



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for their support and consideration for me as your incoming president. I have been a member of the ASMC since 2004, when I came into the financial management career field. For the past 8 years I have been a Financial Services Officer, Budget Officer, Wing Exec, AFIT Student, and a Comptroller here in the 33d Fighter Wing. My prior 12 years as an enlisted member were spent as a recruiter and medical administrative technician--both jobs which prepared me, in different ways, for the demands of this career field. I hope to hear as many of your stories as I can over the next year.

I'm looking forward to carrying on the programs that the prior leadership teams have maintained here, in a spectacular way, for many years. First, the Regional Professional Development Seminar will be a pillar in our platform, which will ensure high-quality, in-person training is provided to each member who desires it. Second, we will seek to increase our membership by at least 25%; this is an ambitious goal, but it can be done with your help. Finally, we will work with our senior FM leadership to provide a memorable and meaningful lecture series during our monthly meetings. Membership is the lifeblood of any community and it is certainly true of ours. As you know, the ASMC is a great place to learn about others' experiences and find out who

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you can go to when you have a problem.

On behalf of our entire ASMC leadership team, Brianna Hoppel, Ben Harter, Vanessa Fuentes, Sharon Pedersen, Michelle Woolgar, and our wonderful committee chairs, thank you again for the opportunity. I look forward to working and learning alongside all of you this year.

Very sincerely,

Scott
Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF
Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President
883-4040

CDFM

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) offers the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) educational program and certification designation to those persons desiring to demonstrate proficiency in the core aspects of defense financial management. The DoD Authorization Act FY2012 signed by President Obama empowers the Secretary of Defense to prescribe professional certification and credential standards for the financial management community. The CDFM is one of the professional certification programs recognized by the DoD.

While most candidates in the CDFM program are civilian or military/reserve members of the Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps or employees of defense contractors or suppliers, the CDFM program is open to all candidates who have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and meet the following work experience qualifications: Have the required number of years of defense-related financial management experience outlined below:

- Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher; or
- Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.

OR Do not have defense-related financial management experience, but can meet the following criteria outlined below:.

- Four (4) years of Federal government-related financial management experience; and
- An Associate's degree or higher.

There are three steps involved with earning your CDFM:

1. Enroll in the CDFM Program. Your enrollment is valid for two (2) years, during which time you must take, and successfully pass, the three CDFM module examinations.

(<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-forms/program-enrollment/>).

2. Submit Your Verification of Financial Management Experience Form

(<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-forms/experience-verification-form/>). This form, which must be signed by a supervisor who can verify your work experience, must be returned to ASMC after enrolling in the CDFM program. You do not have to submit this form prior to taking a CDFM examination, but it is required prior to the awarding of the CDFM designation.

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3. Purchase and Schedule the CDFM Examinations. Be sure to carefully - and completely - read the criteria associated with each testing option for the CDFM examinations. Failure to do so can result in the purchase of the wrong CDFM examination and/or the inability to test at your preferred location.

(<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/testing-resources/>).

All individuals earning the CDFM designation must adhere to the ASMC Pledge of Professionalism to retain their credential

(<http://www.asmconline.org/national-organization/pledge-of-professionalism/>).

The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course is a five-day, intensive financial management review course taught in three modules. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. Learn how to get college credit from attending the EDFMTC

(<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/get-college-credit-2/>).

For those individuals interested in attending the EDFMT Course

(<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/get-college-credit-2/>). We should know in the next few months if the Gulf Coast Chapter will be sponsoring an EDFMT class locally in FY13. More to come!

Air Force Reimbursement Policy

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/policies/>

CDFM Testing Using the G.I Bill

You can receive reimbursement for licensing and certification tests (e.g., CDFM tests) you take on or after March 1, 2001. (MGIB-AD, VEAP & DEA beneficiaries only.) Effective January 6, 2006 MGIB-SR & REAP participants became eligible for this program. These tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill. VA can pay only for the cost of the tests, up to \$2,000.00, and not other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification. VA will pay for tests even if failed.

Custom Frame Your Certificate

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/framing-success/>

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CDFM Modules

Module 1: <http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-m>

Module 2: <http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cos>

Module 3: <http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting>

Module 4: <http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-4/>

The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter has textbooks you can checkout. If you prefer to own a textbook they can be purchases through the ASMC National website at <http://www.asmc.org/publications/text-books/#purchase>.

Don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions.

Lisa Gamon

883-3465.

Community Service

ON-GOING EVENTS:

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

Patrick.Dewitt@eglin.af.mil and Gabi at Gabiella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy (ECCAC)
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. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
8. Give a Child a Christmas

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

POCs: Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-4787;

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Education



The Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC awarded \$6,000 in annual scholarship funding for 2012 to 10 recipients at the July luncheon.

Recipients of these scholarships are pictured from left to right: Mr. Rone (SES, AFSOC), Jessica Silvia, Jay Patel, Christian Valdaman, Howard Trumbo, Dylan Lee, Chris Anderson, and Sandra Telemacque (Education Chair). Also receiving scholarships but not pictured are Nicole Gray, Brandon Kuhn, Tess Likens, and Mikayla Morris.

Scholarships were awarded based on scholastic achievement, leadership, extracurricular activities, career goals, and financial need. Below are the recipients of our 2012 Scholarship Program:

High School:

Jay Patel \$750
Jessica Silvia \$750
Dylan Lee \$500
Christian Vardaman \$500
Mikayla Morris \$500

Chapter Members:

Chris Anderson \$500
Nicole Gray \$500
Howard Trumbo \$500

College:

Brandon Kuhn \$1,000
Tess Likens \$500

We would also like to recognize and thank the scholarship evaluators and our IT assistants for taking the time to help make the program a success.

Mark Bowersox
James Craighead
Esperanza Rosa
Kaci Harris – IT Assistance

James Counsman
Kristina Golden
Tanya Hart
Jason Guzzardo - IT Assistance

Education - Information about this year's winners:

High School level winners:

1. Our first \$500 high school scholarship recipient is Dylan Lee. Dylan just graduated from high school and will attend Florida State University. He is majoring in Actuarial Science with a minor in Business. Dylan played baseball all four years of high school and was an instructor of a baseball clinic held each year for children between the ages of 4 to 14.

2. Our second \$500 high school scholarship recipient is Mikayla Morris. Mikayla also just graduated high school and will also attend FSU. Mikayla has volunteered as numerous events including coordinating "Hope for Haiti" and mentoring students at Mary Esther Elementary to name a few.

3. Our third \$500 high school scholarship recipient is Christian Vardaman. Christian will be attending Louisiana State University Business School and Honors College. Christian became interested in studying business after working with a small business in his neighborhood and working as a salesman for Brooks Brothers clothiers.

4. Our first \$750 high school scholarship recipient is Jay Patel. Jay will attend Northwest Florida State College and plans to pursue both a Bachelor and Master's degree in Finance and Accounting. Jay volunteers at many community fund-raisers such as the Science for Kids Run and regularly volunteers at the Waterfront Mission.

5. Our second \$750 high school scholarship recipient is Jessica Silvia. Jessica will also be attending Northwest Florida State College pursuing a degree in Business. For the past two years, she volunteered as a teacher's aide. Last year she tutored one student in all subjects and other students in chemistry.

College level winners:

1. Our \$1,000 college scholarship recipient is Brandon Kuhn. Brandon has taken many active leadership roles on campus too numerous to mention. As the Executive Vice president of the Inter-fraternity Council Executive Board, he supervised 23 fraternities encompassing over 2,000 men and ensures compliance with the university's policies, which obviously is no easy task!

Education - Information about this year's winners:

College level winners (continued):

2. Our \$500 college scholarship recipient is Tess Likens. Tess is attending the University of Florida pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Just in the last semester alone, Tess helped nine students find internships. She helped them prepare resumes, prepare for interviews, search for internships and network with recruiters.

Chapter Members:

Our first \$500 chapter member scholarship recipient is Chris Anderson. Chris is a valued member of our Eglin team currently working here on base in the 96 CPTS. He does regular volunteer work on many charity events such the Chapter's Relay for Life Team, Give a Child a Christmas, Sons and Daughters of Italy in Fort Walton Beach, and coached youth soccer.

Our second \$500 chapter member scholarship recipient is Howard Trumbo, Jr. Howard is an Army veteran and a military spouse going to college full-time at the University of Maryland University College. Howard frequently performs community service at the Eglin Airmen's Attic, helped out at the 2011 Christmas Toy Drive on Eglin, and was an active participant at "The United Way's Day of Caring" where he painted rooms and furniture in an assisted living facility for disabled individuals.

And last but certainly not least is our third \$500 chapter member scholarship recipient--Nicole Gray. Nicole recently graduated with an undergraduate degree in Accounting with honors. She is currently working on her MBA with a concentration in Finance while working full time and raising three children, sometimes on her own while her spouse is deployed.

Congratulations again to all the recipients.

Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque.eglin.af.mil)

Donna Schulist (883-3449, Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil).

Six-month deal may avoid government shutdown

Six-month deal reached to avoid government shutdown

From Govexec.com Friday, July 31, 2012

Congressional leaders and the White House have reached a deal to adopt a stopgap spending bill after the August recess to fund the government through the first quarter of 2013, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Tuesday afternoon. This allows lawmakers to avoid an ugly spending fight during what is expected to be an extraordinarily hectic post-election work session. "It will provide stability for the coming months," Reid said of the funding extension. "We can resolve these situations that directly affect the country as soon as the election is over."

The six-month continuing resolution, which Reid said would contain no policy riders, would be prorated at the 2013 spending level set by the Budget Control Act last August. Neither chamber will take up a continuing resolution bill this week. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the legislation would be crafted during the August recess. Congress will have eight legislative work days in September before FY12 ends. Aides expect the resolution to be consistent with current funding levels.

House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers, R-Ky., isn't thrilled about the half-year plan because of the complications inherent in stopgap funding. Earlier speculation centered on whether Congress would adopt a two-month or six-month extension. "From our perspective it would be better to have a short-term CR," said a Rogers spokeswoman.

By announcing a deal on a six-month resolution this week, congressional leaders are giving agency officials time to put together requests for "anomalies," specific technical exemptions that would extend certain programs and activities, like the permission for D.C. to use its locally collected funds, not covered under a CR.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

21 August Luncheon – Cost Conscious Culture 12:00 PM, Eglin Club

Please contact our Program Chairs 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.asmonline.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

PDI 2012, the premier training event hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers, was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on May 30 – June 1, with a theme of Professionalism in Action.

Thanks to all that attended PDI 2012 in Anaheim, California. Photos from the week have now been posted on the [ASMC Facebook Page](#). Slides that have been made available to ASMC are available on the [program page](#) of this website. To reprint your receipt, please log in to your registration account at <https://secure2.rhq.com/asmc/pdi12/attupdate/index.cgi>

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

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***Professional Development
Luncheon Presents***

***Col Chase Fiquett
HQ AETC/FM***

Topic: C3-Cost Conscious Culture

***Tuesday 21 August 2012 at 12:00
Eglin Club - Bayview***

Pay as you go "Buffet Line"

Registration via A3 web site:

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=344851&TypeName=Class>

POCs: Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon