ASMC GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2014



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President's Corner



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Whew! Made it through another year! Give yourselves a round of applause! (clap, clap, clap, whistle, whistle) You all did fantastic! And, best of all, you watched out for each other. That is what family is all about.

Speaking of family, we are getting ready to send our deployed troops a care package. We need your donations by 15 Oct so if you are interested in donating items or cash for postage, please get in touch with Pat DeWitt at 883-4874.

Fall is in full swing and do you know what that means? That's right! It is fall cleaning time! Now is a great time to clean the clutter out of your house and to donate good, useable items for the HUGE parking lot sale here on Eglin (25 Oct). Not only will it give you the satisfaction of helping out the scholarship fund, you will also be free of the stuff you have been trying to get rid of FOREVER! Check out the Ways and Means portion of this newsletter for other fundraising activities. Roger Kendall has agreed to head this committee! Thanks Roger!

In addition to fund raising, we have a lot of volunteer opportunities on the horizon, so please think about putting in a couple of hours to support our wonderful charities.

So, again, we close the books on the old year and open the newest chapter in the FM lives. Happy New Year everybody!

- Lisa Gamon, ASMC President

MINUTES: Executive Council

The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are 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.



Upcoming Events



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OCTOBER LUNCHEON

When: 22 October 2014, 1130

Where: Luke's Place – Jim N Nicks

Who: Ms. Maria White, Mat'l Leader, Aerial Targets Branch

What: Expiring Year Funds/Importance of Obs & Exp

Link: <a href="https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registratio

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For details, please contact Robert Turpin <u>robert.turpin.1.ctr@us.af.mil</u> or 882-4331 or Deb Privette <u>deborah.privette@us.af.mil</u> or 883-5376



Upcoming Events



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WAYS AND MEANS - FUNDRAISING

When: 6 Oct – 6 Nov 2014

What: 30-day fundraiser with Restaurant.com!

Refer to page 9 of this newsletter for all the details.

When: 25 Oct 2014

What: Eglin Parking Lot Sale

Where: Eglin AFB

POC: Please contact Roger Kendall

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

When: 9 December 2014, 1130

Where: Luke's Place

What: Menu and Entertainment TBD



Education



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The Education Committee will be soliciting chapter members, college students and high school seniors for 2014-2015 scholarship awards in the upcoming months. Chapter member's scholarships are limited to college students in academic disciplines relating to financial management who are seeking either an undergraduate degree or a postgraduate degree.

An official transcript must be submitted with the application. Non-chapter member scholarships are limited to high school seniors and college students in academic disciplines relating to financial/resource management (such as business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, or finance) who are seeking an undergraduate degree. College students must have at least 2 years (60 semester hours) of college, or will have 60 hours completed by the end of their spring 2015 semester. An official transcript must be submitted (for college students only).

Applicants will be required to submit applications via mail or email NLT May 1, 2015. Visit the chapter Education page at http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html for more details.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 10).

Chair: Lindsey Stephan, 883-1609, lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil



CDFM



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In the published Sep 2014 newsletter the chapter provided information on core competences required to achieve proficiency for CDFM Module 1, Resource Management Environment, to include (1) Government Resource Management Environment (30%), (2) Manpower Management (20%), (3) Personnel Management (15%), (4) Management Responsibility for Internal Control (15%) and (5) Fiscal Law (20%). Take a few minutes to review the sample questions below. You may be surprised by how many you answer correctly based upon your day-to-day knowledge working within the DoD and USAF.

Module 1 Sample Study Questions

- 1. What occurs when Congress is not in session and the President does not sign a bill in 10 days?
- 2. Approximately what percent of total Federal spending is discretionary spending?
- 3. What type of legislation provides an agency with budget authority?
- 4. What agency issues apportionments?
- 5. In the Federal budget process, which organizations actually prepare budget estimates?
- 6. What is the largest single source of Federal government tax revenues?
- 7. What financial control document is issued by the Treasury Department following signature of the Appropriations Act?
- 8. After the appropriation is signed into law, DoD requests what from OMB?
- 9. What gives a Federal agency the legal authority to operate a program?
- 10. What term is used to refer to the totality of units in a DoD component?

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CDFM



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- 11. What types of activities are excluded from competition under OMB Circular A-76?
- 12. What term is used to describe a civilian position that could be transferred to a crisis area?
- 13. How frequently must Federal agencies compile lists of activities that are not inherently governmental?
- 14. A disabled veteran with a service-connected disability of 30% or more must be given what type of notice of a proposed pass-over?
- 15. "Two beds are better than one" is an example of which type of conflict resolution approach?
- 16. "Leave well enough alone" is an example of which type of conflict resolution approach?
- 17. The purposes of the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1992 are to prevent waste or misuse of agency funds or property and to assure the accountability of what?
- 18. How many standards are there in the GAO Standards of Internal Control?
- 19. When a DoD component head provides a Statement of Assurance that the component's controls are in place and achieving their intended objectives, is this a statement of absolute or reasonable assurance?
- 20. What kind of weakness significantly impairs the fulfillment of a DoD component's mission?
- *** Module 1 Sample Study Question Answers will be posted in November's Newsletter

To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/ and search by chapter.

We currently have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available. We are also expecting an Enhanced Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) course summer 2015.

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Community Service



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With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and your community. Perhaps the first and biggest benefit you get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into our lives, and making a difference in our community and country. The intangible benefits alone—such as pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment—are worthwhile reasons many of us volunteer. The right match can help you find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career. Volunteering can also help protect your mental and physical health. So I implore you to find a cause and volunteer. Because not only will you be helping others, you will be helping yourself as well.

Source: World Volunteer Web

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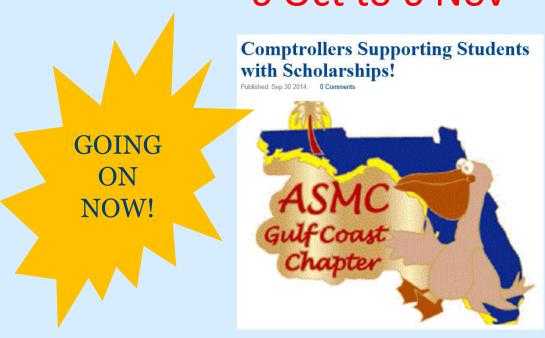


Fundraiser Info



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30-Day Online Fundraiser with Restaurant.com 6 Oct to 6 Nov



POC: Amy Tolar 883-2745

Buy a \$50 Restaurant.com eGift Card for \$20 and Restaurant.com Click "Buy Now" to enter the checkout process and provide your payment details. Once complete, the eGift Card will be emailed to you instantly - simply visit restaurant.com to redeem your choice of restaurant-specific certificates.

https://fundraiser.restaurant.com/campaigns/16475-comptrollerssupporting-students-with-scholarships



Websites





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.

ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: http://www.asmconline.org/
Gulf Coast Chapter website is: http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-7595) or David Locht (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2015 will be held in New Orleans, LA.

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 2011-2014 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on <u>www.asmconline.org</u> to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



200K Federal Contractors Are About to Get a Pay Raise

by Eric Katz, Oct 7, 2014, govexec.com





The Labor Department on Tuesday issued final rules for raising the minimum wage for employees of federal contractors, setting the stage for all such workers on new contracts to earn at least \$10.10 per hour starting Jan. 1.

The regulation follows an executive order issued by President Obama in February and will benefit around 200,000 employees, according to Labor. The minimum wage will apply to most construction, service, concession and federal property contracts signed on or after Jan. 1, 2015. Labor said it received comments from more than 6,500 labor organizations, contractors, associations, advocates, agencies, small businesses, workers and other stakeholders advising the agency on its final rule.

Obama has been lobbying heavily in recent months for Congress to raise the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour for all American workers, but Republicans have so far stymied that effort. The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25, and the president does not have unilateral authority to change it.

Still, Labor called the limited order an "important milestone."

The executive order will apply to all employees covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Service Contract Act and the Davis-Bacon Act. Both those who work directly on a contract as well as those who complete "other duties necessary to the performance of the contract" will earn at least \$10.10 per hour.

Workers who spend less than 20 percent of their time on the contract in a given work week are excluded from the new minimum wage, the rule said. Students,

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apprentices and employees paid with grants are also exempt from the order. Those who work more than 20 percent are only required to receive at least \$10.10 per hour for the time they spend working on the contract.

Contracting agencies will be responsible for including the executive order in new agreements, and withholding payments to contractors who fail to abide by its requirements. Contractors must similarly apply the executive order to their subcontractors, and are responsible for notifying all their employees of the minimum wage to which they are entitled.

The final rule provides Labor's Wage and Hour Davison a mechanism for investigations and informal complaint resolutions as issues arise. It also allows for administrative hearings for complainants. Compliance with the order will require contractors to not just pay their employees appropriately, but to prohibit kickbacks and retaliation against workers who demand the new minimum wage.

Contractors must pay tipped employees at least \$4.90 per hour.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2016, the Labor secretary will determine the minimum wage for contractors, and must publish the new wage 90 days before it would take effect. The secretary can reset the wage annually.