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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, you know that the ASMC year is coming to an end when you start seeing the e-mail traffic about nominations/elections for the upcoming administration. While a part of me is sad that the current administration's reign is coming to an end (it truly has been a fun year!), part of me is excited for the new, incoming administration and the possibilities that exist for the chapter in the future.

So here is my pitch for anyone reading this that is considering, or has ever considered, being a part of the chapter's executive committee: volunteer now! I promise you that being part of the executive committee is a fun and rewarding experience that I'm sure you will be glad that you experienced. If you're new and would like to step up but are afraid that you haven't been around long enough, I promise that all you need to be successful is a good attitude and willingness to ask questions. If you're concerned that you don't know many of the other chapter members, there is no better way to meet other members than to get involved. By the end of the first meeting, you will know everyone else on the executive committee! If you're still worried about getting started and not knowing anyone, get a friend to volunteer as well and come out together, you could be co-chairs for the same committee.

Lastly, if you're reading this and have been a Gulf Coast member for a long time and have held various executive committee positions, then you know first-hand the benefits of helping to lead the chapter for a year. If this is the case, then look around your work area for that bright young FM'er who would excel in this capacity and take a few minutes to let them know the benefits of being on the executive committee. Chances are, all they need is a little prompting and at the end of the day, they'll be glad that they had the experience and the chapter will be better off for it.

Thanks in advance to those who step up and volunteer to help run the chapter next year. I think that you'll be glad that you did!

--Dan

Capt Dan Genest, President

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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.

RPDS – LaTanya Bryant and Deborah Washington

We had a wonderful RPDS this year. Still more thank-yous to the volunteers from ASMC, NCMA, and SCEA:

Programs Committee

Leah Hodge
Tammy Robbins
Jim Krug
Nancy Elliott
Jim Krug
Anita Logan
Ken Kennedy
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Speaker Introductions

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Chris James
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Community Service: Relay For Life

Your Gulf Coast chapter has a Relay for Life team participating in the Niceville High School event on 1 & 2 May 2009. The opening ceremony will be at 5:40 pm on the 1st where the survivors of cancer and their caregivers will walk around the track and shortly after, a dinner will be held in honor of these individuals. The official time for walkers to start will be 6:00pm.

This year's theme will be "Decades" and our team has chosen the 70s, the Disco Era. There will be fundraisers done by the chapter and more information to come on this. The chapter also has a web site where credit card donations can be made. Attached is the website for those of you who like to do make credit card donations for the Gulf Coast team... www.relayforlife.org/nicevillefl

The POC for this event is Vanessa Fuentes so if you would like to participate, donate, or have any questions, please let her know. Thanks in advance for your support!

Programs – Leah Hodge & Tammy Robbins

We have been working hard to provide interesting and applicable luncheon topics all year. There has been at least one meeting/luncheon at month – sometimes two.

Our upcoming topics include DCMA and DCAA information (14 April, Eglin Enlisted Club), and an overview brief from our top two FMers – Col Randy White of AAC and Mr. Bill Rone, SES, AFSOC Comptroller (13 May, Eglin Officer's Club).

In June we may be able to get an AF budget update from SAF/FMBOI but have an Okaloosa Saves brief in the wings as well – it's just a matter of how much you will support! Please watch for these luncheons and take part in your local chapter.

CDFM – Ron Millis

The Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM committee has implemented a quarterly CFDM flier that will provide the chapter up-to-date information on education, training, development, and advancement of the CDFM program.

We have also applied to SAF to have the EDFMT Course brought to Eglin AFB in the next fiscal year. More to come on the result of our application.

We are proud to announce that 6 Gulf Coast Chapter members have completed all requirements for CDFM certification since the new year began and 4 others should be completed before June 2009.

ASMC has been beta testing CDFM Module 4 since January 09 due to significant changes in the exam directly relating to changes in DoDI 5000.2. There is no charge for the beta examination; however, in order to have sufficient data to perform statistical analyses, they need a certain number of test takers - hence the long wait period. There is no other form of module 4 immediate results at this time and there has not been since January. The results will not be reported for 3 to 5 months.

Ron

882-4538

Newest CDFMs

Congratulations to our newest CDFMs:

Elmer Davis (46 SK)

Vanessa Davis (696 ARSS)

Marty Schmieder (AFRL/RWF)

Ways & Means

Ways and Means Projects

Special thank you to all who supported the IPod raffle and 50/50 drawing at the RPDS!

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways and Means Projects.

Please contact Jennifer Denega if you would like to volunteer:

jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil or call at 883-4787

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee.
Many Blessings for a beautiful Spring!

Secretary Gates' proposed changes

By Katherine McIntire Peters kpeters@govexec.com April 6, 2009

Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Monday recommended major changes in the Pentagon's procurement priorities and acquisition practices, and said the department would scale back significantly the role of contractors in support services.

The recommendations are part of the Pentagon's 2010 budget request, which the White House will submit to Congress in a few weeks. Gates said President Obama agreed to the "unorthodox approach" of announcing the Pentagon's request before the White House sends the full budget to Capitol Hill, because the scope and significance of the changes warrant a deeper explanation in the context of military reform.

The recommendations also are sure to generate a lot of pushback from lawmakers. Within an hour of Gates' briefing to reporters, a bipartisan group of senators sent the president a letter protesting recommended cuts in missile defense funding.

Gates said Defense had three main objectives: take care of troops; rebalance programs to adequately support the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and reform how the services buy weapons.

Among the most far-reaching changes he recommended were reducing the number of support service contractors from the current level of 39 percent of the workforce to the pre-2001 level of 26 percent and replacing them with full-time government employees.

"Our goal is to hire as many as 13,000 new civil servants in 2010 to replace contractors and up to 30,000 new civil servants in place of contractors over the next five years," Gates said.

In addition, he said the department would increase the size of the defense acquisition workforce, converting 11,000 contractors and hiring an additional 9,000 government acquisition professionals by 2015, beginning with 4,100 in 2010.

Bringing back in-house more support work and expanding the acquisition workforce are essential to restoring accountability to the procurement process, Gates said.

A number of programs would be accelerated, delayed or terminated under the proposed 2010 budget. Some of the key changes include:

- Increase the number of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter from 14 aircraft to 30 in 2010
- End production of the F-22 Raptor program
- Increase funding for theater missile defense programs

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- Augment funding for the conversion of six additional Aegis ships to provide ballistic missile defense capability
- Increase the number of cyber experts the department can train from 80 students annually to 250 annually by 2011
- Solicit bids for a new refueling tanker by this summer
- Delay the next-generation cruiser to reconsider requirements and strategic rationale
- Postpone amphibious ship and sea-basing programs to better assess costs, capabilities and strategic needs
- Complete and end production of the C-17 airlifter this year.

The Pentagon must demonstrate a commitment to stop programs that significantly exceed their budget or that spend limited tax dollars to buy more capability than the nation needs, Gates said. In that vein, he recommended that Congress cancel a number of programs, including:

The VH-71 presidential helicopter program, which was designed to provide 23 helicopters for \$6.5 billion. Today the program is estimated to cost more than \$13 billion and is six years behind schedule.

The Air Force combat search-and-rescue helicopter. It's not clear that the mission is best-served by a single-service solution with a single-purpose aircraft, according to Gates.

The Transformational Satellite program. As an alternative to this program, the Pentagon wants to purchase two more Advanced Extremely High-Frequency satellites.

Several programs in the area of missile defense, largely due to technical problems, estimated to cost about \$1.4 billion.

Under the 2010 budget proposal, the Pentagon would significantly restructure the Army's Future Combat Systems, spinning out technology enhancements to all combat brigades, but canceling the vehicle component of the program.

The Pentagon also plans to press Bath Iron Works to produce all three DDG-1000 Navy destroyers in Maine in an effort to achieve economies of scale and facilitate restarting the older DDG-51 destroyer program at Northrop Grumman Corp.'s Ingalls shipyard in Mississippi, eventually building the DDG-51 at both shipyards when the DDG-1000 program wraps up after three ships. If those negotiations fail, the department would consider instead building only one prototype DDG-1000 ship. "It would unfortunately reduce our overall procurement of ships and cut workload in both shipyards," he said.

Secretary Gates' proposed changes - continued

Gates said his decisions in the 2010 budget were made with an eye toward what the nation needs, and not to balance the books or to meet some pre-determined budget figure.

The budget provides an opportunity to reform the way Defense does business, he said: "It is one thing to speak generally about the need for budget discipline and acquisition and contract reform. It is quite another to make tough choices about specific systems."

Scholarships / Education – John Dininger

1) We received one application for ASMC's National Scholarship Program from Emily Lyerly, Fort Walton Beach High School's 2009 valedictorian. Emily's application was very impressive, with numerous high school awards and honors. Her package has been forwarded to ASMC's national headquarters for consideration. Good luck to her!

2) We have received 4 applications for our high school graduate scholarship program as of 30 March, and I anticipate receiving more as the 31 March deadline passes.

3) Our chapter's college scholarship program will be sending advertising flyers and applications to the nearby colleges during April 2009, along with an email with scholarship details to all members of the chapter. Our chapter's scholarship criteria is a little different than the national program, as we award to students that have completed 60 credit hours in pursuit of a degree in financial management. \$4000 will be available this year, 2 \$1000 awards and 4 \$500 awards. More details will be forthcoming later in April!

4) Our chapter will again be offering individual scholarships to chapter members only. These scholarships will be available to any member of the chapter who is pursuing a college degree to increase their job skills, including a masters' degree. The application process will be similar to what we do with our present scholarship program. The funding for this program is \$2000, with a minimum award of \$500. Again, more details will be forthcoming later in April!

If you have any questions or concerns about how our scholarship programs are run, feel free to contact me at 883-3542.

Executive Director Named

The ASMC National Executive Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Alvin Tucker as ASMC Executive Director. Mr. Tucker replaces the Honorable Robert Hale who was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer).

Mr. Tucker is well known in the Department of Defense (DoD) financial community. He has extensive experience in Defense accounting, audit, and budget and has demonstrated a strong commitment to the professional goals of ASMC by serving as Chair of the CDFM Commission. He joins ASMC from the accounting firm of Grant Thornton LLP where he spent 12 years, and served as a Director in the Defense and Intelligence practice. During his federal service he was DoD Deputy Chief Financial Officer from 1990 to 1997. Previous to that he was Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Deputy Assistant Inspector General (Audit) in the Office of the DoD IG, and Director of Training and Education in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). He began his federal career with the Army Audit Agency, and progressed to staff positions as an auditor and budget analyst in the OSD Comptroller organization before joining the Senior Executive Service in 1979. He retired from the Civil Service in 1997 with 34 years of service. Mr. Tucker is a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM), a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). He is the recipient of the Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service, with oak leaf cluster and was twice named a Meritorious Senior Executive. A graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, he is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Development Program sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management. Alvin Tucker resides in Crofton, Maryland, with his wife Jacqueline.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

14 Apr 09: **Deb Gable (DCMA) and Jerry Tebo (DCAA)**

Please contact our Program Chairs, Leah Hodge (x2-3615) or Tammy Robbins (x5-4335), 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 webmaster, Doug Craighead at 850- 882-5296 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

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<http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

PDI 2009 will be held in San Antonio, May 26-29, with a theme of *Building the Stars of Tomorrow*. The registration fee for PDI is \$615; ASMC Members receive a \$100 discount.

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