



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

Have you been following the DoD Financial Management Certification initiative? If not, here's why you should.

First, the requirement for DoD to obtain a clean audit opinion will require all DoD Financial Managers to sharpen their audit knowledge. Second, as financial information becomes easier to obtain over the coming years, analytical skills will become more important. Third, it will be mandatory for the entire FM workforce due to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012.

DoD FM Certification will be course and competency-based (as opposed to test-based), will have 3 levels of certification, and will rely on 23 enterprise-wide competencies and proficiency levels. Credit will be given for many of the courses we have already completed, but additional courses will likely be required. Additional information is located online at <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/>. One of the most encouraging aspects of DoD FM certification will be its reliance on leadership competencies which will be required at each level.

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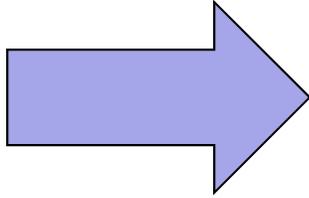
### ***President's Column – Continued***

Get ahead of FM certification now by beginning to collect your transcripts and .CBT certificates. SAF FME will begin implementing the program next year.

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Scott  
*Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF*  
*Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President*  
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## **October Event**



Thursday 13 December Luncheon  
11AM-1PM, Eglin East Chapel  
ECCAC toy drive, dessert challenge, holiday themed  
games, prizes – limited to first 100 to sign up

## **Ways & Means – George Joseph**

### **Ways & Means**

Chair: George Joseph

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events.

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways & Means projects; your suggestions are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, contact Mr George Joseph, [george.joseph@eglin.af.mil](mailto:george.joseph@eglin.af.mil), 883-3458

## **January/February EDFM class**

An Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) class is being offered at Eglin 28 Jan - 1 Feb 13. We need 20 registrations by early January or this class is a no-go. Please sign up today – register at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt>. If there are any questions, please contact Lisa Gamon, 3-2890 or Sybil Brooks-Dupree, 2-4832.

## **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.

## **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 those who don't 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.

## Community Service

Big thanks go to our volunteers who assisted during month of November. Your willingness to help makes these events a huge success!

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

**FISHER HOUSE/SHELTER HOUSE:** Festival Of Trees on Grand Blvd at Sandestin. Both the Shelter House and Fisher House have their trees decorated. Trees will be on display for you to place your vote every day until Saturday December 15th 2pm. This is when winners will be announced. The non-profit organizations are competing to win cash prizes, including Best of Show and People's choice.

### **FISHER HOUSE: *Please Join Us for our President's Reception***

*Magnolia Grill, 157 SE Brooks Street, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548*

*To Friends of the Fisher House,*

*You and your guest are cordially invited to attend the President's Reception for the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast on Sunday, December 9th from two until four o'clock in the afternoon. \* Dress: Holiday Attire*

*RSVP by 05 Dec to (850) 259-4956 \* Sincerely, Kim Henderson*

**EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER:** We will be sponsoring the ASMC Toy Drive for ECCAC's annual Children's Party. See attached flyer.

**NICEVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE:** April/May 2013.

### **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](mailto:patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil)

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

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## Unions reject latest bid

### **Unions reject latest bid to include pay freeze, benefits cuts in deficit deal**

By [Eric Katz](#) – Govexec.com - November 29, 2012

Federal employee unions have come out strongly against a new Republican deficit reduction proposal that includes a three-year pay freeze extension for the federal workforce and increases the amount employees would pay into their pensions.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., announced his proposal Monday, which calls for a pay-freeze extension through 2015, pension reforms to make retirement benefits “more comparable with the private sector,” and a variety of additional cuts at the expense of the federal worker.

“Sen. Corker’s inequitable proposal completely ignores the fact that the federal workforce has already contributed \$103 billion toward deficit reduction and economic recovery -- more than any other group,” Colleen M. Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, said in a statement Thursday.

Kelley is referring to budget savings as a result of the ongoing pay freeze -- which began in 2011 and is expected to continue at least until March 2013 -- and a 2011 increase in the amount new federal employees must contribute to their pensions.

Corker’s plan also would cap the federal government’s travel spending at 80% of FY2013’s level for the following five years. Spending on the federal fleet would be capped at 80% of 2012 levels. In addition, the plan would implement a workforce attrition device – similar to the budget proposal by Rep Paul Ryan, R-Wis. – in which only one federal employee would be hired for every three who leave.

Corker called on the Office of Management and Budget to identify \$4 billion of federal property to sell by 2018. The unspecified changes to the pension plan would affect only new employees.

“A problem as serious as the fiscal cliff deserves serious solutions, and Sen. Corker’s proposal sadly falls short of that mark,” William R. Dougan, national president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, said in a statement. “Though his proposal contains many promising provisions such as capping tax deductions and means-testing entitlements, the remainder reads like a greatest hits album of anti-federal employee policies. Under Sen. Corker’s proposal federal workers would pay more for health care, more for retirement and do it all on a smaller paycheck -- that is, if they still have a job. The path to a sustainable fiscal course can’t be found inside the federal employee wallet.”

Various groups representing federal employees have asked Congress repeatedly to leave civil servants’ pay and benefits out of any deal to avoid the impending fiscal cliff. Recently, a group of Democratic and Republican lawmakers representing areas heavily populated by federal employees came out against any deal that would target their public-sector constituents.

The specifics of a deficit deal have not yet taken form, though Republicans have insisted they are willing to put revenues on the table, while Democrats have hinted they are willing to compromise on entitlement reform. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, however, said Thursday little progress has been made in negotiations.

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

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

13 Dec Luncheon – ASMC Toy Drive for ECCAC, please bring toys (cash donations welcome); also dessert challenge, Eglin East Chapel, 11am-1pm, limited to first 100 to sign up

Please contact our Program Chairs Tom Walker or Joe Proctor 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***

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 who 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.asmconline.org/>***

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Each year, many families lack the resources to provide Christmas for their children.  
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## Christmas Toy Drive

### Wish List items:

- 1) Cars/action figures
- 2) Sports balls
- 3) Socks/underwear
- 4) Board games
- 5) Barbies/dolls
- 6) Pajamas
- 7) Books



\*Other toys will be accepted

