



ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter

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Ken Pickler

President's Corner

Written by Ken Pickler, President

Fellow ASMC members, as we start another chapter year, I encourage you to think about your legacies as DoD financial managers. What will you be remembered for?

Maj Gen “ChedBob” Chedister thought a lot about his legacy at Eglin when he took command almost 2 decades ago. Then he delivered. He enhanced professional development — chartering the Air Armament Academy, now Eglin Academy. He promoted work/life balance — instituting the compressed work schedule many of us enjoy. He enhanced workforce health — approving a Civilian Fitness program. He wanted his tombstone to read, “Gave Out Too Many Awards,” and creatively built new recognition options. He challenged all of us to “Pay it Forward” by serving others...and modeled the way both in uniform and as he recovered from a near-fatal fall in retirement. He inspired us.

As my term begins, I've been thinking about what I'd like my legacy to be. My #1 priority is getting everyone actively engaged in executing our chapter's mission. There's a place of service for everyone. Our talented vice presidents are actively recruiting for the teams they oversee. They'll soon be sending a chapter-wide “ballot” where you can select — and connect with — a team that most interests you.

If you're all on the field with us, I'm convinced we'll enjoy a phenomenal year...and Pay it Forward to our fellow financial managers, the decision makers we support, and the communities and country we proudly serve!

ASMC News

Congratulations to our new President and three Vice Presidents on their new positions and Thank You to all the ASMC Members that are remaining to help and all the new volunteers!

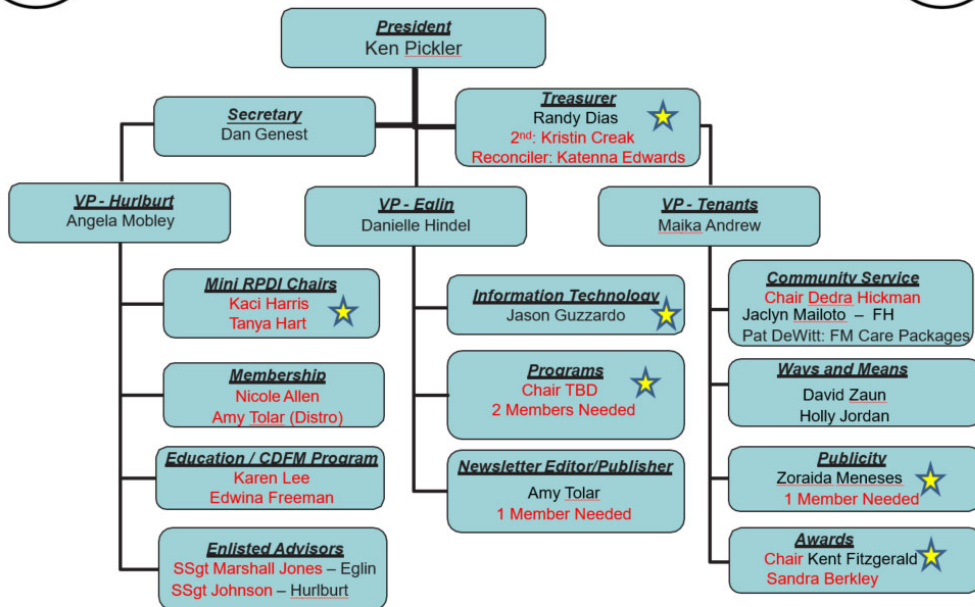
We also still have some exciting opportunities for those looking to volunteer within our Chapter this year!

Refer to the below organization chart for vacancies and if you are interested in being a volunteer under one of the committees, contact the member in that committee and the Vice President in that column.

The Executive Council (EC) meets each month on Microsoft Teams (CHES).



2021-2022 Gulf Coast Chapter



As of July 2021

Announcements

Next Professional luncheon is 19 Aug with guest speaker Bill Rone, SES, Retired, Former AFSOC/FM details on page 5.

Scholarship winners are on page 3 and 4.

Please shop our Amazon Smile link to support our GC Chapter!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2139423>



Do You Know NATO?

The DOD has friends in high places. What do you know about them?

NATO QUIZ

Start quiz at this link:

<https://www.defense.gov/Engage/Quiz/Article/1652273/do-you-know-nato/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, the Gulf Coast Chapter awarded \$3,000.00 in scholarships. The scholarships are for high school graduates, undergraduate students, and ASMC members currently enrolled in college seeking degrees in academic disciplines relating to financial/resource management (such as business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, or finance. Students are ranked based on scholastic achievement, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, career/academic goals, and financial needs.

The 2021 recipients are as follows:

Macy McLaren is a 2021 honor graduate from Niceville High School, where she served as Vice-President of the National Honor Society, Head Librarian, Vice-President of the band, and a member of the Gifted National Geography In-Shores Area program. Macy is a youth usher and a Saturday Supper volunteer at Crosspoint Church, and a volunteer at the Twins Cities Assisted Living Facility. She is attending the University of Florida pursuing a degree in Business Administration. Her career aspiration is to become an entrepreneur with business operations in the United States and abroad.



Macy McLaren



Estefania Gonzalez

Estefania Gonzalez is assigned to the Air Force Lifecycle Management Center, Weapons Directorate, at Eglin AFB as a financial management specialist for the Disruptive Futures Division. She is a member of the ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter and serves on the Programs Committee. In addition, she is a member of the Weapons Directorate Junior Workforce Council and Vice President of Pelican Place Home Owner's Association. Estefania is a student at Louisiana State University-Shreveport pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration. Her career aspirations are to become a leader in the DoD acquisitions field.



Christina Frisch

Christina Frisch is assigned to the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Munitions Directorate, as a financial management specialist. She is a member of the ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter and served as Co-Chair for the Awards Committee. Christina is also a member of the AFRL headquarters study group focusing on revitalizing the workforce and researching better ways to attract and retain talent. Additionally, she volunteers her time to deliver food to the elderly in her neighborhood. Christina is a student at Auburn University pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration. Her career aspirations are to develop and implement invaluable leadership skills as a future leader in the Air Force to lead efforts to fight against stagnation and encourage innovative ideas in the workforce.

Fisher House News

Fisher House operations continue to support individuals and their families. They are working with their partners at the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense to help safely care for military, veterans, and their families. Thank you for your support as they navigate the COVID-19 restrictions and challenges. If you have a loved one that needs treatment at Eglin AFB or VA medical center, please reach out directly to the local Fisher House to see availability.

What does this mean for ASMC Members?

Fisher House needs volunteer to provide prepared meals from restaurants for their guest! Get your team together and contact Jaclyn Mailoto for available dates and more info!

Thanks to our recent volunteers: Rena Christian, Cantera Moore, Kaci Harris, Maika Andrew, David Herndon, and AFRL FM!"



August Professional Development Event



Building Successful FM Teams

Mr Bill Rone (Retired AF SES; former AFSOC/FM)

2021 Scholarship Recipients Will Also Be Recognized

Two Trees Restaurant at the FWB Golf Club

1955 Lewis Turner Blvd

19 August 2021; 1100 Hrs

*Attendance is limited to 50 people; please register with meal selection by
COB 16 August*

*Registration instructions, meal choices and payment options are attached. You may attend without
purchasing a meal.*

Professional, Ethical Financial Management

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Registration / Meal Selections: 19 Aug Event



Register by COB 16 Aug via Outlook reply

Use voting feature to select a meal, or reserve a seat w/o a meal:

Caesar Salad w/ Grilled Chicken (or w/o meat)

Santa Fe Salad w/ Fajita Chicken

Chicken Fried Rice

Half Club & Soup of the Day

Old Fashioned Burger w/ Fries or Fresh Fruit

All meals served with Iced Tea, Soda or Water

\$14 Price includes Tax and Gratuity

Cash and checks will be accepted at the event.

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ASMC Information

Membership Benefits

ASMC members have exclusive access to some exciting new content, beginning with Engage. Engage is a valuable online professional collaboration tool, available to ASMC members and chapters. And as always, ASMC members receive quarterly issues of the AFC, Armed Forces Comptroller journal.

For complete ASMC Member benefits, go to this website: <https://asmconline.org/membership/benefits/>

AFC Journal

ASMC members receive a printed issue of the quarterly Armed Forces Comptroller and have access to the online version at no cost. To access the most recent four issues and their assessments for CPEs, please visit our Online Learning Center. Read the current issue of the AFC journal here. If you are a member and would like a copy of a past issue, please visit <https://asmconline.org/contact-us/>

The Value of CDFM/CDFM-A

In January 2021, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense released a [Policy Memorandum](#) announcing the CDFM™ as one of five professional certifications that can serve as an “Alternative Professional Certification” to any of the three DFMCP certification levels. This exception to policy means you can now “present and maintain” the CDFM to meet any of the three DFMCP certification levels—earning the CDFM gives you a transferable, test-based credential that can be used anywhere in Federal service or the private sector!

Benefits:

- OUSD(C) accepts actively-maintained CDFM or CDFM-A certification as an alternative to any level of DFMCP certification
- The CDFM (to include the CDFM-A) is one of the DoD-approved professional certifications that the DoD Financial Management Certification Program “Recommends” at DFMC Level 2 and “Strongly Recommends” at DFMC Level 3
- Marketable, recognized credential to prospective employers and clients
- Earning a voluntary, professional certification indicates your level of initiative and distinguishes you from others in the field
- Enhances your career and reputation
- Certificates are listed on ASMC’s website registry
- New certificates are listed in the Armed Forces Comptroller (AFC), ASMC’s quarterly journal
- Shows growth and advancement within the profession
- Pride at being a part of a prestigious organization that supports the profession
- A beautiful, high-quality wall certificate displays your accomplishment
- ASMC Chapter and/or on-the-job recognition
- Certification maintenance requirements necessitate your continuing professional development and ensure that you stay current with industry trends and changes

National News

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement by Jamal Brown, Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary, on COVID-19 Vaccinations
JULY 29, 2021

“The Department of Defense is moving quickly to meet President Biden’s commitment to defeat COVID-19, and that includes being able to ensure every member of our civilian and military workforce is protected.

“In accordance with the guidance the President issued today, all military and civilian DoD personnel will be asked to attest to their vaccination status. Personnel unable or unwilling to do that will be required to wear a mask, physically distance, comply with a regular testing requirement and be subject to official travel restrictions.

“Secretary Austin will also begin consulting our medical professionals, as well as the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to determine how and when to make recommendations to the President with respect to adding the COVID-19 vaccines to the full list of requirements for military personnel.

“In the meantime, we continue to offer vaccines to our personnel and their families around the world. And we will continue to adjust our protocols to the local conditions of the communities we serve in.

“COVID-19 remains a significant and evolving threat to our nation’s security. The rise of the Delta variant and the speed with which it transmits make these additional protective efforts all the more vital to protecting our force and the nation we defend.

“Vaccines remain the best and most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID, including the Delta variant.”

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Increased Restrictions on the Pentagon Reservation
JULY 30, 2021

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and positive test cases in the National Capital Region over the past 15 days, the Pentagon Reservation will move to Health Protection Condition Bravo effective 5 a.m. EDT, Monday, Aug. 2, 2021. Both Armed Forces Retirement Home campuses, in Washington, D.C., and Gulfport, Mississippi, will transition to HPCON Charlie.

The Secretary of Defense’s number one priority during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be protecting our workforce while still performing our national security mission. Supervisors will continue to provide maximum telework opportunities and flexible scheduling to optimize the workforce while defending our nation, taking care of our people, and ensuring success through teamwork.

Continued article at <https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2714126/increased-restrictions-on-the-pentagon-reservation/>

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