



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We're MAD—And I'm Glad!

At our 2 December luncheon, Col Chip Fulghum, AETC/FM, discussed several leadership fundamentals. Service was one of his leadership cornerstones. He talked about his experiences as his chapter washed windows at a San Antonio assisted living facility. He learned a lot about his chapter—and himself—that day. He ended by discussing a fun, informal AETC/FM award that recognizes those making a difference. His MAD award recipients receive an Alfred E. Neuman bobblehead. Yes, the face of Mad magazine represents a fundamental Air Force Core Value: Service Before Self.

Well, I've decided to adopt the MAD award to recognize monthly those chapter members who serve our chapter and community in an exceptional manner. Beginning this month, through the end of my term as chapter president, I'll request your nominations for our MAD award at the end of each month. We'll review the nominations at the following month's Executive Council meeting and announce/present the award at that month's luncheon.

We bought 8 bobbleheads to cover Dec 09-Jul 10. If it works well, next year's Executive Council can continue the program. In any case, it complements our efforts to get every member involved in our chapter's operation and community outreach activities this year. As 2009 comes to a close and we welcome 2010, I continue to be impressed, and blessed, by this chapter. Thanks for everything you do....we're MAD—and I'm glad!

Ken Pickler

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Awards – Lewis Williams

The new ASMC Awards Online website is complete and nominations are now being accepted for individual awards. The new system requires you to first request to become a nominator - if you have your ASMC member number the system should validate you automatically. If it doesn't or you are not a member- one of our administrators will approve your request and you'll receive a confirmation email of your approval to nominate.

Once approved as a nominator you may begin accessing the various award categories and developing your award nominations. To access the web site visit: <http://awards.asmconline.org/>

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways and Means

Chair Jennifer Denega
Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

Future Events

- ❖ Gift-wrapping @ Eglin BX – Thank you to all volunteer elves!
 - ❖ 16 Dec 09: 1500-1700
 - ❖ 18 Dec 09: 1500-1700
 - ❖ 18 Dec 09: 1700-1900
- ❖ 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.

If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

Jennifer: jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil -- 883-4787

Cleo: cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil -- 883-1690

Many Blessings for a Joyous Holiday Season!

Membership

Co-Chairs, Troy Brown and Woxie Williams

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 in pay grades E1-E4 and civilian members in GS category GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. This is for new members only. Contact April Chapel or the membership chairs. If you are interested in joining, please contact Troy Brown at 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,
Woxie & Troy

CDFM – Ron Millis

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course

EDFMT Course at Hurlburt Fld AFB 19-23 April 2010.

There currently no seats available for the class. Register as stand-by for the class at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>.

Acquisition Business Management (Module 4) FY10 Course Schedule

Norfolk, VA, December 15 – 16, 2009

Ft. Meade, MD, January 14 – 15, 2010

San Diego, CA, February 4 – 5, 2010

Washington, DC, March 18 – 19, 2010

San Antonio, TX, March 30 – 31, 2010

Denver, CO, April 13 – 14, 2010

Dayton, OH, May 18 – 19, 2010

Huntsville, AL, June 22 – 23, 2010

Washington, DC, July 13 – 14, 2010

You may now reserve a seat by registering for the class in the location of your choice with by completing the registration

(<http://www.asmconline.org/news/index.ep.html?ID=121>)form.

The registration fee is \$375 per student for the 2 day course. Registrations must be received 30 days prior to course start dates. To request and submit registration information: cdfmamod4@aol.com.

For a list of CDFM's awarded:

<http://asmcweb.adynamics.net/custom/cdfms/ListCdfmByChapter.cfm?code=EE&chapter=Gulf%20Coast>

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

THANKS to Misty Gunzinger (Brilliant Minds) and Teresa Denny (Give Child a Christmas) for stepping up to the plate to be Community Service team leads for these programs. Still looking for one more lead for Relay for Life - if interested, please contact us; we could use your help!

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 for sick or wounded military members and their families.
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. Helping Hand Committee
10. Give a Child a Christmas

SHOUT OUT: big "thanks" from Shelter House - to those that volunteered during Thanksgiving assembling food baskets. Over 20 families benefited from this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHELTER HOUSE:

1. Volunteer Orientation: Thurs. Jan. 7 @ 5:30 p.m. at Shelter House administration office (102 Buck Drive in Ft. Walton Beach).

2. Shelter Landscape Days: Third Friday of every month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Dec. 19, Jan. 15, Feb. 19).

3. Carrabba's Cooking Class: Learn to cook Carrabba's original meals and enjoy two types of wine on Sat. Jan. 23 at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Sandestin from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Call the office to RSVP. Tickets can be purchased through the office or board members.

4. Howl at the Moon "Fun"draiser: Fri. Jan. 29 @ 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from board members or at the office.

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BRILLIANT MINDS:

1. 5 Dec: Adventure Quad, Harbor Walk Village. Event for paddle boarding, cycling, kayaking, and running. POC: Ms. Melissa Tusa, 850-337-8150.

ON-Going EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES – please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

HELPING HAND COMMITTEE - continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house.

Finally, if you have volunteered for an event, please contact us. Your suggestions are always welcomed!

POCs:

Capt Chris Spaulding, christopher.spaulding@hurlburt.af.mil, 884-2802
Sheila Hale, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil, 882-8707

Programs – Tim Bozoki

Dec 2nd, 1100 hrs, The Warehouse on Hurlburt Field – We were fortunate to hear Col. Fulghum, AETC Comptroller talk to us about the ASMCs of Leadership and Followership. He brought a different delivery of a message we've all heard before that was enticing and engaging. The luncheon was attended by more than 80 ASMC members

Dec 8th, 1100 hrs, West Chapel on Eglin AFB – The chapters annual Christmas Party will be held for all chapter members. BBQ sandwiches and fixings are the menu with door prizes and games.

Jan 2010 Luncheon – The programs committee is looking for a topic and speaker for the January luncheon/meeting. If you have a suggestion and or would like to help plan it, call Tim Bozoki at 882-3318 or Deborah Washington at 883-1779

Obama sets 2 percent civilian pay hike for 2010

By Alyssa Rosenberg arosenberg@govexec.com November 30, 2009

President Obama late Monday reiterated that he will limit the base pay raise for civilian federal employees to 2 percent in 2010.

In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Joe Biden, the president invoked his power to override the statutorily required annual across-the-board and locality pay increases in times of emergency or economic hardship.

"A national emergency... has existed since September 11, 2001," Obama wrote. "Likewise, our country continues to face serious economic conditions affecting the general welfare and most Americans would not understand or accept that federal employees should receive an average pay increase of 18.9 percent while many of their fellow citizens are facing employment cutbacks or unemployment."

Under the law governing pay for civilian federal employees, workers are entitled to an across-the-board raise equal to 0.5 percentage points less than the growth in the Labor Department's Employment Cost Index. This year, that would have been a 2.4 percent raise, plus an increase in locality pay, predicted to be 16.5 percent by a survey of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. As he argued in August, Obama said the \$22.6 billion required to implement the statutorily required pay hike would be too costly.

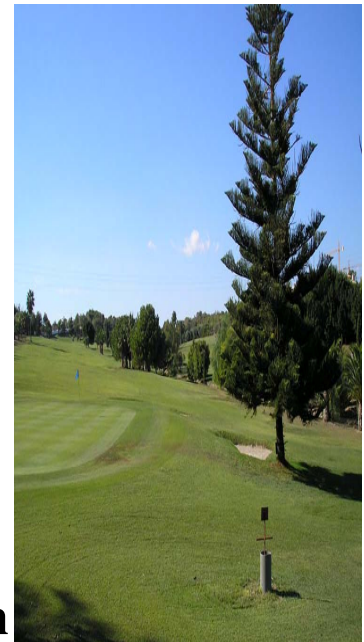
Congress could still override the president's plan. But since July, competing pay provisions have languished in the fiscal 2010 Financial Services appropriations bill. The Senate's version of the legislation includes a 2.9 percent civilian raise for 2010, while the House bill follows Obama's initial budget request for a 2 percent increase. The House passed its bill in late July, but the full Senate has yet to vote on the measure, and it is likely to get wrapped into an omnibus spending package.

Federal employee groups have protested the administration and Congress' approach to pay, expressing concern that higher raises for military members have sent discouraging messages about the value of civilian employees' work. The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act included a 3.4 percent military raise, 0.5 percent higher than the 2.9 percent raise Obama requested for service members in his initial budget. Obama signed the Defense policy bill in October.

Previous administrations also have cited national emergencies to justify alternative pay plans. Max Stier, president of the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service, has criticized the practice, urging the president to take a more straightforward approach and simply say he does not want to increase pay.

2nd Annual ASMC Golf Tournament

- **Location: Ft. Walton Beach Country Club (Pines Course)**
- **Date: March 5, 2010**
- **Time: Registration 1100/1200 Start**
- **Price: \$45.00 Per Person (\$180.00 per team)**
 - Entry fee
 - 2 mulligan's / 1 team string
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place/Door prizes
 - Longest Drive/Closest To The Pin
 - 50/50 Drawing
 - Appetizers/Refreshments



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Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

xx Jan 10: TBD

4 Mar 10: Regional Professional Development Seminar,
Emerald Coast Conference Center, Fort Walton
Beach FL

Please contact our Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (882-3318) or Deborah Washington (883-1779), 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.

National News

For more details, see www.asmonline.org.

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>

PDI 2010 will be held at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee, June 1-4, with a theme of “Getting in Tune with Professionalism.”

Registration will begin in early March 2010 at a rate of \$515 for ASMC members; \$615 for non-members

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