



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FM'ers in "strange" places. This month the Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC will be honored to hear from Colonel Antonio Douglas, 96 TW/CV. I've had the pleasure of hearing Colonel Douglas speak on a couple of different occasions and each time was a delight. He is an amazing and dynamic speaker and so I hope we get a smashing turnout.

The fact that Colonel Douglas is the Vice Commander of the 96 TW should be no surprise to our senior folks, who know how important we are to not just our FM mission, but to the mission of the Air Force and the DoD. One only has to pick up any local or national newspaper, or tune into any news channel, to see what impact fiscal matters have on readiness. However, our junior personnel may not be aware that FM'ers serve in multiple capacities, within and without our career field.

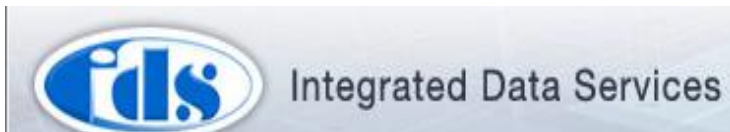
All of the following are Air Force FM'ers: Major General Joseph Ward is the Commandant of the Joint Forces Staff College at the National Defense University, Norfolk, VA. Colonel Carol Yannarella is the Vice Commander at Nellis AFB, NV. One of my senior career field mentors is Colonel Michael Greiner, who is the Mission Support Group Commander at Altus AFB, OK.

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President's Column – Continued

Another of my mentors is Lt Col Lasheeco Graham, who is the Executive Officer to the Air Force Auditor General at the Pentagon.

In addition to the above, our junior and senior enlisted FM'ers augment sister services across the globe and fly around it as paying agents on flying missions. We earn AFSO21 Green and Black Belts and integrate into problem-solving teams around the Air Force, inside our own missions and the missions of others. We deploy with Civil Engineering Red Horse units and serve as members of our Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces whose jobs are to rapidly set up bare-base operations anywhere, at any time. And our civilian personnel put on the Airman Battle Uniform and deploy alongside us as volunteers.

Non-traditional roles in order to fulfill mission requirements will become increasingly common in the future. The reason is simple: we're a big part of the solution to many of the big problems our nation faces.

V/R

Scott

Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF
Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President
883-4040

RPDS 2013 – postponed

The Regional Professional Development Seminar that was originally scheduled for 7 March has been postponed. It is hoped the fiscal environment will be more conducive later and that we will still be able to provide you with the very high quality and low cost training seminar that is the Gulf Coast RPDS. The simple fact is that due to budget constraints, possible sequestration, and other OSD guidance, that time is just not right now.

Our 5-star status requires that we provide you with world-class training- and we look forward to working with you in the near future to ensure that occurs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, and thanks again for your support.

V/R

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Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means

Chair: George Joseph

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

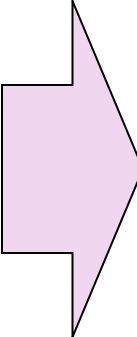
Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways & Means projects; your suggestions are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, contact Mr George Joseph, george.joseph@eglin.af.mil, 883-3458

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.

February Luncheon



Feb 19th - 1200 noon at the Eglin Crossroads facility (formerly the Eglin NCO Club). Pay-as-you-go through the line at Legend's Sports Grill. Arrive early to place your orders through the line; Legends staff will deliver the food to your table. Please be through the line and in place at your table by Noon.

Speaker: Col Antonio Douglas, 96 TW/CV, career FM'er. *"Doing Something Different (An FMers Experience as a Vice Commander)"*

Registration link:

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=377470&TypeName=Class>

Here is a link to Legend's Menu

http://www.eglinforcesupport.com/downloads/LEGND_Menu1112.pdf

Scholarship news

The National Scholarship Program runs from Jan-Mar 2013.

The ASMC National Scholarship Program is accepting applications from graduating HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS entering a field of study related to financial/resource management 1 Jan-15 Mar 2013. For eligibility criteria, go to: <http://www.asmconline.org>,

- Click "Scholarship Awards" (in a black colored box near the top)
- Click (Dropdown) "National Scholarship Program"
- Click "Download Full Criteria"

For an APPLICATION, see the Education tab on our local website.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR PACKAGES **NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2013** to:

Ms. Connie Clay/Ms. Sheila Hale
Gulf Coast Chapter Education Chair
P.O. Box 1756
Eglin AFB, FL 32542
Phone: 850-883-0239 or 883-0288

Email: connie.clay2@Eglin.af.mil
Email: sheila.hale@Eglin.af.mil

Our local Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program will be advertised approximately April 1, 2013. This program is limited to high school seniors and college students who will have 60 semester hours of college completed by the end of their Spring 2013 semester.

ASMC Awards

It is time to reward the hard work of our Financial Managers on Eglin and Hurlburt! There are two opportunities to do this and they are fast approaching. First we have the Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Award nominations for 2012 which will need to be submitted **NLT 31 Jan 13**. All ASMC members were emailed the Nomination form and instructions for nominating someone for a Chapter Award. The National ASMC Awards nominations are to be submitted **NLT 31 Jan 13**.

To nominate someone for a National ASMC award, go to the website <http://awards.asmconline.org/Nominator-Page.aspx>, register, and fill out a nomination form. You do not have to be a supervisor to nominate someone for an award. There are several categories listed below to choose from:

Accounting & Finance

Acquisition/Cost Analysis

Auditing

Budgeting

Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller

Contractor Support

Financial Systems

Intern/Trainee

Resource Management

Team Achievement:

Small team of 2-10 people

Large team of 11-20 people

Please send all Chapter nominated awards or any questions to Kaci.Harris@Eglin.af.mil and Jenna.Colon2@Eglin.af.mil with "Annual Award Nomination" as the subject.

Kaci Harris & Jenna Colon
ASMC Awards Committee

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

There are several events coming up so now is the time to get involved and support our ASMC charities.

Upcoming Events

*FISHER HOUSE PARADE HELP: **9, 10 & 12 February** @ Harborwalk Village, contact Gabriella Geier-DuReitz*

*FISHER HOUSE SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL: **19 & 20 Apr 2013**, contact Gabriella Geier-DuReitz.*

*FISHER HOUSE GARDENING: At Fisher House on Eglin, **time and date TBD**, contact Gabriella Geier-DuReitz*

*NICEVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE: **April/May 2013**, contact Dedra Hickman.*

On-Going Events

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, cookies etc.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray etc.) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC: patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil

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

POCs: Roger Kendall, roger.kendall2@eglin.af.mil, 882-1767

Nicole Smith, nicole.smith.ctr@eglin.af.mil, 882-0254

Behind the Huge Plunge in Defense Spending

By Tom Shoop, Govexec.com, January 30, 2013

If anyone was still wondering whether the biggest federal agency was cutting back its spending late last year in anticipation of a potential budget sequester, the answer came this morning -- and it was a resounding yes.

In announcing that GDP had shrunk by 0.1% in the fourth quarter of 2012, the White House said the effects of Hurricane Sandy were partly to blame, but then pointed the finger at a bigger culprit: a precipitous decline in defense spending.

Here's Alan Krueger, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, writing on the White House blog:

Federal defense purchases declined at an annual rate of 22.2% in the fourth quarter of 2012, the largest quarterly decline in 40 years. A likely explanation for the sharp decline in federal defense spending is uncertainty concerning the automatic spending cuts that were scheduled to take effect in January, and are currently scheduled to take effect on March 1st. The decline in government spending across all levels reduced real GDP by 1.33% in the quarter.

Given that economists were anticipating a small increase in GDP, the results were surprising. Of course, as Brad Plumer notes in the Washington Post's "Wonkblog" today, defense spending always trails off in the fourth quarter, because the department, like other federal agencies, tends to squeeze a lot of spending into the third quarter because it's when the fiscal year ends. But a drop that breaks a 40-year record is another thing entirely.

And it's worth remembering that these cuts took place before Defense agencies recently went public with the news that they are slowing procurement spending, cutting contract workers and preparing for civilian employee furloughs in anticipation that a sequester will kick in at the end of February.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

19 Feb Luncheon – Col Antonio Douglas, 96TW/CV, Eglin Crossroads, Legend's Sports Grill (old NCO Club), 12pm

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.asmonline.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

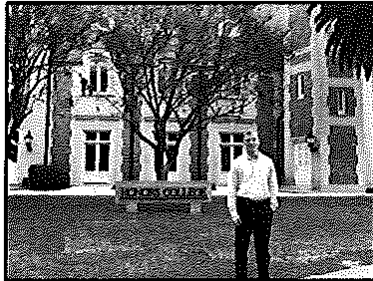
PDI 2012, the premier training event hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers, was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on May 30 – June 1, with a theme of Professionalism in Action.

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.asmonline.org/>***

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NOTE: Donna Schulist received the below thank-you from one of our summer 2012 scholarship recipients, Christian Vardaman.



Christian Vardaman
LSU
Christian.Vardaman@aol.com

Dear Ms. Schulist,

10 January 2013

I wanted to send you another note of thanks for the scholarship money that you and the association awarded me this year. I am really enjoying LSU and your very generous support helped so much, especially since I am an out-of-state student. I made it into the Business School and Honors College and earned a 3.4GPA. Taking 16 hours kept me busy, but I managed to make it to every home football game! Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,
Christian Vardaman

5th Annual ASMC Golf Tournament

When: 8 March 2013, Friday

Pre-registration deadline 1 March 2012

Where: Eglin Golf Course

Check-in: 10:30 lunch and Noon shotgun start

Cost: \$45.00 per person

includes entry fee and lunch

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

Longest Drive, Closest To The Pin

Many door prizes!!

Golf Tournament is to support ASMC's charity & scholarship program



Pre-Registration Eglin POC: Eric Albert
(318) 540-5427

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