



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



NOV 2013

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

ASMC Members,

Our focus for the month of October was our annual ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Membership Drive. We were able to market to both existing members and potential new members at the FM Oktoberfest at Eglin and at Hurlburt Field. New members were given information on the many benefits of being an ASMC member and were given a Gulf Coast Chapter coin and pin for joining.

A new ASMC Membership tri-fold was designed and published by our Membership Chairman, Lindsey Stephan. It articulated who we are and what we do for the FM community. Here are some highlights:

- Our Mission Statement: we provide professional development and we promote ethical behavior in all aspects of Military comptrollership.
- It is a great way to build your leadership skills! Especially if you choose to serve as an officer or on one of our many committees.
- There are opportunities to be recognized as an outstanding financial manager including our quarterly "Making A Difference (MAD)" award, our annual local ASMC award competition as well as compete at the ASMC National level.
- We provide exceptional training and education opportunities, including our "mini" PDI held this summer, as well as our monthly lunch time speakers.
- We awarded \$3,250 in monetary scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students who are pursuing degrees in the financial management field.
- We actively supported many charities including Fisher House, Shelter House, Pet Welfare and Relay for Life. We gave over \$1,000 this year to local charities. We also sent packages to our deployed troops and volunteered to serve at many local charitable events.
- Last but not least, ASMC membership is a great way to network with financial managers from Eglin, Hurlburt and Duke Field - we have over 300 members and growing! All of this for only \$26 per year!

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**ASMC, P.O. Box 1756, Eglin AFB FL 32542**

### ***Executive Committee***

President	Ms Denise Wagner	882-6835
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Publicity	Ms Jenna Colon	882-2840
	Ms Kaci Harris	882-8707
	Lt Jessica (Jessi) Pitts	883-0356
Community Service	Ms Vanessa Fuentes	882-0254
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### ***President's Column – continued***

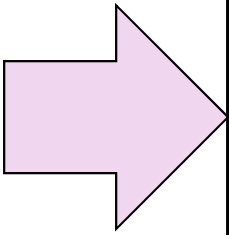
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Big Congratulations to Amy Tolar who was recognized as this quarter's MAD award winner for her amazing work with the 96 CPTS as well as being a Volunteer Extraordinaire for ASMC as well as her local community!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone (including our new members!) at the November luncheon at Chili's in Ft Walton Beach on Tuesday, 19 November. This luncheon will also serve as a fundraiser as Chili's will donate 10% of our sales – with coupons - back to our Chapter for our annual scholarships.

Denise Wagner

## **November Luncheon**



**Chapter fundraiser and luncheon:** Speaker will be our own LaTanya Bryant  
Bring the Chili's flyer in this newsletter to Chili's @11am on Tues **Nov 19**, and 10% of the sales will go to ASMC. The fundraiser is good till 9PM, so print more and come back for dinner! Print the full page one as a reminder, share the smaller ones.

## **Ways & Means – George Joseph**

Ways & Means Chair: George Joseph

We have two upcoming fundraising events and we need "All" ASMC members to Volunteer!

1) ASMC Chili's Give Back Event fundraiser 19 Nov, 11am-9pm Chili's FWB: If ASMC members share the flyer with neighbors, friends, & family, they can bring the flyer to Chili's in FWB and 10% will go back to ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter. Please pass this fliers to others - if they are having a going away, promotion, etc. event that evening they could have it there (reservations will be needed) and support our fundraiser!!

2) ASMC **Coca-Cola Fundraiser** 9 Nov thru 30 Nov: ASMC members will take case orders from Neighbors, Friends and Family from 9 Nov - 30 Nov. Bring Spreadsheet back to Amy Tolar by 3 December. Pick up cases at Luke's Place 12 Dec from 11am - 1pm. Note: Both Flyers and Coca-Cola order sheets will be on our webpage:

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

3) 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>

## Community Service

### ON-GOING EVENTS:

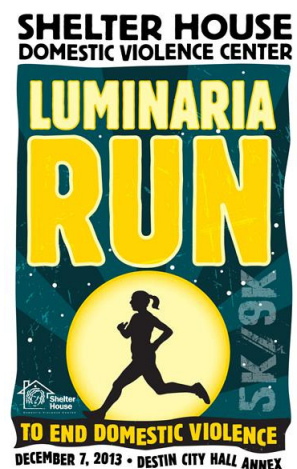
Fisher House of the Emerald Coast depends upon donations to continue the work of supporting our military families. Many items can be donated to the Fisher House so that they do not need to be purchased. Please email for current "Needs List" POC: Gabriella Geier-DuReitz ([gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil](mailto:gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil))

**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@eglin.af.mil](mailto:patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil)

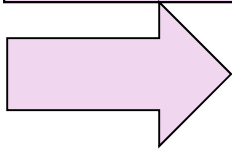
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** 3rd Annual Luminaria Run to End Domestic & Sexual Violence, **December 7th** at 4:30 pm, from the Destin City Hall Annex and winding through the Indian Bayou neighborhood. The course for this twilight run will be lit with more than 2,000 luminary bags, representing how Shelter House and our community partners light the way to a safer place for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence in our community. They will need volunteers at 12 noon on Friday, December 6 for expo set-up at The Palms of Destin. On Saturday December 7, need volunteers starting at 11AM for course set up, then check in, after-party set up, and break down approx 10pm. Shifts are available or stay all day! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Volunteer Captain Joely Santiago at [joely.santiago@eglin.af.mil](mailto:joely.santiago@eglin.af.mil). Flyer and Info in newsletter.

Finally, help us keep track of your volunteer hours – email us. As always your suggestions welcomed!

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### ***December Luncheon***



Dec 10 – 11AM, Luke's Place, Eglin AFB – Christmas luncheon and Beverage Fundraiser pickup – more details to follow

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

## ***Labor Dept. Tells States Furloughed Feds Must Give Back Unemployment Benefits***

by [Eric Katz](#), govexec.com October 25, 2013

All states must recoup any unemployment payments made to federal employees furloughed by the shutdown, the Obama administration has advised. The announcement comes after a group of House Republicans called on the administration to ensure all federal employees who received unemployment insurance repay the compensation in full.

When the shutdown began, about 900,000 federal workers were placed on furlough and eligible to apply for unemployment. In Washington, D.C.; Maryland; and Virginia alone, about 42,000 requested the compensation. In those states, however, feds were required to return the payments after Congress granted the employees retroactive pay for the time they missed. That was true in most states throughout the country, but some states have permitted federal employees to keep both their back pay and their unemployment benefits.

In a letter to OMB Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell. 19 Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee, including its chairman Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, said, "This makes absolutely no sense, Since unemployment benefits are keyed to replace roughly half of an employee's prior pay, this practice would amount to paying furloughed federal employees time and a half for not working."

The committee members suggested federal statute permits OMB to demand that employees who receive back pay return the benefits and said Burwell should use that authority to "maintain the integrity of the unemployment insurance system for those it is intended to serve -- unemployed individuals who have been laid off through no fault of their own, and not temporarily furloughed federal employees who have already received full back pay."

The Labor Department agreed with the letter and issued guidance stating: "Because Congress provided for full retroactive pay for furloughed federal employees and the Office of Personnel Management classified all furloughed federal employees as having been in pay status throughout the shutdown, the department believes that these employees were not 'unemployed' and are thus ineligible for unemployment benefits." The department added: "States must now take appropriate action to address the return of unemployment benefits already distributed."

The maximum unemployment benefit varies by state, but typically ranges from \$300-\$500. Most states maintain a one-week waiting period before non-working individuals become eligible to receive benefits, meaning most furloughed feds who received unemployment only did so for one week.



### ***Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events***

**UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON** – Mark your calendars:

**Nov 19 – 11AM**, Chili's (Mary Esther Cutoff) fundraiser – please print and bring your flyer! Speaker: LaTanya Bryant

**Dec 10 – 11AM**, Luke's Place, Eglin AFB – Christmas luncheon and Beverage Fundraiser pickup

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](http://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/>***

***ASMC, P.O. Box 1756, Eglin AFB FL 32542***

# CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support ASMC at the same time. With each flyer presented on Tuesday, November 19th Chili's will donate 10% of the event day sales back to this great organization.

The ASMC Give Back Event is:  
November 19, 2013  
from 11 am - 9 pm  
only at:

Chili's - Ft. Walton Beach  
504 Mary Esther Cut Off NW  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548-4025  
850-243-2019 - [www.chilis.com](http://www.chilis.com)

**We look forward to seeing you at Chili's!**



**more GIVING BACK happens here**

Give Back Event flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount with flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.





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RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND  
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American Society of Military Comptrollers, Gulf Coast Chapter  
Give Back Event is:  
November 19, 2013  
From 11 am to 9 pm

only at Chili's - Ft. Worth Beach  
30100 Sutter Court, Suite 101, Fort Worth, TX 76134-4000 800-340-2000 www.chilis.com

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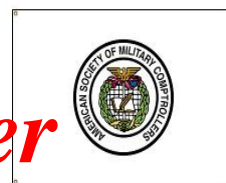
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American Society of Military Comptrollers



# ***ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Beverage Fundraiser***

*To support ASMC Scholarship program  
and local charities*

*Order Beverage Cases from  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Money Must Accompany Orders*

*Turn in order sheet & money by Dec 3rd to:*

*Amy Tolar (850) 398-2851 or*

*George Joseph (850) 864-5190*

*Pick-Up Day: Tuesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>  
at Luke's Place 11:00am - 1:00pm*

*Make Checks payable to:*

*ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter*

*"This is a private organization. It is not a part of the  
Department of Defense or any of its components and has  
no governmental status."*

## ***Contest Award***

*All ASMC members can  
take case orders from  
friends and family (off  
base) and whoever  
raises the most funds  
will get a very nice prize*

## ***Cases 24/pk***

*Soda \$24*

*Juice \$24*

*Energy Drinks \$40*

*Hydrating Drinks \$24*

*Water \$20*

# Fundraiser Product selections

Please help our team raise funds  
by selecting a product you would like

Cases are 24/pack and prices are below

Carbonated Products  
20-oz.



**\$24**

Minute Maid  
20-oz.



**\$24**

DASANI  
20-oz.



**\$20**

POWERADE  
20-oz.



**\$24**

Minute Maid 100%  
Juice  
10 oz.



**\$24**

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# SHELTER HOUSE

# LUMINARIA RUN



4:30 PM

## TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**DECEMBER 7, 2013 • DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX**

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**\$5 off Shoes**

**Can be combined with other discounts!**

**Expires 12/31/13**

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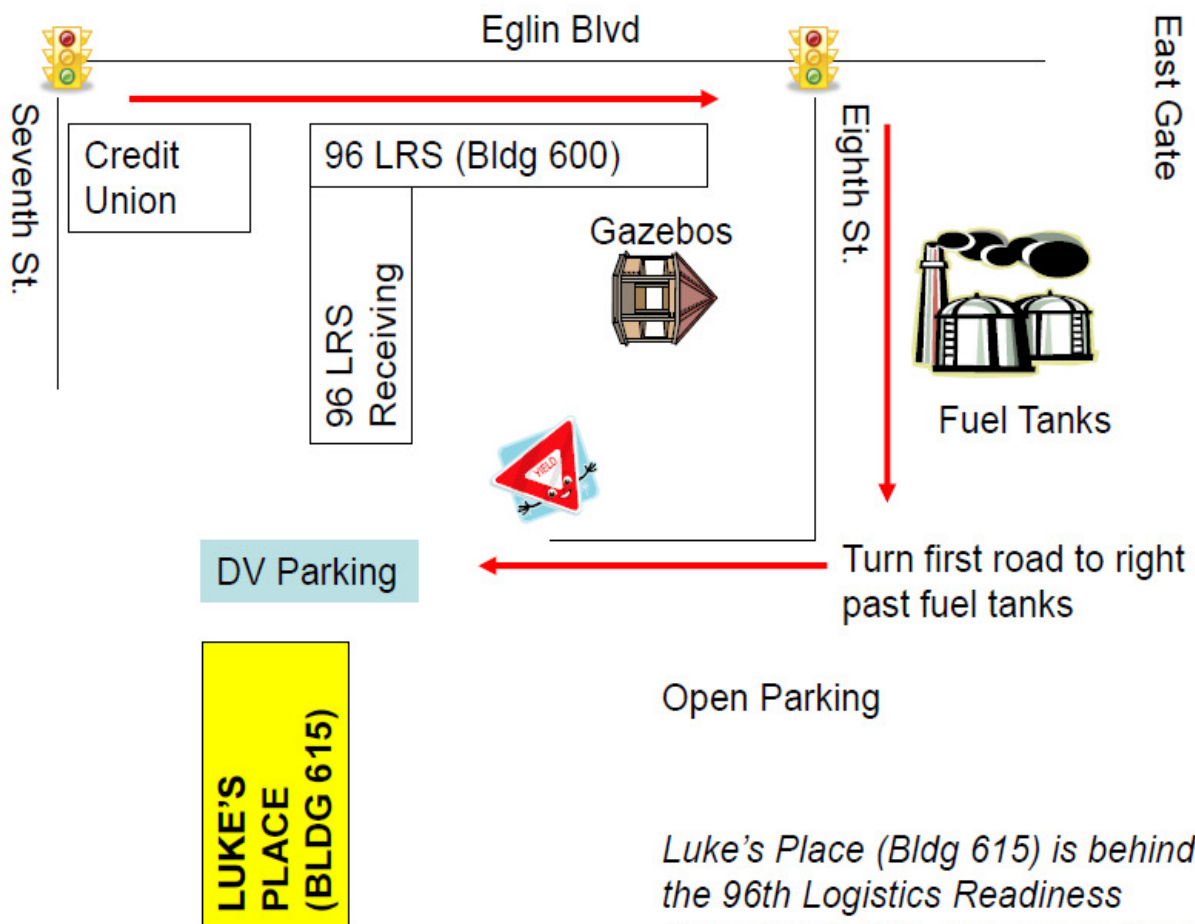
**170 Miracle Strip Parkway ♦ Fort Walton Beach**

**Our annual Christmas luncheon will be 10 Dec @ 1100 at Luke's Place (Bldg 615) on Eglin AFB.**

**Below is a map to Luke's Place.**

**More details to follow.**

**NOTE: Beverage Fundraiser pick-up will be at this time and location.**



*Luke's Place (Bldg 615) is behind the 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) and across from the fuel tanks off of Eighth Street*