



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



**AUG 11 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS**

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Thanks for all the support as we start our new year. I heard the induction ceremony was great – and short since you only had two Vice Presidents available! I promise both Lynn Becker, our Eglin VP, and I took the oath on Monday, 25 Jul!

There are many goals this chapter has set in prior years we intend to continue – scholarships, holding a world-class Regional Professional Development Seminar, being involved in our professional development as well as helping our community ... but one of the main goals of this year is to ensure we get as many members involved as possible in the activities of the chapter. Many of the same people volunteer yearly to perform the committee work needed to keep our chapter active and held in high regard nationally. For events like our Regional Professional Development Seminar, it's crucial we 'train' new volunteers to keep this large training and networking event on our yearly calendar. This event also serves as the major fund raiser allowing us to award scholarships at the end of each ASMC year.

I sent a message a few weeks ago asking for volunteers and had replies from many stalwarts of the chapter as well as some new folks.

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## ***President's Column - Continued***

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It appears to be a good mix. We are also working many committees on a co-chair basis in order to ensure the experienced train the individuals who wish to become involved. As the year progresses, volunteer for the activities or support them with participation, attend the luncheons, register for our RPDS ... what you will receive from the networking and interaction with other FMers is invaluable.

We look forward to seeing you at the next ASMC event!

Leah Hodge

## **CDFM**

Congratulations to our Newest CDFM Mr Howard Banks 780 TS (Eglin AFB).

You must renew your certification with ASMC every two years. To do this, you must complete 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in every two year period following the issuance of your certification. The anniversary date for measuring the CPE qualification is two years from the date your CDFM certification is issued. One unit of CPE is awarded for each 50 minutes of contact time engaged in activities listed below. You may be asked, as part of the renewal, to provide evidence of your CPE. Renewal cost is \$20.00 and is charged biennially.

Renewal is a personal responsibility. If your certificate is over two years old (date on the certificate) you should renew today using the [Online Renewal](#) or you may fill out the [Renewal Coupon](#) and mail it, with payment to the CDFM staff at ASMC Headquarters.

**Renewal fees are calculated based on the CDFM Certificates valid through date.** When payment is submitted, your certificate valid through date will advance based on the amount paid (\$20.00 = 2 years, \$40.00 = 4 years, \$60.00 = 6 years, etc). [Use the Get ID feature to have your CDFM information emailed to you.](#) The current renewal fee is \$20.00 for each 2 year renewal period. If your valid through date is older than 2 years your payment will increment accordingly.

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-forms/renewal/>

If you have questions give Ron Millis (882-4329) or Lisa Gamon (875-3465) a call.

## **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.

## Community Service

A big thank you to the volunteers who supported the Share the Shelter Music Festival. Shelter House was able to raise over \$21,600 to benefit Alaqua Animal Refuge and Shelter House Domestic Violence Center's missions to save lives!

A heartfelt thanks goes out to those who donated school supplies at the July ASMC luncheon. We were able to provide two full boxes to Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.

### **UP-COMING EVENTS:**

**EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER:** Will be participating in the Destin Seafood Festival this year, and we could use your help. This year a new group of people are in charge of the Festival, so the location is new, and there is NO CHARGE!! It will stretch 1/2 a mile from Harborwalk Village to the Boathouse Oyster Bar along the Destin Harbor (lower level). The dates will return to the first weekend in October (September 30th-October 2nd), coinciding with the opening weekend of the Destin Fishing Rodeo. Volunteer duties will be selling tokens and tickets. POC: [Brianna.Hoppel@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Brianna.Hoppel@eglin.af.mil)

**EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER:** The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Week is here and ECCAC is looking for volunteers to bus tables on Saturday, August 13 from 6-10pm at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. You will be fed and well taken care of – You'll be provided an "old west showboat saloon" costumes to wear. The ladies costumes will be modest saloon girls and guys will be black slacks, white shirts with arm bands and hat. This is the main party of the weekend and should be tons of fun! Also need volunteers to help dockside during the boat run on Saturday, August 13 from 10am – 5pm, or to help unload and sell T-shirts for the events on Friday night (Captain's Party at AJ's - August 12) and the Saturday night Poker Run Party at the Emerald Coast Conference Center (August 13). POC: [Brianna.Hoppel@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Brianna.Hoppel@eglin.af.mil)

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

**DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES:** Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, 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@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Patrick.Dewitt@eglin.af.mil)

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## Community Service

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**HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE:** Continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: [David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil](mailto:David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil)

### **PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:**

1. Brilliant Minds - medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, & Down Syndrome children
2. Habitat for Humanity - creating affordable housing opportunities
3. Relay for Life - fight against cancer
4. Fisher House - providing home away from home that enables family members to be close to a love one during stressful times
5. Blankets of Hope - handmade blankets supporting wounded soldiers/vets
6. Shelter House - survivors of domestic violence
7. Opportunity Inc - helping the homeless
8. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
9. Give a Child a Christmas
10. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy

Finally, help us keep track of your volunteer hours – email us. As always your suggestions welcomed!

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## **Programs – Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris, Jenna Colon**

Mark your calendar:

### **August Luncheon Information:**

The next ASMC luncheon will be held on 25 Aug 2011 from 11:00- 13:00 at the Eglin Club (Sand Dollar Room). Col Allen Blume, Comptroller, AFGSC, will be our guest speaker.

The Topic will be The Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC). The menu will be "Buffet" \$7 Member/\$9 Non-Member.

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=267044&TypeName=Class>

ASMC Luncheon Information:

Topic: The Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC)

Speaker: Col. Allen Blume, Comptroller

Date: 25 Aug 2011

Place: Eglin Club (Officers Club on water)

Time: 11:00-13:00

Menu: Club Buffet Line

Amount: \$7 Member/\$9.00 Non-Member

## **Obama signs debt deal, turns to job creation**

*By Jamie Tarabay and Rebecca Kaplan [National Journal](#) August 2, 2011*

It seemed like the end of a storm. President Obama announced the Senate had passed the deal he brokered with Congressional leaders, thanked the American people for "keeping up the pressure" on Congress, and talked the important work to be done after the August recess to create jobs. To all those caught up in the frenzy of the debt-ceiling fight in Washington these past few weeks, it seemed like a moment of relief. But it was only the eye of the storm.

"We can't balance the budget on the backs of the very people who have borne the biggest brunt of this recession," Obama said at the podium, replaying his words of a week or two ago, before he conceded to a deal that did not immediately raise revenues. "Since you can't close the deficit with just spending cuts, we'll need a balanced approach. Where everything's on the table."

Progressive Democrats angry with Obama for what they see his role in abandoning calls for tax increases on the wealthy will welcome his remarks, promising a fight as a Congressional committee considers ways to cut the deficit by an additional \$1.5 trillion.

"Everyone has to chip in. It's only fair. That's the principle I'll be fighting for during the next phase of this process," Obama said, citing priorities he had to abandon in the final phase of the debt fight: reforming the tax code to increase revenues from the wealthy and eliminating taxpayer subsidies to oil and gas companies and other tax loopholes that allow the rich to pay lower taxes than middle-class workers.

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His message: this fight is not over.

Obama's remarks came within the hour after the deal passed the Senate in a 74-26 vote. White House press secretary Jay Carney later announced that the president had signed into law the 2011 Budget Control Act.

The legislation guarantees at least \$2.1 trillion in a deficit reduction over 10 years, with negotiators hopeful that it will achieve closer to \$3 trillion in savings if Congress can enact further deficit-reduction measures by December. It mandates no tax increases and sets up a super committee to cut \$1.5 trillion from the federal deficit.

The speech also afforded the president the opportunity to shift to an agenda focused on job creation, something he's struggled to do since January. Interrupted by crisis after crisis - - the Arab Spring, the earthquake in Japan, and, most recently, the debt ceiling fight - - his recent push for public-private partnerships to build jobs and push legislation through Congress has played second fiddle.

Obama said the millions of Americans who are unemployed "want us to solve problems, they want us to get the economy growing and create jobs." Of course, that will have to wait for the rest of August as Congress takes its annual summer vacation. But when they return, Obama promised, he will call on them to extend tax cuts for middle class families, extend unemployment benefits, pass patent reform, approve three trade deals that have been stalled in Congress, create more opportunities for construction workers, and create an infrastructure bank.

"We have workers that need jobs, and a country that needs building," he said.

Of course, for every item on Obama's agenda, there will be disagreement from Congress on what he is requesting. Many of his priorities, such as the trade deals, have been held up for months over disagreements on policies like Trade Adjustment Assistance, which provides aids to workers whose jobs were displaced by more free trade agreements. To some extent, he can work around those disagreements. His recent manufacturing policy, for example, has been built around administration initiatives that don't require approval from Congress.

But he'll do his best to convince Congress they share the burden of fixing the economy. "Both parties share power in Washington. Both parties need to take responsibility for improving this economy," Obama said. "It's not a Democratic responsibility or a Republican responsibility. It is our collective responsibility as Americans."

## Education



From the July luncheon:

The Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC awarded \$7,000 in annual scholarship for 2011 to 11 recipients. We also awarded a national scholarship for \$2,000 to Robert Lyerly.

Recipients of these scholarships are pictured from left to right: Max Miller, Donna Schulist (education co-chair), Tahir Wallen, Rachelle Gouthro, Michael Brown, Victoria DeJesus, Michael Mitchell, Sr. (representing son Michael Mitchell, Jr.), Nicole Smith, Howard Trumbo, Robert Lyerly (annual and national award winner) and Sandra Telemacque (education chair). Also receiving scholarships but not pictured are Joyce Hughes and Emily Lyerly.

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## **Membership**

*Chair, Kent Fitzgerald*

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 persons who do not 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 me, 883-3809.

## **Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega**

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Denega and Cleo Battle

New committee members:

Mandy Chapman

Kathy Hetrick

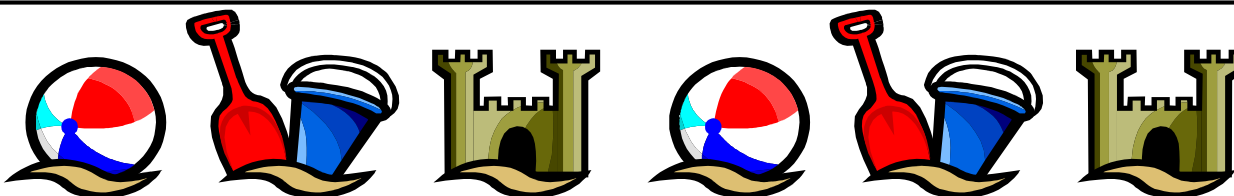
Max Miller

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

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Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!



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

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

25 Aug: Global Strike Command, Col Allen Blume, Eglin Club 11 AM, Sand Dollar Lounge

Please contact our Program Chairs Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris, or Jenna Colon 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***

For more details, see [www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org).

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from the 2010 PDI. You can access selected sessions online at

<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/online-education/extended-learning/extended-learning-2010-pdi-presentations/>

Minneapolis hosted the national PDI this year. ASMC online will soon post 2011 sessions - check the national website for more information.

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

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