

DATE: 17 Apr 08

TIME: 1130

PLACE: Soundside Hurlburt Field

SPEAKER: Col Daniel L. Dunaway, Defense Financial Management & Comptroller School, Maxwell AFB, AL

SUBJECT: Decision Support

The meeting started with SMSgt Dewitt introducing Col Dunaway. The presentation outlined Decision Support as an important tool in the FM community. Good decisions are seldom easy to recognize. There are many uncertainties and making the right decision involves gathering facts, using a variety of techniques, and unbiased opinions.

The FM community is transforming with AFSO21 playing a major role in the process, along with force shaping, RA matrix, military to civilian conversions. Decision support is playing a role in the process. The steps in the decision support process include: Identify the Issue, Analyze the Issue, Develop Alternatives, Evaluate Alternatives, Make a Recommendation, Decision Made, Implementation, and Evaluation. Out of all these steps "Identifying the Issue" is the most important. In addition, having a diversified analytical team is key to help expand the analysis. True decision support is not an easy process, it is hard work.

Col Dunaway concluded the briefing by providing a schedule for FY08 course schedule. To get more details about the school or classes, check out the following link:

<http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ecpd/dfmcs/>

Ken Pickler, on behalf of the Gulf Coast Chapter presented a donation in Col Dunaway's name to Fisher House. Our next luncheon will be 20 May.

Recorded by Brenda Dininger, Secretary, Gulf Coast Chapter.