



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

ASMC Members,

What a phenomenal program we had in March with our guest speaker, Maria White, from AFLCMC/EBAD. Prior to returning to Eglin, Maria served as the Deputy Chief, Budget, Congressional and Mission Support Division and Chief, Budget Execution Branch, Space Programs, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), Pentagon and was responsible for the budgeting and execution of an \$8.3B annual PEO-Space portfolio. She shared her extensive knowledge of the Appropriation Process, including the POM build, budget justification documents, and Congressional staffer briefings for the President's Budget roll-out. Her briefing gave us insight as to why the Appropriation Process takes so long! I hope that some of you were inspired to learn more and will consider a career broadening experience at the Pentagon.

It is election time! We have seen a growth in participation this year and expect to see some new faces in leadership roles for our Gulf Coast Chapter. Nominations need to be submitted to Brianna Hoppel by 10 April for Chapter President and the three Vice Presidents. If you know someone who would do a great job in this leadership role, please send us their names.

For those of you who haven't heard, our Chapter will be hosting another "no-cost" mini-PDI on 17 July. Michelle Woolgar is our Committee Chair and is pulling together a team to help orchestrate this training event. We expect to have exceptional speakers again this year and present informative topics which impact the FM career field. Please contact Michelle at 882-6700, ext. 7800 if you are interested in helping with the mini-PDI.

We are excited to recognize our ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Award winners at our next luncheon on 16 April at 11:30am at the Bayview Club, Eglin AFB. Please attend so you can cheer on your nominees and celebrate with the award

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### ***Executive Committee***

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### ***President's Column – continued***

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winners. We want to thank all of the members who took time out of their busy schedules to submit award write-ups for deserving folks.

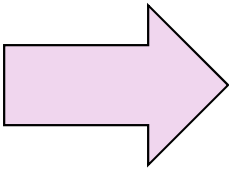
We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the April Awards luncheon!

Denise Wagner

### ***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.

### ***April Luncheon***



April ASMC Luncheon:

Topic: Annual Awards

Date: 16 Apr 14 @ 1130

Location: Bayview Club, Sandollar Lounge, Eglin AFB

### ***Ways & Means – George Joseph***

Ways & Means Chair: George Joseph

ASMC Gulf Coast **ongoing fundraiser** - ASMC will earn 25% of the purchase of personalized or online exclusive products like baby shower, plaques, nuts, jewelry, etc. Great gifts to give or items you might personally like to order. Just order and you are participating in the fundraiser!

<http://mystore.fundraising.com/Store/Category/1508?t=25fde9ba-a0a3-42b2-a852-cc3c53f01b61>

### ***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>.

## **CDFM**

Thinking of getting your CDFM certification? Wondering what information you need to know for the different module tests? We have study guides available to help!

Contact Lisa Gamon at 3-2890.

## ***Mini-PDI – planning meeting***

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual "Mini-PDI" that will take place 17 July 2014 at the Eglin Conference Center. The Mini-PDI Team is working hard to bring you a no-fee event which includes some dynamic speakers. If anyone would like to volunteer our next meeting is on the 16 April 2014; building 11, conference room 105. Keep a watch for more information in the next few months.

The POC for the Mini-PDI is Michelle Woolgar  
michelle.k.woolgar.civ@mail.mil.

## ***Membership***

*Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Caridi-Anderson*

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.

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 Lindsey at 883-1609.

## ***Community Service***

### **ON-GOING EVENTS:**

1. Fisher House of the Emerald Coast depends upon donations to continue the work of supporting our military families. Many items can be donated to the Fisher House so that they do not need to be purchased. Please email for current "Needs List" POC: Gabriella Geier-DuReitz (gabriella.geier-dureitz@us.af.mil)

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

3. ASMC's Relay for Life team "Comptrollers for a Cause" is participating in the 2014 Relay for Life Niceville-Valparaiso event from 6pm to 6am on 9 & 10 May; Team Captain is Dedra Hickman. Stay connected to the Gulf Coast ASMC and our Relay for Life website for upcoming fundraising events and meetings. This is the link to our ASMC team:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY14FL?team\\_id=1484050&pg=team&fr\\_id=57678](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY14FL?team_id=1484050&pg=team&fr_id=57678)

Our team, Comptrollers for a Cause, has raised almost \$2,000 so far this year in the fight against cancer! Now we're asking for your help the night of the Relay! The Relay itself is May 9<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 am - 6 pm, and on that night we must have a team member on the track walking laps AT ALL TIMES. You do not need to officially register for our team to walk, just simply show up at your scheduled time and check in with our booth! There will also be activities going on throughout the night as well as basket raffles, food for sale, silent auctions, etc. Please find the walker schedule along with the activities on the attached spreadsheet. If you are interested in signing up for either or have any questions, please email Sarah Carroll with the time and/or activity you'd like.

What can I do to support our team? We need ASMC members and guests to sign up online to join our team, fundraise, and volunteer. Use the attached form & submit your donation to the American Cancer Society

POCs: Vanessa Fuentes, Vanessa.fuentes@us.af.mil, 883-0371; Patrick Dewitt, patrick.dewitt.4@us.af.mil, 883-4874; Sara Bennett, sara.bennett@us.af.mil, 883-2720; Gabriella Geier-DuReitz, gabriella.geier-dureitz@us.af.mil, 882-5485

## Lawmakers Want to Know More About Why Feds' Morale Is So Low

By [Charles S. Clark](#), March 28, 2014 (govexec)

The pay freeze, furloughs and last October's government shutdown have so deflated the federal workforce that it's time for Congress' watchdog agency to conduct a systematic probe of the impact on agency performance, according to three Democrats on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

"Stakeholders, including federal employee organizations, have noted that federal workers have become increasingly dissatisfied with their employment, and that this may be compromising the federal government's ability to serve the American people," wrote Reps. Elijah Cummings (MD), Stephen Lynch (MA), and Gerry Connolly (VA), in a March 27 [letter](#) to Comptroller General Gene Dodaro requesting a GAO study.

Noting that federal pay and benefits have been cut by \$140 billion in recent years to help trim the budget deficit, they wrote: "The 1 percent pay increase that took effect at the beginning of this year does not begin to make up for the losses they have incurred."

The lawmakers, who include the ranking member of the Oversight panel and the top Democrat on its subcommittee on the federal workforce, cited plummeting morale as evidenced in the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey and the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service's Best Places to Work in Government survey. Morale, the letter said, has "fallen to historic lows." In the 2013 government-wide viewpoint OPM survey released in November, the percentage of workers giving positive marks decreased over the previous year's numbers in 53 of 55 categories measured.

The lawmakers' letter asked GAO to consider seven areas of inquiry to assess the morale and effectiveness of the workforce, including recruitment and retention, performance and productivity, the achievement of agency missions, the extent to which OPM helps agencies improve employee engagement, and lessons to be learned from agencies that have significantly improved employee engagement.

It also noted that President Obama's FY15 budget requests funding for training to improve employee engagement and to continue implementing the administration's performance management agenda, and asked GAO to identify "root causes" of poor engagement and steps the government can take to alleviate it.

A GAO spokeswoman said the agency will follow its normal process in considering the request over the coming weeks.

### ***Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events***

**UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS** – Mark your calendars:

***Apr 16 – 11:30 AM, Eglin AFB, Bayview Club, Sandollar Lounge.***  
*Annual Awards Presentation*

Please contact our Program Chair Joe Proctor 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***

National PDI 2014 will be held in Seattle, WA.

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, such as the recent Sequestration webinar, PDI 2011 and PDI 2012 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.

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

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Thank You to Our Luminaria Program Sponsor:



## Luminaria Order Form

Relay For Life of Niceille / Valparaiso

[www.relayforlife.org/niceillefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/niceillefl)

May 9 & 10

Niceville High School

When the sun goes down at every American Cancer Society Relay For Life event, hope shines the brightest. During the Luminaria Ceremony, hundreds of luminaria light the track to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember those who have lost their battle, and fight back against the disease that has taken too much. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and perseverance with which we all continue to fight.

You can give to the American Cancer Society and keep the flame of hope lit by ordering a luminaria in memory of someone lost to cancer or in honor of someone still fighting or who has beaten the disease.

Please send your tax-deductible donation payable to the American Cancer Society and the bottom portion of this form to:

**American Cancer Society**

**99 Eglin Parkway, NE Suite 37**

**Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548**

To ensure delivery of your luminaria prior to the event, be sure to mail your donation along with the form below by **1 May 2014**. Then, join us for our Luminaria ceremony, which will be held at **9:00 p.m. - May 9, 2014**

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**Relay for Life Team:  
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## ***Walking Schedule Relay for Life – May 9-10***

<b>Walking Schedule</b>				
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