



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Chapter members - September is the best month of the year for an FMer! I hope your close-out activities go smoothly as we all work together to close out a challenging year from many perspectives and all appropriations! The years are only going to get more interesting as we enter into even rougher financial waters across the federal government. FMers are the backbone - the decision support - of all programs and leaders so thanks for all your hard work daily and here's hoping your new fiscal year is a successful one!

We are a month into the new ASMC year and your committees are busy! This newsletter contains an interesting and heartwarming story of one member and a new community partner going the extra mile to get great packages to our deployed troops. Ways and Means has run one pizza sale and is working a whole host of other smaller fund-raisers. Watch for all the notices regarding these events - if you are new to the FM community here, or have been here awhile and lost touch with some other FMers or are realizing you just don't recognize many of the names you see on the distribution list, use these opportunities to network! You help yourself while helping the chapter and our charity or service focus! The new year's first meeting was great - Col Allen Blume, AFGSC/FM, was our

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President's Column - Continued

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speaker for the August luncheon. Other activities on-going are RPDS planning; plans for a September luncheon; and more fund raising -- all of these make for an aggressive start to our chapter year. Your elected officers and Executive Council want you to be involved - let us know what you need!

Leah Hodge

Programs – Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris, Jenna Colon

Mark your calendar: September Luncheon Information:

The next ASMC luncheon will be held on 14 Sep 2011 from 12:00- 13:30 at the Eglin Club (Sand Dollar Room).

The menu will be "Buffet" \$7 Club Member/\$9 Non-Member.

Mr. Wendell Griffith, Professor of Social Science at NWFSC, will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking on "FM and the Law of the Land".

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=274799&TypeName=Class>

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ASMC Programs Committee

The Vice-President column...

This month's VP column is from Rebecca Ostrander, Hurlburt VP.

It's hard to believe the kids are back in school, close-out is here and Fall (even though it's still blazing hot) is fast approaching! We're almost two months into the new ASMC year and all the committees have hit the ground running! I don't want to steal anyone's thunder so the following is just a brief synopsis of a few of the past month's activities and efforts.

The Community Service Committee is FULL of energy and ideas. They have found a new community partner to donate goods for deployment packages and new charities to consider donating time and/or money to. Speaking of volunteering – if you didn't volunteer for an ASMC committee, please consider volunteering for one of the many organizations ASMC is committed to support such as Brilliant Minds or our newest charity, Pyramid Inc.

Also, it has been said many times, but please remember the chapter sends chapter-funded care packages to ALL deployed FM'ers from the Gulf Coast area, whether they are ASMC members or not. Please send the individual's deployed address, dates of the deployment and a list of items the member would like to receive to Mr. Pat DeWitt.

Programs Committee is aiming to have at least three luncheons in the Hurlburt Field area this year – 15 November at Hurlburt Soundside Club will be the first...details are being finalized so stay tuned for more information.

I'll end here by wishing everyone a "Happy Close-out." Please continue reading for more information regarding all of the activities that are taking place within the Gulf Coast Chapter.

CDFM

CORRECTION from August newsletter: Congratulations to our Newest CDFM Mr Harold Banks 780 TS (Eglin AFB).

We had a very successful EDFMT Module 4 course at Eglin in Aug 11. The following chapter members were awarded CDFM-A as a result:

Myra Becker	Troy Brown	Dawn Demars
Dennie Douglas	Jeanette Duncan	Vanessa Fuentes
Dorothy Goring-Briley	Angela Godwin	Dedra Hickman
Sylvia Hooker	Bill Lannaman	Virginia Rampley
Linda Tipton	Kent Watson	

The five day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course will be offered at Eglin AFB 12-16 December 2011. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If you are interested in attending this course please register using the EDFMT Registration (available o/a 6 Sep 11) link below. There are 30 seats available for USAF personnel and shared between Eglin and Hurlburt Field. Attendees will be expected to complete CDFM certification within a reasonable timeframe after course completion.

Begin Date: 12 December 2011 End Date: 16 December 2011

Location: Bldg 439 9 SOS Auditorium, Eglin AFB, FL

Time: 0800-1630 Hrs EDFMT Registration (Open o/a 6 Sep 11)

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>

Module 1 <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-management-environment/>

Module 2 <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cost-analysis/>

Module 3 <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting-finance/>

If you have any questions contact Ron Millis at 885-1896 or Lisa Gamon 875-3465

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.

Community Service

A very special thanks goes out to the owner of Crestview Dollar General Store, Mr. James Collett, for continuing to supply items for the deployable care packages. We have recently received another five boxes of snacks and toiletries to send to our troops. We have sent a total of 15 care packages supporting our FM, Security Forces, and PK war fighters!

UP-COMING EVENTS:

EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER: Will be participating in the Destin Seafood Festival this year, and we could use your help. This year a new group of people are in charge of the Festival, so the location is new, and there is NO CHARGE!! It will stretch 1/2 a mile from Harborwalk Village to the Boathouse Oyster Bar along the Destin Harbor (lower level). The dates will return to the first weekend in October (September 30th-October 2nd), coinciding with the opening weekend of the Destin Fishing Rodeo. Volunteer duties will be selling tokens and tickets. POC: Brianna.Hoppel@eglin.af.mil

FISHER HOUSE: There will be three events supporting Fisher House for the month of September. The Golf Gala at Bayview Club on the 23rd, the Golf Tourney at Kelly Plantation on the 25th, and the Destin Seafood Festival on the 30th. Refer to the emails from Publicity for more information. POC: Nicole.smith@eglin.af.mil

ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, cookies ect.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray ect) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC: Patrick.Dewitt@eglin.af.mil

HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE: Continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil

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Community Service

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PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Pyramid – provides daily living skills to nearly 100 Emerald Coast adults with disabilities through art programs
2. Habitat for Humanity - creating affordable housing opportunities
3. Relay for Life - fight against cancer
4. Fisher House - providing home away from home that enables family members to be close to a love one during stressful times
5. Blankets of Hope - handmade blankets supporting wounded soldiers/vets
6. Shelter House - survivors of domestic violence
7. Opportunity Inc - helping the homeless
8. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
9. Give a Child a Christmas
10. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy

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

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Nicole Smith, Nicole.smith@eglin.af.mil, 882-2001

Newsletter Prize – can you find it?

Your newsletter is starting a new feature for ASMC members only.

Once a quarter, the newsletter will have a hidden feature. There will be a clue in a column (like this) titled “Newsletter Prize.” The information needed to respond to the clue is in the newsletter itself. It may not be easy to find, though!

The first person to contact Sharon Winnicki with the answer wins the prize, to be awarded at the next luncheon. Email your response with all the answers included and subject = Newsletter Prize.

This quarter’s clue is: Name 5 ways you can help Gulf Coast Chapter, ASMC, earn money (fundraising). The answers must be found in this newsletter.

ASMC Newsletter Staff

Enlisted Matters

ASMC, why join?

Let's start at what ASMC is. ASMC is a non-profit educational and professional organization for persons, military and civilian, involved in the overall field of military comptrollership. ASMC promotes the education and training of its members, and supports the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership. ASMC also sponsors research, provides professional programs to keep members abreast of current issues, and encourages the exchange of techniques and approaches.

What are the benefits of becoming a member? Various scholarships, national awards programs, and volunteer opportunities are available for members and their families. Additional membership benefits also exist with GEICO, University of Phoenix Online, and Pentagon Federal Credit Union to name a few. The Gulf Coast Chapter is a staunch supporter of first time members in the grades of E-1 –E-4 & GS-1–GS-7, offering reimbursement of half the \$26.00 annual membership fee the first year, making the actual cost at a little over \$1.00 a month for the first year.

Members can also pursue the prestigious honor of becoming a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM). The Gulf Coast Chapter offers reimbursement of full CDFM certification fees to the first five members in the grades of E-1 –E-4 & GS-1 –GS-7.

Lastly, networking capabilities are prevalent, as members continue to grow professionally and expand their knowledge base with their fellow comptrollers. I have found significant value in being an ASMC member both personally and professionally through maintaining communication with personnel I have met throughout my 20-year career from previous assignments and deployments. I have found being a member offers me a great resource to tap into when I face issues and need different perspectives to solve those issues in the workplace. The more people you know in our profession, the more information and knowledge you have at your elbow! I encourage you to take some time and familiarize yourself with the National and Gulf coast websites, and then ask yourself, "Why haven't I joined?"

National website: <http://www.asmconline.org/>

Gulf Coast Chapter website: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

MSgt Julio Nimbley
Enlisted Advisor

Relay For Life – May 2012

Next year's Niceville/Valparaiso Relay for Life will take place May 4th and 5th at Niceville High School. Last year's event raised over \$170K for cancer research, with our Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC team earning nearly \$3K of that amount! Preparations are already underway to make it another great event.

There will be a kick-off celebration at the Compass Rose restaurant on Tuesday, 4 October, at 6:00, and team members are invited. Compass Rose is at 303 Glen Ave, Valparaiso. *(Depart Eglin east gate, cross the Toms Bayou bridge, and it's on the left)*

Our ASMC team meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 12 October, at 1300, in Building 260 Room 116, to begin planning our participation. *(Building is at 308 W. D Avenue behind the Base Library.)*

The theme last year was sports and we chose to feature surfing in our team tent as can be seen in this team picture (below). We also sold lumpia and chances to win a creative beach bag filled with goodies. If you'd like to join our team and be part of the fun, please contact Maika Andrew at maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil or 882-2001. We will need as much energy and enthusiasm as we had last year in order to better our contribution!



Guest Article: Gulf Coast Chapter ASMC joins forces with Dollar General

According to the Department of Defense, as of December 2010 there were 369,000 troops deployed to various locations around the globe – 149,300 in combat zones. With the sacrifices these individuals make on a daily basis in mind, Ms. Nicole Smith of the 96 Comptroller Squadron at Eglin AFB wants to give as much support as she can to the individuals in her own unit, in addition to all of those individuals who wear the uniform and selflessly serve our country.

Ms. Smith is an accounting technician at the 96 CPTS and an active member of the Gulf Coast Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). Armed with a passion for helping those in her community, she serves as co-chair of the community service committee for Gulf Coast ASMC, which serves many local community organizations, including Fisher House, the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, and Habitat for Humanity. Within the last year, Ms. Smith has personally logged over 80 hours of community service.

In an effort to raise morale and provide products to deployed troops who might not have access to them, the 96 CPTS as well as the Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter routinely send care packages to individuals and units serving in various remote locations around the world. While shopping at the Dollar General Store in Crestview, Florida, for care package items, Ms. Smith was approached by store manager, James Collette, who wanted to make sure she was finding all of the products she needed. She explained to Mr. Collette the reason for her shopping trip.

After hearing Ms. Smith's intention of buying discounted products to be included in care packages for deployed troops, Mr. Collette told her she was just the person he's been looking for. He then led her to the store's stock room where he showed her five large boxes of products – snacks, games, and toiletry items. He told her he's been collecting items to be sent to U.S. deployed personnel, but had no address or a specific unit to send them to. With the help of his cashier, Wallace Whimbley, they loaded the boxes into Ms. Smith's vehicle and with that, a partnership between the Gulf Coast ASMC and the Dollar General Store #12055 was born.

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At left, Dollar General cashier Wallace Whimbley, Dollar General Manager James Collette, and Gulf Coast ASMC Community Service Committee co-chair Nicole Smith are busy planning ways to support local troops who are deployed around the world.

Gulf Coast Chapter ASMC joins forces with Dollar General

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Being from a military family, Mr. Collette had aspirations of joining the military but, unable to make his dreams a reality, he has made it his mission to support U.S. troops in any way he can. He says, "My store and I really enjoy what we do, with the help of our great community, we are able to do our part in supporting our men and woman that serve this great nation." Solidifying Dollar General Store's (#12055) dedication to the support of our troops, Mr. Collette has offered to fill specific product requests for deployed members. Taking his store's dedication a step further, he ensures particular items needed by our troops are located near the cash register and Mr. Whimbly gives every customer an opportunity to donate an item to our deployed military. Mr Collette has committed to support other ongoing Gulf Coast ASMC charities as well.

The chance meeting between Mr. Collette and Ms. Smith has resulted in an alliance between two organizations both dedicated to helping others. As a result of this partnership of dedication and commitment the Gulf Coast community will profit as a whole.

Written by
Andrea Archer, 96 CPTS/FMAS



At left, Dollar General Manager James Collette shows off items donated for deployed troops by the Crestview Dollar General Store #12055 for distribution by the Gulf Coast ASMC Community Service Committee.



At right, Gulf Coast ASMC Community Service Committee co-chair Nicole Smith sorts through various food and toiletry items generously furnished by the Crestview Dollar General Store #12055.

Membership

Chair, Kent Fitzgerald

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 persons who do not 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 me, 883-3809.

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle

Future Events

Penny Pull (ASMC Luncheon on 14 Sep 11)

Car Wash (Oct - TBD)

Belk Charity Sale (TBD)

Base Exchange Christmas Wrapping (Dec - TBD)

Pizza Sales (TBD)

Donut Sales (TBD)

The committee is looking for volunteers to help with our future fundraising events. If you're interested in washing some cars or manning a booth, and having some fun while you're doing it please let us know!

If you're interested please contact jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil at 883-4787 or cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil at 883-0371.

Your ideas are always welcome!

Education

Understanding and using Learning Points. The Differences between CPE, CEU and CLU are:

Continuing Professional Education Unit: (CPE) - Professional Organization such as ASMC uses CPE's.

- One CPE equals 50 "contact" minutes of instructions in a subject directly related to the technical field certified. Example: RPDS equals 6 CPEs and the ASMC Professional Development Event Luncheon is equal to 1 CPE

Continuing Education Units: (CEU) - handled by non-DoD organizations, the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) defines a CEU, Defense Acquisition University (DAU) uses CEUs

- One CEU (or 10 contract hours (60 minute hours) of participation in an organized continuing education experience of instructions.
- One CEU equals 12 CPE

Continuous Learning Unit/ Points: (CLP/CLU) awarded for successful completion of Continuous Learning activities, DoD Defense Acquisition Workforce uses CLP's

- 10 CLPs equal one CEU
- 60 contact minutes of instruction equals 1 CLU
- One CLU equals 1.2 CPE

Sandra Telemacque

Tips for writing a newsletter article

Oh no! You've been asked to write a newsletter article! What do you do? Many people fear public speaking, but I've found many are unsure how to write a brief newsletter article.

The best advice: what do you have to tell everyone? Answer the W questions: who, what, when, where, why?

Read other articles that were particularly informative and easy to read – emulate others' examples.

And you can always ask others to give you tips, including your newsletter staff.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

14 Sep: "FM and the Law of the Land," Prof Wendell Griffith (NWFSC), Eglin Club 12 PM, Sand Dollar Lounge

Please contact our Program Chairs Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris, or Jenna Colon 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

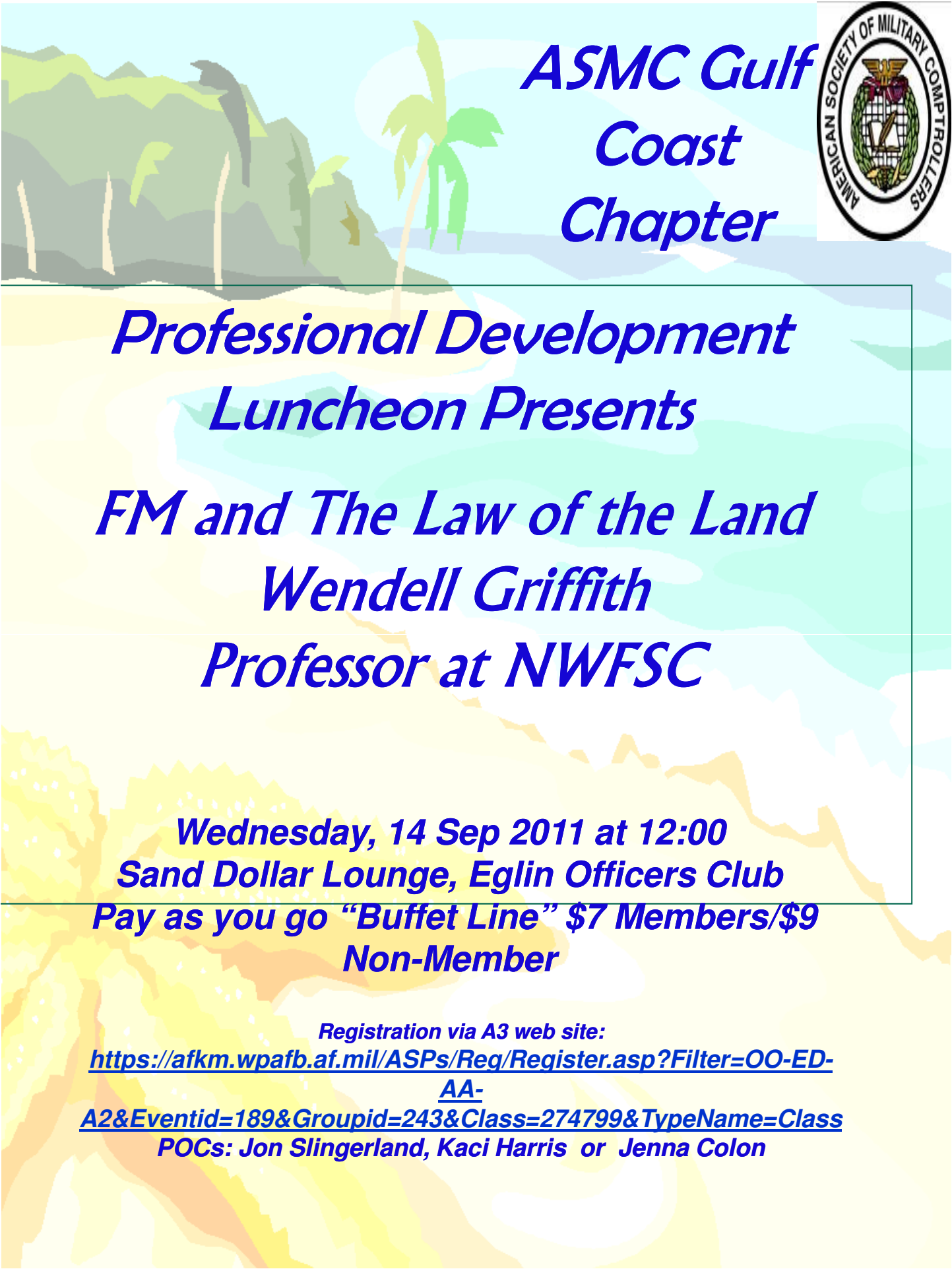
For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from the 2009 or 2010 PDI. You can access selected sessions online at <http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/online-education/extended-learning/>

Minneapolis hosted the national PDI this year. ASMC online will soon post 2011 sessions - check the national website for more information.

***Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>
and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>***

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ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter



Professional Development Luncheon Presents FM and The Law of the Land Wendell Griffith Professor at NWFSC

**Wednesday, 14 Sep 2011 at 12:00
Sand Dollar Lounge, Eglin Officers Club
Pay as you go "Buffet Line" \$7 Members/\$9
Non-Member**

Registration via A3 web site:

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POCs: Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon