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Maika Andrew

President's Corner

Written by Maika Andrew, Tenants Vice President

Greetings ASMC teammates!

Hope everyone's FY22 is going smoothly a month in. In the blink of an eye, the holiday season will be upon us again. For 19 months, we've adjusted to our new environment, met the challenge and continued to accomplish our mission. But I miss the faces! You have to look closely to see everyone's smiles, our eyes say so much. I know I smile extra big behind my mask, especially when I see a familiar face! It was a treat to see some of you at our outdoor event last month; understanding some were unable to attend due to your telework location. It was great to meet new teammates and catch up with ones we have not seen for a while. It felt like a family reunion. Despite the turmoil of the last couple of years, our chapter has been and continues to be productive.

Our chapter was organized primarily for educational and charitable purposes. As the tenant VP this year, I am excited to work closely with the Community Services committee. I've enjoyed volunteering with our chapter since becoming an ASMC member; cleaning dog kennels, serving meals at Fisher House, or being a member of our Comptrollers for a Cause Relay for Life team. Not only do we serve our community, contribute to a worthy cause, work with fellow wingmen on a common goal, but we also have fun and develop lasting friendships. Our volunteer efforts also help our chapter maintain our Five Star recognition, as a well-rounded professional chapter.

Several years ago, a group of us began serving meals at our local Fisher House from time to time. During this pandemic, we were only able to drop off meals. I missed the opportunity to meet and talk to guests, the veterans and their families receiving medical care locally.

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Presidents Corner Continued

This past July, we were able to once again serve a meal at the Fisher House. It meant so much to the couple staying there, they sent the chapter a thank you card. What we do communicates we care and provides support to the veterans and their families. The Fisher House kitchen and dining area are large enough to allow for social distancing. Volunteering is also a great way to connect as a team, so get your team together and contact Jaclyn Mailoto to serve a meal at the Fisher House.

As our chapter did last year, the Community Services committee recently reached out to the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center to adopt a family with four kids for the holidays. Once the committee receives more information about the family, details will be emailed to everyone. The team is planning to have a drop-off box at our holiday get-together to collect donations/gifts for this family.



The committee is also working to connect with Sharing is Caring in Niceville and the Gulf Coast Treatment Center to find out how our chapter may be a blessing to those they serve. I encourage you to join us, as more hands will enable us to do more. If you want to help execute any of these efforts, please reach out to Dedra Hickman.

As our chapter president has shared, our desire is to get everyone out on the field, helping us execute our chapter's mission and have fun. We need you! There are opportunities on several committees. Do you want to help with our holiday get-together on 6 December at Luke's Place? Do you want to help us organize our annual Professional Development Institute (PDI) event? If so, you can contact Brittany Bohannon, from the Programs committee. Are you interested in becoming a member of our Comptrollers for a Cause team and getting the ball rolling for the next Relay for Life event? In that case, contact Dedra Hickman, from Community Services. After all, if we each do a little, together we can accomplish much!

Community Needs

We are supporting Sharing & Caring this year!

We need your help with donations. Please contact Dedra Hickman for more information on how you can help meet those needs!

Sharing & Caring

Holiday List:

Stuffing mix

Instant potatoes

Gravy or gravy packets (no jars)

Green Beans & Corn

Muffins mix (Tiffy)

Cake mix/frosting

Pie filling/crust



Needed Items

Regular Items:

Diapers size 4, 5, 6

Toothpaste

Dish soap

Shampoo & Conditioner

Feminine Hygiene

Deodorant

Can openers

Baby wipes

Mayonnaise/Mustard/Ketchup

SpaghettiOs's/Raviolis



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!

Care Packages

We will be collecting items for Holiday Care Packages!

Please contact Patrick DeWitt to add your items to the donation box.

Your support is appreciated!

Awards Committee

The deadline for award nominations is 9 December 2021. Anyone may nominate a person who has demonstrated outstanding performance (including non ASMC members). This is not restricted to supervisor submissions. We encourage maximum participation. One award winner will be selected per category. Our Gulf Coast chapter award winners will go on to compete at the national level! Individuals will be recognized for outstanding accomplishments in one of the following areas:

Accounting
Finance
Auditing
Budgeting
Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller
Intern/Trainee
Contractor Support
Resource Management
Acquisition/Cost Analysis
Team Achievement
(Small: 2-10, Large: 11-20 members)

Please email nominations to kent.fitzgerald@us.af.mil and sandra.berkley.1@us.af.mil with "Annual Award Nomination" in the subject. Additional information may be found on our chapter awards page <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/Awards.html>. Award criteria description can be found on the ASMC National Awards Program page at [https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/NHO7QgRxQDKhu5cFaWyg?achievement awards 2021.pdf](https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/NHO7QgRxQDKhu5cFaWyg?achievement%20awards%202021.pdf).

Leadership, does your team have any FM awards, promotions, retirements, or recognitions that we can add to the newsletter from June through now? Please provide to Amy Tolar by the 20th of each month.

Announcements

Monday, 6 December is the the ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Holiday Event at Luke's Place. Information to register will be sent out via email.

Please shop our Amazon Smile link to support our GC Chapter!
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2139423>

The Amazon Smile logo, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath "amazon".

New to the Eglin AFB FM team? Visit the below link to enroll to be an ASMC member. Select Gulf Coast Chapter or log into your account to transfer to our chapter. Contact Nicole Allen, membership chair, for more information or to be added to the ASMC distro.
<https://asmconline.org/membership/>



Membership Spotlight

Sandra Berkley



Where do you work? **JASSM (EBJJ) Program Office at Eglin AFB**

What do you do? **Financial Management Specialist for the JASSM Production Portfolio**

What are your hobbies/sports team/activities?

Hobbies/Activities:

- **Playing Tennis: Music – play/sing**
- **Going for walks with my husband and my dog, Boots**
- **CrossFit – at my level... but CrossFit nonetheless**
- **Traveling, although the pandemic has put quite a damper on this**
- **Baking and cooking in general. I'm always looking new recipes, things out of the ordinary.**

Sports Teams:

- **NFL: Dallas Cowboys – I love football. I truly do.**
- **College: Florida Gators – kinda got thrown into it since both daughters are UF Graduates.**

Why is ASMC important to you? **ASMC was recommended to me as soon as I started working for the Air Force. I joined just about immediately and never regretted it. Not only does it provide interesting topics of conversation and training, but it also gives a sense of belonging. Through ASMC, I am able to stay in touch people that I used to work with/for, and it has been a special treat for me to reconnect with people I hadn't see in ages at conferences and various gatherings.**

What's your favorite FM tip for someone? **Make sure you develop a strong relationship with your contracting officer. My relationship with my PCO has made my work life so much easier, especially in such a fast-moving environment. As soon as she's aware of something that could potentially affect me, she sends me an IM or a text. And it goes both ways. If I hear anything happening with FM that could potentially affect her, I pick up the phone or send her an email.**

What is your favorite thing about working at Eglin? **I would have to say the people. I love my teammates. I truly do miss them when they are out.**

What is something you learned (life hack) that has always stuck with you that you could share? **The secret to good cooking: there's no such thing as too much butter.**

Membership Spotlight

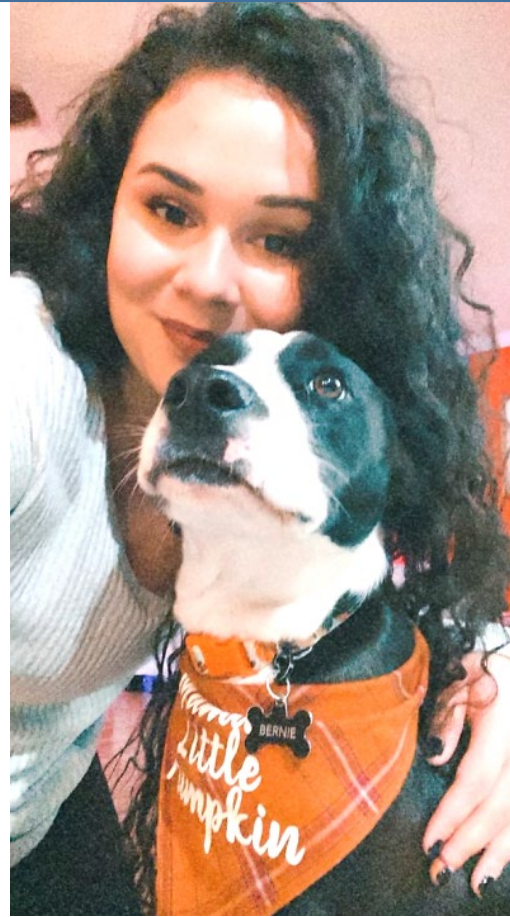
Jaclyn Mailoto

Where do you work? I started in AFLCMC/EBX/ARRW this past May and recently rotated to EBD/SDB II in September.

What do you do? I'm a developmental on the budget side of FM. In SDB II, I will be working CAM funds. Right now I do a lot of shadowing and training.

What are your hobbies/sports team/activities? Outside of work I am very involved in the volleyball community for our area. I am the assistant girls volleyball coach at Niceville High School and the Assistant Director and a head coach at 850 Elite Volleyball Academy. 850 Elite is a local travel volleyball club that competes in regional and national tournaments. The travel (club) season runs from December to July. Coaching volleyball is something that I am incredibly passionate about.

When COVID first hit in March of 2020, our season was cut short. As soon as Florida reopened the doors of gyms in May of 2020 we were able to start training again, and our doors have been open ever since. Since COVID, tournaments look a little different with coaches (and some players) wearing masks, limited spectators, etc. It is a challenge at times, but the most important thing is that the girls are able to play!



Membership Spotlight

Jaclyn Mailoto

Why is ASMC important to you? As a new Federal Employee, new to FM, basically new to everything...ASMC is vital to my success. It is important to me because I believe being a member of ASMC will help me connect with my peers and superiors in FM.

What's your favorite FM tip for someone? I don't necessarily have a favorite FM tip yet, but I do have a tip for interns that I learned from Ms. Davis. She told me to use this first year as a "template" and write down the dates certain things start occurring. For example, dates of BCBs, Spend Plan reviews, etc. The purpose of doing this is to familiarize myself with the "FM timeline".

What is your favorite thing about working at Eglin? My favorite thing about working at Eglin is the location and great sense of pride. The atmosphere at Eglin is family oriented, promotes a healthy work environment, encourages a work/life balance, and encourages a healthy lifestyle. As an employee, this tells me my Employer cares about my wellbeing and I'm not just another body. In turn, I feel motivated and supported.

What is something you learned (life hack) that has always stuck with you that you could share? A life hack that I learned as a teenager seems silly, but will change your life! Do not brush curly hair wet or dry. Simply wash it, put your preferred products in it and call it a day. Trust me on this one.





December Professional Development Events



Teams: A Superior Closeout Hub

**Mr. Frank Gonzales and Mr. Ian Hedges
AFNWC/FZA
30 November 2021 at 12:00pm
Teams Link Below**

***Learn how the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center planned
and executed a successful test of a Teams-centric FY21
close across numerous bases***

**Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
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Gulf Coast Chapter Christmas Event

**Hosted by ASMC Program Committee
6 December 2021 2021 at 11:00am
Luke's Place, Eglin AFB
Lunch will be provided to the first 50 ASMC members**

**Eglin COVID ROEs will be in place!
Register link will be sent out from ASMC GC chapter mailbox**

Awards & Recognition

Congratulations to the AFMC FM Annual Award Winners/ SAF FM Annual Award Nominees (AFMC)

Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Greiner announced the winners of the Fiscal Year 2021 AFMC FM Annual Awards! Best of luck as they compete at the SAF/FM level!

AFMC FM Annual Award Winner/SAF FM Annual Award Nominees (AFMC)

Major General Frank R. Faykes Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year
Lt Col Amy Justus, 96 CPTS

The Chief Master Sergeant Larry P. Gonzales Superintendent of the Year
SMSgt Tesha Martin, 78 CPTS

Financial Management Officer of the Year
Maj Adrianna Perez, AFIMSC

Financial Management Civilian of the Year - GS-8 and below
Anna Hunting, 75 CPTS

Financial Management Civilian of the Year - GS-9 and above
Norma Insurriaga, AFIMSC

Financial Management Senior Non-commissioned Officer (SNCO) of the Year
MSgt Jeremy LeRoy, 75 CPTS

Financial Management Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year
MSgt Leona Guy, AFIMSC

Financial Management Airman of the Year
SrA Ivan Tendenilla, 88 CPTS

Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year
Joseph Holderman, AFLCMC



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Continuation of the AFMC FM Annual Award Winners/
SAF FM Annual Award Nominees (AFMC):

Non-Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year
Erin Marks, HQ AFMC

Educator of the Year
Sarah Flaherty, AFLCMC

The Excellence in Cost Analysis Award
Robert Link, AFNWC

The Robert D. Stuart Award for Excellence in Financial Management
Kenneth Pickler, AFNWC

The James E. Short Award for Outstanding Contribution to Mentorship and Career
Development
Justin Kuruvilla, 448 SCMW

Resource Advisor of the Year - MAJCOM, FIELDCOM, FOA, or DRU level
Rebekah Buck, AFRL

Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Officer,
MAJCOM, FIELDCOM, FOA, or DRU level
Capt John Jayne, HQ AFMC

Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller - Civilian,
MAJCOM, FIELDCOM, FOA, or DRU level
Kortney Wemple, HQ AFMC

Major General Alfred K. Flowers Comptroller Organization of the Year Award
75 CPTS

Financial Analysis Office of the Year
88 CPTS

Financial Operations Office of the Year
88 CPTS

Thank you for
your hard work
and **dedication!**

Congratulations!



Congratulations
AFSOC team
members for your
3rd Quarter award!

Ms. Angela Mobley-
AFSOC/FM – Civ Cat II

Ms. Sarah Carroll-
AFSOC/FM and Special
Staff - Civ Cat IV

Maj (S) James Brock-
AFSOC/FM - FGO

Capt Shauna Young-
AFSOC/FM and Special
Staff - CGO



Awards & Recognition

Continuation of the AFMC FM Annual Award Winners/
SAF FM Annual Award Nominees (AFMC):

General Larry O. Spencer Special Acts and Service Award

6F Assignment & Deployment team
AFIMSC

RM Innovation Squad
AFIMSC

T-7A Budget Team
AFLCMC

COCOM C2 FM Branch
AFLCMC

HNJF Budget and Cost Team
AFLCMC

PEO Digital Aerospace Cost Team
AFLCMC

FZP Workforce Transition Team
AFRL

FZF Team
AFRL

FZR-WCF Accounting Division
AFSC

FM Data and Analytics
HQ AFMC

AFWCR FIAR
HQ AFMC

Centralized Asset Management - Execution Challenges
HQ AFMC

National News

Government Executive

Concerns Raised With TSA Staffing and Vaccine Mandate Ahead of Holiday Travel

By Eric Katz

November 16, 2021

Lawmakers and union officials expressed concerns on Tuesday about disruptions to air travel during the upcoming holiday season, pointing in part to President Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate and potential discipline butting up against peak airport traffic.

Transportation Security Administration employees, like the rest of the federal workforce, have until Nov. 22 to demonstrate they are fully vaccinated or request a religious or medical exemption. Everett Kelley, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents TSA's 50,000 transportation security officers, told a panel of the House Homeland Security Committee on Tuesday the deadline would hurt morale and provide a distraction for workers during their busiest time of the year. He reiterated the union's call for the deadline to be pushed to Jan. 4 to bring it in line with the date for federal contractors and give employees more time to consider their options.

"The effect upon morale of federal employees being subject to possible discipline at this time of year cannot be overstated," Kelley said in his written testimony. "TSOs should be focused on protecting the flying public during this peak holiday travel season, not on the threat of discipline that could result in losing their jobs."

Biden administration guidance has laid out a progressive disciplinary process for unvaccinated employees, starting with counseling and proceeding to suspension and, ultimately, firing. Kelley warned that TSA is already short staffed as it let its rolls shrink during the pandemic and its corresponding drop off in air travel. The agency announced earlier this year it would seek to restore and grow its workforce, anticipating a surge in travel, but was still down 4,000 workers from the outset of the COVID-19 outbreak as of June. Kelley stressed that TSA has not delivered on all the hiring it promised, adding many of those it has brought on are still in training and not yet out on the floor.

Kelley said a deadline delay would have the added benefit of ensuring no existing personnel are suspended or fired when they are most needed.

"While AFGE has strongly encouraged all of its members to get the COVID vaccine, there are some who have not done so," he said, adding many employees are seeking exemptions. "This doesn't have to be an added burden on holiday travel." Kelley said his unvaccinated members should have the opportunity to gather with family over the holidays "and contemplate what is important to them."

National News

TSA last provided an update on its vaccination figures in mid-October, when Administrator David Pekoske said just 60% of his workforce had documented they were fully inoculated. Other agencies that have released their workforce vaccination data have seen rates increase as the deadline approached, though Pekoske said the agency was “building contingency plans” for a scenario in which it saw staffing shortages as a result of the mandate.

Max Weitzner, a TSA spokesman, declined to detail the agency’s current vaccination rate, saying only it has “made good progress” and was still collecting data. The agency is engaging workers to ensure they know how to upload their information, but said the compliance rate is “very high.”

“We do not anticipate any disruptions because of the vaccination requirements,” Weitzner said. “We have made huge progress in our vaccination efforts, and as we approach the Nov. 22 deadline, we view that as not so much a cliff, but a step to further counsel any unvaccinated employees.”

Rep. Carlos Gimenez, R-Fla., the top Republican on the Transportation and Maritime Security panel that hosted Tuesday’s hearing, said he could not understand how TSA would adequately staff its checkpoints without its unvaccinated employees.

“The TSA workforce has shown their dedication to our nation day in and day out and now they’re being threatened with being disciplined or even losing their jobs,” Gimenez said.

Kelley expressed confidence the TSA workforce would be able to address any challenge that comes its way, but conceded disciplining employees during the holiday season would have an impact on operations.

“If I say it’s not going to affect it, that would be incorrect,” Kelley said.

Rep. Jeff Van Drew, R-N.J., said there was little doubt the mandate would cause disruptions.

“The fact that we’re going to lose some of them is going to increase the challenge even more,” Van Drew said.

Rep. Betsy Watson Coleman, D-N.J., who chairs the panel, also said she is paying particular attention to how many employees remain unvaccinated and how it will affect TSA’s workflow.

“We’re all concerned with that question,” Watson Coleman said.

<https://www.govexec.com/workforce/2021/11/concerns-raised-tsa-staffing-and-vaccine-mandate-ahead-holiday-travel/186890/>