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GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



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Hello ASMC Members!

For those who don't know me, I'm Kaci Harris representing the Chapter as the Vice President of Hurlburt. I've been working in the Financial Management career field for 7.5 years now. I began my FM career as a student trainee hired under some of the best like Mr. Stephen Herrera and Mrs. Leah Hodge. It wasn't long after I started that I was encouraged to start attending ASMC meetings and volunteer to be on a committee. Over the years I've worked publicity, programs, awards, and RPD. I knew I wanted to run for Vice President but wanted to take on more responsibility before I did that which is why I volunteered to chair the RPD committee last year. It was the first year we were given the opportunity to bring back the big training event we had in the past without having to work it through a conference approval process. With a great team of people we had a very successful event, one that is sure to be topped this year! I'm so excited to help out again but want to encourage all of you reading this that if you are currently not involved with ASMC please reach out to someone and ask how you can help! Over the last 7 years I've seen a lot of the same ASMC members volunteering for the various committees which is great for the experience and knowledge they bring to the table but it's so refreshing to have fresh faces on the team as well. Volunteering with ASMC allows you to network with other Financial Managers from both Eglin and Hurlburt. You will never know just how much these relationships will help you in the future...until they do. These FMers may be able to help you get the next job you want or may provide valuable mentoring for your career. Volunteering is so valuable and worth it! If you ever have any questions please reach out to me or one of the other ASMC members listed in this newsletter and we would be happy to answer any questions you have! Happy New Year!

Kaci Harris

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, VP-Hurlburt

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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NOV LUNCHEON

When: TBD, possible dates 16th or 17th
Where: Tradewinds
What: Col Suttlemyre, 33 OG/CC, F-35 Programmatics

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

Training Opportunity – Virtual PDI 2016

When: Nov 2, 7, 8, 9th - sign up will be on the Acq Sharepoint below
Where: Will be offered at Eglin & Hurlburt
What: Virtual PDI, up to 24 CPEs if you attend 3 day session

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

WAYS AND MEANS

Welcome to **AmazonSmile!**

Thank you for supporting Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC Armament Div Corp Acct. Remember, always start at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2139423> and Amazon will donate **0.5%** of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Upcoming Events:

- Commissary bagging – 16 Nov 16
- Chick-fil-a Sandwich fundraiser - Nov 16
- Gift Wrapping at the BX – Dec 16
- Annual ASMC Holiday Luncheon – Solicitations

POCs: SSgt Crystal Brown, 882-0865, crystal.brown.10@us.af.mil
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Membership



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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.

We are working to provide incentives to new members, as well as existing members to help recruit. More information will be forthcoming.

To register to become a new member, please either visit the ASMC website <http://www.asmconline.org/membership/join-renew/> and notify me at email below once you have registered.

There are many benefits to becoming an ASMC member, such as staying informed regarding current trends and developments; receive CLPs for attending FM-related topics; networking; discounts on enrollment and renewal for the CDFM program; and much more.

To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 7).

Chair: Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, 882-9768, ivonne.caridi-anderson@us.af.mil



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Community Service



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Fisher House:

Below are the next set of dates our ASMC chapter has committed to serve dinner at the Fisher House. A small team of volunteers (can be 3 or 4) prepares and serves a meal for the Fisher House guests. We volunteer a couple of hours, from 1700 to 1900 approximately. Maika Andrew coordinates with FH on guest count, menu or anything else that arises. This is a great way to give back to our community and can be a great team building activity.

- **24 Jan 17 - (your team)**
- **7 Feb 17 – (your team)**
- **28 Feb 17 – (your team)**
- **13 Mar 17 – (your team)**

If anyone is interested in volunteering to provide a dinner with the Fisher House, you may call Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or she may be reached by email at maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil.

Pictured below are members of the EBD FM team:
Kent Fitzgerald, Christina Frisch, George Joseph, and Maika Andrew



Pictured below are members of the EBAI FM team:
Erica Partanen, Karen Lee and her daughter Daijha Lee





Education/CDFM



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- 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.
- CDFM Reimbursement: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/cdfm.html>
(New rules and form dated 13 May 2015)
- Purchasing a CDFM Test Module:
<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/testing-resources/>
- Forgot your CDFM Candidate number:
<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/get-my-candidate-id/>
- EDFMT Course Details/Schedule:
<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course/>
*Please note that Eglin will not offer any classes this year due to low fill rates, you will have to attend at another location
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

Education POC: Lisa Gamon, lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil, 883-5336

CDFM POC: Edwina Freeman, edwina.freeman.1@us.af.mil, 883-5317



Websites



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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) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2017 - held in San Diego, CA.

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, PDI 2011- 2016 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.



Contract Consolidation Effort Saves \$2 Billion and Counting

By Charles S. Clark, October 3rd, 2016

www.govexec.com



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Two years after the Office of Federal Procurement Policy embraced the consolidation-of-contracts strategy known as category management, the White House on Friday announced that the effort to “transform the federal marketplace” has delivered \$2 billion in savings.

Chief Acquisition Officer Anne Rung, in a blog post, said the Obama administration’s effort to modernize government and incorporate private-sector best practices through bulk purchasing is “on track” to save \$3.5 billion by the end of next year. “We’ve seen prices drop by as much as 50 percent of personal computers since the release of the workstation policy,” Rung said. “By the end of 2016, 45 percent of the \$1.1 billion spent in annual purchases for desktops and laptops will be consolidated into three governmentwide contracts.”

Small business goals were exceeded, Rung said, and 700 duplicative contracts were eliminated.

More than 10,000 agency acquisition professionals, she added, are now using the General Services Administration’s online acquisition gateway portal, as planned. In addition, the administration has “graduated our first class of Digital IT acquisition specialists, agency contracting officers who are trained in agile approaches to purchasing IT,” she wrote. “And we’ve created the first-of-its-kind management structure of category leaders focused exclusively on promoting agile and other inventive practices to buying across government.”

Sometime this week, according to Friday’s announcement, Rung’s office will release a draft Category Management Circular for comment that will “further institutionalize category management” so the federal government can “buy as one” beyond the Obama years.

The new government structure to implement category management and improve procurement transparency includes 10 specialized category managers and 350 support staff.

“We hosted the first-ever governmentwide buying events to help agencies aggregate their demand and reduce unit prices and administrative costs,” Rung wrote. “Through the laptops and desktop policy, GSA awarded three small businesses multi-agency Blanket Purchase Agreements, resulting in an average savings of 15.6 percent, with additional savings possible at the agency level. Further, we’re on track to meet or exceed our goals to reduce the number of contracts for laptops and desktops by 20 percent.”

The Obama team is also excited about using innovation and new efficiencies from consolidating contracts to pursue its social justice agenda. “Specifically, by leveraging the federal government’s supply chain,” Rung wrote, agencies have implemented measures to protect LGBT rights, ensure fair pay and safe workplaces, establish a minimum wage, and prevent human trafficking, while also taking “steps to drive sustainable purchasing and strengthen environmental stewardship requirements in government acquisitions.”



Info from Becker Professional Education



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Becker is adding new courses constantly and many of them apply to the Government. They have both Yellow book and Green Book courses as well as soft skills that everyone needs. Below is information on CPA and CPE courses:

Becker's CPA and CPE courses are aligned to fulfill DoD FM Certification competencies.



Becker Professional Education is proud to announce that select Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses offered by Becker are now aligned with the Department of Defense (DoD) Financial Management (FM) certification program.

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