

DATE: 8 Nov 07

TIME: 1200

PLACE: Eglin Officer's Club

SPEAKER: Mr. Bill Rone, SES, Director, Financial Management, HQ AFSOC/FM, Hurlburt Field, Florida

SUBJECT: Air Force Financial Management Update

The meeting opened with announcements and updates from our President, Ms. April Chapel. One of Ms. Chapel's main goals as president is to increase ASMC membership. The following are the newest individuals: 2Lt Jason Seitz, Mr Doug Craighead, Ms. Danae Jordan, Ms Tanya Jones, TSgt Gina Rodriguez, A1C Jillian Thompson, TSgt Terry Bee, Ms Gina Vaughn, Mr Darrell Reining, MSgt Lowell Albright.

The new Gulf Coast Chapter ASMC coins are now available and we will be handing coins out to members immediately following today's luncheon.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the holiday gift wrapping, please contact Ms. Jennifer Denega at 882-4787.

The Toy Drive begins today, 8 Nov and runs through 5 Dec. Please contact Karen Williams and Suzie Matthews for further information.

The Gulf Coast Chapter annual Christmas Luncheon will be held 6 Dec at Chapel Annex. This will be free to the members and members may bring a dessert to share. We plan on selecting a children's name off of the Christmas Angel tree to give a child a brighter Christmas.

New Gulf Coast Chapter web page is now up and running. Please take some time and check it out. Mr. Ron Millis is the POC.

Mr. Ken Pickler then introduced Mr. Bill Rone who will give an overall briefing of the status of FM in the Air Force community.....

Mr. Rone began his briefing by announcing that Mr. John H. Gibson is the nominee to fill the SAF/FM position. Mr. Gibson is currently Deputy USD (Management Reform).

The Continuing Resolution Authority continues through 16 Nov but contains no GWOT funding. The conferees met 6 Nov to approve and discuss the \$459B bill.

The new Air Force Financial Services Center (AFFSC) located at Ellsworth AFB, SD held their grand opening 14 Sep 07. It has been tough recruiting non-volunteers to fill the positions. Hurlburt Field Financial Services is scheduled to covert to the new call center around Dec 07 and Eglin is slated to change Apr 08. The Central Processing Center (CPC) will consolidate backshop FSO processes to one location which includes military pay and travel voucher processing. The center will also consolidate policy and procedures so that all FSOs follow the same guidance and policies.

Mr. Rone continued his briefing with information concerning the DFAS-Limestone backlog and challenges. The new IAPS/DEAR implementation at Limestone has turned into a nightmare. Limestone has encountered many system errors that require manual intervention such as double obligations, invalid balances and BQ/TQ differences. A one day extension was granted before the DBT was to be run due to the problem with obligations. The EOY obligation problem caused payment backlogs as well, which caused 16K in interest penalties at Hurlburt for the month of October 07.

Another area of interest for the FM community is resource advisor matrix. This was a SAF/FM initiative due to limited resources and increasing demands. The basic concept is to realign full time military/civilian RA authorities from the functional UMD to the FM office while leaving the RAs in place. The FM office would own the positions. The proposed implementation calls for a two phase process. Phase I would be wing level host units and Phase II would be MAJCOM level. Some of the benefits to the matrix concept is a consistently, trained AF Financial Management without loss of functional expertise. The main conflict would be that the FM office would rate the individuals with performance inputs from the units they actually serve. Currently there is 4 star concurrence and SAF/FM is seeking AF A-staff concurrence. A merger between comptroller and contracting office was summarized. This concept falls in line with a smaller Air Force and PB720 concept of centralizing and regionalizing offices.

Mr. Rone spoke of Force Development for military and civilians. He stressed the importance of performance, education, and having a broad range of experience along with being willing to move to obtain the experience.

Mr. Ken Pickler then concluded the luncheon by drawing names for door prizes. Ms. Jackie Woolshlager won a \$25 gift certificate for Lowe's. Ms. Ruth Hughes won the other gift certificate for Ruby Tuesday also in the amount of \$25.

The meeting was concluded at approximately 1300.

Recorded by Brenda Dininger, Secretary, Gulf Coast Chapter.