



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



JUN 2012

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to use my 'floor' (this newsletter space!) to say good-bye to an individual who has been a member of the FM workforce for many years here at Eglin AFB. She's been a contractor, is now a GS employee and through the various jobs and duties she's held, she has always been responsible, timely, efficient, and even better, friendly and caring! Lynn Becker is leaving us to join the SOCOM forces at MacDill AFB, FL. Lynn has long been a stalwart supporter and volunteer with our ASMC chapter as well, this year serving as the Eglin Vice President. She participated in nearly every fund raiser we held, she always helped with RPDS and any chapter IT subject/need; I counted on her to provide logical, common sense advice on tackling a couple of situations through the year ... I am thrilled she's moving onto to new opportunities but I sure hate the Tampa Bay chapter gets her hard work vice us! Please join me in sending Lynn off with best wishes and Lynn, we are always here for you.

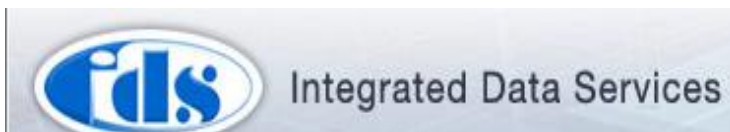
This Executive Council's year is winding to a close. Elections are now over and by the time this goes to press, we'll know who our next President will be. I will more properly thank all those who have made this year fly by next month but I wanted to use this month to remind every member our chapter cannot move forward without a larger portion of this population doing their part.

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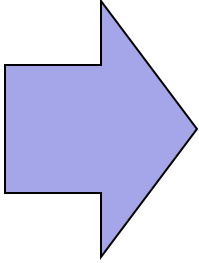
President's Column – Continued

Please watch for the new leadership to ask for help and offer it. You meet new people, usually get a different perspective on some activity in our community, and serve an organization representing one of the largest group of heroes I know - the FMs!

Last, I know this is getting beat into your head via AF channels but here it goes – be safe this summer and be a wingman always!

Leah W. Hodge, GS-14
CFO, Test and Training Division (AAC/EBY)

June and July Events



Thursday, 7 June Luncheon. 1200-1300, Eglin Club, Sand Dollar Lounge. Speaker is Capt Hollingsworth of the 33FW, "Standing up the JSF FM Office."

July Luncheon - Scholarship Presentations & Induction of New Officers. More info to come soon!

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle

Ways & Means

Co-Chairs: Cleo Battle & Jennifer Denega



EVENTS

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events
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:

Cleo cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil 883-0371

Jennifer jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil 883-0158

Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!

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.

Air Force Reimbursement Policy

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/policies/>

Required Financial Management Experience for the CDFM

Candidates must have the required number of years of defense-related financial management experience outlined below to earn the CDFM designation:

- Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher; or
- Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.

If you do not have defense-related financial management experience, you must meet the following criteria outlined below to earn the CDFM designation:

- You must have four (4) years of Federal government-related financial management experience; and
- An Associate's degree or higher.

CDFM Testing Using the G.I Bill

You can receive reimbursement for licensing and certification tests (e.g., CDFM tests) you take on or after March 1, 2001. (MGIB-AD, VEAP & DEA beneficiaries only.) Effective January 6, 2006 MGIB-SR & REAP participants became eligible for this program. These tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill. VA can pay only for the cost of the tests, up to \$2,000.00, and not other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification. VA will pay for tests even if failed.

Custom Frame Your Certificate

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/framing-success/>

CDFM Modules

Module 1: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-m>

Module 2: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cos>

Module 3: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting>

Module 4: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-4/>

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The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter has **textbooks you can checkout**. If you prefer to own a textbook they can be purchased through the ASMC National website at <http://www.asmconline.org/publications/text-books/#purchase>

Any questions call Ron Millis 883-1896 or Lisa Gamon 883-3465.

Education

The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter's 2012 scholarship program began April 1, 2012. The deadline for submission of applications was May 11, 2012. We received a total of 10 applications: 3 college students, 5 high school students, and 2 chapter members. Applications are currently being evaluated by a six-member ASMC team. Winners will be announced in July 2012. We will notify winners and invite them to the ASMC luncheon to be held in July.

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

Membership

Chair, Kent Fitzgerald

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.* I will be providing information about upcoming membership drives and other activities as they are planned.

If you have any questions, call me, 883-3809.

FISHER HOUSE: Four ASMC volunteers served a meal at the Fisher House on Thursday, 24 May. They received a tour of the house and were able to share a few moments with the guests. A highlight for them was meeting a wounded warrior with an incredibly positive attitude. Please consider future volunteering opportunities at the Fisher House.

RELAY FOR LIFE: (see photos on next page)

ASMC's "Comptrollers for a Cause" team raised \$4,804.09 of the \$118,559 raised to date by the Niceville Relay for Life. Thanks to EVERYONE who helped us prepare and fundraise before and during Relay including donating items for and volunteering at the yard sale and the car wash.

Our Texas Hold'em tournament and our little casino booth were the talk of the Relay and earned us the Most Vegas award. Thanks go to Dedra Hickman for coming up with this concept and the beautiful end result. Thanks also to Randy Combs for all the work that went into making our poker tourney a success and for crafting the poker table for our drawing. The winners of the poker tournament were as follows:

First place: Merlin Smith won a 3-night stay donated by Biloxi Beach Condos and 4 Back Bay Buffet vouchers donated by Imperial Palace casino in Biloxi.

Second place: Nancy Combs received s 2-night stay and dinner donated by Isle Casino in Biloxi.

Third place: Angie Burgin received a 1-night stay and dinner donated by Treasure Bay Casino in Biloxi.

Ms. Virginia Rampley was the poker table drawing winner. MSgt Phillip Chapman won the Perfect Getaway silent auction. The package included a one-night stay, dinner, cooking classes and spa experience for two donated by Wind Creek Casino.

Ms Donna Lang won our Overnight Getaway Basket drawing. It included an overnight stay at Four Point Sheraton, dinner at Fudpucker's and Coach-N-Four, complimentary bottle of wine from Magnolia Grill, a month's tanning from Club Sun, two tickets to the Breeze Cinema 8, two tickets to Big Kahunas and other surprises.

The embroidered koozies and blankets were very popular. Thanks go to Ginnie Spock and Kim Sypher for donating their profits for this worthy cause. Thanks to Sara Bennett and Jennie Shanker for organizing the car wash and coordinating volunteers to make it happen. A special thanks to our Mz Relay contestants, SSgt Russell Carr and A1C William Southern of 96 CPTS. They were great sports and added to the entertainment of the night.

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ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, cookies ect.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray ect) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC:

Patrick.Dewitt@eglin.af.mil and Gabi at Gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy (ECCAC)
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
7. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
8. Give a Child a Christmas

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

POCs: Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-4787;

Maika Andrew, Maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil, 882-0088



At left is a photo of the first game of the Texas Hold'em tournament. In the background, you can see it's right before the walk began.

At right is a photo of the some of the members of the "Comptrollers for a Cause" team.



Beware of 'Summer Fridays'

From Govexec.com

You may know the ways to escape your office stealthily -- a back stairwell or a route through the office that circumvents the boss. But if you think Memorial Day weekend presents a perfect opportunity to take an early "summer Friday," you might want to think again.

A Washington law firm is reminding federal employees that playing hooky, or just ducking out early on a Friday before a holiday weekend, has consequences -- and won't necessarily go unnoticed .

In a public service reminder, Tully Rinckey PLLC partner John P. Mahoney, chairman of the firm's labor and employment law practice group, reminds employees of a 2011 case when the Merit Systems Protection Board ruled that a Social Security Administration employee with 22 discrepancies on credit hour forms, even by less than five minutes each, could receive a 14-day suspension.

"A few minutes saved could end up marring years of federal civil service. I implore federal employees to refrain from leaving early this Friday before Memorial Day without a supervisor's written permission," Mahoney said.

The firm claims agency supervisors have been on the lookout for seemingly innocuous infractions such as skipping out prior to a long weekend and fudging time cards in the wake of the General Services Administration scandal. "Employees who leave work early before a holiday weekend are easy targets," Mahoney says.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

7 June 12PM Luncheon, Eglin Club, Sand Dollar Lounge. Capt Hollingsworth, 33FW, "Standing up the JSF FM Office."

July Luncheon - Scholarship Presentations & Induction of New Officers. More info to come soon!

Please contact our Program Chairs Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon 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 webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-0055) or David Loch (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.


National News

This year's PDI is at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim CA 29 May – 1 June....(as this newsletter is being finalized).

Stay tuned to the website as they will be posting briefing slides and information for those of us who were unable to attend this year's PDI.

**Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>
and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>**

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*Professional Development
Luncheon Presents*

Standing up the JSF FM Office

Capt Scott Hollingsworth, 33 FW

Date: Thursday, 7 June 12

Time: 12:00 – 1:30

Location: Eglin Club – Sanddollar Lounge

Pay as you go “Buffet Line”

Registration via A3 web site:

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=331999&TypeName=Class>

POCs: Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon