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GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



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ASMC Gulf Coast Members,

First off, it is my honor to serve as the Chapter President! The rest of the newly elected officers and I are looking forward to a great year. The VPs and I will meet very soon to lay out some goals we hope to achieve for our chapter in the coming year. We'll need all your help to reach those goals and to become a better chapter overall.

Secondly, I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the executive council for the great year they had in leading this large organization. I asked Ms. Hodge if she had any lessons learned for me as the incoming President and she said just rely on the great members of the chapter. Well we'll do just that! There will be many opportunities for you to get involved and in many cases lead efforts to deliver worthwhile events for our members. Please let any of the VPs or I know if you have ideas or want to lead some of the initiatives we'll be communicating with you all soon. So we know we've got big shoes to fill but we're all committed to make this already great chapter, even better. Thank you again Ms. Hodge for your leadership!

Lastly, thank you for what you do day in and day out as financial managers. To borrow from Major General Martin, FM stands for Force Multiplier and if you don't think what you're doing each day is important, please talk to your supervisor or someone because you couldn't be more wrong. It's a great time to be an FMer because resources are tight but missions are growing. Decision makers need you now more than ever so please continue to have a seat at the decision making table and continue to move the ball forward.

*Stephen Gray
ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, President*

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.



Upcoming Events



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JUL LUNCHEON

When: TBD

Where: TBD

What: Scholarships & Pentagon Shadowing

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

WAYS and MEANS

Looking for motivated individuals who love the idea of raising funds for our local chapter. A large portion of the funds raised will benefit our Scholarship program. If you have great fundraising ideas and love to organize teams of volunteers to pull off the fundraising events, this position is perfect for you! Please contact one of the officers for more details!

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 8).

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



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 last July, and is scheduled every other Tuesday. Below are the upcoming dates our chapter has committed to serve dinner for the guests:

- 21 Jun 16 (AFRL)
- 12 Jul 16 (EBMS)
- 26 Jul 16
- 9 Aug 16
- 23 Aug 16
- 6 Sep 16
- 20 Sep 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.

This is a great opportunity to give back to our community and can serve as a great team building activity when volunteering as an office. As you can see, we already have several FM teams “sponsoring” dates. Other FM teams who’ve volunteered as an office have had fun doing it.

A team of 3 or 4 volunteers prepares and serves a meal for the Fisher House guests. A sign inviting the guests to dinner is displayed in the FH kitchen. It identifies our ASMC Gulf Coast chapter and our menu. We’re normally let in by 1700 and dinner is set up around 1730. Many times, we’ve brought the main entrée in a crockpot and the dessert already prepared and at the house we may prepare salad, garlic bread, boil pasta, etc. Maika coordinates with FH on guest count and anything else (needing to begin preparation earlier than 1700, etc.).

We usually volunteer from 1700 to 1900 approximately. Not all guests may come out to eat during the time we're there. We usually leave it set up on the kitchen island and the house volunteers wrap it up and put away before they leave. The guests have a chance to eat later if they've been out or for lunch the next day. Sign your team up today!

Pictured below is FM Team from XZW: Ashley Davis, Brianna Hoppel, and Nancy DeMonbrun



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Education/CDFM



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Thanks to all the fundraising efforts, we were able to give out 5 scholarships this year! Congratulations to Emily Ashworth who will be attending Florida State, Nolan Arenz who will be attending Florida Southern, Meridith Schmieder attending University of Florida, Charles Shackelford attending University of Georgia, and Sarah Witkos attending University of West Florida.

- 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:

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Unclaimed Funds

by Amy Tolar, June 15, 2016



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We love the idea of free money: winning the lottery, finding a quarter on the sidewalk or under a sofa cushion, stumbling across a pirate's treasure chest on the beach.

Remember back in January when the Powerball jackpot was up to \$1.5 billion? Your odds of winning were one in 292.2 million. In fact, the New York Times went so far as to publish a headline that proclaimed "You Will Not Win the Powerball Jackpot."

Your odds are slightly better when it comes to unclaimed funds that are sitting in state treasuries...literally billions of dollars.

According to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA), there's about \$40 billion of funds in the United States waiting for its rightful owners to claim them.

Texas alone holds over \$4 billion of those unclaimed funds; Florida has over a billion dollars. All 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, have property to return to citizens. So where does this money come from? Refunds of all sorts, insurance, abandon bank accounts, rebates, deposits, paychecks, dividends, estate proceeds, and more.

No way was she in that database, Joy Spillers laughed. But she probably smiled all the way to the bank when she found from an insurance premium that was returned before joining the Air Force. Yep, she was in the database.

Most states participate in missingmoney.com or unclaimed.org from NAUPA's website. Pick a state you've lived in, type in your name, and it will show you who owes you and a ballpark figure of how much you're owed. Search your former names and even common misspellings of your name.



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Be careful about official-sounding companies attempting to charge you to claim your money. Some states will charge you a small handling fee, but when in doubt, go to NAUPA's website for information or the state's US Treasury site.

I was kind of skeptical when I heard about these "missing money" and "unclaimed funds" websites, so imagine how I felt when my husband and I found that we had a \$99 refund from a utility bill waiting for us! Granted, it was our money in the first place, but it's kind of nice "finding" it when you didn't even know it was out there.

Larry Grisham collected \$1,100 dollars from a 1987 claim. Michelle Madrid found \$258 from her deceased father after providing her birth certificate and his death certificate to the state. Crystal Velez-Greenhill left Eglin Air Force Base on orders, but later found funds owed to her in Florida from an auto dealership.

The lesson here? You never know what you're going to find – but when you do, it's always a pleasant surprise.

Last year, \$4.5 million dollars in rare Spanish coins were discovered off the Florida coast. Your odds of hitting it rich on the beach are slightly higher than the above-mentioned Powerball odds. So for you Florida treasure hunters, the state website to see if you have any unclaimed funds is appropriately

<https://www.fltreasurehunt.org/>.

Good luck and happy hunting!

<http://bit.ly/1WDtbbK> (missing money.com)

<https://www.unclaimed.org>



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.asmconline.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 2017 - held in San Diego, CA.

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- 2016 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.



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:

Becker's CPA and CPE courses are aligned to fulfill DoD FM Certification competencies.



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