



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

### APRIL CHAPEL

Our Christmas luncheon was a huge success; in fact we had to close registration due to exceeding the number of people the chapel can seat. The purpose was for the chapter to give back and say "THANK YOU" for everything you have helped accomplish this year. As this is the time of year to give what you can to others who are less fortunate, our chapter gives this type of support all throughout the year.

Some of the various things we have accomplished in a few short months include bringing in items for our deployed FM troops, giving toys to Eglin and Hurlburt Airman's Attics, and donated time to helping Fisher House raise funds and publicity of this worthy organization. Giving our members a luncheon at no cost to them was the least we could do for the effort and support each of you give us throughout the year.

Over the next few months we will have more opportunities to support organizations that are in need of assistance and I would love to see various individuals supporting those events. I realize each of you are busy, so even if you can bring in items or give an hour of your time, it will be put to good use. I truly appreciate that we are able to support various organizations in their times of need and more importantly I know those organizations appreciate it!

I hope everyone has a blessed holiday and has time to rest up for what is sure to be an exciting and busy new year!

April Chapel, CDFM-A  
President

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

### ***Executive Committee***

President	Ms April Chapel	882-3812
VP-Eglin	Ms Leah Hodge	882-3615
VP-Hurlburt	Capt Dan Genest	884-7289
VP-Tenants	Capt Christopher M Hill	883-4040
Secretary	Ms Brenda Dininger	882-3635
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Education (CDFM)	Ms Vanessa Fuentes	882-9841
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Membership	Capt Angie Blackwell	882-0063
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Publicity	Ms Dedra Hickman	883-6411
Newsletter	Ms Laura Gamble	884-2823
Regional PDI	Dan Harvey	883-0480
	Tim Bozoki	882-4138
	Ms Leah Hodge	882-3615
Treasurer	Ms DeAnna Morales	883-5907
Treasurer-Deputy	Ms Denise Wagner	883-0338
Ways & Means	Ms Jennifer Denega	883-4787
Webmaster	Mr Ken Kennedy	883-0870
	Mr Ron Millis	882-0936
Eglin Enlisted Advisor	TSgt Gina Rodriguez	882-3574
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Corp Vanguard	Mr Ken Bailey	729-5574

### ***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.

During this quarter, the following meetings occurred and those minutes posted onto the website:

- 13 Sept luncheon
- 18 Oct luncheon
- 8 Nov luncheon
- 15 Nov Executive Council

## ***Vice Presidents: Leah Hodge, Capt Chris Hill, Capt Dan Genest***

Change is good. Change is tough. Change is sometimes necessary and sometimes until you try a little change, you really don't know if there's a better way out there or not.

A focus of your elected leadership this year has been to get some new folks involved in the chapter and perhaps do some things differently. We wanted the chapter to give back to our members and at the same time, seek out new members. We thought an afternoon of training and fun was in order so on 18 Oct we tried an FM luncheon with a Jeopardy game with a follow on afternoon of bowling, but it didn't seem to be just the right event to capture everyone's attention. So we listened and cancelled it - no need to spend money on something no one would enjoy. We'll try again -- this time our Christmas luncheon will be catered with attending members supplying the desserts. We hope you join us. It's a great opportunity to visit FM friends, meet new people and help others who need a helping hand.

Another change we are trying this year is aligning the committees under a Vice President. The purpose is to allow that VP to focus on those committees and understand what they are working, give them assistance as needed and in general, tie the elected body into the working body. It shouldn't be obvious to the general membership but the Veeps are hoping that the committee chairs see some value.

You should have had an opportunity to check out the chapter website by now. It's new and improved and even has an up to date calendar. You'll find a link to newsletters and minutes to meetings -- that's another change. You'll no longer receive large documents via email but a notice with a link that the new documents are out there! We appreciate everyone volunteering their time for some duty in ASMC to be receptive to changes we are suggesting and working.

But most importantly, we'd like to get your feedback in order to affect changes that will be good for the entire group earlier than later!

### **Ways & Means**

**Ms. Jennifer Denega**



#### **Events**

- Holiday Care Packages to our FM troops!
- RPDS (Ways and Means combines with Community Service)

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 883-4787 (DSN 875)

*Many Blessings for a Joyous Holiday Season! Many Blessings for a Beautiful new Fiscal Year!*

*Jennifer Denega, Gulf Coast Chapter, ASMC Ways and Means Chairperson*

## **CDFM Study Group**

*Starting Jan 08 there is going to be a study group to prepare anybody who is interested in taking the CDFM test. We are exploring put the class in A-3 so the individuals participating in the study group could also get credit for training at the same time. More information forth coming.*

**Vanessa E. Fuentes –CDFM chair**  
**882-9841**

## **Education Committee**

I want to take this opportunity to thank the numerous individuals who assisted me in this year's scholarship program. Since 1996, our chapter has awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to many deserving college students. The total annual award has increased from \$1000 in 1996 to \$7500 in 2007. 2007 also brought about a new scholarship category, as the chapter was able award a \$1500 scholarship to one of its own. I certainly hope that we can continue this tradition and be a source of inspiration to college students aspiring to become financial management professionals along with chapter members who are striving to attain their educational goals!

I would like to point out that ASMC's National Scholarship Program entry deadline is March 31, 2008. While this may seem far away, it will be 2008 before we know it! The national scholarships are given to outstanding high school seniors who are entering a field of study related to finance/resource management. I'm sure our chapter membership knows of some deserving high school students. More information can be found at: <http://www.asmc.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, 2008. 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.asmc.org/files/memcefrm.rtf>.

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

John Dininger, Education Chairperson  
883-3542



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
DeAnna Morales

**Current Chapter Funds Balance: \$13,941.13**

**Current Treasury Snapshot=\$13,941.13. Thanks for all the input for this year's budget! Looks like we are going to have a banner year and be able to help in a lot of charitable activities. If you have any reimbursements, see the web page for the payment voucher request. I have included a snapshot of the approved budget plan for this year. (See next page)**

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, Treasurer's Initial Budget Plan  
 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL

FY2008	Budget Plan
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$49,800.00</b>
Membership Rebate	\$1,000.00
- Renewal In cash	
CDFM Rebate	\$0.00
Ways and Means	
On-Base	
Eggs & Gift Wrapping	\$0.00
Off-Base	
McRae's Clarity/Sale	\$0.00
Local Area Clarity/Christmas Drive	\$0.00
Regional PDI Clarity	\$0.00
Regional PDI Booth	\$0.00
National PDI Booth	\$0.00
Education Programs	\$0.00
RPDI	\$47,500.00
Luncheons	\$1,300.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$54,025.00</b>
General Operations	\$3,350.00
- Postage/Supplies	\$340.00
- Bank Charges	\$10.00
- President's Special Awards	\$500.00
- Plaques, Gifts, Engraving	\$2,500.00
Ways and Means	\$1,000.00
- Booth	\$1,000.00
Community Relations	\$1,225.00
- Give a Child A Christmas	\$225.00
- RPDS	\$750.00
- Fisker House	\$50.00
- Relay for Life	\$200.00
Programs	\$4,250.00
- Guest Lunch	\$150.00
- Clarity Donations	\$700.00
- Door Prizes	\$500.00
- Luncheons	\$2,900.00
Education	\$42,050.00
- RPDI	\$34,000.00
- Audio conference	\$500.00
- Scholarship Award	\$7,500.00
- CDFM	\$50.00
Membership	\$750.00
- Printing/Supplies	\$100.00
- Memberships (25 revised to 26)	\$650.00
- Luncheons for new members	\$200.00
Publicity	\$1,400.00
- Web	\$1,000.00
- Supplies	\$400.00

## ***Programs – Mr Ken Pickler***

As 2007 comes to a close, I'd like to thank all of you for helping Maj Kevin McKinley, Joan Horn and me bring some interesting and enlightening speakers and topics to our members—and for attending in such impressive numbers! A special thanks to Mr Bill Rone for the annual Comptroller professional development update, and to April and the other elves who took charge of the holiday luncheon when I could not attend.

On 31 Jan 08, we'll head to the Eglin Readiness Center, where Lt Col Paul Sinopoli, 96th Comptroller Squadron commander, will walk us through the steps involved in deployment preparation and processing. You'll get to sample typical items we send to our deployed troops, and we'll pack the leftovers up to send to our deployed wingmen.

On 28 Feb, we'll dial in to an ASMC-sponsored USAF budget outlook teleconference with Maj. Gen. Larry Spencer on Dept of Air Force budget. I plan to have meeting locations at both Eglin and Hurlburt.

Closing out the quarter, we'll head to the Emerald Coast Conference Center on 7 Mar for the 2008 Regional Professional Development Institute. This year, we have teamed with the National Contract Management Association, Society for Cost Estimating and Analysis, and Institute of Internal Auditors to bring you a great lineup. Speakers will include Mr Rich Hartley, SAF/FMC; BGen Wendy Masiello, AFPEO/CM; and Ms Patsy Reeves, WR-ALC/PK. Back by popular demand is the dynamic duo of Roger Bick and Glenda Scheiner, from SAF/FM staff, and a panel of recently deployed members including Maj Martin Memminger. Other local speakers include Ms Emily Jay, AAC/PK; and Maj Thomas Meer, AF Special Operations School. Online registration begins next month.

Thanks again for a great year! Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ken Pickler, Programs Committee Chairman  
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Please contact our Program Chair, Ken Pickler (x3-2193), if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on program issues.

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

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS - Mark your calendars:**

31 Jan 08, Eglin Readiness Center: Lt Col Paul Sinopoli, 96th Comptroller Squadron commander - deployment preparation and processing

7 Mar 08 2008 Emerald Coast Conference Center: Regional Professional Development Institute

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## ***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 webmaster, Ron Millis at 850-882-0936 or Ken Kennedy at 850-883-0870 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## ***National News***

DoD on the Hill – 14 Dec 07

Continuing Resolution (CR) Extended: The President signed today a bill extending the CR until Monday, December 21st. As the holidays approached, the Congress, anxious to complete their work and return home, has stepped up efforts to finish the FY 208 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

Will DoD Pull the Plug on Furlough Notices?: Congressional leaders hope their new FY 2008 appropriations proposal, to include some war funding without policy restrictions, will persuade DoD to stop consideration of civilian furloughs (could affect 100,000 Army Civilians, 100,000 Army contractors, and 24,000 Marine Civilians). The White House has made no comment on whether or not the President will agree to the latest congressional FY 2008 appropriations proposal.

House Passes the FY 2008 Defense Authorization Bill: House and Senate conferees completed action on the FY 2008 Defense Authorization bill this week. The House passed the bill Wednesday, the Senate passed it today. House and Senate authorizers appear to believe that, by removing most provisions objectionable to the White House in the House and Senate bills, the conferees have produced a compromise bill that the President will sign.

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