



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FM professionals –

RPDS is nearly here and from the perspective of being the President of our chapter, I am very glad to tell you we have over 300 registered for this valuable training. As it is our main source of funding offering us the ability to award scholarships, help out charities such as Fisher House and be a good member of our community, I am happy we made it over 300! And as a steward of taxpayer funds and a lead Financial Manager for an acquisition division, I am also happy to say it meets the bill of good use of the very small training funds available to most of us. Win-win situation for us all - as employees who benefit from the training and as members of the Gulf Coast Chapter.

We had an enjoyable luncheon with Retired VADM Lou Crenshaw in mid February, plus we sponsored the budget roll-out discussion which I hope some of you were able to attend. The Chapter is trying to ensure we offer opportunities monthly and I hope you will continue to support them.

By the time you read this, I will have met with the Executive Council in order to discuss the Virtual PDI. I believe we'll easily be able to afford two 'blocks' of

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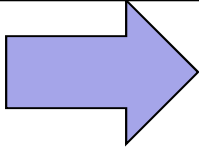
President's Column – Continued

of attendees allowing many of us to participate in various sessions of the National PDI in Anaheim. Stay tuned for those details. I know a few of you are going to be able to attend the event; I unfortunately, need to be a good steward of my organization's funds and will not be able to attend this year. I will discuss with the EC who will be going to ensure we are represented.

If you noticed a couple of references to the 'good steward' theme in my message, it was intentional. I know many of you are faced with some tough days at work trying to offer valuable decision support to the decision makers of where and how and what to spend our precious resources on - FMers are always counted on to provide valuable information when the going gets tough. Thanks for all you do - for your country, your organization ... and your Chapter!

Leah

March Event



Our March event is the RPDS in lieu of a luncheon. Please find the information on the RPDS elsewhere in this newsletter.

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.

ASMC Scholarship Programs

The National Scholarship Program runs from Jan-Mar 2012.

The ASMC National Scholarship Program is accepting applications from graduating HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS entering a field of study related to financial/resource management 1 Jan-21 Mar 2012.

For eligibility criteria, go to:

<http://www.asmconline.org>,

- Click "Scholarship Awards" (in a black colored box near the top)
- Click (Dropdown) "National Scholarship Program"
- Click "Download Full Criteria"

For an APPLICATION, see the Education tab on our local website.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR PACKAGES NOT LATER THAN MARCH 21, 2012 to:

Ms. Sandra Telemacque/Donna Schulist

Gulf Coast Chapter Education Chair

P.O. Box 1756

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Phone: 850-882-3511 or 882-4538

Email: Sandra.Telemacque@Eglin.af.mil

Email: Donna.Schulist@Eglin.af.mil

Our local Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program will be advertised approximately April 1, 2012. This program is limited to high school seniors and college students that will have 60 semester hours of college completed by the end of their Spring 2012 semester.

CDFM

Congratulations to Virginia Spock, 46TW/FMA. She has completed all requirements for CDFM.

CDFM Testing (All MODs) will be available during the RPDS 8 March 2012. Please contact Ron Millis or Lisa Gamon for details.

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)

The five day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course held 13-17 Feb 2012 on Eglin AFB was an absolute success. The feedback received from the attendees was overwhelming with several already tested and passed. There are still several unit funded opportunities for EDFMT available at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>.

If you haven't already enrolled in the CDFM program enroll online at <https://imis.asmconline.org/net/enroll.aspx>. Your enrollment as a CDFM candidate is valid for two years, during which time you must complete and successfully pass all three modules of the CDFM examination. If you need to request an extension of your initial two-year enrollment period, please note that all CDFM module examinations that you passed will remain valid for four (4) years from the date of your initial CDFM candidate enrollment.

CDFM Renewal

You must renew your certification with ASMC every two years. To do this, you must complete 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in every two year period following the issuance of your certification. The anniversary date for measuring the CPE qualification is two years from the date your CDFM certification is issued. One unit of CPE is awarded for each 50 minutes of contact time engaged in activities listed below. You may be asked, as part of the renewal, to provide evidence of your CPE.

Renewal cost is \$20.00 for active ASMC members and \$40.00 for non members. The renewal fee is charged biennially starting 90 days before your renewal date. <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-forms/renewal/>. Contact Shelly Johnson at johnson@asmconline.org if you have questions regarding renewal.

CDFM Modules

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

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

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

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

The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter has textbooks you can check out. 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.

2012 Regional Professional Development Seminar

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2012 Regional Professional Development Seminar on March 8 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center.

RPDS Co-Chairs, Dedra Hickman, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, Alyce Frederick, Dana Alexander

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.

Community Service

UP-COMING EVENTS:

RELAY FOR LIFE: Our ASMC team won a “bedazzled bra” competition at the 21 February team captain’s meeting in Niceville (see pictures). Dedra Hickman’s entry was the judges’ favorite, earning money toward our team’s goal.



There will be a **chili cook-off** at the next team captain’s meeting on 13 March in Niceville. The winner of that contest will also win total proceeds toward their team’s goal. Each chili or dessert entry is \$5. If you have a prize winning chili or dessert recipe you wish to enter, please email Maika Andrew.

This year’s Niceville Relay for Life theme is Vegas. Our team is planning to host Texas Hold’em tournaments that evening. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities and we need your help!! If you want to join us, please come to our next team meeting or email Maika Andrew. Our next team meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, **28 February**, and Thursday, **15 March**, at 1300 in the 96 CPTS Conference Room, Bldg 260, Eglin AFB.

We’re planning a **yard sale** and a **car wash**. If you have yard sale items to donate, please contact Sara Bennett, sara.bennett@eglin.af.mil or Maika Andrew. Please contact Maika at Maika.Andrew@eglin.af.mil for more information.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Construction on the Fort Walton Beach Habitat for Humanity house will begin in **April**. There are openings on Tuesdays for groups of 10 and on Saturdays for groups of 5. Maika Andrew will email those volunteers who responded to the “tentative” call. Please contact Maika at maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil for more information.

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SHELTER HOUSE: For those of you who loved the Purses with a Purpose event, there will be another weekend scheduled at the **end of March**. More information to follow, or contact Sara.Bennett@eglin.af.mil. Shelter House is also in need of your old cell phones. If you have any or know of anyone who is about to upgrade their cell phone, please contact Sara Bennett.

PET WELFARE - There is another opportunity to volunteer at the shelter on Friday, 16 March and Saturday, 17 March. Some of the shelter's more immediate needs are:

- Complete repairs to indoor dog isolation fences
- Repair fences to outdoor dog run closest to the office
- Power wash exterior of buildings
- Blow/rake leaves and acorns from around all exterior buildings/dog runs
- Clip back shrubs

The shelter is also looking for someone with wood working skills. They had to dispose of two benches used in the outdoor dog runs and are hoping someone could build a few new benches. nothing fancy, only functional. Similar to last time, we will have to bring tools along. To volunteer, email Maika Andrew at maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil.

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

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5. Blankets of Hope - handmade blankets supporting wounded soldiers/vets
6. Shelter House - survivors of domestic violence
7. Opportunity Inc - helping the homeless
8. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
9. 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

Transparency

Ms Lori Tetla, the Chief of Financial Services, AFSOC/FMAS, prepared a paper on Transparency in Financial Management. Her paper is presented in a three-part series.

The first installment focused on technological changes brought by automated systems. The second part discusses the proliferation of information.

In the first part of this paper, we saw the importance of analysts learning the relationship among funds status and the criticality of each data element in the database systems. This was an inherent knowledge for those who worked in the FM field in the “pre-automation” days but may not be properly conveyed to new analysts. How, then, can we ensure this knowledge is captured?

The Body of Knowledge course developed by SAF/FM is one initiative to emphasize some of the knowledge vacuums. Early participant feedback reinforces FM’s need for this “back to basics” training. It is important to communicate financial managers’ institutionalized knowledge. Ultimately, the knowledge won’t be needed with the advent of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems and the Air Force DEAMS (Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System) but today there is a great need for those who fully understand existing legacy systems and processes to help cross-walk, train,

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Transparency

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and implement new systems. The Air Force must continue finding methods of capturing and documenting this knowledge before these important skills walk out the door.

Transparency is also evident in the proliferation of information on the Air Force Portal, Knowledge Management, and Community of Practice (CoP) sites and other collaboration and information depositories. Having obtained limited (and potentially dated) information from public libraries for my own research papers, I am amazed how much information my children obtain from the internet for their research papers. Time spent traveling to and from a library, plus efforts to locate text books and references, is more efficiently spent analyzing information obtained virtually instantaneously via the internet.

Anyone who has utilized the internet in the past decade knows there is an abundance of data and information available. As financial managers, we know it is vital that the information we use is current and correct, and we must often weed through posted information to eliminate that which is outdated or inaccurate.

The third part of this paper (next month) will focus on the down side of the information explosion.

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle

Recent Fundraising Results:

\$53.20 50/50 Draw at ASMC Luncheon held at Boathouse Restaurant

New Fundraising Opportunity:

Please go to Gulf Coast Chapter ASMC website for details

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/waysmeans.html>

Upcoming Events:

May 12: Spring Bake Sale

Thank you to all our volunteers!

The committee is always looking for members and volunteers to help with our fundraising events. POCs are aurelia.battle@eglin.af.mil (883-0371) and jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil (883-0158). Your ideas are always welcome!

ASMC Annual Awards

Reminder –

National Scholarship Program nominations are due **31 March 2012**;
Members Continuing Education Grant nominations are due **31 March 2012**;
and nominations for Chapter Competition Program are due **31 March 2012**.
All nominations must be submitted through the National ASMC Awards
Online website at <http://awards.asmonline.org>.

2011 Financial Services Office of the Year

USSOCOM Financial Management Awards

Congratulations to AFSOC for winning 9 of 14 award categories in the CY 2011 USSOCOM FM Awards competition. Additionally, they claimed "runner-up" awards in 3 categories totaling recognition in 12 of 14 categories. Gulf Coast Chapter members and organizations are listed below:

AFSOC WINNERS - COMPONENT LEVEL:

Outstanding FM Organization - HQ AFSOC/FM (NINTH year in a row!)
Outstanding FM Officer - Capt Earl Alexander - 23 AF Executive Officer
Outstanding FM Enlisted - MSgt Daniel Doble - HQ AFSOC/A3Q
Outstanding Comptroller - Ms Annette Beard - HQ AFSOC/FM

AFSOC WINNERS - BELOW COMPONENT LEVEL:

Outstanding FM Civilian - Mr Damon Purifoy - 1 SOCPTS/FMA

AFSOC WINNERS - OPEN LEVEL:

Outstanding Author - Capt Anthony Costanza - HQ AFSOC/FMAO
Outstanding Contributions in Automation and Technology - Mr Bill Lannaman
- HQ AFSOC/FMJS

AFSOC RUNNERS-UP:

COMPONENT LEVEL - Outstanding FM Civilian - Mr Kevin McKinley - HQ AFSOC/FMJO
BELOW COMPONENT LEVEL - Outstanding FM Enlisted - SrA Akshay Botre - AFSOTC/FM

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

Mar 8: Annual RPDS, 0700-1600, Emerald Coast Conference Center.

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

Registration for PDI 2012 is Open! This year's PDI is at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim CA 29 May – 1 June.

Register online at <http://pdi2012.org/registration/>. Follow your unit's requirements for SF182 and paying with GPC.

Registration (Includes three breakfasts, three lunches, and two dinners) is \$545 for ASMC members before May 1 and \$645 after May 1. Non-members \$655 before May 1 and \$755 after May 1. Pre-PDI Sessions are available at an additional fee for CDFM modules and Fiscal Law.

Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday morning (30 May) at 0800 will be followed by Service Day activities. Registration questions may be directed to pdiregistration@rhq.com.

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

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4th Annual ASMC Golf Tournament



When: 9 March 2012, Friday

Pre-registration deadline 2 March 2012

Where: Eglin Golf Course

Check-in: 10:30 lunch and Noon shotgun start

Cost: \$45.00 per person

includes entry fee and lunch

4 mulligan's / 1 team string (additional \$5)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd ,3rd Place

Longest Drive, Closest To The Pin

Many door prizes!!

Golf Tournament is to support ASMC's scholarship program



Pre-Registration POC:

Eglin: Jeffrey Cain (850) 420-9634

Hurlburt: Damon Purifoy (850) 240-1133



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