

# ASMC

## GULF COAST CHAPTER

### NEWSLETTER

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ASMC members,

*I hope most of you had the opportunity to attend our last luncheon where Mr. Dylan Brown, a USMC Veteran and Wounded Warrior, shared his story on how he was injured and how he bounced back from it. I left that luncheon with a new perspective. To know that he is using his injury and experience to motivate and encourage others to keep fighting is incredible. When he first got up to speak I couldn't help but think about how uncomfortable it would be to get up in a room full of strangers and share something so personal. But he did it well and even had us laughing.*

*On a similar note, it is so easy to stay in your comfort zone. I realized at this last luncheon that there are a lot of FMers that I have not met yet. Several years ago I felt like I knew most of my colleagues but I'm finding that not to be true anymore. I'm making it a resolution to start meeting more people at these monthly luncheons and events. ASMC, after all, is largely about networking. Now that I work at Hurlburt it would be easy for me to sit with my co-workers*

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## MINUTES: Executive Council

The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are 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.

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*and not walk around to mingle. Mixing crowds and introducing others can go a long way. Just today my boss introduced two FMers from another unit on Hurlburt and I already knew one of them – because of ASMC. It was nice to see a familiar face and it's nice to have a relationship with those beyond who you work with. I look forward to seeing you at next month's luncheon!*

**Kaci D. Harris**  
**ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, VP - Hurlburt**

## **Relay for Life**

The "Comptrollers for a Cause" Team has been created on the Relay for Life website and accepting team members. There is no entry fee required upon signing up, but a \$10 donation would definitely help the cause. Never too late to sign up at the following link:

[http://main.asevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17FL?pg=entry&fr\\_id=81750](http://main.asevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17FL?pg=entry&fr_id=81750)

Please make sure you join our Comptrollers for a Cause team when registering. Also, the Publicity committee will be sending out emails to the community about future Relay for Life Team meetings if you would like to attend. The next meeting is **13 Feb 2017, 1100, at the Mini-Mall**. We will be discussing formation of Committees and our way forward in preparation for **May 2017** event in Niceville.

POC: SSgt Scott Clark, 882-1892



# Upcoming Events



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## FEB LUNCHEON

When: 15 Feb 2017 @ 1130  
Where: Bayview Club, Eglin  
What: (Tentative) Brig Gen Azzano

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>



## WAYS AND MEANS

Welcome to **AmazonSmile!**

Thank you for supporting Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC Armament Div Corp Acct. Remember, always start at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2139423> and Amazon will donate **0.5%** of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

A huge "**Thank you**" to Serena Nieten, Theresa Proulx, Esperanza Rosa, Mandy Chapman, Linda Hardy, Arielle Mackendree, SSgt Crystal Brown, Brianna Ross, Francie Sanchez, Alison Petrbock, Kathy Davis and Dianne Priddle for volunteering at the BX Gift Wrapping Fundraising Event in December. **We raised \$297!**

POCs: SSgt Crystal Brown, 882-0865, [crystal.brown.10@us.af.mil](mailto:crystal.brown.10@us.af.mil)  
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# Membership



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Please note the increased fees, effective 1 Jan 17. Below are the updated rates.

## **New Rates**

3 Yrs. \$114.00

1 Yr. \$40.00

## ***Why Join ASMC? What are the benefits?***

Besides getting to network with those in the Financial Management, Auditing, Accounting, or Cost Analysis career fields at Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field, 7SFG, and members in over 140 other chapters worldwide, there are many other benefits.

- Gain insight on information, current trends and developments in financial management of the Department of Defense and U.S. Coast Guard through various educational opportunities, like monthly training luncheons, on-line educational opportunities, or through newsletters.
- Earn CPEs for attending monthly luncheons with FM-related topics and other training opportunities.
- Receive a quarterly subscription to the “Armed Forces Comptroller,” and the monthly “Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter” to stay informed.
- Contribute articles for the monthly chapter newsletter or the Armed Forces Comptroller.
- If interested in becoming a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM), receive discounts on enrollment, training textbooks, and recertification. Plus, CDFM is one of the DoD-approved Test-Based Certifications recommended for the DoD FM Certification Program Levels 2 & 3.
- Get college credit for taking the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC), recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE) with a 3 credit hour recommendation. For more information visit <http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/get-college-credit-2/>
- Opportunities for leadership roles within the Chapter Executive Council and Committees.
- Serve community alongside other ASMC members through numerous volunteer opportunities in areas of your interest and enjoyment, on base and out in the local area.
- Have the privilege to be considered in the pool to attend National PDI.
- Opportunity to be recognized at Chapter awards, as well as National awards program.
- Explore other benefits and discounts from partners such as: GEICO, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, University of Phoenix Online, and Becker Professional Education.

For more information on ASMC membership benefits visit

<http://www.asmconline.org/membership/benefits/> or contact Membership Chair,

**Ivonne Caridi-Anderson.**

- Be mentored, and mentor someone. Continue to grow with us!!!



# Community Service



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## Fisher House:

Below are the next set of dates our ASMC chapter has committed to serve dinner at the Fisher House. A small team of volunteers (can be 3 or 4) prepares and serves a meal for the Fisher House guests. We volunteer a couple of hours, from 1700 to 1900 approximately. Maika Andrew coordinates with FH on guest count, menu or anything else that arises. This is a great way to give back to our community and can be a great team building activity.



- 14 Mar 17 – (your team)
- 28 Mar 17 – (your team)
- 11 Apr 17 – (your team)
- 25 Apr 17 – (your team)

If anyone is interested in volunteering to provide a dinner with the Fisher House, you may call Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or she may be reached by email at [maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil](mailto:maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil).





# Education/CDFM



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- 2017 Scholarship info will be published on ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter website!
- To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/> and search by chapter.
- CDFM Reimbursement: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/cdfm.html>  
(New rules and form dated 13 May 2015)
- Purchasing a CDFM Test Module:  
<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/testing-resources/>
- Forgot your CDFM Candidate number:  
<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/get-my-candidate-id/>
- EDMFT: Eglin ASMC will not host the EDFMT Course this year as we were unsuccessful in meeting the mandatory requirement (25 student minimum) for our May 2016 class. For those interested in taking the EDFMT course this year, you may register at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>. Please contact Edwina Freeman at information provided below if you have any questions.
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

Education POC: Lisa Gamon, [lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil](mailto:lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil), 883-5336

CDFM POC: Edwina Freeman, [edwina.freeman.1@us.af.mil](mailto:edwina.freeman.1@us.af.mil), 883-5317



# Internal Promotions, Postal Service and CIA Among Trump's Hiring Freeze Exemptions

By Eric Katz, 31 Jan 17, govexec.com



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*A slew of positions are now exempt from President Trump's governmentwide hiring freeze, according to new guidance from the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management.*

*In the second piece of [guidance](#) obtained by Government Executive since Trump signed the presidential memorandum last week ordering the freeze, Mark Sandy and Kathleen McGettigan, the respective acting OMB and OPM directors, spelled out in significant detail what exemptions the administration will permit. Trump's memo initially said only positions in "national security and public safety" -- as well as those determined to be necessary by the OPM director -- would be free from the moratorium, though agencies have since interpreted that to [include public health](#) and other areas.*

*Sandy and McGettigan said "national security" positions include foreign relations responsibilities, while public safety includes "essential activities to the extent that they protect life and property." The acting directors referred agency heads to OMB's guidance for determining exemptions during a government shutdown for further clarification. They instructed agency leaders to consult with their chief human capital officers and counsel offices, as well as OPM and OMB, when making determinations. Inspectors general are considered agency leaders for the sake of the guidance.*

*In addition to those general exemptions, OPM and OMB laid out specific exceptions.*

*As Trump noted during his signing of the memorandum, all military personnel are exempt from the freeze. That includes all uniformed officials, including the Coast Guard, Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

*All political positions, including Schedule C appointments and non-career Senior Executive Service vacancies, are exempt. Agencies can fill temporary and seasonal vacancies as necessary to meet "traditionally recurring season workloads," though they must keep OMB's Resource Management Office informed. Areas in which Congress has required hiring by law are also exempt from the freeze.*

*Some agencies have been exempted altogether: positions at the U.S. Postal Service, CIA and Office of the Director of National Intelligence are all exempt. USPS had said it was exempt in previous hiring freezes but was seeking further clarification from the White House.*



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*“Internal career ladder promotions” are not subject to the freeze, nor are appointments made under the Pathways and Presidential Management Fellows programs. Employees onboarded as part of industry exchange programs are exempted so long as the workers hired under that authority do not exceed the total from before the freeze went into place.*

*Employees detailed between agencies are not affected so long as reimbursements are not being used to “circumvent the intent of the freeze.” Reallocations of current employees within an agency are allowable if they are used to “meet the highest priority needs” such as national security and essential services. Agencies can also accept voluntary transfers of current SES between agencies to “secure the leadership capacity,” subject to OPM approval. Sandy and McGettigan reminded agencies of Trump’s mandate that contractors may not be used to skirt the freeze.*

*“For example, agencies shall not acquire by contract with a commercial vendor services that are substantially similar to those that would have been provided by a federal civilian in a vacancy covered by the [presidential memorandum],” Sandy and McGettigan wrote. Normal contract operations may continue, the acting directors added.*

*In immediate guidance after Trump’s memo, Sandy said employees with an offer in hand as of Jan. 22 and a start date of Feb. 22 or prior should report to work on the agreed-to date. He told agency directors to determine whether job offers should stand for those who had an offer as of Jan. 22, but did not have a first day established or it was determined to be after Feb. 22. The OMB and OPM directors have until April 22 to submit a long-term attrition plan to reduce the size of the federal workforce. The freeze will expire upon the implementation of that plan.*

*The updated guidance comes as members of Congress and individual agencies have sought further clarification on how the freeze would apply to their constituents and employees, respectively. Some agencies, such as the Defense Department, have promised a more detailed list of exemptions in the near future.*

*If agency heads would like additional exemptions, they can write to the OPM director to make the request. The leaders must explain the critical need and why reallocation of staff is not possible.*



# Websites



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## We're on FACEBOOK!

We are pleased to announce that our Chapter's **Facebook** page is up and running! We will utilize this venue to share announcements of events and praises going on throughout our chapter. If you would like to submit a picture to share on the Chapter Facebook page, please email it to, [gulfcoast.asmc@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoast.asmc@gmail.com), and be sure to include a caption. Pictures must be related to Chapter members/events. Be sure to like our page! <https://m.facebook.com/gulfcoast.asmc>. Be sure to look at the Facebook Page for the latest Giveaway!!



## ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: <http://www.asmconline.org/>  
Gulf Coast Chapter website is: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-7595) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2017 - held in San Diego, CA.

Please take advantage of other opportunities to fulfill your required CDFM CPEs to include local chapter training events, programs offered through the Online Learning Center, PDI 2011- 2016 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on [www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org) to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



# Info from Becker Professional Education



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Becker is adding new courses constantly and many of them apply to the Government. They have both Yellow book and Green Book courses as well as soft skills that everyone needs. Below is information on CPA and CPE courses:

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