6 Dec 16 @ 1130
Where: Luke's Place, Eglin
What: Marilyn Leggett, Health and Wellness/New Years Resolutions

Free to first 100 to register. Lunch will be catered by Jimmy Johns.

<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.

Upcoming Events:

- We are still in need of **Gift Wrapping at the BX** for the following shifts:
 - 15 Dec from 1500-1800 (need minimum 4 people)
 - 22 Dec from 1800-2000 (need minimum 4 people)
- Please contract one of the POCs below

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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Membership



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By now you must have received notice from ASMC National that dues will increase for the first time in 11 years, effective 1 January 2017.

NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW or JOIN at the CURRENT RATE through 31 Dec 2016.

Current Rates

3 Yrs. \$75.00
1 Yr. \$26.00

New Rates (Effective 1 Jan 17)

3 Yrs. \$114.00
1 Yr. \$40.00

Current members (as of 5 Oct 16) may **renew** 1 or 3 years at the current rate.

Non-Members may **join** now at the current rates for 1 or 3 years prior to 1 January 2017.

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.



- **24 Jan 17 - (your team)**
- **7 Feb 17 – (your team)**
- **28 Feb 17 – (your team)**
- **13 Mar 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.





A large pile of various items, including toys, clothing, and household goods. Visible items include a Wilson baseball, a S107 power tool, a Razor scooter, a Starlight doll set, a Justin Bieber poster, a Gain detergent bottle, a Puffs tissue box, a green stuffed animal, a white star-patterned hat, a pink shirt, a green shirt, a purple bag, a box of 'Best-Ever Sleepers', a box of 'Summer Shine', a box of 'Starlight', a box of 'Wilson', a box of 'S107', a box of 'Razor', a box of 'Summer Shine', a box of 'Starlight', a box of 'Justin Bieber', a box of 'Best-Ever Sleepers', a box of 'Gain', a box of 'Puffs', a green stuffed animal, a white star-patterned hat, a pink shirt, a green shirt, a purple bag, a Wilson baseball, a S107 power tool, a Razor scooter, a Starlight doll set, a Justin Bieber poster, a Gain detergent bottle, a Puffs tissue box, a green stuffed animal, a white star-patterned hat, a pink shirt, a green shirt, a purple bag, a Wilson baseball, a S107 power tool, a Razor scooter, a Starlight doll set, a Justin Bieber poster, a Gain detergent bottle, a Puffs tissue box, a green stuffed animal, a white star-patterned hat, a pink shirt, a green shirt, a purple bag.





Education/CDFM



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- 2017 Scholarship info will be published in January!
- 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



Mentoring Minute

By Amy Tolar



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*Training, training, training, oh my! This can sometimes be our attitude especially due to the busyness of our everyday schedules. As Financial Managers, we have to balance the everyday job duties we have with the demands of our continuous learning credits required of our jobs. There simply seems to be not enough hours in the workday. Have you ever felt that way? I know I have! However there is hope that our hard work does pay off! Did you know that there are some training courses that we take are recognized by a college accreditation agency? Some are even recommended as a college-course equivalent. Recently, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) e-Newsletter pointed this out. Maybe you've read this article. There's a lot of useful information out there that sometimes fly under the radar and we often miss it. Therefore, what's the nugget and equation for success as it relates to training? Some of your **training classes equals college credit**. So, if you're working towards a degree or mentoring someone that is pursuing a degree, let this serve as a source of encouragement in achieving an academic and professional career goals.*

*The American Council on Education (ACE) provides transcripts service for several programs. For the Finance community, ASMC Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) and DAU are on this list. In some instances, DAU classes might be applied to lower-division baccalaureate or associate degrees. For example BCF 225 equals 2 semester hours in Business Management. This, of course, depends on the school's policy of course acceptance. So, when someone finishes their DAU level 2 certification, they can log their completed courses into the **ACE website**. Once that is done, transcripts can be requested to be sent to the school they are currently attending for acceptance towards specific courses or to cover a general elective. As with any transcript request, there is a fee. However, there is no charge for signing up in ACE and entering your courses. Once you record and submit these courses, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management reviews and approves it. If you're interested in learning more about the ACE registration process, please visit the ASMC HQ website under Education/Training>Get College Credit.*

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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>. 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:

Becker's CPA and CPE courses are aligned to fulfill DoD FM Certification competencies.



Becker Professional Education is proud to announce that select Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses offered by Becker are now aligned with the Department of Defense (DoD) Financial Management (FM) certification program.

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*These courses have been aligned by the DoD, Office of the Under Secretary of Comptroller, to the DoD approved Financial Management and Leadership competencies for the specific area of study. The DoD course alignments serve neither as an advertisement, endorsement, or a recommendation of any privately developed and maintained courses for continuing education.

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