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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Let me begin my last column as your Gulf Coast President with a big thank you for a wonderful year! This has been a truly rewarding and huge learning experience for me personally. The Gulf Coast Chapter is filled with awesome professionals who got behind me and made sure that we had a successful year which was apparent in everything we accomplished.

I know that each of you will offer your support as Ms Hodge and the new officers take over leadership of the chapter. Please join us for the officer induction and scholarship awards luncheon on July 19 at the Eglin Club. I appreciate their willingness to serve the chapter and lead us to new heights. Please give them your full support and lend your unique talents and abilities by serving this year on a committee.

One final note: I will be taking the lead for the Regional Professional Development Seminar 2012 and will put out the call for volunteers to help plan the event in the next couple of weeks. Be thinking about how you would like to help. We are looking for fresh ideas and dedicated volunteers to staff each committee.

Thanks again for a great year and all your support, I could not have done it without YOU.

Dedra Hickman





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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

Hard to believe another year ends and as I turn over the committee to new leaders I want to personally thank the ASMC community for their volunteerism. Over the past 2 years, we've had the opportunity to continue to work with our non-profit organizations to help raise funds for their causes in bettering the community and end this year with the **Community Service Award** recognition from the regional PDI. Again, much thanks – our committee was able to grow with your support. Best wishes.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

SHELTER HOUSE: Share the Shelter Music Fest, 24 Jul, 5-9 PM, Gulf Place (on the corner of HWY 30A and 393). During the event, local and national musicians will help raise awareness in both animal abuse and domestic violence. Bands will include Bryan Kennedy, Daphne Willis, Dread Clampitt, Heritage and Kelsey Anna. Volunteers are needed for in several areas (see separate signup sheet) to make this event possible.

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

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

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Community Service

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- 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
- 11. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy

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

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Programs - Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

Mark your calendar:

* July 19, 2011 will conclude this term's program with the Scholarship Awards and Installation of Officers.

LOCATION/TIME: Eglin Club, Sand Dollar Lounge at 11:00 Deli Buffet Pay-at-the-Door (Cash or Check)

* Also accepting donations at the July 19th luncheon for a "School Supplies Drive" to benefit the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy & Shelter House.

Suggested donations are: Backpacks, Paper, Pencils, Folders, Pens, Notebooks, Crayons, Markers, Scissors and Rulers. (POCs for the drive are Brianna Hoppel or Nicole Smith)

To Register on A3:

https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=253316&TypeName=Class

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Programs - Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

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"THANK YOU" Programs Committee Members!

As we come to the end of this year's term, I would like to recognize the hard work of the Programs Committee members and of those who directly supported our Programs. Although it seems effortless to schedule the monthly professional development luncheons or audio-conference events, this is largely due the team work of all my committee members who had a part in the planning, coordination, schedule-juggling acts, hard work and dedication that go on behind the scenes.

If you see any of these committee members listed, please thank them for their hard work this past year to secure relevant speakers who provided a well-balanced program, as well as for ensuring the Chapter maintains its five-star status:

Jill Brogan Pat DeWitt

Kathy Davis Cindy Dixon, Protocol

Katenna Edwards Sarah Gaffney Jason Guzzardo, Audiovisual Linda Hardy

Kaci Harris, also Publicity Jenna Colon, also Publicity

Dedra Hickman Capt Anita Logan Ron Millis, A-3 Registration Sharon Pedersen

Frances Sanchez Jon Slingerland, Co-Chair

Amy Tolar, Treasurer/Budget Barbara Wimmler

I'd also like to thank all of the membership for supporting the training events as we had very high attendance records this year!!!

Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, CDFM-A ASMC Programs Committee Co-Chair 882-9839

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Education

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will award college scholarships to area high school seniors and college students at the July 19, 2011, ASMC luncheon. Scholarships were awarded based on scholastic achievement, leadership, extracurricular activities, career goals, and financial need.

Here are the recipients of our 2011 Scholarship Program:

	<u>College:</u>	
\$1,000	Emily Lyerly	\$1,000
\$500	Michael Brown	\$1,000
	Joyce Hughes	\$500
	Howard Trumbo, Jr.	\$500
\$500	Victoria DeJesus	\$500
\$500	Rachelle Gouthro	\$500
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Michael Mitchell, Jr. \$500

All have been invited to our July Luncheon.

Also thanks to the scholarship evaluators and our IT assistant for taking the time to help make the program a success:

Pati Galvan Sharon Pedersen Deborah Washington Serena Nieten

Kathi Baker Rebecca Ostrander

Kaci Harris

Information about this year's winners begin below.

Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque.eglin.af.mil) Donna Schulist (882-4538, Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil).

Scholarship Winners

High School level winners:

Tahir Wallen is a 2011 graduate of Milton High School with a GPA of 3.0. He plans to attend Pensacola State College to pursue a degree in International Business. He has been a mentor teaching at-risk elementary children at Camp Fire USA and volunteered to teach various basketball camps. Tahir plans to obtain a Master's Degree in Economics.

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Scholarship Winners (continued)

High School level winners (continued):

Robert Lyerly is a 2011 graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School with a GPA of 4.0. He plans to attend Clemson University to pursue a degree in Accounting and Economics. He was the Team Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, President of the Future Business Leaders of America, and Treasurer of the National Honor Society. Robert plans on becoming a CPA, and obtain either an engineering degree or an MBA degree.

Michael Mitchell Jr. is a graduate of Niceville High School with a GPA of 3.77. He plans to attend the University of Central Florida. He was the co-captain of the basketball team, volunteered at Eglin AFB Youth Center, and won the Eglin AFB and AFMC Youth of the Year. Michael plans on pursuing an MBA degree.

College level winners:

Emily Lyerly is a full time student at Clemson University, is pursuing an Accounting degree, and maintains a 3.80 GPA. She is on the President's List or Dean's List every semester, the elected Treasurer of the Chi Omega Sorority, and raises money for the Make a Wish Foundation. Emily plans to attend graduate school and become a CPA.

Michael Brown is a student at Columbia Southern University, is pursuing a Business Management degree, and maintains a 3.91 GPA. He is currently serving on active duty with Security Forces. He is a Resource Advisor with the 96 Ground Combat Training Squadron. Michael plans to pursue an MBA degree.

Joyce Hughes is a student at Pensacola State College, pursuing a degree in Administration and Supervision, and maintains a 3.74 GPA. She works at the University of West Florida and manages several departmental budgets. She helps train volunteers to work during Welcome Week at the college.

Howard Trumbo is a student at the University of West Florida, pursuing a degree in Business Administration and Accounting, and maintains a 3.50 GPA. He is a member of the CalCPA, AICPA AND NABA. His goal is to obtain an MBA degree and become a CPA.

Victoria DeJesus is a student at the Northwest Florida State College, is pursuing a degree in Project Management, and maintains a 3.91 GPA. She works with her church annual Southern Ball, and provides lessons to children ages 6-12 in graphic arts and watercolor.

Rachelle Gouthro is a full time student at Florida State University, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, and maintains a 3.3 GPA. She is the Vice President of Women in Business organization. After completion of her Bachelor degree, she plans to complete graduate school and become a certified financial planner.

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Scholarship Winners (continued)

Chapter Members:

Nichole Smith is a student at Northwest Florida State College, where she maintains a 3.14 GPA. In the fall she will attend the University of West Florida to pursue a B.S.B.A in Accounting. She is an Accounting Technician at the 96 CPTS. She was co-chair for the 2011 ASMC Relay for Life team and is a Squadron Unit Advisory Council representative. She plans on pursuing a Master's Degree from the UWF.

Max Miller is a student at the University of West Florida, is pursuing a Business Management and Administration degree, and maintains a 3.0 GPA. He is a Financial Specialist in the Student Career Experience Program in the 46th Test Wing JOCAS office on Eglin AFB. Max plans on pursuing an MBA degree.

Big congratulations to ALL our winners.

Ways & Means - Jennifer Denega

Ways & Means

Chair: Jennifer Denega Vice-Chair: Cleo Battle

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

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee.

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

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Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!

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



GSA: No increase in mileage reimbursement rate yet

By Caitlin Fairchild cfairchild @govexec.com July 1, 2011

While the Internal Revenue Service has raised the mileage reimbursement rate for the second half of the year due to high gas prices, the General Services Administration will not follow suit.

"Although the results of our internal evaluation do not support a change at this time, we plan to monitor the fuel costs monthly and will adjust the rate if warranted," GSA stated on its website.

In June, the IRS announced a change in reimbursement rates from 51 cents per mile to 55.5 cents for taxpayers who use their personal vehicles on the job. The new rate took effect Friday, but federal employees will not benefit from it unless GSA -- which has leeway to set rates as high as the IRS' -- follows suit.

National Treasury Employees Union President Colleen Kelley has written two letters to GSA, demanding it match the IRS.

"Federal employees pay the same amount for gas as private sector employees," Kelley said in her second letter. "They should be able to be reimbursed for necessary business travel at the same rate as private sector employees."

In her letter, Kelley cited the historical precedent of GSA following the IRS' lead. When the IRS lowered the rate by 5 cents in January 2010, GSA followed with the same change.

"It is my understanding that GSA has historically followed the reimbursement rates set by the IRS and I strongly urge you to do so now," Kelley said. "Please do not let this unfair situation continue."

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

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

19 Jul: Scholarship awards and Installation of 2011-12 officers, Eglin Club 11 AM, Sand Dollar Lounge

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 the 2010 PDI. You can access selected sessions online at

http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/onlineeducation/extended-learning/extended-learning-2010-pdipresentations/

Minneapolis hosted the national PDI this year. ASMC online will soon post 2011 sessions - check the national website for more information.

Remember our local website is http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/ and ASMC national is http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/

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"New Officer Induction Ceremony"
"Scholarship Awards"
"Schools Supplies Charity Drive"
Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy
& Shelter House

Tuesday, 19 July 2011 at 11:00
Sand Dollar Lounge, Eglin Club
"Deli Buffet"\$12 Pay-at-the-Door
(Cash or Check)

Registration/Menu Options via A3 web site:

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POCs: Jon Slingerland, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, or Maika Andrew



School Supplies Drive

Donations Needed: Backpacks, Paper, Pencils, Folders, Pens, Notebooks, Crayons, Markers, Scissors and Rulers

Donations will be accepted at Luncheon Tuesday, 19 July 2011

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