



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



MAR 2014

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ASMC Members,

As I am preparing for our upcoming UEI in March and reviewing a zillion FM checklists, I realize how important it is as financial managers to be knowledgeable on rules, regulations, policies and processes so we can provide guidance and decision support to our customers. Our luncheon in February was a perfect tie in for becoming wise financial managers!

Maj James Cunningham, 1 SOCPTS Commander, did a phenomenal job walking us through his DoD FM Certification experience. The tips he shared will save our members countless hours trying to navigate through the process/system and avoid some of the challenges he encountered along the way. We also appreciated the additional words of wisdom shared by Annette Beard, AFSOC Comptroller, who was the lead for this program (AFSOC was the test MAJCOM and Hurlburt was one of the test bases).

Thank you to our Hurlburt team for planning and executing our February luncheon which was spot-on information and perfect timing as AFMC is next to implement the program!

We have exciting/informative programs over the next couple of months with our March guest speaker, Maria White from AFLCMC/EBAD, and our ASMC annual award winners being announced at our April luncheon. Maria will give us a bird's eye view into the mysterious Appropriation Process from a Washington D.C. perspective. You won't want to miss her presentation on Wed, 12 March at 11am in Building 1, Conference Room 204 at Eglin. This is a BYOL - bring your own lunch event ☺

Be on the look-out for ASMC nomination/election information for our 2014/2015 Officers, which will be coming out shortly. It is truly hard to believe I've been your President for almost a year – it has literally flown by! If you are

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Executive Committee

President	Ms Denise Wagner	882-6835
VP-Eglin	Ms Brianna Hoppel	883-3204
VP-Hurlburt	Ms Karen McDonnell	884-2995
VP-Tenants	Ms Connie Clay	883-0239
Secretary	Ms Sharon Pedersen	883-0695
Treasurer	Ms Michelle Woolgar	882-6700x7800
Treasurer	Ms Mandy Chapman	882-6165/3-0275
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	Tenant MSgt Philip Chapman	883-4703
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	Ms Kaci Harris	883-3964
	Lt Jessica (Jessi) Pitts	883-0356
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President's Column – continued

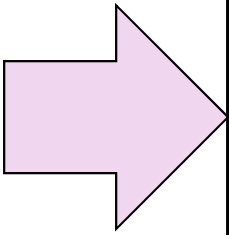
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on the fence on whether you should run for office, please know that this is a fantastic opportunity not only to network with fellow FMers, Auditors, Cost Estimators, but is also wonderful leadership experience. I'm thrilled that I was pushed "out of my comfort zone" to be a part of the ASMC Executive team this year. If you need any convincing, just call me!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the March luncheon on 12 March at 11am at Eglin (Bldg 1 CR 2014) – remember it is BYOL!

Denise Wagner

March Luncheons



March ASMC Luncheon:
Title: AQ-FM 110 ASMC Professional Development
Event: The Appropriation Process
Guest Speaker: Ms. Maria White, AFLCMC/EBAD
Date: 12 Mar 14 @ 1100
Location: Building 1, Conf Rm 204, Eglin AFB

Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means Chair: George Joseph

ASMC Gulf Coast **ongoing fundraiser** - ASMC will earn 25% of the purchase of personalized or online exclusive products like baby shower, plaques, nuts, jewelry, etc. Great gifts to give or items you might personally like to order. Just order and you are participating in the fundraiser!

<http://mystore.fundraising.com/Store/Category/1508?t=25fde9ba-a0a3-42b2-a852-cc3c53f01b61>

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.

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.

Bronze Star

Maj Gen Scott Jansson, AF Program Executive Officer for Weapons and Director of the Armament Directorate, presents the Bronze Star to Capt Philip Rosen, on 24 Feb 14.

Capt Rosen, an AF Life Cycle Management Center Acquisition Financial Management Officer, recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan.



Scholarship Program

The National Scholarship Program runs from Jan-Mar 2014.. 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-14 Mar 2014. 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 14, 2014** to:

Ms. Lisa Gamon

Gulf Coast Chapter Education Chair

P.O. Box 1756

Eglin AFB, FL 32542

Phone: 850-883-5336

Email: lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil

Our local Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program will be advertised approximately April 1, 2014. This program is limited to high school seniors and college students who will have 60 semester hours of college completed by the end of their Spring 2014 semester.

Membership

Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Caridi-Anderson

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 Lindsey at 883-1609.

Community Service

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@us.af.mil)

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, and car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, and cookies etc.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray etc.) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC: patrick.dewitt@us.af.mil

Our **ASMC Relay for Life team, Comptrollers for a Cause**, will be participating in the Niceville- ValP event-wide yard sale on March 8th! What do they need from you? Items to sell!! If you have any items worth selling, crafts, baked goods, etc that you'd like to donate to our organization's team, please let one of our POC's know. If you'd just like to come to shop, even better. Event details are listed below:

What: Relay for Life of Niceville-ValP Yard Sale

When: March 8th, 0800-1100

Where: Bayou Plaza Parking Lot (by the Coffee Shoppe, Beall's, etc)

Our Team Donation POCs: Dedra Hickman (882-9767) and Sarah Carroll (883-5820)

Also there is a strictly donation only, Luminaria order form for the day of the Relay for Life event. If you would like to purchase a Luminaria in honor of a loved one, please let one of the above POCs know as well - they'll get you taken care of! There's a Luminaria Order form in this newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your support of our Relay for Life Team!

POCs: Vanessa Fuentes, Vanessa.fuentes@us.af.mil, 883-0371

Patrick Dewitt, patrick.dewitt@us.af.mil, 883-4874

Sara Bennett, sara.bennett@us.af.mil, 883-2720

Gabriella Geier-DuReitz, gabriella.geier-dureitz@us.af.mil, 882-5485

Community Service

Our community service program has been sending care packages to our military heroes who are protecting our country. These packages are a little piece of home for our services members while servicing our country.

We recently sent a care package to a deployed Hurlburt Airman supporting this mission of protecting our country, **SSgt Michael Parker**. And we received a thank-you email from him.

It is an honor to be able to reach these individuals whom are sacrificing so much to make sure we are safe and protected.

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>.

Union Calls Obama's Proposed 1% Raise 'Pitiful'

By [Eric Katz](#), Government Executive, February 25, 2014

Federal employee groups criticized President Obama's proposal for a 1% pay raise in 2015 for civilian employees and most military personnel, calling the suggestion "inadequate" and "pitiful." A White House official on Monday announced Obama was including the recommended pay raise in his soon-to-be-released fiscal 2015 budget. If Congress accepts it, the increase would mark the second consecutive year of a 1% raise after a three-year pay freeze for federal civilian workers.

"I strongly believe that federal employees deserve more and this amount is inadequate," said Colleen Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, adding she would accept nothing short of a 3.3% raise. "When compared with wage growth in the private sector, federal workers will fall further behind, making it more difficult for the government to attract and retain qualified personnel."

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Both Kelley and David Cox Sr., president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said federal employees have already contributed \$120 billion to deficit reduction through various cuts to their compensation. "Federal employees have endured years of pay freezes and cuts in retirement benefits," Cox said, calling for a 4% raise in 2015. "Federal employees deserve a meaningful pay raise, not a token increase that will be more than eaten up by rising living costs, including higher retirement and healthcare costs." Since 2010, the cost of living has gone up 9% while feds' wages have increased just 3%.

Joseph Beaudoin, president of the National Active and retired Federal Employees Association, called the raise bittersweet: "Although we are thankful the three-year pay freeze has ended, now that our country is back on a stronger economic footing, it is time to start closing the growing gap between public- and private-sector wages. The effects of the past three years of financial hardship have left their mark on federal workers, to the extent that half the federal workforce is exploring other career options."

Not all reviews were negative; Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, praised Obama for proposing the raise: "This modest [cost-of-living adjustment] would go a long way in further recognizing the value of federal employees and help bring to a close years of pay freezes. I'm proud to fight on the front lines on behalf of federal employee pay just as federal employees work on the front lines each and every day on behalf of the American people. Federal employees have been undervalued and underappreciated for too long."

Congress must approve any raise for federal employees, though if history is any indicator, Obama's proposal is likely to become law. If Congress does not include language in legislation supporting or prohibiting a federal pay increase, then the president's recommendation becomes law. Congress has accepted Obama's recommended boost in four of his five budget proposals, with the proposed 0.5% increase for fiscal 2013 the lone instance of congressional rejection.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

Mar 12 – 11 AM, Eglin AFB, Building 1, Room 204, Ms Maria White (AFLCMC/EBAD), The Appropriation Process

Please contact our Program Chair 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.

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

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Thank You to Our Luminaria Program Sponsor:



Luminaria Order Form

Relay For Life of Niceille / Valparaiso

www.relayforlife.org/niceillefl

May 9 & 10

Niceville High School

When the sun goes down at every American Cancer Society Relay For Life event, hope shines the brightest. During the Luminaria Ceremony, hundreds of luminaria light the track to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember those who have lost their battle, and fight back against the disease that has taken too much. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and perseverance with which we all continue to fight.

You can give to the American Cancer Society and keep the flame of hope lit by ordering a luminaria in memory of someone lost to cancer or in honor of someone still fighting or who has beaten the disease.

Please send your tax-deductible donation payable to the American Cancer Society and the bottom portion of this form to:

American Cancer Society

99 Eglin Parkway, NE Suite 37

Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

To ensure delivery of your luminaria prior to the event, be sure to mail your donation along with the form below by **1 May 2014**. Then, join us for our Luminaria ceremony, which will be held at **9:00 p.m. - May 9, 2014**

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email: _____

In ☐ Memory ☐ Honor ☐ Support ☐ Appreciation
of _____
Message (10 words maximum) _____

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Payment method:

**Relay for Life Team:
COMPTROLLERS FOR
A CAUSE**

☐ Cash

☐ Check (payable to American Cancer Society)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Card number: _____

Name on card: _____

Expiration date: ____/____ Code on back: _____



1st Annual Relay For Life of NICEVILLE-VALPARAISO Golf Tournament

Fundraiser hosted by
Hurlburt Field Environmental Team
and Comptrollers for a Cause

\$75.00 per person
includes mulligan package,
light lunch, drinks and snacks

Friday, March 21, 2014

Shotgun Start at 1200 / 4-Man Scramble

**Bluewater Bay Golf Resort
in Niceville, FL**

Cancer has touched the lives of so many people in our community! The ACS Relay For Life is a great way to help us raise the funds necessary to support patient services, outreach programs and research...

**Will you help us
FINISH THE FIGHT?**

Call or e-mail us to register:

r4lavgolf@yahoo.com

Barry Woods, 830-5061

Amy Tolar, 398-2851

Ray Steffens, 240-9605



PROCEEDS GO TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 2014 RELAY FOR LIFE OF NICEVILLE-VALPARAISO

Registration & Sponsorship Information

Tropical Waves of HOPE Golf Tournament

Hurlburt Environmental & Comptrollers for a Cause Teams
Supporting 2014 Relay for Life of Niceville-Valparaiso (R4LNV)



FORMAT: FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE – In teams of four. Team chooses best of the four shots taken for the next shot. Play continues in this manner until the hole is completed. Team records its score and maintains format for all 18 holes.

Advance Registration Required.
Space is limited. No refunds available.

LOCATION: Bluewater Bay Golf Resort

DATE: March 21, 2014

SCHEDULE: 10:00 a.m. – Registration Opens at Clubhouse
11:00 a.m. – Lunch provided by sponsor
12:00 p.m. – Shotgun Start
End of Play – Dinner provided by sponsor and Awards at the Clubhouse

REGISTRATION: Fee \$75 Per Player (includes two meals, drinks, & mulligan package)

POC: Please return completed registration to
R4LNVGOLF@YAHOO.COM or contact Amy Tolar (850)398-2851
or Barry Woods (850)830-5061

LEVELS OF GOLF SPONSORSHIPS

Platinum Golf Sponsor – \$1,000 4 golfing spots, primary ad in event program, advertising space on a golf cart, "sponsor a hole", team photo, acknowledgement plaque, track marker at the R4LNV.

Gold Golf Sponsor - \$500 2 golfing spots, ad in the event program, "sponsor a hole", acknowledgement certificate.

Silver Golf Sponsor - \$300, \$200, or \$100 ad in the event program, "sponsor a hole", acknowledgement certificate.

Bronze Golf Sponsor – any donations (gift cert, prize giveaways, food, etc.) will be recognized at event.

Please return completed sponsorship registration to
R4LNVGOLF@YAHOO.COM or contact Amy Tolar (850)398-2851
or Ray Steffens (850)240-9605.

RELAY FOR LIFE SPONSORSHIP also available: \$5000, \$3500, \$1500, \$1000, \$500. You will be recognized as a platinum sponsor at tournament as well as Relay sponsor. Please contact us for sponsorship package.

Why we Relay? One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. The funds raised at Relay save lives by funding cutting-edge cancer research, early detection and prevention education, advocacy efforts, and life-affirming patient services. It is because of your involvement that we are able to save lives, help those battling cancer, and empower all to fight back against the disease.

Proceeds from the Tropical Waves of HOPE Golf Tournament will go to benefit the American Cancer Society's
2014 Relay for Life of Niceville-Valparaiso May 9-10, 2014.

Team Captain / Player # 1 (please print or type)

Player Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Sponsor (please print or type)

Company: _____

POC: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Level/Amount: _____

Notes: _____

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All donations go to American Cancer Society.

Drawing will be 9 May 2014.



Value \$620



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6th Annual ASMC Golf Tournament

4 Person Scramble

When: Friday, **4 Apr 2014**

Pre-registration deadline 28 March 2014

Where: **Eglin Golf Course**

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

Cost: \$50.00 per person includes entry fee and lunch, and Mulligan package(2 mulligans, 1 red ball buster, tongue depressor)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

Longest Drive, Closest To The Pin

Golf Tournament to support ASMC's charity & scholarship program



Pre-Registration Eglin POC: Eric Alber (318)
540-5427 email: softailduece@gmail.com

This is a private organization. It is not a part of DoD or any of its components and has no