

# ASMC GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016



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# President's Corner



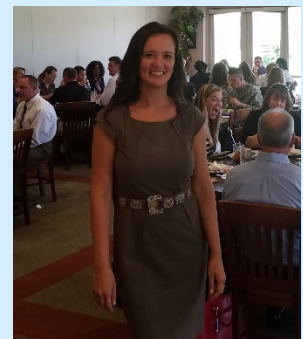
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## **Gulf Coast Chapter:**

*Hi everyone! I am pleased and honored to serve as president for the next year. ASMC has been an important part of my career in FM. It is what first got me interested as a college student with the lure of a scholarship and later with the networking and experience gained through involvement in the RPD committees. Over the last 18 years, I've witnessed many changes and am happy to report the chapter remains focused on its core purpose – to promote education and training of its members. Ms. Hodge and her team raised the bar for us last year and we plan to meet the challenge! The Executive Committee has a great year lined up for us. If you were able to make it to the August luncheon, you likely took away some thoughts on “earning your seat at the table”. It was great advice for any field and any stage of your career. I hope to see you at the September Ice Cream Social.*

*One last thing...If you have been like me and it has been a few years since you've been involved, please consider volunteering as opportunities are announced or contact one of the chairs to see how you can help. Your involvement not only helps get things accomplished but it strengthens the entire chapter. We have a great committee this year as in most years, but there is still room for you!*

**Kathy Davis**  
**ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, 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.

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# Upcoming Events



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## SEP LUNCHEON



When: 14 Sep, 1:00 pm

Where: Eglin AFB, West Gate Chapel Annex

What: Free! Ice cream Social with 96 CPTS/FMA and 1 SOCPTS/FMA

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

## Virtual PDI 2016 is live!

When: TBD....More info to follow soon!

Where: Hurlburt Field

What: Training Opportunity, CPEs will be provided

## WAYS AND MEANS

Welcome to **AmazonSmile!**

Thank you for supporting Gulf Coast Chapter of Amer Society Milty Comp Arment 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 – 18 Nov 16
- Annual ASMC 5K Fun Run/Walk – Holiday Themed!
- Annual ASMC Holiday Luncheon – Solicitations
- Chick-fil-a (target before CFC)

POCs: SSgt Crystal Brown, 882-0865, [crystal.brown.10@us.af.mil](mailto:crystal.brown.10@us.af.mil)

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## Tidbits

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### Win our Chapter \$\$\$

Have you seen the ASMC SURVEY that just came out?

If not, we want to encourage you to complete the survey at:  
<http://bit.ly/ASMCandGT16survey> Why? Because ASMC HQ will award \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively to the ASMC Chapters that have the highest, second highest, and third highest survey response rates among their members. Guess what that means **★GIVEAWAY TIME★**

If you complete this survey you can get a chance to win a prize too!! Visit our ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Facebook page on how to enter.



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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](mailto: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. As you can see, we already have several FM teams signed up.

- 6 Sep 16 - EBDW
- 20 Sep 16 – EBMS
- **4 Oct 16 – (your team)**
- **18 Oct 16 - (your team)**
- **1 Nov 16 – (your team)**
- **15 Nov 16 – (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](mailto:maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil).





# *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/>
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

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# 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](mailto: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](http://www.asmconline.org) to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.





# Obama Issues Plan to Give Feds 1.6 Percent Pay Raise in 2017

By Kellie Lunney, August 31, 2016



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President Obama issued an alternative pay plan Wednesday, giving civilian federal employees a 1.6 percent raise in 2017.

The total figure includes a 1 percent base increase, and a 0.6 percent locality pay bump, matching the amount the president requested in his fiscal 2017 budget proposal. Obama issued a separate plan providing a 1.6 percent boost in monthly basic pay rates for military service members.

Obama said he would make a decision by Nov. 30 regarding a locality pay plan. Locality pay rates vary by area.

The president just met his Aug. 31 deadline to formally announce his pay raise proposal for federal employees for the upcoming year. If the president fails to inform Congress of his alternative pay plan for feds by Aug. 31 each year, then the increase mandated by the 1990 Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act kicks in. Under FEPCA, the raise is determined by the change in the Employment Cost Index minus 0.5 percent. For 2017, that would have been around 2.1 percent.

Presidents, however, largely have ignored the FEPCA formula in their federal pay raise proposals, preferring to offer their own figure, which is allowed under the law. Congress created FEPCA, which provides an annual across-the-board salary boost and a locality pay adjustment for General Schedule employees, to close the public and private sector pay gap.

Feds received a 1.3 percent pay boost for 2016, which included locality pay adjustments. Obama has received criticism from federal employee advocates for giving historically low across-the-board raises to base pay in recent years -- following three years of no raises at all during the pay freeze -- and the locality pay areas and definitions announced at the end of last year provided the administration with a different avenue for increasing feds' compensation.

Tony Reardon, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, said the 1.6 percent figure was "far too low" given the pay freeze and "meager" raises over the last few years. "We continue to highlight the impact on federal workers of low pay increases and the impact on federal agencies' ability to recruit and retain the skilled workforce our nation needs," Reardon said in a statement.

American Federation of Government Employees National President J. David Cox Sr. also was unimpressed with the 1.6 recommended raise. "President Obama acted because Congress has not. AFGFE reiterates our call for Congress to pass a 5.3 percent pay raise in 2017 that will make up for years of neglect and begin to close the widening gap between employees in the federal and private sectors," said Cox.

Obama said his pay raise recommendation for civilian federal workers "will not materially affect our ability to attract and retain a well-qualified federal workforce."

Congress has the final say on any pay raise. Lawmakers could upend the president's 1.6 percent recommendation and the FEPCA formula this fall by coming up with their own pay raise proposals for federal civilian employees, but it's not likely at this point. Earlier this summer, the House passed the fiscal 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, allowing for a pay raise for federal workers next year. For the last several years, federal workers have ended up with the pay raise the president recommended.

Lawmakers in both chambers have introduced legislation that would give federal employees a 5.3 percent pay hike across-the-board in 2017, but those bills are not likely to gain any traction when Congress returns to a busy fall after summer recess. The fiscal year ends on Sept. 30, and Congress has yet to agree on any fiscal 2017 spending bills. If Congress doesn't intervene, Obama's 1.6 percent recommendation will take effect on Jan. 1, 2017.



# 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:

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