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Angela Mobley

President's Corner

Written by Angela Mobley, Hurlburt Vice President

Fellow ASMC members,

Happy New Year!!! Another year is finally in the books and now we can reflect on those lessons learned and see where we can make improvements going forward. Learning from each other and improving our process is how we continue to make this the best ASMC chapter. We have the distinct advantage of two Air Force bases within arm's reach of each other. This gives us the unique ability to collaborate on issues. We are all in the same boat and sometimes we need to throw a life raft to our fellow FMer. I've phoned a friend several times.

I started my AF career working at Eglin in 2014. I had the pleasure of working with some great people at 96 CPTS! They taught me the foundation of accounting that I was able to bring over to 1 SOCPTS in 2017. Working in DEAMS was definitely an experience. Learning a new system and a different mission took a little time to get used to but now I wouldn't change it for anything. I threw myself into DEAMS and it felt like the Wild West most days but then one day it clicked. I stopped trying to just "approve" everything and finally started to understand what I was looking at.

Learning DEAMS has given me the ability to advance into a position that I never dreamed of. I'm currently working in FMFA at AFSOC HQ with some very knowledgeable people. I only hope one day to know as much as they do and pass on to the new generation of FMers.

Just a little advice on navigating through DEAMS...the Answer Bank is your friend. It has come a long way and is interactive to customize what you are looking at. As much as we don't want to hear it...DEAMS is our future.

I look forward to serving as the Hurlburt Vice President of our Gulf Coast Chapter. I'm excited to see what the future holds for our Chapter and hope we can continue to share and grow. Until next time...

Awards Committee

Please welcome our new awards committee co-chairs – Kent Fitzgerald and Sandra Berkley!

Please begin thinking about our hard working Eglin and Hurlburt teammates you would like to recognize.

The ASMC awards nominations are due 9 December 2021. The award categories include: Accounting and Finance, Auditing, Budgeting, Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller, Intern/Trainee, Contractor Support, Resource Management, Acquisition/Cost Analysis, Team Achievement (Small: 2-10, Large: 11-20 members).

The 2021 nomination form will be uploaded to the Gulf Coast chapter page in the coming weeks at <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/Awards.html>.

Announcements

The next professional development event will be 28 October with Mr Bill Rone, former AFSOC/FM. Page 7

Look for unclaimed money!! Check out page 8!



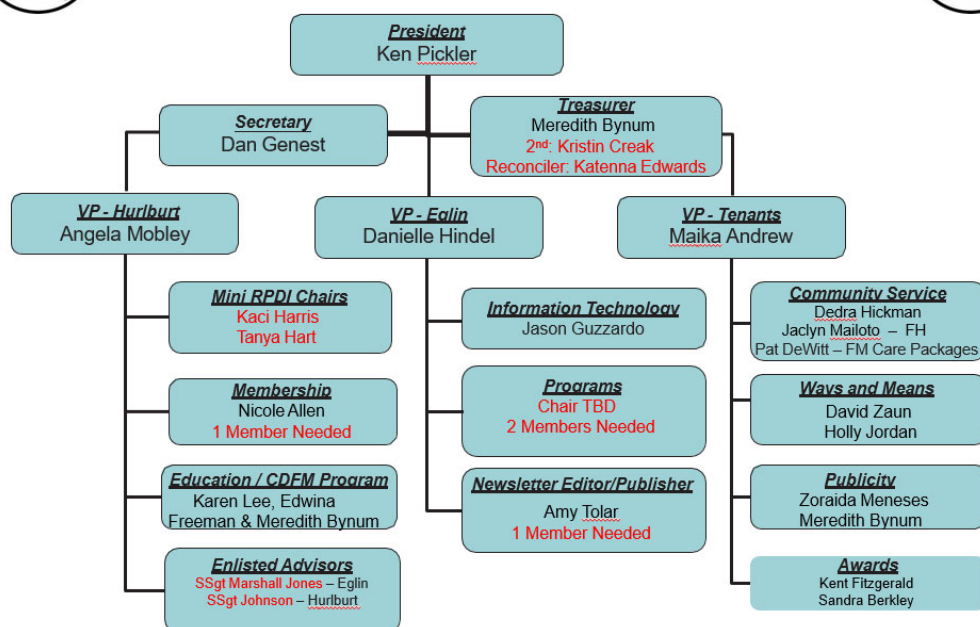
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New to the Eglin AFB FM team? Visit the below link to enroll to be an ASMC member. Select Gulf Coast Chapter or log into your account to transfer to our chapter. Contact Nicole Allen, membership chair, for more information or to be added to the ASMC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



2021-2022 Gulf Coast Chapter



As of July 2021

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.

Membership Spotlight

Daniel Genest

Where do you work? AFLCMC/EB

What do you do? Budgeting/accounting



What are your hobbies/sports team/activities? Enjoy playing/watching sports. I'm a lifelong SF 49ers fan and intend to see them play in every NFL stadium. I couldn't attend a game last year because of COVID so I'm going to two this year. Some of you might remember Rob Irvine from this pic (he's the goofy guy in the ugly orange shirt).

Why is ASMC important to you? Friendships. I came back to Eglin after I retired because of the connections I made while I was here on active duty. A few of those friends bullied a young Capt Genest into becoming the chapter president and I'm still thankful for that experience and opportunity.

What's your favorite FM tip for someone? A good buddy of mine (who will remain nameless because he's still an active duty FMer) once told me that you can save yourself a lot of work if you just learn to procrastinate. I find it hilarious because while it sounds like bad advice, it's funny because it's true. We've all had those taskers that either go away entirely or change directions multiple times and need to be re-accomplished. Rather than get frustrated, every time that has happened to me over the last 17 years, I think of him and laugh.

What is your favorite thing about working at Eglin? The people, without question. And I want to change the question to my favorite thing about working in the Gulf Coast area because I also loved my time at Hurlburt and I miss being a daily part of the AFSOC family. At the end of the day, the mission will get done because we're all professionals and will make it happen. But the older you get, the more you realize it's the relationships that truly matter.

What is something you learned (life hack) that has always stuck with you that you could share? I've learned through experience that when you start getting upset/emotional about something, whether at work or at home, shut your mouth (or back away from your keyboard) and walk away. Take time to yourself to digest the issue, consider it from both sides, determine its relevance in the big picture, etc. Then readdress the issue at a later time and place. Words said in the heat of the moment are rarely helpful or effective (even if they're true).

**Congratulations
AFRL/FM team
members for your
nomination and
for the awards
you received in
FY2021!**



Promotions:

Mary Powell,
AFRL/RWFA, to GS-12

Retirements:

Darrell Reining,
AFRL/RWF



Awards & Recognition

George Joseph, AFRL/RWFA – AFRL/RW Civilian
Category III of the Quarter

Dane Manfredi, AFRL/RWFP – AFRL/RW Civilian
Category II of the Quarter

Jonathan Pinto, AFRL/RWFA – Special Act & Service
Award for Special Recognition

Lori Dolce, AFRL/RWFB – Special Act & Service
Award for Special Recognition

Holly Jordan, AFRL/RWFA – Special Act & Service
Award for Special Recognition

Christina Frisch, AFRL/RWFA – Time Off Award for
participating on AFRL Team Hire Project

Diane Priddle, AFRL/RWFA – Time Off Award for
providing outstanding Civilian Pay support to RW
team members

Vanessa Davis, AFRL/RWC – Time Off Award for
outstanding support to RWC during Close Out

RWF Panning Branch, AFRL/RWFP –
AFRL/FM Team of the Quarter

-- Team Members: John Johnson,
Branch Chief; Dane Manfredi, Ashley
Frisch, Ashley Davis, Vanessa Davis,
Kelly Susko, Broderick Darnell

Awards & Recognition

Congratulations to the AFLCMC/EB nominees and award-winners for the FY2021 AFLCMC Annual FM Awards.

Following are the nominations/categories, with winners denoted by an “*”. Also, two of our winners, Ms. Meredith Bynum and Mr. Clay Jaggi were selected by AFLCMC to compete at the AFMC Annual FM Awards.

Mr. Jason Stafford, AFLCMC/EBA – Senior Cost ACAT I/II

Mr. Travis Lang, AFLCMC/EBA – Mid-Level Cost ACAT I/II

Mr. Gardner Munn, AFLCMC/EBJ – Junior Cost ACAT I/II

Mr. Matthew Hendrickson, AFLCMC/EBD – Senior Cost ACAT III

*Ms. Pamela Summers, AFLCMC/EBD – Junior Cost ACAT III

*Ms. Meredith Bynum, AFLCMC/EBA – Senior Financial Manager ACAT I/II

Ms. Jeananne Creager , AFLCMC/EBJ – Mid-Level Financial Manager ACAT I/II

Mr. Michael Day, AFLCMC/EBH – Senior Financial Manager ACAT III

*Ms. Lorinda Rivero, AFLCMC/EBD – Mid-level Financial Manager ACAT III

*Mr. Malcolm Macey, AFLCMC/EBD – Junior Financial Manager ACAT III

*Mr. Clay Jaggi, AFLCMC/EBH – Senior Product Support Analyst

Mr. Scott Kunzler, AFLCMC/EBH – Mid-level Product Support Analyst

Mr. Mark Landers, AFLCMC/EBD – William H. Kugel Trainee of the Year

1st Lt Allastar Smith, AFLCMC/EBZ – CGO of the Year

JATM Joint Estimating Team, AFLCMC/EBA – Technical Excellence Team

Promotions:

Ms. Rose Gyampo, AFLCMC/EBJ to NH-03

Mr. Derek Pike, AFLCMC/EBZ to NH-03



Awards & Recognition

AFNWC Awards:

Mr. Martin Entrichel, AFNWC/NDBC,
Graduated from Basic Financial
Management Course with a Certificate
of Academic Excellence

AFNWC Promotions:

Mr. Brian Henry, AFNWC/NDBD, to NH-04
Ms. Melody Coon, AFNWC/NDBD, to GS-12
Mr. Martin Entrichel, AFNWC/NDBC to GS-11



96th Test Wing Promotions:

Ms. Marcella Johnston, AFMC 96 TW/FMA to GS-12

GovExec Daily: *The Post-COVID Civil Service*

By Adam Butler and Ross Gianfortune

10/5/2021



The novel coronavirus crisis has brought to light many systemic problems in American governance and the civil service. Like other major disasters, the pandemic presents an opportunity to reshape the future of work in the federal service.

Dr. Donald F. Kettl is professor emeritus at the University of Maryland and former dean of its School of Public Policy. He is the author of many books, including *Escaping Jurassic Government: How to Recover America's Lost Commitment to Competence*, *The Politics of the Administrative Process*, *System Under Stress* and *The Next Government of the United States*. His latest piece on our site is headlined “The Failure of Government's Post-COVID Imagination” He joined the show to talk about the post-pandemic civil service and potential for reform.

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Source: <https://www.govexec.com/workforce/2021/10/govexec-daily-post-covid-civil-service/185840/>



October Professional Development Event



Building Successful FM Teams

**Mr William S. Rone (SES, USAF Retired)
Former AFSOC/FM Director**

**28 October 2021; 1130 Hrs
96 CEG Pavilion, Eglin AFB
Intersection of Cypress & Jackson Roads
(Enter 501 DeLeon St in Maps Apps; look for covered pavilion)**

Oktoberfest brats-style cookout planned if COVID ROEs permit!
(Camp chairs encouraged to ensure compliance with applicable social distancing rules)

Register via Outlook calendar invite from ASMC Gulf Coast chapter mailbox

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

Do you know of a Fmer that will be deploying? Please reach out to Patrick Dewitt to ensure they get an ASMC Care Package. Please reach out to him if you would like to add something to the donation box. Your support is appreciated!

Treasure Hunts are Real!

by Amy Tolar

Did you know that YOUR unclaimed money or property can be held by the U.S. Treasury? Well, yes, and this is why it is time to go on a real life Treasure Hunt to find those unclaimed deposits, stocks, uncashed dividends, or refunds rightfully owed to you!

No way was she in that database, Joy Spillers laughed all the way to the bank when she found from an insurance premium that was returned before joining the Air Force. Yep, she was in the database. Larry Grisham collected \$1,100 dollars from a 1987 claim. Michelle Madrid found \$258 from her deceased father and after providing her birth certificate and his death certificate to the state she was able to claim it. Crystal Velez-Greenhill left Eglin Air Force Base on orders, but later found funds owed to her in Florida from an auto dealership. Is this actually for real? Yes, I know these people personally and they were able to make claims and received the funds!

Military, contractors, and civil service members move around quite often due to promotions, reassignments, Permanent Change of Station (PCS), layoffs, new job opportunities, family reasons or retirement. For example, commanders might have to move every two years and the average military member might have to move every three or four years for stateside. As these moves take place, families, more often than not, may forget about that small deposit or refund that was owed to them prior to a transfer of duty location. With that said, does that make you wonder if you have money out there from a utility deposit, a refund, or had a check that you never deposited?

Wonder no more! There are several databases that you can start searching to identify owed deposits or refunds that are in your name, ready for the taking! One database you can use is the missingmoney.com websites. If you identify unclaimed funds owed to you while searching these databases, go to the unclaimed.org website and locate the U.S. Treasurer of that state the funds are in. Once at the U.S. Treasurer's website, you can look to claim your owed funds online or by mail depending on that state's requirements. For example, in Florida, go to fltreasurehunt.org to claim YOUR money.

Be careful when doing your research where that source is looking to attempt to charge you to claim your money or go into a false website. Likewise, don't pay to register to look for unclaimed funds. There are legal agencies like Law Offices that are valid, however, they will charge you a fee. For Example, I received a letter stating I had \$99 available and for a \$10 fee the company will file the paperwork. Yes, that is legal, and a valid source! But why pay someone money when I can file the claim with no fee! My recommendation is to claim it free from a trusted place or official U.S. Treasurer website.

Individuals or businesses, according to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA), there's about \$49 billion of funds in the United States waiting for its rightful owners to claim them. Even American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) chapters have unclaimed funds out there. Check it out today to see what is out there waiting! Happy treasure hunting!

Sources: missingmoney.com and unclaimed.org

National News

Government Executive

TSP Portfolios Fall for First Time Since January

By Erich Wagner

October 1, 2021

Nearly every portfolio in the federal government's 401(k)-style retirement savings program lost value in September, ending an eight-month streak of continued growth.

The Thrift Savings Plan's government securities (G) fund was the only fund to finish last month in the black, gaining 0.11%. So far this year, the G Fund has increased 0.99%.

The fixed income bonds in the F Fund lost 0.86% last month, bringing its 2021 performance down to 1.4% in the red. The international stocks in the I Fund fell 2.81%, reducing its gains this year to 8.56%.

The small- and mid-size businesses in the S Fund lost 4% in September. So far this year, the S Fund has grown 11.66%. The common stocks of the C Fund saw the worst performance of the five main portfolios, falling 4.65% last month. But that fund continues to boast the best performance this year, at 15.9%.

Each of the TSP's lifecycle (L) funds, which shift toward more stable investments as participants get closer to retirement, ended September in the red. The L Income Fund lost 0.87%; L 2025 was down 1.78%; L 2030 decreased 2.37%; L 2035 was 2.61% in the red; L 2040 decreased 2.85%; L 2045 fell 3.05%; L 2050 was down 3.25%; L 2055 decreased 3.87%; L 2060 fell 3.87%; and L 2065 dropped 3.87%.

So far in 2021, the L Income Fund has gained 3.52%; L 2025, 6.4%; L 2030, 7.92%; L 2035, 8.58%; L 2040, 9.26%; L 2045, 9.83%; L 2050, 10.41%; L 2055, 12.65%; L 2060, 12.65%; and L 2065, 12.65%.

Source: <https://www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/2021/10/tsp-portfolios-fall-first-time-january/185795/>

Have you ever thought about writing an article for our newsletter? We would like to hear from you! Please contact Amy Tolar, if you would like more information!