



ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter

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Brianna Hoppel

President's Corner

Written by Brianna Hoppel, President

Thank you ASMC Gulf Coast for electing me as your Chapter President for 2022-2023! I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to serving you.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been a member of the ASMC since I began my civilian career here at Eglin in 2010. I love that Eglin and Hurlburt areas afford tons of career broadening opportunities for our FM career field. I am thrilled to serve with a stellar ASMC leadership team this year, Kristen Moyer as Tenant VP, Danielle Hindel as Eglin VP, Mika Gellinger as Hurlburt VP, Dan Genest as Secretary and Stef Gonzales as Treasurer. We also have outstanding committee chairs!

As we press through the year ahead, I ask for everyone's help in Chapter activities. We plan to accomplish a RPDI/FM training event in person this year, led by Tanya Hart and hope to have several fund-raising/community service events planned. We are also excited about our speaker line-up for our monthly luncheons and hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to network and receive vital FM training. We look forward to seeing you at the next ASMC event!

Here's to a great year!
Brianna

Announcements

August Luncheon:
From FM PAQ to SAF/FM
presented by
Mr. Stephen Herrera, SES
3 Aug. 22, 1100 via teams

Please Contact Brianna Hoppel if you are looking to join a committee this year. We have positions available. The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are posted at <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org>

Care Packages
If you would like to donate to care packages that go to our deployed FM members, please contact Patrick DeWitt.

Thank you for being the reason you made someone smile!



Please shop our Amazon Smile link to support our GC Chapter!
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2139423>

2022-2023 Executive Committee:

President	Brianna Hoppel
VP-Eglin	Danielle Hindel
VP-Hurlburt	Mika Gellinger
VP-Tenant	Kristen Moyer
Secretary	Dan Genest
Treasurer	Stef Gonzalez
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Reconciler	Meredith Bynum
Programs	Brittany Bohannon
Publicity	Sharon Pedersen
	Brock Herrington
RPDI	Tanya Hart
Membership	Amy Tolar
	Meia Hampton
CDFM/Education	Meredith Bynum
	Pam Summers
Ways & Means	Marcella Miller
Community Service	Jaclyn Mailoto – FH
	Pat Dewitt – care pkg
Webmaster	Jason Guzzardo
Newsletter	April Campbell
Retiree Advisor	Ken Pickler

ASMC HQ Information

ARMED FORCES Comptroller Journal

ASMC members receive a printed issue of the quarterly Armed Forces Comptroller and have access to the online version at no cost. The current issue of the AFC is available. To access the most recent four issues and their assessments for CPEs, please visit our Online Learning Center or visit <https://asmconline.org/resources/> for more information.

Membership News

As we begin a new term, I would like to welcome the Committee Members:
Amy Tolar and Meia Hampton.

Membership Dues are \$40 a year; or \$96 for 3 years discounted rate.
Explore leadership and networking opportunities and membership tools and benefits to help invest in your career:

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/membership.html>

Join online

<https://imis.asmconline.org/net/enroll.aspx?jointype=m>



Five Types of Membership are Available:

- 1. Active:** Open to Active Duty, DoD Civilians, or US Coast Guard who are actively employed in military comptrollership.
- 2. Life:** For those who have been Active, Associate, or individual Corporate Designee Members (excluding Corporations) for 20 consecutive years in good standing. In addition, those who joined prior to 1979 and who became designated Life Members prior to 1 October 1998.
- 3. Retiree:** Retiree Membership recognizes those ASMC members who are “fully retired” and not working in any other profession other than occasionally doing “volunteer” work.
- 4. Honorary:** Must be approved by the National Executive Committee and has no fee. It may be granted to those who make significant contributions to military comptrollership, not eligible or otherwise expected to join.
- 5. Corporate:** Available for private sector companies with an interest in military comptrollership field. Pricing and benefits found here:
<http://www.asmconline.org/membership/corporate-membership/>

Recruitment Incentives:

Current Chapter members are called to mentor and help us meet membership growth. Those who recruit a minimum of 1 new member will receive a gift from the Chapter (while supplies last)

Education News/CDFM

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 2022 recipients are as follows:

Carl Winters: Carl is a graduate from Niceville High School, where he served as Vice-President of the Earth Club and the President of the Key Club at the Eglin Youth Center. Carl is a youth leader, children's church teacher, junior Deacon, and a nursery assistant at First Church of God in Christ. Carl is attending the University of Central Florida pursuing a degree in Business Management/Marketing. His career aspiration is to work for Disney Corporation.

Keane Creager: Keane is a student at Florida State University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Finance and has been on the President's list twice this past academic year. Keane volunteers as a trainer for the FSU wrestling team as well as, volunteers as a coach when home with the Niceville High School wrestling team. Keane is an intern at Regions bank where he is leading in individual customer service ratings out of all the associates at his branch. Keane is also a member of National Association of Business Economics (NABE) and Financial Management Association (FMA). Keane's career aspiration is to be in corporate finance or government agency focusing on budgeting or financial crimes.

Iriana Castro: Iriana is a student at University of West Florida pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Economics with a minor in Data Processing and Management. Iriana has been on the Dean's list twice and President's list once. Iriana volunteers as a tutor in economics for the University of West Florida. In addition, Iriana is the lead author in a research paper with a Professor in Supply Chain Logistics and the Dean of the College of Business. Her career aspirations are to become a financial manager for the 96th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base.

- 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>
- 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/>



POC: Meredith Bynum or Pam Summers
<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>

Community Service News

Fisher House



EBZ FM team above, pictured left to right are:

Sean Hassett, Derek Pike, Wilborne Gottlieb, Kristen Moyer, Andrew Fitzgerald, Jenna Hyde

Not pictured: Capt Trevor Violette, Jameia Hampton, Estefania Gonzalez

The EBZ FM team recently provided dinner for guests at the Eglin Fisher House on 26 July 2022. Catered by The Locals restaurant, the meal consisted of smoked chicken thighs, mac n cheese, house salad and garlic mashed potatoes.

Please contact Jaclyn Mailoto if your program or squadron would like to sponsor a Fisher House meal!



National News

The House Has Cleared the Way for Biden's 4.6% Pay Raise Plan

By Erich Wagner

July 20, 2022

The House on Wednesday voted 220-207 to pass the first minibus fiscal 2023 spending package, effectively endorsing President Biden's plan to increase federal employees' pay by an average of 4.6% next year.

The minibus contains six of the 12 annual appropriations bills, including transportation, housing and urban development; agriculture and rural development; energy and water development; military construction and veterans affairs; and financial services and general government, the last of which serves as the vehicle for provisions impacting federal employee compensation.

When Biden first unveiled his fiscal 2023 budget request in March, he proposed providing an average 4.6% pay increase for federal civilian employees and members of the military. Although it is unclear how that figure would be split between an across-the-board increase in basic pay and an average increase in locality pay, presidents typically have set aside 0.5% of the overall raise for average locality pay increases.

A 4.6% average pay raise would mark the largest increase for civilian federal workers in more than two decades—President George W. Bush granted feds a 4.6% average raise in 2002—but some lawmakers and federal employee groups have advocated for an even larger raise of 5.1%, pointing to the paltry 1.0% across-the-board raise the workforce received in 2021 and lack of an increase to locality pay, as well as rising inflation. The 5.1% raise would have been split between a 4.1% across-the-board increase in basic pay and an average 1.0% raise in locality pay.

But throughout the House's spending talks, appropriators failed to include any language on federal employee compensation. Since Congress must act affirmatively to override a president's pay plan, that effectively serves as an endorsement of Biden's proposal.

Prospects for a larger pay raise being included in the Senate's version of the appropriations bill are dim. The Senate Appropriations Committee has yet to unveil any of its spending bills, but with Democrats only in control via the vice president's role as tiebreaker of an evenly split chamber, it would be more likely to see the pay raise figure decrease in an effort to secure the 10 GOP votes needed to send the bill to the president for enactment.

The removal of a longstanding policy rider to the House's version of the spending package could be a boon to federal employees' non-salary benefits, although it is unlikely to make it into law. Appropriators did not include the Hyde Amendment, a decades-old stipulation that federal dollars cannot go toward abortions. Democrats have been pushing to repeal the provision for several years, although the effort took on renewed urgency with the Supreme Court's controversial decision last month to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

For federal employees, the Hyde Amendment carved abortion-related services out of the long list of procedures covered by insurance through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, forcing them to pay out of pocket to obtain those procedures.

Debate over the future of the amendment could be a sticking point in negotiations between House and Senate as the end of the fiscal year approaches in September.