



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you ASMC Gulf Coast for electing me as your Chapter President for 2013-2014! 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 in San Antonio, TX in 1989. I have been at Eglin for the past 15 years and my FM experience here has been diverse, serving as a Non-Appropriated Funds Analyst, serving in the Acquisition Weapon SPO community, and now serving in the Air Force Research Laboratory. Eglin is unique in that it affords a lot of career broadening opportunities for our FM career field.

This year has been a challenging year with sequestration and severe budget reductions. The impact to the Air Force alone is roughly \$12 billion and \$54 billion for the entire DoD portfolio. Every facet of our jobs has been impacted and we're being called as FMers to make tough funding decisions. As Ms. Marilyn Thomas put it so well in the latest edition of the Air Force Comptroller magazine, "The first step is approaching the task with the right attitude. A positive attitude goes a long way towards turning a challenging situation into a winning outcome." I challenge our FM community to stay positive and focused on accomplishing the mission – especially during this time.

I am thrilled to serve with a stellar ASMC leadership team this year, Brianna Hoppel, Connie Clay, Karen McDonnell, Sharon Pedersen, Michelle Woolgar and outstanding committee chairs! We plan to accomplish a "mini" PDI/FM training day in July and we 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!

Denise Wagner

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Membership

Membership Chair, Lindsey Stephan

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.

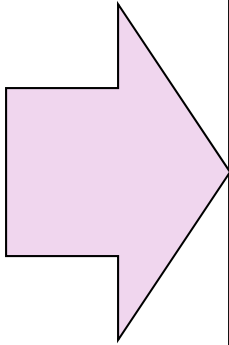
Employees of private sector companies who are interested in ASMC membership may join under the corporate membership program.

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.

If you have any questions, call me, **883-1609**.

June Luncheon



June 19 – Captains Anthony Costanza and Heather Takacs, HQ AFSOC/FMAO – reflections from the recently deployed – 1130 AM - Coach & Four Steak House, FWB. \$12.50 special luncheon menu (see flyer on last page of this newsletter)

Here is the A3 Link.

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=397680&TypeName=Class>



MINI – PDI



MINI - PDS

“Mini” PDI: Embracing Change

As we all know due to budget cuts/sequestration, we had to cancel our RPDS this year. FM leadership felt it was very important to give our FM community a training day. The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter is planning a “Mini” PDI on **23 July 2013** at the Eglin Conference Center at no cost to the government. We are working on having five incredible Senior Leaders from Eglin, SAF and AFMC speak.

Registration will open on 17 June 2013 and close on 12 July 2013. Seating will be limited so keep an eye out for the registration announcements. Our next planning meeting will be 13 June 2013 at 1430 at the Eglin Conference Center.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Woolgar,
michelle.k.woolgar.civ@mail.mil or 882-6700x7800

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.

CDFM

Thinking of getting your CDFM certification? Wondering what information you need to know for the different module tests? We have study guides available to help!

Contact Lisa Gamon at 3-2890.

Community Service

Thank you to all of the Volunteers and donations collected during May.

ON-GOING EVENTS:

Fisher House of the Emerald Coast depends upon donations to continue the work of supporting our military families. Many items can be donated to the Fisher House so that they do not need to be purchased. Please email for current "Needs List" POC: Gabriella Geier-DuReitz (gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil)

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, and car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, and 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

Finally, help us keep track of your volunteer hours – email us.

As always your suggestions welcomed!

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CY2012 ASMC National Achievement Awards

Congratulations to Gulf Coast Chapter members for winning 3 national level awards in the CY2012 annual awards competition!

Mr Ray Graber, 96 CPTS/FMA, earned the Distinguished award for Budgeting – Unit Under a Major Command level

Mr Bill Lannaman, HQ AFSOC/FM, earned the Meritorious award for Financial Systems – Major Command level

MSgt Daniel R. Doble, formerly of HQ AFSOC/FM, earned the Meritorious award for Resource Management – Major Command level

2012 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Financial Management Awards

Congratulations to AFSOC for winning 3 of 16 award categories in the CY2012 USD(C) FM Awards competition! Two of the winners are Gulf Coast Chapter members:

SSgt Kathleen K. Abling, 1 SOCPTS/FMA - Improvements to Financial Management Internal Controls – Below Major Command Level – Individual

MSgt Daniel R. Doble, formerly of HQ AFSOC/FM - Innovations to Financial Management Processes – HQ and Major Command Level – Individual

Awards will be presented at a 17 Jun 2013 ceremony in the Pentagon. Mr Hale has graciously arranged DCO coverage allowing award winners to participate from their home stations.

Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means

Chair: George Joseph

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

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways & Means projects; your suggestions are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, contact Mr George Joseph,

george.joseph@eglin.af.mil, 883-3458

Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness (FIAR) Lessons Learned

By Karen McDonnell, Hurlburt VP

Hurlburt Field, home to HQ Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), is working towards the goal to achieve budget audit readiness on the Statement of Budgetary Resources by Sep 2014 and full audit readiness by Sep 2017. The Secretary of Defense directed DoD to obtain an unqualified (clean) audit opinion that conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). In layman's terms, all government internal controls will be "tested" and "validated" before an official external FIAR audit occurs.

Lessons Learned from audit testing at Hurlburt Field are listed below:

- SAF/FM mandated a new AF Form 1269, "Request for Target Load or Change".
- Delegation Authority Letters must have full name and job title authorizing individuals to process the AF Form 1269.
- SAF/FM submitted the "Funds Distribution to Base" audit readiness assertion to OSD. As a result, AFSOC units are required to reconcile annual/quarterly authority with supporting documentation by the 10th of every month beginning March 2013 (AFI 65-601 V2 Budget Management for Operations).
- Reimbursable Budget Authority (RBA) testing identified policy and processes that do not meet the intent of the FMR. A valid customer order identifies the customer, amount, method of payment, financing source or fund citation, delivery requirements, duration of agreement, and document number. All non-sensitive customer orders must be loaded into FMSuite Open Documents.
- In July 2012, AFAFO issued policy on customer orders. MIPRs or Project Orders must be used to fund reimbursable customer orders to AF activities located on different installations. MORDs and AF 616s cannot be used for reimbursements.
- The automated Time and Attendance reporting system for civilian pay will require CAC enabled signatures on all time cards.
 - AF level is in the process of reviewing civilian pay policy for accomplishment of AF Form 428, "Request for Overtime, Holiday Premium Pay, and Compensatory Time".
 - The DD Form 577 appointment is now required for anyone who signs civilian time cards, and other civ pay supporting documents include leave requests, OPM Forms 71, AF Forms 428 and AF Forms 3821.

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Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness (FIAR) Lessons Learned

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- Military Pay testing showed there was not a standard process across the Air Force for tracking and processing station gains for military members.
- “Separation of Duties” is absolutely mandatory for AF Form 1269s and all financial documents. The same individual must not prepare and approve a document in ABSS. All key duties such as authorizing, approving, and recording must have an electronic/digital signature from three separate individuals.

What can you do to become FIAR ready? Read your current Air Force Instructions (AFIs) and identify processes that do not make sense to the MAJCOM FIAR focal point. Also, financial managers must maintain readily available documentation on the status of equipment, materiel and personnel. Do not “pencil whip” or just “wing it”. Most importantly, ask questions because processes are constantly changing.

In closing, manage appropriated funds with integrity and accountability to demonstrate proper stewardship to Congress and the American taxpayers.

Author: Karen McDonnell is the 2013-14 Hurlburt VP. She is Chief, Financial Management Integration Services, 1 SOCPTS/FMA

Scholarship news

The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter's 2013 scholarship program began April 1, 2013.

The deadline submission of applications was May 10, 2013. We received a total of five applications (two chapter, two high school, and one college). Applications are currently being evaluated by a three-member ASMC team. Winners will be announced in July 2013. We will notify winners and invite them to the ASMC luncheon to be held in July.

Connie Clay (883-0239, connie.clay2@eglin.af.mil) and
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Lisa Gamon (883-3465, lisa.gamon@eglin.af.mil)

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

June 19 – Cpts Costanza and Takacs, HQ AFSOC/FMAO – reflections from the recently deployed – 1130 AM - Coach & Four Steak House, FWB. \$12.50 special luncheon menu

Please contact our Program Chairs Tom Walker or Joe Proctor 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

National PDI 2013 was cancelled due to Sequestration. 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, such as the recent Sequestration webinar, PDI 2011 and PDI 2012 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on www.asmconline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.

Gulf Coast chapter is working on a no-cost one-day mini-PDI in July. See page 3, and stay tuned for further details.

**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 Reflections on Deployment Experience

*Capt A. Costanza & Capt H. Takacs
HQ AFSOC/FMAO*

Wednesday, 19 June 2013, 1130
Coach-N-Four Steak House, FWB

**Place Order upon arrival – choose from Shrimp
Basket, Shrimp Po-Boy, Fish Basket, Fish Po-Boy,
Shrimp & Grits, or Large Cheeseburger, all served
w/ cole slaw and french fries
or Soup & Grilled Chicken Salad
\$12.50 - includes beverages, tax, and gratuity**

Registration via A3 web site:

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POCs: Jenna Colon, Kaci Harris & Lt Jessica Pitts