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Ken Pickler

President's Corner

Written by Ken Pickler, President

I'm closing out my year as your chapter president with heartfelt thanks and one request. First, I wanted to thank my fellow chapter officers and committee/team leads for the amazing support that enabled us to successfully navigate another unusual year. We began our term expecting to resume in-person programs and Regional Professional Development Institute. Instead, we continued to rely heavily on virtual events. This great chapter pulled it together and made everything work!

Second, I wanted to urge everyone to keep "Paying It Forward," as one of our former commanders and regular speakers urged us to. Maj Gen "ChedBob" Chedister, former Air Armament Center commander and Program Executive Officer for Weapons, passed away unexpectedly on 2 May. I've asked Amy to include a memo I sent to my employees and friends in this newsletter.

He spoke at numerous RPDIs. Most memorable was in 2007, when he was our lunch speaker. He had recovered from a near-fatal fall. He described the incredible journey and how it had supercharged his passion for paying it forward...finding opportunities to do something for others that had little or no ability to pay you back.

I posted the following note on LinkedIn on 5 May: "America lost a great Airman with the passing of Maj Gen (USAF, Retired) Robb "ChedBob" Chedister earlier this week. A former Program Executive Officer for many of our front-line weapon systems, he was THE role model for servant leadership. He continues to pay it forward through those of us that had the honor of serving our great nation alongside him, and follow his lead."

Please join me in paying it forward every day. Be part of a living legacy to a great Airman that did it for us. Our chapter offers numerous opportunities to do so. Get involved!

Announcements

The new officers will be looking for additional recruits for this year's ASMC committees. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Brianna Hoppel.

The next Executive Council meeting will be an IN PERSON event on 14 Jun at 1100 in bldg 349.

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>

An email will be sent out with the information for the next Personal Development Event.

In memory of Maj Gen (USAF, Retired) Robb "ChedBob" Chedister



Congratulations to the new Gulf Coast Chapter officers!

Ms. Brianna Hoppel, Chapter President
Ms. Mika Gellinger, Hurlburt VP (not pictured)
Ms. Danielle Hindel, Eglin VP
Ms. Kristen Moyer, Tenant VP
Thank you Ms. Judy Davis (right) for officiating the ceremony!

Congratulations!



Community News

By Maika Andrew

Comptrollers for a Cause at Relay for Life

Our Gulf Coast chapter's Comptrollers for a Cause team participated in the Relay for Life of the Emerald Coast on Friday, 13 May. It was the first face-to-face Relay since the pandemic began with a suitable Back on the Track theme. Despite turning out to be a rainy day, the event lovingly honored cancer survivors and their caretakers.

Our team would like to recognize Mr. Darius Dinkins as this year's MVP! Darius committed to run laps for pledges and raised the most funds that evening, having run 40 laps in the rain! If you would like to support his efforts and donate towards him, please go to this page:

https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=personal&fr_id=101655&px=57950944



Get a ride to cancer treatment

Every day thousands of cancer patients need a ride to treatment, but some may not have a way to get there. The American Cancer Society Road To Recovery program provides transportation to and from treatment for people with cancer who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.



There are resources for caregivers at [cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org)

Volunteer
Donate
Fundraise

Fisher House

Fisher House volunteers are needed to provide meals for their guests!
Get your team together and contact Jaclyn Mailoto for
available dates and information!

Relay for Life continued

Unfortunately, the event had to wrap up early due to lightning in the area. You can help us continue to raise funds for this important cause and meet our team's goal. We put together two baskets with goodies to motivate anyone to get Back on the Track and on 10 June, we will draw two winners. If interested in participating, please contact Dedra Hickman or Maika Andrew.

Basket #1 has a Fitbit versa 3, running shoe lights, collapsible water bottle, soy candles with essential oils, strength training resistant bands, and a light-up jump rope.

Basket #2 is full of healthy snacks and enhanced water drinks, a shaker bottle and a \$100 pre-paid Visa card.



Hope Lodge

Facing cancer is hard. Having to travel out of town for treatment can make it even harder. Yet the American Cancer Society has a place where cancer patients and their caregivers can find help and hope when home is far away - an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.



Be Healthy & Get Active

Be Safe in the Sun

RPDI News

Gulf Coast RPDI 2022

By Angela Mobley
Hurlburt Field ASMC V.P.

I wanted to give a BIG Thank you to everyone that attended our two day virtual Gulf Coast RPDI last month! We had a great turnout with 135 attendees. The RPDI is a great way to connect with your fellow FMers and it also provides participants the opportunity to obtain direct credit towards meeting certain DoD FM Certification requirements. If you have never attended the event, I highly recommend it!

Our focus this year was on Innovation and how the FM world is forever changing due to the new steps in technology. Since our speakers were able to join in virtually we were able to get people from different backgrounds and specialties to speak. The FM world is so diverse but we still rely on each other to do our jobs proficiently. I hope everyone took away something from the speakers...I know I did!! If you missed the event, our presentations from several of our guest speakers are available on our website at <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/RPDI.html>.

By now all attendees should have received their CPE's and the link to the slides via email. If you haven't received them, please reach out to the Eglin ASMC Gulf Coast email (aac.asmcgulfcoast@us.af.mil).

If you missed out this year you can always make sure that you join us next year. Our hopes is that it is in person so you can network face to face and meet those people you've only communicated with via email/phone. I want to give a shout out to the RPDI co-chairs Tanya Hart and MSgt Arkeisha Lawrence for stepping up and ensuring this RPDI was successful!!

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter is always looking for volunteers for the next RPDI, in all areas (programs, publicity, speaker intros/bios, registration, setup/breakdown, fundraising, etc.). If you are interested, please reach out to the Executive Committee.

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.

ASMC 2021 Gulf Coast Chapter and National Award Winners

Congratulations to our ASMC 2021 Gulf Coast Chapter and National Award Winners

Accounting Analyst of the Year - Ms. Angela Mobley, AFSOC/FMFA

Ms. Mobley developed tools and trained its financial management team on travel processing, saving hundreds of vouchers from improper payment. Ms. Mobley served as the keynote speaker at a financial management professional development seminar; she developed a "How to Guide" and briefed these critical skills to over 40 Airmen across 4 different MAJCOMs.

Auditor of the Year - Ms. Kelley Wise, AFAA

*ASMC National Meritorious Award Winner

Ms. Wise supported a high-priority audit for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force to identify 100% of Information Technology spending across the Air Force, using FY19 data. In roughly 90 days, the team identified \$1B in IT spending that was unknown to Dept. of Air Force decision makers. To put that in perspective, for every known dollar of IT spending, there was another dollar of IT spending that was, in effect, hidden from Dept. of Air Force officials. The team identified known IT and "shadow IT," which consists of any IT purchases that were not properly coded as IT.

Budget Analyst of the Year - Mr. Jeananne Creager, AFLCMC/EBJJ

*ASMC National Meritorious Award Winner

Ms. Creager is a hard charging branch FM RDT&E lead; she executes the \$843M+ ACAT I JASSM portfolio providing Program Office Estimate support ensuring estimates align with budgets, provides decision support to the branch Materiel Lead and is the FM lead for an 80-member team. Ms. Creager tackles complex funding issues with huge success, restructuring the C++ software, mission control unit and M-Code funding contracts, delivering technical improvements early to the warfighter.

Comptroller of the Year - Lt Col Amy Justus, 96 CPTS/CC

Lt Col Justus led 422 Wing Staff Agency & Squadron of military and civilians, and synced 21 agencies 35 AFSCs supporting the United States Air Force's largest Test mission. She directed stand-up of 1st DE&I organization in USAF. She led the effort to close-out the two-year Hurricane Michael project; meeting 1-on-1 with 337 Airmen, eliminating \$2.1M debt, leading her team win AFMC's "Contributions to FM" award.

ASMC 2021 Gulf Coast Chapter and National Award Winners

Award Winners continued

Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year - Ms. Amanda Stamey, AFLCMC/EBD
Ms. Stamey serves as the Direct Attack Division Cost Chief, overseeing cost estimate activities for the Division's weapon portfolio. Her team conducted more than 10+ cost estimate reviews, performed 75+ cost estimates in all acquisition phases, and provided support to 13 Integrated Product Teams across five separate branches for the Division's \$10B+ complex portfolio.

Intern of the Year - Mr. Colby Crosby, AFLCMC EGOC/AFLCMC/FZC

*ASMC National Distinguished Award Winner

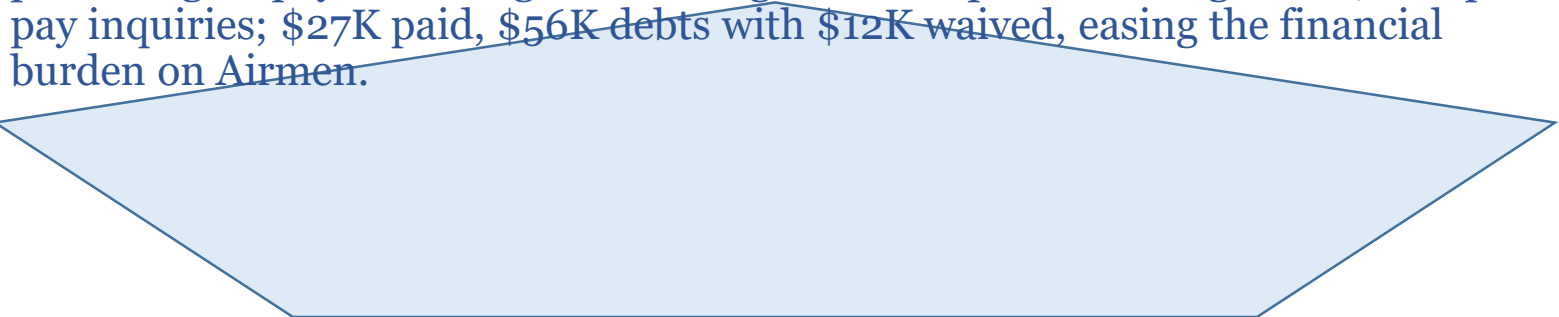
Mr. Crosby collaborated with Logistics IPT and developed \$570M JASSM/LRASM Business Case Analysis, essential to product support strategy and Life Cycle Sustainment Plan driving \$150M in savings. He's an agile analyst, instrumental in the SAF/FMC cape directed joint estimate; provided critical analysis to FY23 POM/BES inputs, securing a \$300M requirement.

Resource Manager of the Year - Ms. Marcella Johnston, 96 TW/FMA

Ms. Johnston manages the \$120M Eglin Operation & Maintenance Services contract ensuring sufficient funds were available for mission requirements. She also manages the \$4.1M Multi-Spectral Test & Training Environment Capability, ensuring that operating requirements were funded and that unfunded requirements were sent forward to SAF/FM. She was part of a rate team tasked with creating new corrective maintenance rates across the range, which are estimated to earn ~\$2.1M. This ultimately put money back into the Wing Commander's hands.

Finance Manager of the Year – Mr. Michael Hoglen, 96 CPTS/FMQ

Mr. Hoglen led the Quality Assurance 66 member FIAR team. He reviewed 19K military pay transactions, 7K travel payments, and 19K accounting transactions. His efforts culminated in being recognized by the AFMC/IG as an Outstanding Performer. He conducted 5 Quality Assurance Reviews of current financial processes and validated compliance with Fraud, Waste and Abuse AFIs, protecting taxpayer funding. He's a sought-after expert, assisting with 17 complex pay inquiries; \$27K paid, \$56K debts with \$12K waived, easing the financial burden on Airmen.



ASMC 2021 Gulf Coast Chapter and National Award Winners

Award Winners continued

Small Team Achievement –Direct Attack Cost Team, AFLCMC/EBD

The Direct Attack Cost team is an agile 9-member cost team, including 4 interns that led 10+ Cost Estimate Reviews, performed 75+ cost estimates in all acquisition phases, and provided support to 13 Integrated Product Teams of the Division's \$10B complex portfolio.

Large Team Achievement –Advanced Programs Financial Management Team, AFLCMC/EBA

The Advanced Program FM Team is an agile 12-member team delivering sound financial and cost analysis leadership and decision support to a 160+ person program team executing high priority, highly classified, joint United States Air Force/United States Navy, ACAT ID programs encompassing a \$35B+ portfolio. They deliver critical air-to-air weapon capabilities to the warfighter to dominate in Anti-Access/Anti-Denial fight.

Education News Scholarship



Education Committee is now accepting applications for Scholarships for ASMC members, Undergraduates, and High School students in Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton County. All applicants should be seeking degrees in academic disciplines relating to financial/resource management (such as business administration, economics, public administration, accounting or finance). A transcript (official or unofficial) must be submitted with application.

Please visit our website for the application and details:
<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>.

The deadline for submission is 30 June 2022. If you have any questions please contact Meredith Bynum or Karen Lee.

National News

The Biden Administration Implements More Distinctions in Fed Workforce COVID Policies Based on Vaccination Status

Unvaccinated feds will face more limitations in travel, but may receive more paid administrative leave.

By Eric Katz

JUNE 6, 2022

CORONAVIRUS

The Biden administration has updated its COVID-19 protocols to draw more distinctions between the policies for vaccinated and unvaccinated workers, including those related to travel and paid leave.

In previous iterations of guidance from the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force—composed of officials from the White House, Office of Personnel Management and General Services Administration—federal employees who came in close contact with individuals with COVID-19 could not go on official travel for 10 days. Under the new policy, vaccinated employees can go on mission-critical trips immediately. Unvaccinated staff must wait at least five days after their contact, and can only travel within 10 days in “rare circumstances” that require urgency.

The task force is also instructing agencies to provide a form of paid administrative time off known as “weather and safety leave” to unvaccinated workers who must isolate after a close contact with an individual with COVID-19. Those employees should telework if they can, but will receive paid time off if that is not an option. Vaccinated workers should self-monitor for symptoms, but can go back to the office immediately.

To prevent potential abuse of the system among unvaccinated employees, the task force instructed agencies to “advise employees that making a false statement to the agency regarding this matter could result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from federal service.” It also noted agencies may ask employees for additional information to prove they had a close contact.

Unvaccinated staff who return from international travel must quarantine for five days and will receive weather and safety leave if they cannot telework. Vaccinated employees, meanwhile, can now go back to their office immediately to engage in mission-critical work.

In guidance issued in January after a federal court initially struck down President Biden’s vaccine mandate for feds, the task force made clear agencies should still collect and use information on employees’ vaccination status for the purposes of implementing safety protocols related to leave, quarantine, travel and other issues. While an appeals court has reversed that ruling, the injunction—and the task force’s subsequent guidance—remains in effect as the plaintiffs pursue further appeals.

While the federal workforce has overwhelmingly come into compliance with Biden’s order, tens of thousands of employees have done so by requesting medical or religious exemptions. Those individuals—as well as those refusing to get the vaccine, while the legal process unfolds—will be subject to the added layers of the task force’s safety protocols. Under the guidance, those who have not informed their agencies of their vaccination status are considered unvaccinated. Biden’s mandate could also come back into effect as soon as this week.

All employees whether vaccinated or not are generally required to take a test five days after a close contact with someone with COVID-19. The task force updated its guidance to clarify that vaccinated employees who are not scheduled to report to their worksite or interact with the public for 10 days do not have to take a test.

National News

CORONAVIRUS continued

A group representing thousands of employees, Feds for Medical Freedom, held a virtual meeting last week instructing members on strategies for getting out of testing requirements, such as by leaning on the limitations of the Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorizations for tests. Feds for Medical Freedom has sued the Biden administration over its vaccine mandate for federal employees and is currently appealing a ruling against its position.

Here's How the Pentagon Plans to Manage Inflation Costs in Contracts

The Defense Department urged contracting officers to "be mindful" of the varying impacts of inflation and "limit the scope" of equity pay adjustment clauses, according to new guidance.

By Lauren C Williams, Senior Editor

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DEFENSE CONTRACTING

The Defense Department knows cost increases due to inflation may begin to affect contracts. But, according to recent guidance, defense contracting officers are urged to "limit the scope" when using clauses for pay adjustments.

"The current economic environment requires we understand the impacts of inflation to existing contracts and consider various approaches to manage risk of inflation to prospective Department of Defense (DOD) contracts," John Tenaglia, the principal director for Defense Pricing and Contracting, wrote in a memo dated May 25.

"Against this backdrop, DOD contractors and contracting officers (COs) alike have expressed renewed interest in using economic price adjustment (EPA) clauses."

Handling cost increases for existing contracts depends on the contract type and contractors are responsible for notifying DOD when costs are approaching the limits laid out in those agreements, the memo states. But an EPA clause could be a solution, when approached with care, for developing contracts or those in negotiation.

"For contracts being developed or negotiated during this period of unusually high inflation, an EPA clause may be an appropriate tool to equitably balance the risk of inflation between the Government and contractor," Tenaglia wrote. "In crafting an EPA clause, COs must be mindful that the impacts of inflation vary widely, depending on the nature of costs...the CO should take care to use an index that is closely related to the cost components judged to be most unstable."

The document also stresses that "any clause addressing potential contract cost or price changes due to economic conditions, e.g. inflation, is effectively an EPA clause, whether or not the term EPA appears in the clause." Also, contracting officers should "limit the scope" of such clauses to "costs most likely to be impacted by economic fluctuations and should exclude costs that are not likely to be impacted by inflation from adjustment under the clause," such as depreciation, or labor costs where a union agreement exists.

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