



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

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

**PATI GALVAN**

Wow! It's hard to believe that this year is almost over. The first five months of our Chapter year have passed so quickly, and the pace of the coming months will likely be the same.

It's been a great year so far. We've had some wonderful speakers. We began with Mr. Steve Herrera, AAC/FM, at our October luncheon giving us insight on leadership and Ms. Lorene Stanford, AAC/CCN, provided a tremendous amount of information on NSPS at our November luncheon. Currently your Programs committee is hard at work planning several monthly luncheons that will emphasize both professional and training topics. Keep your eyes peeled for the flyers announcing each meeting's topic and guest speaker. Please do not hesitate to contact the Programs committee chair or any executive committee member if you have a topic of interest or a particular speaker in mind that you would like to hear at one of the luncheons. Our goal is to make the chapter the best it can be by ensuring relevant topics are presented to the chapter membership.

In the months ahead we will be quite busy planning for the Regional PDI. For the first time ever we are teaming up with the Northwest Florida chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA). I am excited about the opportunity for us to network and build relationships outside of the FM community. The theme for our event is "Embracing the Past as a Bridge to the Future." We have quite a distinguished list of speakers lined up. The RPDI is scheduled for 3 Mar 06 and again is being held at the Emerald Coast Convention Center. So mark your calendars, it should be a great day for all so please come and join us. As soon as the holidays are over you will receive more information on this event.

I am continuously amazed at the fantastic chapter we have. I'd like to thank all who have participated and supported our Chapter activities. As we continue to promote continued professional development and service in our community, I challenge each of you to continue to take an active role in our Chapter.

Please keep our service men and women in your thoughts this holiday season. I wish each of you success and prosperity in 2006. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Respectfully,  
Pati President, Gulf Coast Chapter  
American Society of Military Comptrollers

**ASMC, P.O. Box 1756, Eglin AFB FL 32542**

### ***Executive Committee***

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### ***Eglin VP – Capt Eileen LaBrecque***

I cannot believe it is December already and half of my tenure as the Eglin-VP has passed! I hope you all have enjoyed the guest speakers we have had thus far at the monthly meeting as much as I have – I believe they shared a wealth of information with us.

We have gone through so many changes these last two years with the addition of the Comptroller Squadron, the newly formed Acquisition Wings, transformation and now NSPS. It has been exciting and at times challenging with the changes that have happened and perhaps intimidating at the unfamiliarity of what will happen with transformation and NSPS. Change is good and I look forward to what the future of FM will hold for us.

Thank you all for being so involved in the monthly meetings. Please let us know if there is anything in particular you would like to have briefed at one of the meetings. Planning is going great for the Regional PDS and it will be here before we know it.

During this holiday season please keep our deployed members in your thoughts. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings.

Very Respectfully Yours, Captain Eileen LaBrecque, Eglin - VP

## **Tenants VP – Dee LaGarde**

It is great to be back; I have been auditing in Virginia for the past month. Hurricane season is over and it is a time to get back on track. I start with the IIA chapter meeting on Tuesday, 6 December, Bay Beach Inn, Gulfbreeze; Susan Stephenson, Executive Director, University of West Florida Foundation, will speak on *The Control Environment and Its Impact on Fraud*. Once again we offer a quality CPE and a good evening with friends and colleagues. All ASMC members are invited.

Please mark two dates on your calendars: 3 March 2006 and 28 April 2006.

As you know, 3 March 2006 is the Mini-PDI – my IIA chapter is working with the American Society of Military Comptrollers and we will obtain the official approval from Florida for CPE credit. Among all the quality presenters, we bring the IRS, FLDFS, and UWF. The IRS is coming this year to talk on Tax Relief in Disaster Situations. The Florida Department of Financial Services will be back to talk on hurricane insurance – fraud, abuse, lessons learned and what to expect. And, Dr. Chula King will lecture on how Enron and WorldCom impact the federal government – if you haven't heard this one you are in for a treat. So I look forward to a fun and full day at the convention center. Your program volunteers have put in a fantastic effort and this should be the best PDI yet.

On 28 April 2006 the Northwest Florida Chapter IIA will host an all day seminar at the Hurlburt Soundside. Look for the flyer in January. 2005 National IIA Convention speakers will be presenting a strong program on fraud. All finance, cost, budget, quality assurance, contract, and program personnel should receive fraud training. Certifications, such as the CPE, CIA, and CFE, require fraud hours each year. It is a matter of time before the CDFM will also make this requirement. This is an opportunity.

Look for more on both these events in your e-mail and this newsletter. See you there.

Have a happy holiday season!

Dee LaGarde, CPA, CFE  
Vice-President, Tenant

## **Hurlburt VP – Ms Annette Beard**

Thanksgiving has already come and gone, Christmas will be here soon, and a brand new year is just around the corner. It's a wonderful time of year to celebrate with our family and friends. Especially since we are so blessed to live in this nation – and in this community! Moreover, we should all take time to be thankful and be generous to those less fortunate than ourselves. Finally, while you are enjoying your Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, spend some time reflecting on your life over the past year and assess goals for the coming year. January is a perfect time for new starts – finish or start an educational goal or PME, pursue a professional certification, learn a new hobby, or get back into your exercise routine.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2006!

Respectfully,  
Annette Beard, CDFM  
Hurlburt VP

## CDFM Certification Team

### \* CDFM Pointers and Reminders \*

#### **Study Room Available!**

The ABSS Computer Room in Bldg 350 is reserved especially for those that would like to use it as their CDFM Study Room. The following dates are reserved from 1045 to 1600: December 5, 6, 12, 19-23, 27-30, January 4-6, 16, 18, 23, 25, 27, and 30. Please notify Amber Green via email at [amber.green@eglin.af.mil](mailto:amber.green@eglin.af.mil) when you plan to use the room. In addition, several Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) Manuals are on order and will soon be available to use in the study room for your convenience!

#### **CDFM A3 credit!**

You guessed it—on the days that the CDFM Study Group Sessions offer guest speakers, you will be able to register for A3 credit! The first session will be a brown bag lunch session from 1100-1200 on Monday, 12 December. Ms. Tammie Johnson, an experienced auditor, will be speaking on Management and Internal Controls (Module I topic) in the Bldg 350 ABSS Computer Room.

#### **New EDFMT Schedule Published**

You can find the FY2006 Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course schedule on the web now at <http://www.asmc certification.com/documents/GovernmentFiscalYear2006TrainingSchedule.pdf>

#### **Need Volunteers**

If you would like to volunteer as a guest speaker in one of our upcoming CDFM Study Group Sessions, and are CDFM certified, please contact Amber Green via email at [amber.green@eglin.af.mil](mailto:amber.green@eglin.af.mil) or call (850) 882-4261x3319.

#### **Congratulations**

The Gulf Coast ASMC chapter would like to congratulate the following individuals for recently achieving the title of Certified Defense Financial Manager.

John C Dininger

Vanessa Elizabeth Fuentes

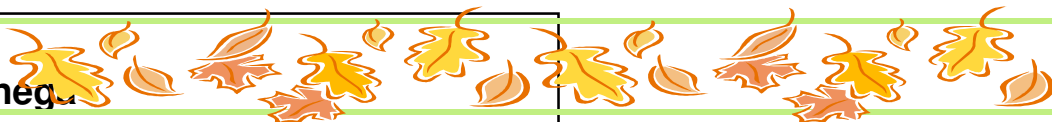
James L Thompson

Amber Green

Chair, CDFM Certification Program

#### **Ways & Means**

**Ms. Jennifer Denega**



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#### **Fundraising Events**

Dec 05

Gift-Wrapping at Eglin BX: 19 Dec 05, 1215-1845

Thank you in advance to all volunteers!

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

Please send ideas for future fundraisers.

You can reach the Ways and Means Chairperson at:

[jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil) or at 882-3525 ext. 3175 (DSN 872)

*Many Blessings for a Beautiful Holiday Season!*

## Meeting Minutes – 9 September 2005

Attendees: Pati Galvan, Capt Eileen LaBrecque, Annette Beard, Dolores Lagarde, Kent Fitzgerald, Deanna Morales, Dan Harvey, Deborah Washington, Kathy Davis, Dedra Robinson

The meeting was opened at 1300 by Pati Galvan.

### Old Business:

- Deanna will verify that a \$200.00 check was sent to the Middle GA chapter. A Middle GA chapter member approached Col Williams at the National PDI stating that they did not receive their share of the proceeds so they wanted their booth funds to be returned to them.
- All in attendance voted to maintain last year's goals of:
  - Meet or exceed 5-Star rating
  - Increase enlisted and junior officer membership and participation
  - Meet or exceed last year's total of scholarship awards
  - Increase the percent of chapter membership that is CDFM certified
  - Increase activities promoting good networking and mentoring opportunities
- Deanna mentioned that we needed to do better with our audit trails. Ways and Means needs to account for their income better than what we do now.
- Need to contact Jennifer Denega and find out about Christmas gift wrapping and the McRae's charity sale. With Belk's buying out McRae's will they still have a charity sale?
- We still do not have a Programs Committee chair. It was also discussed that we may want to find a permanent place to have our monthly luncheons. All were in agreement, including Hurlburt, that Two Trees was not the place.
- Deanna mentioned that each committee chair needs to turn in a budget to her

### New Business:

#### 1) Regional PDI (Dan Harvey):

PDI will be held on 3 Mar 06

This year we are going to join with NCMA

NCMA has taken this all the way up through their NCMA chain and upper PK management and all approved the idea including Mr. Fowler, PK Director

NCMA is really excited about joining with ASMC

NCMA would probably bring in 100 or so people

There is a long list of potential speakers

Open issues are profit sharing and registration fee

50/50 split if off the table

Profit sharing may be based on attendance

Need to share the work load evenly between the two organizations

Gulf Coast chapter will receive points for partnering with NCMA

#### 2) Programs Committee

Dee LaGarde mentioned that she is the programs chair for the Audit Agency and mentioned the speakers she had lined up for the AFAA

There was talk around the table about CPE credits for luncheon and PDI speakers

Dee also mentioned that we need to find quality speakers for the PDI

Pati Galvan mentioned that she will be TDY for most of the month of October so she would schedule the next meeting for sometime in November

Meeting adjourned at 1420.

## Meeting Minutes – 18 October 2005

Speaker: Mr. Steve Herrera, Deputy Director, Financial Management, AAC/FM

- 70 people in attendance
- Bill Rone is part of the FM Development Team
  - As part of that team, they vector GS-14s (104 packages were submitted)
  - Each package had remarks put down as to how to help with career broadening
- All in all, civilians who want to be successful should follow the same guidelines as a successful officer
- All GS-14s will be asked to fill out the “dream sheet” for vectoring
- SAF/FMPW is constantly looking to see if changes need to be made to current workforce shaping
- Professional Military Comptroller School (PMCS) has changed to Defense Financial Manager and Comptroller School (DFM&CS)
- Certificate reimbursement is still ongoing; Reimbursements are now done through HQ SAF/FM. Eligible Certifications as follows:
  - Accredited Financial Examiner (AFE)
  - Certified Cash Manager (CCM)
  - Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM)
  - Certified Financial Planner (CFP)
  - Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
  - Certified Government Audit Professional (CGAP)
  - Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)
  - Certified Financial Manager (CFM)
  - Certified Information Systems Auditor (CIS A)
  - Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
  - Certified Management Accountant (CMA)
  - Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
  - Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO)
  - Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst (CCE/A)
  - Certified Cost Consultant (CCC)
- There are 11 slots in FY06 for the EDFM class
- Mr. Herrera’s gut check:
  - Be honest with Junior Force
  - Try to keep everything balanced (i.e., family, work, training, PT)
  - Reevaluate and reassess your choices
  - Treat each other with dignity
  - Customer comes first



## Meeting Minutes – 17 November 2005

**Speaker: Lorene Stanford, NSPS**

### **Where are we?**

All comments reviewed and conferred between OSD and union, Results are published in the Federal Register, released 1 Nov 05, Federal Register is located on the local CoP, and OSD & AF websites, Regulations effective on or about 1 Dec 05

### **Major Changes Resulting from Comment Period and Meet & Confer:**

**Compensation and Pay** - Individuals will receive a 6% (or 2-step increase) when moving into NSPS; Annual reviews will be required

**Performance** - Written performance standards are required; Performance ratings can be challenged through administrative or negotiated grievance process

**Workforce Shaping (RIF)** - Requires use of multiple years of performance ratings, Provides two years of retained pay

### **Actions and Appeals**

Mitigation standards are similar to that recognized by Fed Circuit Court

Mandatory removal offenses must be publicized in the Federal Register and regularly made known to all employees

### **Labor Relations**

Preserves collective bargaining and permits bargaining on a variety of operational matters if the Secretary determines that bargaining would advance the Department's mission accomplishment or promote organizational effectiveness

### **Implementing Issuances**

Limits who can issue NSPS issuances to SecDef, Dep SecDef, Principal Staff Assts, e.g. USD, or Sec of Mil Depts

### **Lawsuit and Stipulation Order**

During the briefing Ms Stanford discussed several dates regarding implementation of NSPS; however, after the meeting she received a clarification on the discussions among the DoD, the Justice, OPM, and the labor organizations. DoD agreed to delay implementing portions of NSPS until Feb 1, 2006 with the understanding that we may go forward with the continuing collaboration process for the implementing issuances at any time after December 1, 2005. We also agreed to hold off making those issuance effective until February 1, 2006, at the earliest. In addition, the agreement provides for the commencement or continuation of NSPS training of DoD managers, supervisors and employees at any time. The agreement requests that the case be heard by the Court in early January. The agreement was reach on terms to establish a schedule that will lead to the expeditious resolution of the issues raised.

### **Training**

Supervisors will continue to be trained

Labor Relations Training – Nov 05

Supervisors - 1.5 hrs

Management Training Dec 05 – Feb 06

Employee Training Jan – Feb 06

NSPS 101 – Computer based training for all

HR Elements – 4 hours

Performance Management System Management – 16 hrs

Employee – 8 hrs

Conversion

Compensation

Pay Bands

Workforce shaping (RIF)

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## Meeting Minutes – 17 November 2005

**Speaker: Lorene Stanford, NSPS**

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**4 Career Groups will be used (subject to continuing collaboration):**

- **Standard – 71% of DoD (incl Financial Managers, Budget, Auditing)**
- Investigative and Protective – 6%
- Scientific and Engineering – 18%
- Medical – 5%

**Standard Career Group (above) will have the following proposed pay schedules (subject to collaboration) and within each pay schedule will be proposed pay bands:**

- Professional/Analytical
- Technical/Support
- Student Employment
- Supervisor/Manager

**- It is planned for skill codes to be phased out**

**- The following schedule is the best known to date. Not sure if the implementation date of 1 February will impact these dates. Please stay tuned as other changes could occur:**

- Closeout of current appraisal processes presently planned for 31 Jan 06
  - New appraisal cycle under NSPS starts 1 Mar 06
  - Move onto pay bands NLT 2 Apr 06

**- All employees/supervisors will receive a Focus on Performance handout next week**

Q&A

Q: Will anyone lose money going into NSPS?

A: No one loses money converting to NSPS

Q: Will we still get a COLA?

A: Under NSPS cost of living as we know it today will change but for now it will remain the same

until the ramifications of local market supplements are decided.

Q: We are worried about the good old boy network when our pay is at stake. How can we be assured that this doesn't happen?

A: There are several factors to this answer. No 1, supervisors are rated for their supervision, which should include the fairness of appraisals and awards. No 2, the pay pool system has several stop gaps built in from a lateral comparison of like positions in the organization, and within the paypool hierarchy there will be more people who know the performance of the individuals being rated. No 3, each individual plays a role in the expectation process, the feedback process, and self-assessment. If things happen correctly, the appraisal shouldn't be a surprise. Where we sometimes get into trouble is we don't follow the process. The DP office will be drafting policy to insure that we have a fair corporate process at the center. NSPS is not a panacea but the drafters of NSPS are attempting to make this fair for all.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE, Jennifer Denega**

Gift wrapping will take place 19 December, 2 shifts, at the Eglin BX, times TBA  
Hurlburt, time and place, TBA

Minutes recorded by April Chapel.



**IIA International Conference 2005**

This past summer, I attended the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) International Conference 2005, held in Chicago, IL, 10-13 July. It was a very professional and fantastic conference and I would like to share some of the highlights with ASMC. The conference was sold out and included attendees from all over the world. One of my sessions, *Challenges for Government Auditors*, was instructed by the Director, Internal Auditing Department of Education and the Arts, Queensland, Australia. This lecture had an interesting twist for government auditing and it turned out to not be so different from us – at least our state and local counterparts.

“Internal auditors are the sentinels of ethical integrity,” lectured Sharen Allen, Partner at Deloitte & Touche LLP. “Capital Markets have never been so connected to internal auditors.” And she went on to say that internal auditors have moved from “Rodney Dangerfield to Mick Jagger.” In the civilian world, Sarbanes and Oxley (law as the result of ENRON and WorldCom) changed the auditing world and now chief executives actually look to their internal auditors. She would like to see an internal auditing program in each university to include risk management and communication skills with operational and control emphasis – not so different from all our desires.

*New Perspectives on Fraud Risk Management Strategies* revealed that fraud is still up, prevention and detection audit steps are up, and ethics and compliance programs are up. “Fraud risk management is as important to the corporation as financial health is to profitability.” *Antifraud Programs – Balancing Compliance with Best Practices* showed that there is more fraud today, but this could be because more fraud is now reported. One current perception is that internal auditors are the ‘protectors,’ and it is up to us to test the assertions. “The only way to test is to ask the people – do you know of any fraud?” But the lasting lesson for me was that ALL financial, accounting, cost, budget, and contracting personnel should have fraud training.

“Courage is not acting because of fear but acting in the face of fear,” was the introduction for Cynthia Cooper, the internal auditor who brought down WorldCom. Ms. Cooper commented, “The prime reason for restatement of financial statements is for revenue recognition... the average time for a financial fraud to be detected is 25 months ... there is over-reliance on internal controls and too little on risk management ... Arthur Anderson complained because the internal auditors brought control issues to the audit committee... go to management and ask if there is anything they are uncomfortable with... WorldCom did not have a hot line... do not think it cannot happen to you...”

Larry Rittenberg, chairman of The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), presented “Setting Accounting and Auditing Standards.” With him on stage were Laura Phillips, associate chief auditor of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), Michael Crooch, board member of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), and Robert Garnett, board member of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB); they presented a comprehensive picture of the current standards environment. “I firmly believe that assessing the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting will become just as established and accepted a process as auditing the financial statements,” Phillips said, “and it will become a similar cornerstone of our capital market in terms of the information that investors and creditors will come to demand as the minimum information that a public company should provide to demonstrate that its financial reports are reliable.”

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## Guest Columnist – continued

Later in *Implications of PCAOB SOX 404 Guidance on Auditing Standard #2 for Internal Auditors*, I was able to ask Ms Phillips a question concerning government auditing. Standard #2 deals with the requirements for an external auditor to follow in order to accept the work of an internal auditor. I stated that as government auditors we audit under the Yellow Book. Then I asked whether an external auditor had to follow Standard #2 when auditing a federal government entity and she said, “Yes.” And, she agreed that even though we use the Yellow Book, that we need to at least be familiar with the Standard #2 requirements reasoning that if an external auditor comes in we must understand where they are coming from. An external auditor who uses our work papers will use Standard #3 to determine how the work papers should be documented.

Phil Livingston, former Oakland Raider and now an accountant and vice chairman of Approva Corp, suggested that senior management look to internal auditors for assurance. “In a nutshell... managers expect integrity, initiative, and independence... internal auditors should not act like they are beholden to management or “sugar-coat” problems within the company... they want internal auditors to be involved in the financial accounting and reporting of the external auditors – to take the initiative, maintain the integrity of the company as well as their own, and be independent.”

The conference ended with a keynote speaker that has a coffee cup that reads, “Well behaved women seldom make history.” An international economist who played women’s basketball in Hungary she lectured, “All culture is local, what matters is the teacher.” Interesting and a fitting end to a wonderful and very informative conference.

While there I accepted an award on behalf of the Northwest Florida Chapter IIA. We received the **IIA’s 1st place Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Relations**. Although we are a small chapter with 76 members, we are very active and support the professional development of internal auditors. This conference “seized the moment” and gave all attendees the feeling that internal auditors matter and have an excellent reputation within the corporate world.

Dee LaGarde, MBA, CPA, CFE  
Vice-President Tenant, ASMC

## **Membership – Kent Fitzgerald**

Our current official membership as of 1 September 05 is 332 regular members and 8 corporate members representing 3 companies. Membership has remained basically steady during the last quarter.

I want to start including promotion information from our membership. I know this list is not all inclusive, but it's a start. If anyone has knowledge of member promotions in the future, please send me an email [kent.fitzgerald2@eglin.af.mil](mailto:kent.fitzgerald2@eglin.af.mil) to let me know.

Recent promotions: Mae Bozoki GS-13 AFSOC, Mary Ann Brocketto GS-14 ACSSG, Ken Pickler GS-13 ACE, Naymi Martinez GS-12 AAC, Martin Schmieder GS-12 AAC, April Chapel GS-11 AAC, Michael Shaw Col AAC, Ensigne Williams MSgt 96CPTS, Brian Warnock SrA 96CPTS, Benny King SrA (BTZ) 96CPTS, Vicki Helton GS-12 16CPTS

Now for a little ASMC history:

ASMC is the non-profit educational and professional organization for persons, military and civilian, involved in the overall field of military comptrollership. ASMC was established as the Society of Military Accountants and Statisticians in 1948 in San Antonio, TX, and was open only to active duty officers. Since then, ASMC has expanded to include all DoD and Coast Guard Financial Management personnel. In 1991 the national headquarters was opened in Alexandria, VA, and currently serves a growing professional society of 18,000 members. Military comptrollership is defined as the professions of financial management in the Department of Defense and Coast Guard. It includes the fields of:

- Accounting and Finance
- Administrative Support
- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Comptrollership
- Cost Analysis
- Financial Management
- Management Analysis
- Program Analysis
- Resource Management
- Statistics
- and many supporting activities...

ASMC promotes the education and training of its members, and supports the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership. The society sponsors research, provides professional programs to keep members abreast of current issues and encourages the exchange of techniques and approaches.

Mission Statement: To promote education, training and professional development in all aspects of military comptrollership.

## Education Committee

### **Education Committee:**

John Dinger, Chairperson

I want to take this opportunity to thank Pauline Saunders, the former education committee chairperson, for all her efforts in furthering the Gulf Coast Chapter ASMC Scholarship program. Over the 10 years (1996-2005) that Pauline served, \$26,500 was awarded to deserving college students. The total annual award increased from \$1,000 in 1996 to \$6,000 in 2004, a direct result of Pauline's efforts. Pauline did a wonderful job over many years, and I only hope that I can continue to "follow in her footsteps."

I would like to point out that ASMC's National Scholarship Program entry deadline is March 31, 2006. While this may seem far away, it will be 2006 before we know it! The national scholarship is given to outstanding high school seniors who are entering a field of study related to finance/resource management. I'm sure our chapter membership know of some deserving high school students. More information can be found at: <http://www.asmconline.org/files/nspform.doc>. I will be contacting the local high schools in the near future to let them know about the national scholarship program.

ASMC also offers a Continuing Education Program that provides financial assistance for ASMC members who are pursuing higher education goals. The deadline for this program is also March 31, 2006. I know there are many members of our chapter that are working on degree programs and could use any help that's available. More information can be found at: <http://www.asmconline.org/files/memcefrm.rtf>.

I look forward to serving as your Education committee chairperson...if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 883-3542.



### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DeAnna Morales**

Current Chapter Financial Status

**\$ 7,688.53**

**REMINDER!** Committee Chairs need to finalize FY2006 Budget requirements as soon as possible.

Deanna Morales

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

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS**

We will have luncheons in January and February. At time of publication, the dates are not set.

March 3 will be our PDI instead of a luncheon.

Please contact our Program Chair, Debbie Pavlas, 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: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

I would like for the site to be a valuable resource for ASMC information, professional development, and communication. If there is something you would like to see and believe it would be beneficial to the chapter, please let me know.

Webmaster Kathy Davis 882-6609  
**Katherine.Davis@Eglin.af.mil**

### ***National News***

PDI 2005 was a huge success. Our Summer 2005 *Armed Forces Comptroller* magazine provides summaries of many of the workshops and lectures. There's also an opportunity to purchase the virtual library in CD ROM for \$99.

Gulf Coast Chapter, Names and Faces of PDI 2005.

Page 26, photo of fun-run. Looks like AFSOC's comptroller, Bill Rone, is on the front row! Page 36 is an article on wartime FM experiences, including that of AAC's own Col Williams. The Workshop Report on page 52 was authored by our own Dedra Hickman. Pages 56-57 list awards won by TSgt Ensigne Williams, Ms Tracy Hartman, and Mr Douglas Tolar.

**Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>**

**And ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>**

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