



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By the time you read this, our RPDS will be behind us and we will have all benefited from the hard work that of our RPDS volunteers contributed to ensure the event was a success. A big thank-you to all our corporate sponsors. Our Diamond sponsors earned their logo on our newsletter every month for the next year! The RPDS is an incredible event each year and continues to provide an excellent training opportunity as well as an opportunity to network with your fellow Gulf Coast ASMC members. While it's still fresh in your mind, if you saw anything at the RPDS that you really liked, really didn't like, or would like to see changed for next year, please help the chapter out and send your feedback either to myself or to the event POCs, LaTanya Bryant and Deb Washington. This event is put on every year by our members and for our members so any feedback to help make the event better benefits everyone!

You might have seen my e-mail recently soliciting two volunteers to head up this year's ASMC elections...thanks to CMSgt Karen Fish and Ms. Sharon Pajk for volunteering and to the numerous others who offered their services if needed. You can expect to see the call for nominations around the first of April with the actual voting following shortly thereafter. So please use the next few weeks to consider volunteering for one of our many committee areas for the upcoming year. Being part of the Executive Committee is a very fun and rewarding experience and if you have never taken the opportunity, I would highly encourage you to consider volunteering for next year. If anyone has any questions about the Executive Committee or any of the committee areas, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks

--Dan

Capt Dan Genest, President

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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.

Military Promotions

Congratulations to our newest Major Selects:

Dan Genest (23AF/FM, Hurlburt)

Bill Sullivan (AFSOC/FMAO, Hurlburt)

Jennifer Varga (53WG/FM, Eglin)

Civilian Promotions and Retirements

Congratulations to Terrie Nelson, 46th Test Wing, for her recent promotion.

We'd also like to recognize Ms Patricia (Pat) Laginess on recent retirement.

RPDS – LaTanya Bryant and Deborah Washington

We had a wonderful RPDS this year. A big thank you to the following volunteers from ASMC, NCMA, and SCEA:

Community Service

Vanessa Fuentes
Cleo Battle
Jennifer Denega
Marcia Smith

Protocol

Troy Brown
Woxie Williams

Registration

Christopher Jarvis
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Manivanh Mundy	

Editor's Note: And a HUGE thank you to the three co-chairs, LaTanya Bryant, Deborah Washington, and Sallye Belton.

RPDS – LaTanya Bryant and Deborah Washington

Chris Jarvis, SCEA, opened the RPDS, followed by the posting of the colors, the national anthem (Jennifer Denega, Sue Stanley, Scott Mathewson, and Eddie Gibbs), and the invocation by Ken Pickler.

The co-chairs of this year's RPDS were LaTanya Bryant and Deborah Washington from ASMC and Sallye Belton, NCMA. The opening speaker was Mr Mark Wilkoff, Assistant General Counsel (Acquisition Integrity), Department of the Navy. The luncheon speaker was Mr Garrison Wynn, President of Wynn Solutions.

ASMC Chapters participating were Blue Angel, Heidelberg, Middle Georgia, Montgomery, New Biscayne, Panama City, and Tampa Bay. Approximate attendance: 350.

Our outreach efforts were wonderful. The chapter donated \$580 to Brilliant Minds and \$366 to Shelter House. Brilliant Minds raffled off a Sorrelli necklace and bracelet, won by Kathy Slaughter, and a basket of Mary Kay products, won by Dedra Hickman. Another fundraiser was the 50-50 drawing of \$236; half that, \$118, went to one of our guest speakers, Maj Tom Meer, USAFSOS, Hurlburt Field. The other drawing was for two IPODs, won by Vanessa Fuentes and Maria White.

Finally, door prizes in the form of gift cards to Chili's, Barnes & Noble, Whataburger, and Darden Restaurants were won by LtCol Norm Dozier, Vanessa Davis, Felicia Brake, Amn Curtis Clayton, Lt Lucas Vantassel, CMSgt Karen Fish, Chris Jarness, Brian Delaney, David Rone, and James Roberts. And finally, our Blankets of Hope signatures numbered 159 on the patriotic-themed quilts that will be forwarded to injured servicemembers.

Check out the three pages of photos!

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March 2009 RPDS Photos



*A banner
welcomes
participants to the
Emerald Coast
Conference
Center*



Participants enjoy the opening session



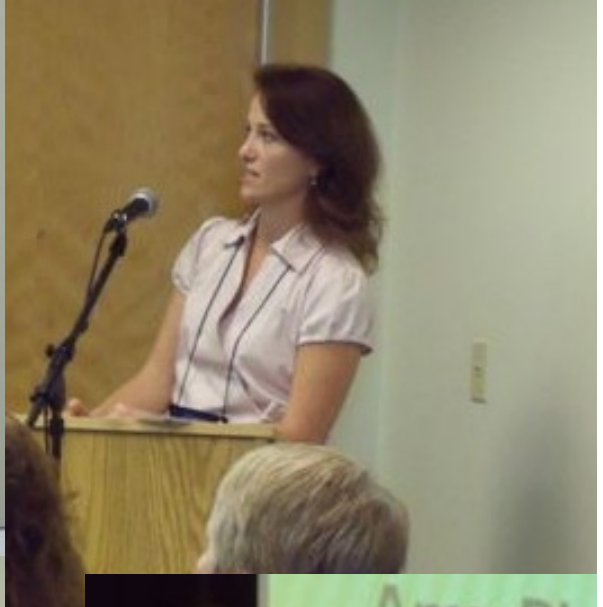
*ASMC President Capt
Dan Genest speaks*



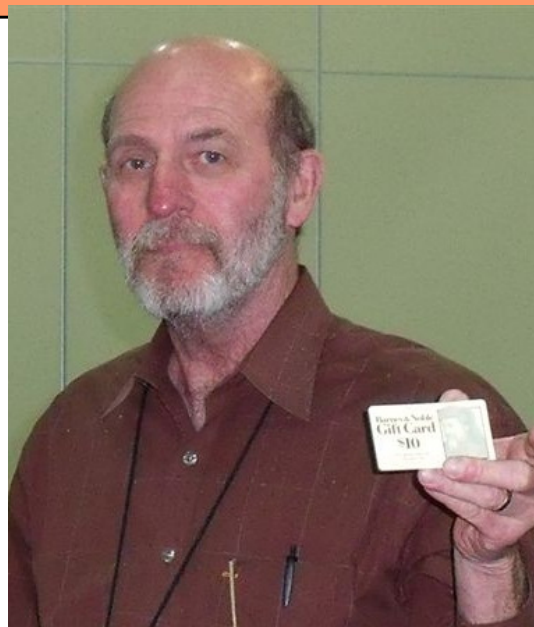
*The quartet just prior to
the National Anthem*

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ASMC Scholarships

ASMC's National Scholarship Program entry deadline is March 31, 2009. The application has to be at National by that date, and it must be mailed, so time is of the essence. The scholarship application needs to be endorsed by our chapter president, also. The national scholarships are given to outstanding high school seniors who are entering a field of study related to finance/resource management. I'm sure our chapter membership knows of some deserving high school students. Whitney Schmieder (Marty Schmieder's daughter) was a \$1000 winner last year. More information can be found at: <http://www.asmconline.org/files/nspform.doc>.

ASMC also offers a Continuing Education Program that provides financial assistance for ASMC members who are pursuing higher education goals. This is the program that Jennifer Sizemore spoke of at the last luncheon. The deadline for this program is also March 31, 2009. Again, the application has to be at National by that date, it must be mailed, and it has to be endorsed by the chapter president, so time is of the essence. I know there are many members of our chapter that are working on degree programs and could use any help that's available. More information can be found at: <http://www.asmconline.org/files/memcefrm.rtf>.

John Dininger

Ways & Means

Ways and Means Projects

Care Package Project: Next batch early Mar 09 – Newly deployed FMers

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways and Means Projects.

Please contact Jennifer Denega if you would like to volunteer:

jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil or call at 883-4787

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee.
Many Blessings for a beautiful Spring!

Member Spotlight



Name: Tanya N. Jones

Duty Assignment/Title: 685th ARSS
Financial Manager...I have been
assigned to Eglin for 8 years

Duties: Acquisition Financial
Management

Hobbies: Music, Dance, Mentorship
(young girls and teens)

Folks, this is Patricia Brown's last member spotlight. She has moved with her active-duty spouse to Creech (near Las Vegas). We wish her well.

Programs – Leah Hodge & Tammy Robbins

We have been working hard to provide interesting and applicable luncheon topics all year. There has been at least one meeting/luncheon at month – sometimes two.

Our upcoming topics include DCMA and DCAA information and an overview brief from our top two FMers – Col Randy White of AAC and Mr. Bill Rone, SES, AFSOC Comptroller. In June we may be able to get an AF budget update from SAF/FMBOI but have an Okaloosa Saves brief in the wings as well – it's just a matter of how much you will support! Please watch for these luncheons and take part in your local chapter.

Is there a subject you wish to hear about at one of our luncheons – the Programs Co-chairs Tammy Robbins and Leah Hodge are waiting for your suggestions – thanks for your support!

America's Wired Warrior - using electronics to thwart the enemy

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By Douglas MacMillan, BusinessWeek

An 18-year U.S. Army veteran Army Major, who has served two tours of duty in Iraq, is taking an unusual 11-week training course on electronics, learning such things as how to turn a garage door opener into a bomb detonator. He's also finding out how insurgents can turn key fobs into explosives and how tech systems called jammers can be used to disable electronic weapons.

The course is part of a growing push by the U.S. military into high-tech warfare to attack enemies and bolster defenses by disrupting electromagnetic signals in battle. On Feb. 12, the Army announced it would train 1,600 full-time specialists in the discipline.

While the Defense Dept. has warned of large spending cuts to conventional weapons and vehicle programs, the Obama Administration is expected to allocate more funding for equipping soldiers with innovative electronic systems that have proven vital in nontraditional environments, such as Afghanistan. The trend presents an opportunity for major defense contractors, but it's also a challenge as they figure out how to inject a bit of Silicon Valley into everything from tanks to machine guns.

The use of sophisticated electronics in warfare dates back to World War II, when radio and radar systems were used to navigate planes and ships and intercept and jam enemy signals. In the Vietnam War, the U.S. deployed its first electronic warfare officers, who flew aboard aircraft and helped defend against the new threat of surface-to-air missiles.

In Iraq, electronic weapons proved to be the best defense against improvised explosive devices (IEDs) which have accounted for about 70% of American combat casualties suffered there. The Pentagon scrambled to order thousands of what it calls CREW devices (for "counter radio-controlled electronic warfare"), which disrupt the remote detonators used on many IEDs, and to train frontline soldiers to use them. The budgets for counter-IEDs have grown dramatically as a result of the threat.

Further, the Army is now training its own soldiers in the discipline rather than rely on specialists from the Air Force or Marine Corps, as it had in the past.

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America's Wired Warrior - using electronics to thwart the enemy

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Since 2007, the Army has trained some 4,000 soldiers in electronics, from low-ranking members all the way up to four-star generals.

The role of electronics in warfare is evolving. The U.S. has already deployed at least 19,000 unmanned ground and aerial vehicles, which are controlled remotely. In a war between robots, electronics engineers will be capable not just of shutting down enemy robots, but of making them do things the enemy didn't want them to do.

Both electronic warfare and unmanned aerial vehicles are what President Obama refers to as "revolutionary"—a sign that many in the military community take to mean he plans to push for the swift adoption of more cutting-edge technology. The Administration is expected to submit its budget recommendations to Congress in April, and the Defense Dept. will draft its Quadrennial Defense Review Report for 2010 by yearend. The role of electronic warfare has been proven in protecting people on the ground from IEDs, now we need the funding.

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Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

14 Apr 09: Deb Gable (DCMA) and Jerry Tebo (DCAA)

Please contact our Program Chairs, Leah Hodge (x2-3615) or Tammy Robbins (x5-4335), 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 webmaster, Doug Craighead at 850- 882-5296 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

National News

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PDI 2009 will be held in San Antonio, May 26-29, with a theme of *Building the Stars of Tomorrow*. The registration fee for PDI is \$615; ASMC Members receive a \$100 discount.

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

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