

ASMC GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016



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President's Corner



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ASMC Gulf Coast Members,

Who can believe the new FY is nearly half over. I might be rushing things but when I lay end to end the approaching reviews, budget cycles and drills, not to mention trying to get all of our FY16 in hand, it's rushing by me. I think the tasks and transactions grow daily and now in the AFMC community, we are facing DEAMS. What I am trying to say - but not scare you with - is that FMers still face daily changes and challenges and even better, opportunities. You are all the catalyst for so much accomplished in our organizations and bases. Not one unit out there has succeeded without an FMer on board or in the background. What's the opportunity?

It's remembering we are on interviews every day for our attitudes, work ethic, skills and experiences. It's stepping out of a comfort zone to let your supervisors know you think you would like to handle the next project, or might have some ideas to resolve a budget issue or get Commander's/Leader's/Senior Material Leader's goal accomplished. If you've ever thought this, then step forward and volunteer. It's also being a team player, working with others in your organization to get the mission done well and timely.

Last and most importantly for a number of Wingman and personal needs, it's having fun ... which is where ASMC comes in! I love it so many of our younger, newer folks are truly having fun engaging in the activities the chapter carries out - from Relay for Life, to planning a golf tournament, to a dodgeball game with pizza and of course the Regional Professional Development Institute! So watch for the fun, network with ASMC and get out your Christmas decorations as I think it's nearly time to get started on those too!

*Leah Hodge
ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, President*



Upcoming Events



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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

When: 24 Feb 2016 at 11:30am

Where: Lt Col William H. Hunter, Chief, AF Budget, HQ AFSOC

What: Coming up ACES

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

RPDI

The RPDI will be held at the **Emerald Coast Convention Center on 14 Apr 16**. We look forward to hosting a variety of speakers and topics to include Maj Gen Martin, SAF-FM, and retired 96 ABW Commander, Sal Nodjomian. The RPDI Programs Committee is hard at work finding & securing speakers. Some of the great topics they have come up with include: A PEM Perspective, Comptroller Perspective, AFAFO Policy, SOCOM, FM Career Field Mentoring and more! If you have any questions regarding the RPDI please contact Kaci Harris and Kristen Pedro.

ASMC Awards

It is time to reward the hard work of our Financial Managers on Eglin and Hurlburt! The Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Award nominations for 2015 are due **NLT 26 Feb 16**. For info contact George Joseph or Kristen Pedro.

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 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 in July, and is scheduled every other Tuesday through the Month of March. We are still looking for volunteers for the following dates:

- Tuesday, 9 Feb 16
- Tuesday, 23 Feb 16
- Tuesday, 8 Mar 16
- Tuesday, 22 Mar 16

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 above is Mercedes Suarez, TSgt Kim Holen and daughter, and Maika Andrew



RELAY FOR LIFE

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

25 FEB 2016 @ 5:30 P.M.



Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce	Incl
House Salad	Incl
Bread	Incl
Soft Drink	Incl
Cannoli	Incl
Minimum Donation	\$25.00

*Other beverages and Desserts available for purchase. Please take care of your Wait Staff!

*Limited Seats Only

Proceeds to Benefit the Relay for Life

75 Eglin Pkwy NE, FWB, FL (Located in Uptown Station)

Please RSVP to Maika Andrew 883-1748 or Kristen Pedro 883-1656

Come out to support ASMC's Comptrollers for a Cause Relay for Life team... Who doesn't love an Italian feast at Clemenza's!

POC: Maika Andrew
Or Kristen Pedro



Ways and Means



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WAYS and MEANS

We are soliciting members' interest in upcoming volunteer opportunities at future luncheons. Be sure to provide your contact info, interest, and availability on our sign-up clipboard. Near future opportunities include:

- Annual ASMC Golf Tournament – **Apr 8th, 2016 @ 1200**

POC: Mika Gellinger, 882-8650

Pictured below are some ASMC teams that participated in the Dodgeball Tournament. This event was successful raising over \$1,000 for our Chapter!



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Education/CDFM



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- 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:

Education POC: Lisa Gamon, lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil, 883-5336

CDFM POC: Edwina Freeman, edwina.freeman.1@us.af.mil, 883-5317

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 7).

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



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 2016 - held in Orlando, FL.

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- 2015 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.



Obama Will Propose 1.6 Percent Pay Raise for Feds and Troops In 2017 Budget

by Kellie Lunney, Feb. 3rd, govexec.com



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President Obama will propose a 1.6 percent across-the-board pay raise for federal civilian and military personnel for 2017.

An administration official on Wednesday confirmed the proposed figure, which will be included in Obama's fiscal 2017 budget. The White House will release the fiscal 2017 budget on Tuesday.

Federal civilian workers and service members received a 1.3 percent pay boost for 2016. Check out [this chart](#) showing civilian and military pay raises over the years.

The National Treasury Employees Union on Wednesday said the proposed 1.6 percent pay increase for fiscal 2017 is "too low and does little to overcome several years of pay freezes and below-market increases."

NTEU also said in a statement that the administration's fiscal 2017 budget will support legislation giving federal employees up to six weeks of paid parental leave. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, have introduced bills that would do that.

Right now, the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act provides up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to most government and private sector workers for the birth or adoption of a child, or to care for seriously ill family members. Federal employees who give birth or adopt can tap their accrued sick and annual leave to avoid three months without a paycheck, but many bristle at having to use hard-earned leave when paid parental leave is becoming more prevalent in the private sector.

Last week, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that [female service members now will receive 12 weeks of paid maternity leave](#), one of [several personnel initiatives](#) aimed at improving the quality of life for military families.



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.



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For more details and pricing: Visit becker.com/dodfm or call 877.BPE.8238

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