

ASMC GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016



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President's Corner



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ASMC Gulf Coast Members,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that all of you had a fun holiday break and have come back recharged and ready for an exciting 2016! Our holiday luncheon was a big success - huge thanks to the folks who worked so hard to put on such a great function. As I reflect on the great new friends I've made, the good times at events and the accomplishments that we have achieved together as a chapter during the past year, it makes me excited to imagine how much more we can do collectively as we kick off another year.

This year we have an exciting agenda planned which includes bringing back our RPDS to the Emerald Coast Convention Center. One of my favorite memories when I returned here to this area after military retirement was attending the RPDS and being so impressed with such a great production. I am so excited to see it return to a larger production with wonderful speakers planned. I hope everyone will feel the same and will come out to show the highest level of support. You will be glad to be a part of it!

I am also using this new beginning to look at myself in the mirror and ask myself what kept me from doing more? The usual excuses seem too easily thrown around. I am challenging myself to look for ways I can step up and give more of my time, not only in chapter events but all community service events. I hope I can encourage you to do the same. When I look at the long list of activities and events our membership is involved in that you will find listed below as you continue to read this newsletter there are certainly no shortage of opportunities where we can make a difference. I know the people who continually give so much of themselves keeping these events and programs going would be grateful to see another helping hand involved. Please find an area that interests you and volunteer.

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Thank you so much to the ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter committee members and each volunteer who have generously dedicated so much time and effort to make our chapter such a huge success. I feel very blessed to be associated with such an amazing group of Financial Management professionals. I wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2016!

Rick Figueroa

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, VP-Hurlburt

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.

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 10).

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



Upcoming Events



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JANUARY LUNCHEON

When: 20 Jan 2016 at 11:30am
Where: Pepitos, 1313 Lewis Turner Blvd, FWB
Who: Col Robert Charlesworth, 96 MSG/CC
What: Budget – National, DoD, AF, Local Implications

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

RFL Needs YOU!

Some of you may remember last year the Life size battleship game the Comptrollers for a Cause set up for the Relay for Life ASMC booth. For those of you that might not have heard, Relay for Life or RFL for short, is a worldwide phenomenon started in May of 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt raising almost \$5B to fight cancer. **We're still looking for a chair** for this worthy cause. If you're interested please contact myself or any of the ASMC Board members. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ray Graber, 882-8097

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.

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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, 26 Jan 16
- 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.

Adopt a Family:

Thanks to the fabulous members of our Chapter, ASMC was able to adopt another family this year - providing a less fortunate family with a better Christmas! The children were able to get everything they asked for & more! The parents didn't ask for anything but we were able to provide them with a large gift card to Walmart. There are several items not pictured

like a skateboard, more clothes, items for the mom & dad, and more but as you can see from this picture alone - this family received a lot of nice gifts this year!

Thanks again for all of your support!

- Kaci Harris





Ways and Means



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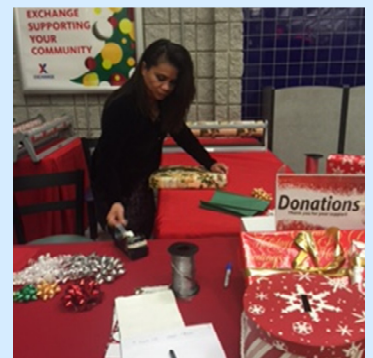
We are soliciting members' interest in upcoming volunteer opportunities at future luncheons. Be sure to provide your contact info, interest, and availability on our sign-up clipboard. Near future opportunities include:

- Dodgeball Tournament – **Jan 30th, 2016 @ 1330 - 1700**
- Annual ASMC Golf Tournament – **Apr 8th, 2016 @ 1200**

POC: Mika Gellinger, 882-8650

We raised \$421 through the open auction held at the annual ASMC holiday party. A special "Thank you" to Cathie Gunn, Jon Montgomery, Summer Massey, Brianna Hoppel, Tammie Johnson, and Debra McKenzie for bidding and winning the donated items from local vendors.

A huge "Thank you" to Gretchen Montalto, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, Serena Nieten, Theresa Proulx, Summer Massey, Esperanza Rosa, Mandy Chapman, A1C Ryan Edmonds, SrA Breon Hill, SrA Stephany Birkos, Shannon Skrivanie, and Rachael Peoples for volunteering at the BX Gift Wrapping Fundraising Event in Dec. **We raised \$406** - almost twice as much as last year. Pictured to the right and below are photos from the event.



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2016 ASMC Dodgeball Tournament



The Gulf Coast Chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers is an active part of the community of North-west Florida. Gulf Coast Chapter is the leading provider of training to our local DoD financial managers at Eglin, Hurlburt, and Duke Field. They participate in numerous fundraisers around the community supporting organizations and activities such as Fisher House, Shelter House, Adopt A Family, Alaqua Animal Refuge, Pet Welfare on Eglin AFB, Relay For Life, providing college scholarships for local high school seniors every year, and sending our deployed troops care packages.

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2016 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

raising money for college scholarships for seniors in our area

SATURDAY, JAN. 30TH, 2016, 1:30PM

PRESTON HOOD REC CENTER | 132 JET DR NW

\$125 PER TEAM OF 6-10 PLAYERS

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ASMC 1st Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk



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Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our Holiday 5K Event! We were able to raise over \$500 towards scholarships for local high school and college students. We hope everyone who attended had fun! There were about 50 registrants consisting of a great mix of ASMC Members and people from the community. Our very own ASMC Members, Phil Herzog & Kent Watson, took first and second place respectively. Jeff DeCocker's daughter took third. Team AFSOC came in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th! We look forward to making this a better event next year!

A special thanks to our volunteers who helped make this event happen: Mara Costabile, Rachael Peoples, Kaci Harris, Heather Long, Summer Massey, Mika Gellinger, Nadia Fingall, Morgahn Fingall!



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Education/CDFM



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- **Local Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Course**
 - **DATE:** 25-29 January 2016.
 - **LOCATION:** PT/Testing Drug Demand Reduction Facility, Bldg 2398, CR 1013
 - **TIME:** 0730-1630 Monday – Friday. Class will begin promptly at 0730, therefore, please plan to arrive accordingly
 - **DRESS ATTIRE:** Dress code for the class is business casual for civilians and the appropriate military attire for military. Please note, jeans and tennis shoes are not considered business casual attire
 - **POINT OF CONTACT(S):** Gail Broxson, DSN 872-0774; COMM 850-882-0774; gail.broxson@us.af.mil
- 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



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.asmcnline.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.asmcnline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



Two Simple Ways to Be More Mindful This Year

by Scott Eblin, Jan 11th, govexec.com



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I'm always looking for great examples of simple things that any of us can do to be more mindful – aware and intentional – about how we approach work and the rest of life. Last week, I heard two great ones from my friend and colleague, [Jeff Smith](#) of [Voltage Leadership Consulting](#). Jeff is a former financial services executive, runs a very successful business and is a member of our [Conduit program](#) for coaches and our [Life GPS certification program](#). With his permission, I'm sharing with you what he's been doing that's working.

We were talking about 2016 goals in our monthly Conduit call last Friday and Jeff shared that his goal for this year is to be more mindful in day to day life. The cool thing about Jeff's goal is he's already implementing simple but effective ways to follow through on his goal.

The first is to show up five minutes early. Like so many of us with racked and stacked calendars and to-do lists, Jeff found himself getting to meetings and calls with zero margin for error in terms of being on-time. That left him with no space or bandwidth to start his meetings fully present. Beginning a couple of months ago, he made a commitment to show up five minutes early for every commitment on his calendar. It's a simple move that has had a big impact. He uses that five minutes to take some deep breaths to clear out the mental chatter that remains from what he was doing just before. Then he shifts to thinking about what he's trying to do in the next event and how he needs to show up to make that happen.

Jeff has implemented another simple move that has deepened his connection with Henry, the youngest of his four children. (That's Henry and Jeff in the picture that accompanies this post.) Driving Henry to school every morning has been a daily routine of Jeff's for awhile now. After setting his goal of being more mindful, Jeff made a simple change in the seven-minute drive that has paid big dividends in his relationship with Henry. He turned off the radio. That's it. By turning off the radio, Jeff created space for Henry and him to talk. As a result, he's learned a lot about what's on Henry's mind, what he's doing in school and what's going on with him and his friends.

One of the biggest dividends of a radio-free ride for Jeff has come in the evening when they both get home. He told us that, "Instead of just asking, 'How was your day?', I can follow up on specific things we talked about in the morning. It's made a big difference in the quality of our relationship."

And that leads to the overall point of this post. Jeff is becoming more mindful by making a couple of simple changes in his life that are relatively easy to do and are definitely making a difference. What simple changes do you want to make to be more mindful this year?



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:

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