



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Who can believe that it is already February? Wow! The year is flying by and this means that we have just over 4 weeks until RPDS and the golf tournament. If you haven't already registered for one or both, please take this opportunity to do so. When you go to the website to register for the RPDS you will notice the web upgrade that was put in place this year which allows you to identify the GPC cardholder that will be making the payment or make payment with a personal credit card right on line. Make sure to register today.

This month's luncheon is scheduled for 17 Feb at Hurlburt Soundside and will feature speaker Col Barbara Gilchrist. Col Gilchrist's speech "Comptrollers Keepin' it Real and Staying Relevant" sounds very interesting so plan now to attend. Please keep in mind if you sign up for a luncheon at the Soundside and cannot make it, make sure someone can take your place. If you cannot find someone to attend you will still be responsible for paying for your meal since the chapter must give the club a head count 2 days prior to the luncheon and they charge us accordingly.

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President's Column - Continued

I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank Ms Cynthia Fikes. When I took office she graciously volunteered to do the annual chapter audit. She has finished up with FY08 and FY09 and they are on file with our secretary Ms Sharon Pedersen. As Ms Fikes diligently works to finish up the FY 10 audit, I just want her to know that I appreciate the time and effort that she has put into making sure the chapter is operating efficiently and accurately.

Let me also take the time to that thank all the volunteers that continue to make our chapter such a huge success. As we progress through the year, it is just amazing to me how many people put so much effort into making each of our chapter events go off without a hitch. It truly is a pleasure to be associated with such a great group of FMers! So thanks to each of you and as always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please feel free to let me know.

Dedra
Dedra Hickman, CDFM
President, Gulf Coast Chapter

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.

Executive Committee

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	Ms April Chapel	882-6768
	Ms Leah Hodge	883-3384
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	Ms Cleo Battle	883-1690
Webmaster	Mr Jason Guzzardo	882-0055
	Ms Lynn Becker	882-4866
Eglin Enlisted Advisor	TSgt Phillip Chapman	882-0064
Awards Committee	Ms Gayle Thomas	883-1686

Education

Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program. The expected timeline for our Chapter's high school and college scholarship program is as follows (exact dates are forthcoming):

- April 2011: Advertisement of scholarship opportunities
- May 2011: Deadline to submit scholarship package
- June 2011: Presentation of scholarships

Thanks,
Donna Schulist, 882-4538

RPDS

RPDS planning is currently underway with most of the focus going towards programs you will find educational, entertaining and enlightening.

The biggest news we have right now is our price ... we've worked hard to reduce the cost to \$110.00 per person in order to ensure organizations are able to afford the cost of this training. You'll see some changes ... less frills ... but it will still be the same valuable training and networking event it has been in the past.

Watch for flyers and information for registration - and we hope to see you all there!

Katenna Edwards, April Chapel, Leah Hodge and Dana Alexander (NCMA)

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways & Means

Chair Jennifer Denega

Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.

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

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

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

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

3rd Annual ASMC
Golf Tournament

Date: 11 March 2011

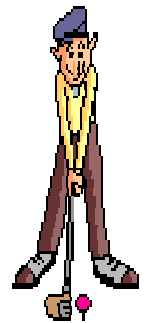
4 Person Teams

****form your own or we can match you up****

Shotgun Start: 1230 hours

Location: Eglin Golf Course, Niceville FL

Cost: \$45/person *



Lunch served prior to start

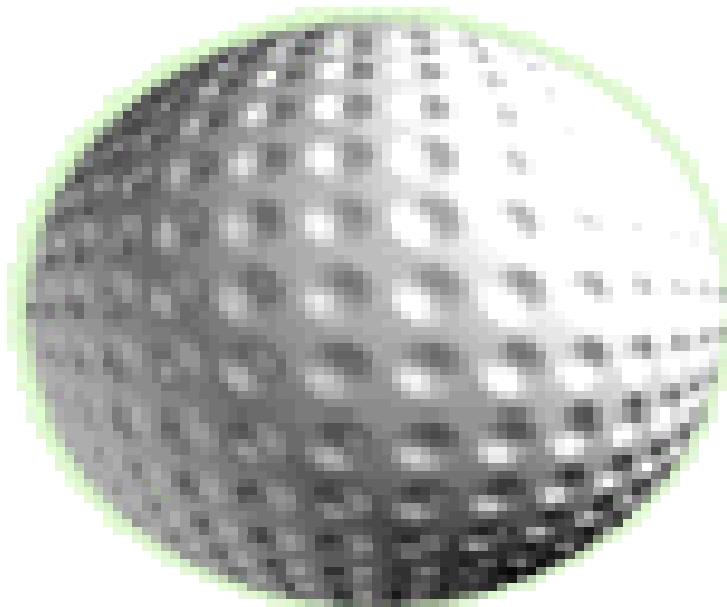


❖ Door Prizes

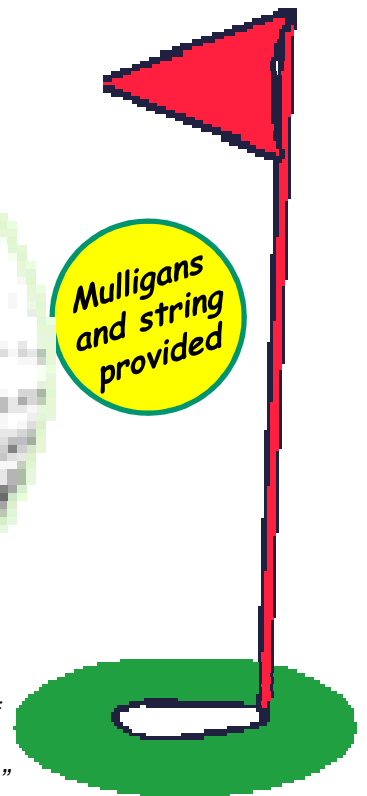
❖ Closest to the Pin

❖ Longest Drive

Contact Jeffrey Cain
@ 420-9634
for more details



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and string
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For a suggested donation

Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming ASMC Professional Development events:

-17 Feb: Guest Speaker Col Barbara Gilchrist, Director of the Defense Financial Management & Comptroller School, Maxwell AFB, AL. Location is the Eglin Enlisted Hall (old theater near BX & Class 6 store). 1200-1300, but no food allowed.

- 10 Mar: Annual Regional Professional Development Seminar (RPDS). See website to sign up for this great event! Location is the Emerald Coast Conference Center, Fort Walton Beach FL.

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 E1-E4 and civilian GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. *New members only.* Contact membership chairs Troy Brown 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,
Woxie & Troy

Chapter Annual Awards Program



American Society of Military Comptrollers

Gulf Coast Chapter



The Gulf Coast Chapter is set to kick-off its Annual Awards Program. The objective of the program is to recognize individuals for outstanding accomplishment within the chapter in one of the following areas:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Recruiter of the Year
- Accounting and Finance Person of the Year
- Budgeting Analyst of the Year
- Cost Analyst of the Year
- Auditor of the Year
- Resource Advisor of the Year

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. Each nomination must be prepared using the award form shown on the following pages. (Also on website: from main page, under Committees, select Awards.) The justification must be limited to the space provided, citing specific examples and factual details. Font cannot be smaller than 10pt and must allow for 1/2 inch margins. If an individual is nominated in more than one category, prepare a separate form for each category.

Judging will be based on outstanding performance as evidenced by documentation of specific accomplishments, duty performance, contributions to the overall Comptrollership and savings of re-sources due to the accomplishments during the calendar year. A selection panel, chaired by the Awards Committee Chairman will review all nominations received and make final recommendations to the Executive Council, who will approve the final award winners.

Nominations **must** be sent by email by Feb 22, 2011 to be considered by the selection panel. Send nominations to: Gayle Thomas - Gayle.thomas@eqlin.af.mil and in the subject line put: Annual Award Nomination. Awards will be presented at the Regional PDI in March. Contact Gayle Thomas at 883-2897 if you have any questions.



American Society of Military Comptrollers
Gulf Coast Chapter



***Achievement Award
Nomination Form***

Justification Data; Specific CY Accomplishments

Use a minimum of 1/2 inch margins, no smaller than 10 pt. One page only – no attachments

Community Service

Big thanks to those who volunteered for 2010. The chapter was able to report over 90 hours of volunteer service.

Also, sincere thanks to both Ms Maika Andrew and Ms Brianna Hoppel for holding down the Community Service office in my absence – thank you for your hard work and dedication in a job well done!

UP-COMING EVENTS:

RELAY FOR LIFE: “FM Money Grabbers” needs your support in this year’s Relay for Life event, 15 Apr 11, Niceville High School, relay begins at 6:00pm. Team goal is to raise \$4K. Collection jars have been placed in office areas and if you haven’t joined the team please follow the below link: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

(sel) “view all” (top right)

(sel) FM Money Grabbers from the team list.

POC: Ms. Elizabeth (Libby) Moseley.

HABITANT FOR HUMANITY:

Will be accepting volunteers (in March) to assist in on a construction site (a home) in April. Pending on the job site, volunteers are needed to roof, frame, siding, slab preparation, drywall, paint or tile. If interested, please email us and we’ll get you in contact with the POC. Also, you can volunteer at the Re-Store that offers new, used, discounted price materials and furniture. For more information: www.habitatfwb.org.

SHELTER HOUSE: Riedel Seminar at The Palms of Destin, 28 Feb 11. Volunteers are needed to work from 2-4 pm and are interested in working set up, check in, or wine service. This is a classroom style environment and an informational seminar.

EMERALD COAST CHILDREN ADOVACY: Golf and Gala Carnival, Linkside Center at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, 26 Feb 11. **Golf volunteers** are needed for: registration, hole-in-one watchers, putting contest. **Carnaval volunteers** are needed for: registration, drink and game tables, table runners, silent and live auctions.

ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

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Community Service

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HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE: Continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil

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 that enables family members to be close to a love one during stressful times
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
11. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy

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

POCs: Sheila Hale, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil, 883-0158
Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-3411
Maika Andrew, Maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil, 882-1755

More CRA???

By Humberto Sanchez [National Journal](#) February 4, 2011

Senate appropriator predicts another short-term funding measure

With a limited number of legislative days left before the March 4 expiration of the current continuing resolution and House Republicans at odds with Democrats over about \$34 billion in cuts, Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, predicted that Congress would pass another short-term funding extension.

"I don't think we will have time to adequately study and to do what we should do, confer with the committee, then have a conference [between the chambers]; we just don't have the time," Inouye said, adding that he was still reviewing the GOP funding guidelines. "So we will have to have a short CR."

The Senate is scheduled to be on recess the week of February 21, which will leave the chamber little time to consider the House package. The House is expected to vote on its own CR, which will include the cuts and replace the current stop-gap, the week of February 14.

Senate Appropriations ranking member Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said he needs to study it more. "I will look at it and decide later," Cochran said.

The Senate appropriators' comments come after the Republican-led House Appropriations Committee released the top-line funding level for each of the annual spending bills, or 302(b)s, which included a \$10.2 billion, or 16 percent, cut from current levels for Justice and Commerce Department programs and an \$11.5 billion, or 17 percent cut, for transportation and housing programs.

The panel's action was kicked off earlier Friday by the House Budget Committee, which sets the top-line discretionary spending level. The panel unveiled a cap of \$1.055 trillion, which is \$34 billion less than the \$1.089 trillion 12-month total of the current continuing resolution, according to House Appropriations data.

The \$1.055 trillion, however, is \$74 billion less than President Obama's fiscal 2011 budget request, from which House Republicans have pledged to cut \$100 billion - roughly the same amount need to cut fiscal 2011 nonsecurity discretionary spending to fiscal 2008 levels.

ASMC Awards

It is time to recognize our outstanding performers.

Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Award nominations for 2010 are due to gayle.thomas@eglin.af.mil **NLT 22 Feb 2011**. Awards will be presented at the Regional PDI on 10 March 2011. Please see the attached nomination form and instructions. You do not need to be a supervisor to nominate someone for an award. Categories are Volunteer of the Year, Recruiter of the Year, Accounting and Finance Person of the Year, Budgeting Analyst of the Year, Cost Analyst of the Year, Auditor of the Year, and Resource Advisor of the Year.

ASMC National Awards program also has several upcoming deadlines. Nominations for the Essay Contest are due **28 Feb 2011**; National Scholarship Program nominations are due **15 March 2011**; Members Continuing Education Grant nominations are due **31 March 2011**, and nominations for Chapter Competition Program are due **31 March 2011**. All nominations must be submitted through the National ASMC Awards Online website at <http://awards.asmconline.org>. Contact Gayle Thomas at 883-2897 with your questions.



**2011 Niceville Valparaiso Relay for
Life**
'REFUSE TO LOSE'
\$ FM Money Grubbers \$

The 2011 Relay for Life is now underway to form teams. You can join the ASMC team!!! See the next page for details.

2011 Relay for Life

ASMC is sponsoring team FM Money Grubbers in the 2011 Niceville Valparaiso Relay for Life 15 April 2011 at the Niceville High School Stadium. Event begins at 6PM and ends 16 April 2011 at 12PM. The theme for this year's relay is Sports the slogan is "Refuse to Lose." Team members can participate in many ways:

- Sponsor a "Piggy Bank" in the "Every Penny Counts" fund raiser from January through March 2011
- Sell track markers to local businesses to line the track [\$150 ea]
- Plan and sponsor "Sporting" activities in the tent area
- Walk/run laps during the event
- Participate in 'Team Spirit' events throughout the evening
- Set up and tear down of the Team Tent at the event site

To join the team please log into:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

Select 'Sign Up', Select FM Money Grubbers. Team Captains are Elizabeth Moseley (882-0072) and Maika Andrew (882-1755). Please let them know when you have registered and what areas or events you want to join. Please contact them at Elizabeth.Moseley@eglin.af.mil or Maika.Andrew@eglin.af.mil

The opening event for the evening will be the survivor recognition lap. The event goal for this year is to have the track filled with survivors for the first lap. ASMC has many in their membership and many more family members and friends who are survivors. Please take a moment to make them aware of this event. We would be honored to have them register as a survivor team member or they can register as a survivor with no team affiliation at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

Most of us have family, friends and other loved ones that did not survive their battle with cancer. Luminaries to honor their memory can be ordered on line https://secure3.convio.net/tacs/site/Ecommerce?PROXY_ID=29843&PROXY_TYPE=21&FR_ID=29843&VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=5201&store_id=14721 or team members will have order forms. Luminaries are on a donation basis, there is no set cost. The luminaries will be placed to line the track in alphabetical order to reflect their memory. Lighting ceremony will begin at 9PM.

Funds raised at the Niceville Valparaiso Relay for Life go towards Cancer research and education. There have been great strides in the early detection and treatment of this disease in the last decade thanks to the funds raised at events like this. The slogan for this year's event says it best we "**Refuse to Lose**" this battle.

CDFM – Ron Millis

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Courses

Didn't make the recent EDFMT class scheduled at Eglin 3-7 Jan 11?

Several classes are hosted throughout the DoD through FY11. If you are interested in attending please access <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/> to register. These classes are not centrally funded.

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Textbooks

Need to study for CDFM? ASMC Gulf Coast has recently purchases several EDFMT Course textbooks. Contact Ron Millis at 882-4329 to check one out!

FREE CDFM exams for Active Duty Military

DANTES has announced the availability of 375 CDFM exam modules to Active Duty Military. Each candidate may take up to three exams covering: Government Resource Management, Budgeting and Cost Analysis, Accounting and Finance. Contact DANTES for more information (DANTES Code 20F). certprog@navy.mil, 850-452-1111 Ext 3213, DSN 922-1111 Ext 3213

<http://www.asmconline.org/2010/04/defense-activity-for-non-traditional-education-support-dantes-has-125-cdfm-exam-modules-available/>

Using the G.I. Bill for CDFM

You can receive reimbursement for licensing and certification tests (e.g., CDFM tests) you take on or after March 1, 2001. (MGIB-AD, VEAP & DEA beneficiaries only.) Effective January 6, 2006 MGIB-SR & REAP participants became eligible for this program. These tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill. VA can pay only for the cost of the tests, up to \$2,000.00, and not other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification. VA will pay for tests even if failed.

Ron Millis

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

17 Feb 11: Col Barbara J. Gilchrist, Director DFMC School. Location: Eglin Enlisted Hall (old theatre adjacent to Class 6/ BX) 1200-1300 ** NO FOOD ALLOWED**

10 Mar 11: RPDS, Emerald Coast Convention Center, Fort Walton Beach

Please contact our Program Chairs, Ms Ivonne Caridi-Anderson (882-1929) or Mr Jon Slingerland (882-3301) 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 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.asmconline.org.

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PDI 2010 was held in Orlando FL June 1-4, 2010, with a theme of "Getting in Tune with Professionalism."

Go on the national website to see more about the PDI or to view selected sessions for CPE.

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

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