



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ASMC Members,

Thank you for attending the January luncheon where our ASMC Committee Chairs presented what they do on each of their committees. I received positive feedback from several members who said they are ready to step up to the challenge and become part of one of our committees. As I emphasized at the luncheon, there are so many great opportunities to take on a leadership role in one of our many diverse committees and what a great way to network with FMers from across Eglin, Hurlburt and Duke Field!

The AFMC/FM FY14 Virtual Workshop, "Operating in the New Normal" offered in January via DCO was a great opportunity for our FM community to get insight (and receive CPE credits!) on many FM topics from Air Force experts and senior leadership. I attended an excellent session on "FY14 Budget/ Sequestration Impacts & FY15 POM and Impact to FY14 Execution" given by MajGen James Martin, SAF/FMB. He was very pleased with how the Air Force fared in the FY14 PB, receiving full support for the top 3 Air Force investments – the F35, the KC46 and the Long Range Strike Bomber. He emphasized the importance of what we do as Financial Managers and how the warfighter depends on us so they can do their jobs. He thanked FM for staying on track in spite of the many financial challenges we faced in FY13, including a 9 month CRA, Sequestration cuts, and a Furlough. His message was loud and clear – FM plays a critical role in the mission of the Air Force!

I also attended the session on Investment Funds (RDT&E) Outlook by Ms. Pamela Schwenke, SAF/FMBI. She informed us that we will have a Spring Program Review (SPR) this year (March/April timeframe) and the focus will be on financial execution. They are also hoping to offer some on-site training as part of the SPR.

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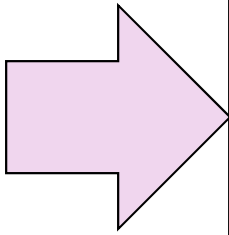
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There is much relief for the FM community now that we have an approved FY14 budget - we just need our Budget Authority to be distributed so we can get busy executing funds!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the February luncheon on 25 February at 11:30am at the Broadway Ballroom, Soundside Club, Hurlburt AFB. This luncheon will feature Maj James Cunningham, Commander from 1 SOCPTS. He will walk us through his DoD FM Certification experience and help us navigate this challenging process. Hope to see everyone at our February luncheon!

Denise Wagner

February & March Luncheons



February ASMC Luncheon:

Title: AQ-FM 110 ASMC Professional Development

Event: The DoD FM Certification Experience

Guest Speaker: Maj James Cunningham, 1 SOCPTS/CC

Date: 25 Feb 14 @ 1130

Location: Broadway Ballroom, Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field

March ASMC Luncheon:

Title: AQ-FM 110 ASMC Professional Development

Event: The Appropriation Process

Guest Speaker: Ms. Maria White, AFLCMC/EBAD

Date: 12 Mar 14 @ 1100

Location: Building 1, Conf Rm 204, Eglin AFB

Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means Chair: George Joseph

ASMC Gulf Coast **ongoing fundraiser** - ASMC will earn 25% of the purchase of personalized or online exclusive products like baby shower, plaques, nuts, jewelry, etc. Great gifts to give or items you might personally like to order. Just order and you are participating in the fundraiser!

<http://mystore.fundraising.com/Store/Category/1508?t=25fde9ba-a0a3-42b2-a852-cc3c53f01b61>

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

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@us.af.mil)

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

ASMC's Relay for Life team "Comptrollers for a Cause" is participating in the 2014 Relay for Life Niceville-Valparaiso event from 6pm to 6am on 9 & 10 May; Team Captain is Dedra Hickman. Stay connected to the Gulf Coast ASMC and our Relay for Life website for upcoming fundraising events and meetings. This is the link to our ASMC team:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY14FL?team_id=1484050&pg=team&fr_id=57678

What can I do to support our team? We need ASMC members and guests to sign up online to join our team, fundraise, and volunteer.

- Yard Sale - check on website for upcoming date and location
- Wind Creek Casino package - contact Sarah Carroll for Tickets (660) 233-2347
- 1st Annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament is Friday March 21st – (see flyers in this newsletter for details)

Cancer Facts – Prevention & Early Detection: Much suffering and death from cancer could be prevented by more systematic efforts to reduce tobacco use, improve diet and physical activity, and expand the use of established screening tests. The American Cancer Society provides national and state-level risk factors and screening data and trends, including adult and youth tobacco use, obesity prevalence, and screening test use for breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancers.

(<http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/index>)

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

POCs: Vanessa Fuentes, Vanessa.fuentes@us.af.mil, 883-0371

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Scholarship Program

The National Scholarship Program runs from Jan-Mar 2014.. The ASMC National Scholarship Program is accepting applications from graduating HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS entering a field of study related to financial/resource management 1 Jan-14 Mar 2014. For eligibility criteria, go to: <http://www.asmconline.org>,

- Click "Scholarship Awards" (in a black colored box near the top)
- Click (Dropdown) "National Scholarship Program"
- Click "Download Full Criteria"

For an APPLICATION, see the Education tab on our local website.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR PACKAGES NOT LATER THAN MARCH 14, 2014 to:

Ms. Lisa Gamon

Gulf Coast Chapter Education Chair

P.O. Box 1756

Eglin AFB, FL 32542

Phone: 850-883-5336

Email: lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil

Our local Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program will be advertised approximately April 1, 2014. This program is limited to high school seniors and college students who will have 60 semester hours of college completed by the end of their Spring 2014 semester.

Membership

Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Caridi-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.

Pentagon Comptroller Bob Hale to Step Down

By [Stephanie Gaskell](#), *Government Executive*, January 31, 2014

After helping the military navigate through some of the toughest budget battles in history, Pentagon Comptroller Bob Hale is stepping down. President Barack Obama said Friday that he is nominating Mike McCord, who is currently Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for the Comptroller's office, to replace him.

Obama tapped Hale in 2009 to balance the books at the Pentagon. Before that, Hale served as executive director of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and was comptroller of the Air Force from 1994 to 2001.

"When the time does come to leave the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller), I will do so with decidedly mixed feelings," Hale said in a statement to *Defense One*. "But having been in this job for about five years — longer than any DOD comptroller since the 1950s — I know it is getting close to the time when I should pursue other opportunities and challenges."

Hale said he will remain on the job until McCord is confirmed by Congress, adding that McCord will bring "continuity" to the job. He did not say what he plans to do next.

Last fall, Hale gave an exclusive interview to *Defense One* and lamented the current fiscal situation in the country. "The uncertainty in the financial area is unprecedented. I don't ever remember a circumstance when we were finishing up changes in the budget we're about to complete, making potentially major changes in the fiscal 14 budget and then I might add, planning for a wide range in fiscal year 15 because we don't know what decisions the president will make, understandably he probably doesn't know what decision he'll make yet as to what level he'll want us to submit the budget at for fiscal 15, so certainly the range of uncertainty — that is unprecedented, at least in my 30 or so years' experience working in and around this department's budget," Hale said. "And its unprecedented and bad because it drives us to this triage, when you don't have enough time to plan, quality suffers. It's a bad situation."

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, who sits on the House Armed Services Committee, praised Hale for "his professionalism and selflessness in doing one of the more thankless jobs within the Department of Defense. Mr. Hale led by example and tackled some of the more difficult, intractable issues within the DoD — one being the financial management of the Department. ... Auditing the Pentagon has ... led me to work with Mr. Hale and his team frequently. While there is still a ways to go in the endeavor to audit the DoD, he was instrumental in advancing the audit effort — we would not be where we are were it not for Mr. Hale. Today, because of his leadership, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Changing the culture within the DoD is not easy, a fact many within the department intimately know; yet, Mr. Hale has slowly reversed the tide, and for this, the U.S. taxpayer and I are truly grateful."

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

Feb 25 – 11:30 AM, Broadway Ballroom, Soundside Club,
Hurlburt Field, Maj Cunningham, 1 SOCPTS/CC, The DOD FM
Certification Experience

Mar 12 – 11 AM, Eglin AFB, Building 1, Room 204, Ms Maria
White (AFLCMC/EBAD), The Appropriation Process

Please contact our Program Chair 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
Locht (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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1st Annual

Relay For Life of NICEVILLE-VALPARAISO Golf Tournament

Fundraiser hosted by
Hurlburt Field Environmental Team
and Comptrollers for a Cause

\$75.00 per person

includes mulligan package,
light lunch, drinks and snacks

Friday, March 21, 2014

Shotgun Start at 1200 / 4-Man Scramble

**Bluewater Bay Golf Resort
in Niceville, FL**

Cancer has touched the lives of so many people in our community! The ACS Relay For Life is a great way to help us raise the funds necessary to support patient services, outreach programs and research...

**Will you help us
FINISH THE FIGHT?**

Call or e-mail us to register:

r4lavgolf@yahoo.com

Barry Woods, 830-5061

Amy Tolar, 398-2851

Ray Steffens, 240-9605



PROCEEDS GO TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 2014 RELAY FOR LIFE OF NICEVILLE-VALPARAISO

Registration & Sponsorship Information

Tropical Waves of HOPE Golf Tournament

Hurlburt Environmental & Comptrollers for a Cause Teams
Supporting 2014 Relay for Life of Niceville-Valparaiso (R4LNV)



FORMAT: FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE – In teams of four. Team chooses best of the four shots taken for the next shot. Play continues in this manner until the hole is completed. Team records its score and maintains format for all 18 holes.

Advance Registration Required.
Space is limited. No refunds available.

LOCATION: Bluewater Bay Golf Resort

DATE: March 21, 2014

SCHEDULE: **10:00 a.m.** – Registration Opens at Clubhouse
11:00 a.m. – Lunch provided by sponsor
12:00 p.m. – Shotgun Start
End of Play – Dinner provided by sponsor and Awards at the Clubhouse

REGISTRATION: Fee \$75 Per Player (includes two meals, drinks, & mulligan package)

POC: Please return completed registration to
R4LNVGOLF@YAHOO.COM or contact Amy Tolar (850)398-2851
or Barry Woods (850)830-5061

LEVELS OF GOLF SPONSORSHIPS

Platinum Golf Sponsor – \$1,000 4 golfing spots, primary ad in event program, advertising space on a golf cart, "sponsor a hole", team photo, acknowledgement plaque, track marker at the R4LNV.

Gold Golf Sponsor - \$500 2 golfing spots, ad in the event program, "sponsor a hole", acknowledgement certificate.

Silver Golf Sponsor - \$300, \$200, or \$100 ad in the event program, "sponsor a hole", acknowledgement certificate.

Bronze Golf Sponsor – any donations (gift cert, prize giveaways, food, etc.) will be recognized at event.

Please return completed sponsorship registration to
R4LNVGOLF@YAHOO.COM or contact Amy Tolar (850)398-2851
or Ray Steffens (850)240-9605.

RELAY FOR LIFE SPONSORSHIP also available: \$5000, \$3500, \$1500, \$1000, \$500. You will be recognized as a platinum sponsor at tournament as well as Relay sponsor. Please contact us for sponsorship package.

Why we Relay? One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. The funds raised at Relay save lives by funding cutting-edge cancer research, early detection and prevention education, advocacy efforts, and life-affirming patient services. It is because of your involvement that we are able to save lives, help those battling cancer, and empower all to fight back against the disease.

Proceeds from the Tropical Waves of HOPE Golf Tournament will go to benefit the American Cancer Society's
2014 Relay for Life of Niceville-Valparaiso May 9-10, 2014.

Team Captain / Player # 1 (please print or type)

Player Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Sponsor (please print or type)

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