



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



FEB 10

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Follow Your Heart!

Last month, I shared a story about a great mentor. General "ChedBob" Chedister shared his mentoring lessons learned with us. Then, Dr. Jamie Morin, our Air Force Comptroller, emphasized the importance of mentoring to every Airman when he spoke to us at our most recent luncheon.

Mentoring reality check: mentors are human. They can give great—and not so great—advice! Each of us is ultimately responsible for digesting advice we receive, and deciding how to act on it. Sometimes you must follow your heart—and go against advice of people you respect and trust. I'll share two such instances from my career, and tell you how things turned out.

I began my FM career in 1990 as a cost estimator at the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB, CA. Previously, I had been a member of the Economics faculty at the Air Force Academy. In 1993, the BMO comptroller retired. With BMO closing in FY96, our new FM had to be selected from existing personnel. Our former FM, a Colonel, recommended me. The BMO commander agreed. As I was preparing for the job, our former FM told me my staff included a guy retiring soon due to non-selection for Lt Col. His advice: let the Major quietly fade into another—non-FM—career.

In my heart, that advice just didn't seem right. I sought others' opinions and found what the Major's strengths were. Could he be the right guy to take on a critical, long-neglected need to correct chronic budget execution problems in one of our programs? I asked him to take on this

**** continued next page ****



COLSA
Corporation

6728 Odyssey Drive
Huntsville, Alabama 35806
Phone: (256) 964-5555
www.colsa.com

A special thanks to our 2009 Diamond Corporate sponsors!

MICRO SYSTEMS, INC.

a HERLEY company

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

Executive Committee

President	Mr Ken Pickler	882-2647
VP-Eglin	Ms Dedra Hickman	882-3100
VP-Hurlburt	Capt Lacresha Merkle	884-2815
VP-Tenants	Ms Melinda Gagnon	882-2087
Secretary	Ms Sharon Pedersen	882-3812
Community Service	Capt Chris Spaulding	884-2802
	Ms Sheila Hale	882-8707
Education	Ms Sandra Telemacque	882-3511
	Ms Donna Schulist	882-1525
CDFM	Mr Ron Millis	882-4538
	Ms DJ Rasmussen	883-1079
Membership	Ms Woxie Williams	883-3449
	Mr Troy Brown	883-0839
Programs	Mr Tim Bozoki	882-3318
	Ms Deborah Washington	883-1779
Publicity	Ms Pati Galvan	882-5456
Newsletter	Ms Laura Gamble	884-6869
Regional PDI	Ms April Chapel	882-6768
	Ms Pati Galvan	882-5456
Treasurer	Ms April Chapel	882-6768
Ways & Means	Ms Jennifer Denega	883-4787
	Ms Cleo Battle	883-1690
Webmaster	Ms Lynn Becker	882-4866
	Ms Allison Petrбок	883-3211
Eglin Enlisted Advisor	MSgt Brian Cerney	883-1056
Hurlburt Enl Advisor	MSgt Damon Purifoy	884-4037
Awards Committee	Mr Lewis Williams	883-0204
	Ms Gayle Thomas	883-1686

President's Column - Continued

challenge. He then superbly led a BMO/DFAS/Customer/Industry team. They analyzed the causes and made improvements that became benchmarks for other AF space and missile programs. He didn't fade into the sunset...he retired a hero!!

Soon afterwards, I hired him on a term GS position to keep our programs on track until we deactivated BMO in Sep '95. The FM Colonel then immediately hired him on his budget staff; several years ago he was promoted to GS-15 as the Product Center's Budget Officer!

18 months ago, I made a career counseling appointment with a senior leader (no longer at Eglin) regarding my interest in returning to an FM job I held on active duty from '98-'02. His advice: Don't do it! It would be going backwards in my career. Once again, I sought other opinions & then followed my heart. I applied for the position and was selected. Since Oct 08, I've been blessed to lead a phenomenal trio with a common vision: Our dream is to help others live theirs!

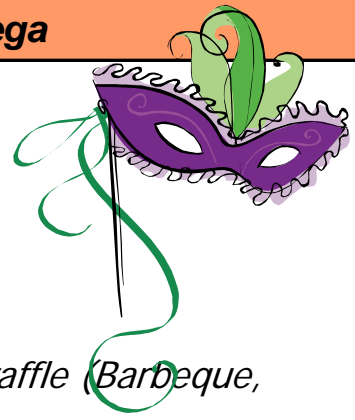
Seek advice. Do your homework. Make your own decisions...and don't be afraid to follow your heart!

Ken Pickler

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways and Means

Chair Jennifer Denega
Vice-Chair Cleo Battle



Future Events

- ❖ *RPDS: Gift Basket Raffles*
 - ❖ *ASMC and NCMA will have gift baskets to raffle (Barbeque, Dinner & Movie, Golf and Spa Themed)*
 - ❖ *Please e-mail if you would like to volunteer to help with the raffle -- addresses below*

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means 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!

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

Education – Donna Schulist and Sandra Telemacque

Co-Chairs, Donna Schulist and Sandra Telemacque

ASMC's National Scholarship Program entry deadline is March 31, 2010. National scholarships are given to outstanding high school seniors 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.asmconline.org/files/nspform.doc>. For information regarding chapter endorsement, please contact Sandra Telemacque or Donna Schulist .

Our Local Chapter's high school and college scholarship campaign has just kicked off. Applications are available on our Chapter's website you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2010 updated information): (<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. If you know of any high school or college students pursuing a degree related to financial/resource management, please make them aware of this opportunity. The application deadline is May 4, 2010 (not to be confused with the March date for the National program).

Our Local Chapter is also offering scholarships to Gulf Coast Chapter members only. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2010 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. The application deadline is May 4, 2010 (not to be confused with the March date for the National program).

Points of contact are Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil) or Donna Schulist (882-1525, Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil).

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.

Regional Professional Development Seminar – RPDS

This year's RPDS will be held on Thursday, 4 March 2010 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Pati Galvan and I are this year's co-chairs and we are asking for your help in making this year's event as successful as those in the past. Registration for this event opened 18 January on our chapter website, www.gulfcoastasmc.org. Early registration is \$150 through 19 Feb and late registration is \$170 through 26 Feb.

Additionally, the information below will help ease the SF182 process (which is required for each registrant PRIOR to charging the GPC). The SF182 should be created by each registrant, creating the training requirement through myETMS. [Eglin employees only!] Once approved, the form will be submitted to their GPC cardholder who will be contacted by our registration committee (POC: Lynn Becker) for payment. The GPC cardholder will keep the SF182 for audit purposes.

MyETMS <https://myetms.wpafb.af.mil/myetmsasp/main.asp>

IDP Workspace:

Training Requirements

Search by Course Number GCCPDS2010

Click the Course Link

ETMS Course Number: GCCPDS2010

Course Title: 2010 Regional Professional Development Seminar

Course Owner: American Society of Military Comptrollers, Gulf Coast Chapter, Eglin AFB, FL

If you have any questions, please let myself or Pati Galvan know. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at this year's RPDS.
April

Programs – Tim Bozoki and Deborah Washington

This is going to be a quiet month due to the quickly approaching RPDI, Gulf Coast chapter programs will resume in April 2010.

CDFM Testing Resources

The Certified Defense Financial Manager examination covers a broad spectrum of financial management in twelve core competencies.

To Register For Prometrics Testing Center Exams ONLY

(<http://www.netcertification.com/prod2/eNetManager/login.jsp?AID=629PXD794QRR>)

- This includes examinations to be completed at a commercial testing center and special arrangement exams that are available only under special circumstances. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE A "SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT" EXAM UNLESS YOU'VE RECEIVED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION. If purchasing a commercial testing center exam your test site will be Prometrics or another third party vendor, depending on your location

Program Enrollment

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

Test Content - Competencies and Knowledge Elements

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

Module 1:

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-management-environment/>

Module 2:

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cost-analysis/>

Module 3:

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting-finance/>

Sample Questions

<http://www.asmconline.org/wpcontent/uploads/2009/10/SampleQuestions.pdf>

If you have questions or require assistance with anything CDFM give Ron Millis a call at 882-4329.

Community Service

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 for wounded soldiers
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

UP-Coming EVENTS:

RELAY FOR LIFE: 30 Apr - 1 May 10. If interested in "donating" for this event or "supporting" a committee, please contact both Capt Chris Spaulding, 884-2802 / Sheila Hale, 882-8707

FISHER HOUSE: Thanks to those that volunteered during their first annual Poker Run, Mardi Paws and Mardi Gras Parade(s).

Update: House is expected to be open for business, Aug 2010.

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.

Shelter House is teaming up with community partner, Youth Village, to present a Valentines Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner, desserts, beverages, games, musical entertainment and more! Call 243-1201 to reserve your tickets; money will be collected at the door. The event will be Friday, February 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Youth Village, 312 Pelham Road in Fort Walton Beach.

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 and Sheila Hale, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil, 882-8707

Get MAD!!!

In December, chapter president Ken Pickler announced our new chapter MAD Award. MAD – short for Making A Difference - will recognize one individual each month for unsung heroes who truly go “above and beyond” the norm each month. Any member can nominate another chapter member that provided exceptional customer service, completed that impossible project, or was simply an exceptional wingman to teammates while getting the day-to-day mission done.

The first recipient was Maryanne Neumann. She was recognized for her customer service support at the 919th. Her promptness and thoroughness have helped the Reservists by ensuring they’re properly “gained” and they receive their pay – including deployments. She maintained this high level of service, even while severely undermanned – and mentored new personnel. Her award was presented by MajGen “ChedBob” Chedister (USAF Retired) at our Jan 15 A3 presentation on mentoring.

The second recipient was Vicki Morrison. She was nominated by Melinda Gagnon, who praised Vicki keeping the AFRL Munitions FM team operating at optimal efficiency during the four month gap following a recent leadership retirement. For years, Vicki has been the unofficial mentor to many co-workers and is always willing to help with new projects or give advice. Her award was presented by Dr Jamie Morin, SAF/FM, at our Jan 26 luncheon.

Both winners are pictured below.



President's budget recommends pay parity

By Alex M. Parker aparker@govexec.com February 1, 2010

The president's fiscal 2011 budget proposal, unveiled Monday morning, recommends a 1.4 percent pay raise for civilian and military employees.

Federal employee groups and lawmakers, including House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., repeatedly have called for pay parity between the military and civilian employees for annual salary raises.

The 1.4 percent pay raise would be the lowest for the armed forces since 1973, when the draft was abolished and the military became an all-volunteer force. The president requested a 2.9 percent pay raise for the military in fiscal 2010, but Congress ultimately gave members of the armed forces a 3.4 percent increase last year. Civilian workers received 2 percent boost in fiscal 2010.

In his first State of the Union address last week, Obama emphasized fiscal discipline, announcing a freeze on nonsecurity discretionary spending. For civilian employees, the 1.4 percent pay raise includes both a base pay increase and a locality pay raise.

Awards – Lewis Williams

It is that time of year again to gear up for our annual awards program. I hope everyone of you will get excited to be involved in this worthy effort to recognize the hard work of our ASMC professionals. Please take some time out of your busy schedules to identify and nominate someone.

Individuals can compete in 7 categories (see link below). The nominations are open to all members of the chapter, with one award winner selected per category. Anyone may nominate a person who has demonstrated outstanding performance. <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/awards.html>

The nominations must be submitted using the form on the above website. [If the link does not work, go to our Gulf Coast ASMC website and click on Awards.] If you would like to nominate an individual, complete the form and submit to me via email by 16 Feb 2010. The award winners will be announced at the RPDI in March.

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 mulligans / 1 team string
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place/Door prizes
 - Longest Drive/Closest To The Pin
 - 50/50 Drawing
 - Appetizers/Refreshments



Registration POCs:
Mr. Tom Finnegan 850-883-0481
Thomas.Finnegan@eglin.af.mil
Mr. Patrick Dewitt 850-882-8592
Patrick.Dewitt@eglin.af.mil

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

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.asmcnline.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.asmcnline.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.asmcnline.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.

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

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