



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

15 July 2009 was a really special day for me, and for our chapter. My day began by driving with Mr Al Tucker, ASMC National Executive Director, and Ms Melinda Gagnon, your new chapter Vice President for Eglin Tenants, to attend the 1st Special Operations Comptroller Squadron's Commander's Call. We were joined there by Capt Lacresha Merkle, your new Hurlburt Vice President, and MSgt Damon Purifoy, your new Hurlburt Enlisted Advisor.

Our host was Maj Kevin McKinley, 1SOCPTS Commander. He and I first served together at Kirtland AFB, NM, in the Phillips Laboratory Comptroller Directorate. His supervisor was a close friend of mine, a cost estimator I'd worked—and played racquetball with—at the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB, CA. Kevin and I have been good friends and FM wingmen ever since. Remember my note last month about ASMC helping you build a network you can rely on? I wasn't kidding!

We were there because MSgt Purifoy is a leader and a man of action. He attended his first chapter Executive Council meeting in June, where we discussed chapter plans to connect with our younger FM Airmen. We'd talked many times about hosting refreshments at local CPTS events, but we had not done it yet. Almost immediately, he called me to say we were invited to come to the 15 July CC Call. Later, he volunteered to pick up the juice & bagels the chapter would provide for the troops.

Mr Tucker, a former DoD Deputy Comptroller, was here to install our new officers, so we invited him to come along. He'd never attended an Air Force comptroller squadron event. He loved it! MSgt Purifoy and I talked with 1SOCPTS personnel about what ASMC offered, and about our

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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.

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desire to better support deployed FM Airmen and their families as part of this year's community service efforts. Afterwards, I kept thinking, "Why did it take us so long to do this?" It was an event I'll never forget!

At our luncheon that day, Mr Tucker addressed our chapter and assisted John Dinger in presenting \$8,000 in chapter scholarships to 12 very deserving students. Then he installed my fellow 2009-2010 officers and me into our new positions. We said farewell to John and Brenda Dinger, and thanked them for their service as they move to Peterson AFB, CO. I closed by sharing my plan to "draft" every chapter member into at least one committee or team. I'm excited about engaging more members in our chapter operations, and I'll give you an update at our 18 Aug luncheon. See you there!!

Ken Pickler

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please e-mail me.

On-Going & Future Projects

- Ⓢ Care Packages to Deployed FM Troops
- Ⓢ Belk Charity Sale (in Nov 09)
- Ⓢ Gift-wrapping at the Base Exchange (in Dec 09)
- Ⓢ Air Show Concession Booth (Details Pending)

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Mean Committee.

Please send your ideas for future fundraisers.

You can reach me at jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil or at 883-4787.

Continued Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!



CDFM – Ron Millis

Civilian Record updates for Occupational Certifications such as Certified Defense Financial Management (CDFM) are faxed not emailed to AFPC.

What they need is: 1) the AFPC Fax Coversheet; 2) OF Form 612; and 3) a copy of the actual certification. Enter your personal information on both forms, complete Section F of the OF 612, sign/date/return all three to your Unit Training Manager for processing. Ensure you read the verbiage on the OF612 that explains how long AFPC is allowed to update your records.

Contact Ron Millis directly at 882-4538 if you have any questions.

August Program – Tim Bozoki

Our August luncheon is “True Colors: Effectively Coping w/Office Personalities (What’s your color?)” - guest speaker: Capt Mary Wood, Clinical Social Worker, 96 Med Gp. 18 Aug, 11AM, Eglin O Club

It seeks to identify personality characteristics and enable supervisors to work within those characteristics of their staff to create a working environment conducive to utilizing the strengths of people in a collaborative approach. Much like a puzzle piece, people's personality characteristics enable them to be successful in areas compatible with their nature. For example, a person that has a nurturing, sympathetic nature would be a great person to have on a workplace committee dedicated to ensuring workplace satisfaction, but would not necessarily be the ideal person to write an Operating Instruction.

Objectives

- To enable participants to identify their own personalities styles and appreciate the characteristics of each
- To assist participants in the utilization of their own personality in their work, home, and personal life
- To apply the understanding of personality type theory to:
 - Improving communication
 - Building positive esteem
 - Appreciating differences
 - Building effective teams
- To discover the need for addressing all four personality styles in daily life in order to maximize personal success
- To recognize the diverse needs and stresses of the four personality types which may invite confusion, disruption and conflict if not addressed
- To learn strategies to build rapport with persons of all four personality styles
- To enjoy and have fun in this learning process

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By [Bob Brewin](#) , Next Gov, 08/05/2009

While the Marine Corps banned the use of social networking sites on Tuesday, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a budding Tweeter, strongly backed the use of the social networking site in a message he posted on Twitter.

"Obviously we need to find right balance between security and transparency," Adm. Mike Mullen Tweeted after the Marine Corps said it would ban social networking sites. "We are working on that. But am I still going to tweet? You bet."

Last month the Defense Department kicked off a study to determine the vulnerabilities of social networking sites and Web 2.0 technologies such as Facebook and Twitter.

Navy Capt. John Kirby, Mullen's spokesman, said, "The chairman is committed to find a way to use social media while ensuring operational security."

Mullen, who also has a Facebook page, believes that social network sites help Defense engage in a dialogue with audiences at home and abroad. Mullen believes "we cannot afford to ignore this way [social network sites] of communicating with people," Kirby said.

Kirby said he expected Defense's study on use of social networking tools and technologies to be completed within a month.

Other top commanders who have posted a personal Facebook page include Army Maj.Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of the multinational forces in Iraq, and Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of the III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, said Lindy Kyzer, an Army spokeswoman who works in the online and social media division.

In a blog item posted on Tuesday, Kyzer summarized the conflicts between security and open access. "The popularity of social networking sites and sheer volume of information posted and traded can send shudders down the spines of any signal company soldier or network security expert," she wrote. "But many of those security experts realize that a collaborative Web is the new reality. Soon you'll be hard-pressed to find any site on the World Wide Web that isn't implementing Web 2.0 tools and technology.

"Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan have already been battling the issue of access to their workcomputers for years. . . . Our soldiers have been working around the access issues -- and will continue to do so -- regardless of whether or not we don't have access at our work computers. So, again, I want open access. But, I also want a lively debate that takes into consideration the security concerns, but balances them with the need to do our jobs to tell the Army's story in every platform and via every tool available."

Adm. Thad Allen, commandant of the Coast Guard, also has posted a Facebook page and opened a Twitter account. The Coast Guard allows its personnel to post to social networking sites from their computers, said Lt. Connie Braesch, the service's social media action officer.

Like the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard expects service members to not compromise security or classified information when they post messages on social network sites, she said.

Asked if Defense can stuff the social network genie back into the bottle, Kirby said, "I have a news flash for you: The Internet is here to stay."

2009 Scholarship Recipients

The Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC awarded \$8,000 in annual scholarships for 2009, including a \$2,000 national scholarship. Recipients of these scholarships are pictured from left to right: Stacy Messer, Alyson Kael, Jason Goff, Hunter McCarthy, John Dinger (education chairperson), Emily Lyerly (national scholarship), Corbretti Williams, and Eric Harwood. Also receiving scholarships but not pictured are Haley Likens, Sarah Adams, Tyler Buckelew, Brad Koszuta, and Sarah Wainright.



This year, Gulf Coast Chapter presented \$8,000 in scholarships to 12 recipients. Here's a little more about each recipient.

Tyler Buckelew, \$500 igh school scholarship recipient. He is a graduate of Crestview High School, 3.7 GPA. He plans to attend NWF State College and pursue a degree in business administration. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is lead bass

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singer in the youth choir at First Baptist Church. He aspires to become a cost estimator at Eglin AFB.

Brad Koszuta, \$500 high school scholarship recipient. He is a graduate of Niceville High School, 4.6 GPA. He plans to attend Indiana University and pursue a degree in finance. He was co-captain of Niceville's basketball team and both president and saxophone leader on the school band. He wants to work for a financial firm then start his own business.

Cobretti Williams, \$500 high school scholarship recipient. He is a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, 4.4 GPA. He plans to attend Florida State University and pursue a degree in accounting. He was vice-president of the National Beta Club and tutored middle-school students in math and science. He wants to become a CPA and be a partner in an accounting firm.

Sarah Wainwright, \$500 high school scholarship recipient. She is a graduate of Niceville High School, 4.5 GPA. She plans to attend Southern Methodist University and pursue a degree in accounting. She was co-editor of Niceville's yearbook, vice-president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, and secretary of the Key Club. She wants to become an accountant and continue to graduate school.

Hunter McCarthy, \$1,000 high school scholarship recipient. He is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, 4.2 GPA. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina and pursue a degree in international business. He was the Student Advisory Council representative for his class sophomore through senior years and was varsity football offensive lineman of the year his senior year. He wants to become a business entrepreneur.

Emily Lyerly, \$1,000 high school scholarship recipient. She is a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, 4.8 GPA. She plans to attend Clemson University and pursue a degree in accounting. She was Valedictorian and president of her senior class, captain and MVP of the volleyball team her senior year, and an active participant

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in student government during her 4 years of high school. Emily wants to become a CPA and work in international business.

Jason Goff, \$500 college scholarship recipient. He is a senior airman in the USAF working in supply management. He will be attending Florida State University to pursue a business management degree starting this summer. He is a member of Eglin AFB's Honor Guard and volunteered for numerous community projects. Jason aspires to become a CFO after college.

Sarah Adams, \$500 college scholarship recipient. She is a full-time student at NWF State College, 3.75 GPA, pursuing a degree in project management and acquisitions. She has participated in several Relay for Life events and volunteers at her son's preschool. She plans to further her education with a master's degree from UWF.

Stacy Messer, \$500 college scholarship recipient. She is a full-time student at UWF, 3.7 GPA, pursuing an accounting degree. She is an active member of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors fraternity, and serves on multiple committees. She is a volunteer tax worker.

Alysia Kael, \$500 college scholarship recipient. She is a part-time student at NWF State College, 3.5 GPA, pursuing an accounting degree. She works as a shift-leader at Bamboo Willie's. She has volunteered for many charity events associated with the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce. She plans to enroll at Troy University this fall with a goal of becoming a CPA and opening her own accounting firm.

Eric Harwood, \$1,000 college scholarship recipient. He is a full-time student at UWF, 3.2 GPA, pursuing an accounting degree. He is the current president of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors fraternity. He is an assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scouts of America and specializes in merit badge counseling. He plans to work at a local accounting firm after graduation with an ultimate goal of opening his own accounting firm.

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Haley Likens, \$1,000 college scholarship recipient. She is a full-time student at the University of Florida, 3.9 GPA, pursuing an accounting degree. She co-founded and served as treasurer of a Shakespeare in the Park troupe and led the winning team in the Students in Free Enterprise Business Ethics Case competition. She is a member of the Florida Leadership Academy, a professional development program for the top 100 business students within the Warrington College of Business. She plans work in a major accounting firm.

In addition to chapter scholarship awards to undergraduate and high school students, the chapter also awarded a scholarship on behalf of the national ASMC organization. These scholarships are given to outstanding high school seniors who are pursuing degrees in a financial management area. Only ten were awarded nationwide, and one student submitted by our chapter received one! Emily Lyerly won a \$2,000 scholarship – big congratulations to Emily.

Big thank-you to the team of reviewers for this year's scholarship awards:

Annette Beard
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2009-10 Officers Inducted

Mr. Al Tucker, American Society of Military Comptrollers Executive Director, swears in the new officers for Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC at the July luncheon, Eglin Officers' Club. From left to right Capt Lacrosha Merkle – Vice President Hurlburt, Melinda Gagnon – Vice Presidents Tenants, Dedra Hickman – Vice President Eglin, Ken Pickler – Chapter President.



Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

18 Aug 09: True Colors: Effectively Coping with Office Personalities,
Eglin Enlisted Club, 1100

Please contact our new Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (x3-8764) or Deb Washington (x3-1779), if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on program issues.

ASMC Websites

ASMC National Headquarters website is <http://www.asmonline.org/>

Our chapter website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmaster, Lynn Becker at 850- 882-4866 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

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Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from recent PDIs. You can access selected sessions online at <http://www.asmonline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

When new ASMC Executive Director Al Tucker was here in July, he shared interesting information with the Gulf Coast Chapter executive committee. This year's PDI had 4,600 registered, 4,500 attended. There are 65,000 people working in the financial management, program management, and operations research career fields throughout DOD. And finally, there are now over 5,300 CDFMs.

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and ASMC national is <http://www.asmonline.org/>***

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