



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, I would like to start by saying thank you Gulf Coast Chapter. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me by electing me as your 2010-2011 Chapter President, to your commitment to making our chapter one of the best, and for teaching this Financial Manager many things throughout the years.

I became a member of American Society of Military Comptrollers shortly after my arrival at Eglin from Tinker AFB OK in 1987. I have grown throughout the years from not really understanding the focus of ASMC to the belief that ASMC is a vital part of the Comptroller Community. Not only does ASMC offer important training opportunities but it also offers the ability to service our local community in ways that make a difference. Most importantly, the leaders of ASMC are committed to growing our future leaders professionally and giving them vast network of other FM professionals that we have come to depend on over the years.

Your new Executive Council has already met with the outgoing Executive Council and together we have begun to map the way forward. As we begin to move into the new year my focus is to continue the chapter's solid record of accomplishments. I would like to focus on maintaining the chapter's 5-star status, promote the education and training of the Chapter membership, look for greater volunteer opportunities that will allow the chapter to be more involved with the local community, and try to streamline some of our processes such as the Regional Professional Development Seminar registration process.

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Finally the Executive Council is here for you and welcomes your input. The Executive Council still has a couple of key positions that need to be filled and I would challenge each of you to lend your talents and time to any area that may interest you. I encourage each of you to share any ideas that will contribute to the further enhancement of our chapter with the Executive Council.

Dedra Hickman, CDFM
President Gulf Coast Chapter

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways & Means

Chair Jennifer Denega

Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

Fundraising Summary

Belk Spring Charity Sale \$150 (Final total w/ proceeds from Belk)

Upcoming Event

Belk Fall Charity Sale TBD (Oct/Nov 10)

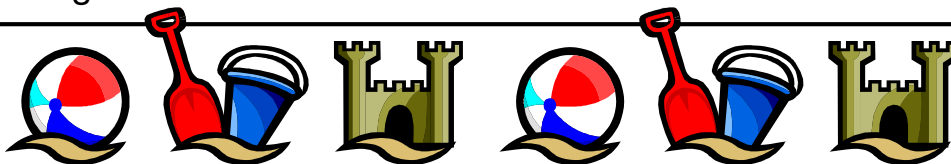
Thank you again to all our volunteers!

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

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

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Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!



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

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) awarded college scholarships to area high school seniors and college students at the July 13, 2010 ASMC luncheon. Scholarships were awarded based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, career, and academic goals.

The 2010 scholarship recipients are:

High School:

Delcie Savedra	\$1,000
Audrey Brown	\$500
Kelsey Hundley	\$500
Kristina Himmelberg	\$500

College:

Haley Likens	\$1,000
Drew Petersen	\$500
Michele Eveland	\$500
Jacqueline Williams	\$500
Chris Anderson	\$500
Jeanette Sherritze	\$500

Chapter Member:

Deanna Brogran	\$1,000
Breana Hodges	\$500

Congratulations to all recipients on your achievements.

Points of contact are Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil) and Donna Schulist (882-4538, 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.

CDFM – Ron Millis

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)

We currently have seats available for the Module 4 – Acquisition Business Management scheduled 18-19 Aug 10 here at Eglin. Testing is available immediately following the instruction on 19 Aug 2010. Contact Ron Millis directly at 882-4329.

This 2 day class gives a concise overview of the Defense Acquisition System following the format and content of the Defense Acquisition Guidebook. Using the ASMC's Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course Module 4 textbook addendum (Acquisition Business Management), the class will prepare the student for the Certified Defense Financial Manager Module 4 examination. The topics covered include:

- 1. Goals, Strategy and the three Major DoD Decision Support Systems.*
- 2. Systems Engineering.*
- 3. Resource Management.*
- 4. Life Cycle Logistics.*
- 5. Human Systems Integration.*
- 6. Acquiring Information Technology.*
- 7. Technology Protection.*
- 8. Test and Evaluation.*
- 9. Decisions, Assessments and Reports.*
- 10. Special Management Activities (Emphasis on Earned Value Management).*

ASMC has study guides available for all CDFM modules.

Ron Millis

Newest CDFMs

Congratulations to our newest CDFM!
Hurlburt: Jim Counsman

Community Service

Welcome aboard 2010-2011 Community Services committee co-chairs: Ms Sheila Hale, Ms. Brianna Hoppel and Ms. Maika Andrew!

These ladies are anxious to join the team this year and provide us updates of community service volunteer opportunities; however, we still need your support. If you're interested in working with Habitat for Humanity, Shelter House, Opportunity Place, or would like to be added to our volunteer list, contact us, we appreciate your time.

UP-COMING events:

SHELTER HOUSE: is in need of the following items – toilet paper, garbage bags, milk, ground beef, chicken, block cheese, paper towels, laundry detergent, juices, sunscreen, and standard light bulbs. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact one of us and we'll be glad to stop by and deliver to the facility.

Also, Shelter House is partnering with community organizations to provide tokens of their appreciation for the time and energy you donate to help the agency and assist survivors of domestic violence in our community.

Every month that you volunteer with Shelter House, you will receive one coupon/voucher from community partners such as:

Arby's, Big Kahuna's, Chick-fil-a, D'Won's Bayou Buffet, Florida's Gulfarium, Fudpucker's, Helen Back Café, Jim-N-Nick's BBQ, Southern Star Dolphin Cruises, Tropical Smoothie, Wendy's.

ON-GOING events:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES - please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

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 loved one during stressful times.

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Community Service - continued

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

Finally, help us keep track of when you volunteer for an event and as always your suggestions are welcomed!

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Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-3411

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Installation of Officers

See photo below. At the July 13 Luncheon, Mr Jackie Crawford installs the Gulf Coast ASMC Officers for 2010-2011 as outgoing President Ken Pickler looks on. From left: VP-Eglin Kathy Davis, VP-Hurlburt Capt Anita Logan, President Dedra Hickman, Ken Pickler, Jackie Crawford.



2010-11 Scholarship Winners

Scholarships were awarded at the 13 July luncheon. See the photo on page 10! Here's a little information about this year's winners.

Our first \$500 high school scholarship recipient is Audrey Brown, a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School with a 4.58 GPA. She plans on attending the University of Florida to pursue a degree in Accounting. She is president of the Wheelettes, an all girls service club at FWB High School, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Inner Club Council, and Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club. Audrey aspires to complete her Accounting degree and study abroad.

Our next \$500 high school scholarship recipient is Kelsey Hundley, a graduate of North West Florida State College Collegiate Program with a 3.7 GPA. She is president of the Collegiate High School chapter of the National Honor Society and has participated in numerous community service projects. She plans on pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Microbiology and Cell Science at the University of Florida.

Our next \$500 high school scholarship recipient is Kristina Himmelberg, a graduate of Niceville High School with a 4.1 GPA. She plans to attend the University of Florida to pursue a degree in Human Resource Management. She is the President of The Students Against Destructive Decisions club, a volunteer at Camp Victory, and a member of the National Honor Society. Kristina hopes to complete her degree and start her own business in real estate.

Our \$1000 high school scholarship recipient is Delcie Savedra, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and is dual enrolled in Northwest Florida State College with a 3.95 GPA. She plans on pursuing a degree in International Finance at the University of Central Florida. She is a Drum Major and President of the Band. Already bilingual, Delcie aspires to complete her degree and become a liaison between different businesses in different countries.

Our first \$500 college scholarship recipient is Drew Petersen, a full time student at Florida State University pursuing a Business degree. He is Vietnam Vet and is on the Board of Directors at the Man in the Sea Museum in Panama City. Drew looks forwards to completing his degree soon and to work in the Hospitality field.

Our next \$500 college scholarship recipient is Michele Eveland, a full time student pursuing a Business Administration degree at South University On-Line with a 4.0 GPA. She is the Treasurer for the Integrators Unit's Advisory Council and organizes all aspects of the council; her participation in the 75th Eglin Air Show raised nearly \$700. She is an intern with the U.S. Air Force and hopes to become a permanent employee upon graduation.

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2010-11 Scholarship Winners

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Our next \$500 college scholarship recipient is Jacqueline Williams, a full time student at Northwest Florida State College, pursuing a degree in Project Management, with a 3.5 GPA. She's a summer hire this year at the Air Force Armament Museum. After graduation this Fall, she hopes to have a challenging position in a dynamic organization.

Our next \$500 college scholarship recipient is Chris Anderson, a full time student pursuing a Finance degree at the University of West Florida with a 3.05 GPA. He is the Captain of the UWF Intramural Soccer Club Team and a volunteer coach of a U-14 soccer team in Pensacola. His goal is to graduate and be selected for the Palace Acquire program in either financial management or cost analysis.

Our next \$500 college scholarship recipient is Jeanette Sherritze, a senior pursuing an Accounting degree at the University of West Florida with a 3.75 GPA. She assisted in painting an 18 foot mural on the cafeteria wall at the Ruckel Middle School in Niceville and participates in set design of children's theatre groups as well as in any community enrichment type art projects as she is able. Currently an intern at the Air Force Audit Agency, she plans to complete her Bachelor and Master's degrees and continue in the field of auditing and forensic accounting.

Our \$1000 college scholarship recipient is Haley Likens, a full time student pursuing an Accounting degree at the University of Florida with a 3.93 GPA. Haley plays saxophone in the University of Florida marching band and served as the Real Estate Sector Director in Student Investment Club. She is working with a public accounting firm as a summer Audit intern in Atlanta and aspires to complete her Master's in Accounting.

This year we will also awarded scholarships to two of our Gulf Coast Chapter members. Our \$500 chapter member scholarship recipient is Breana Hodges, pursuing a Master's of Business Administration degree at Georgia College and State University with a 4.0 GPA. Breana is actively involved in her church where she teaches the kindergarten class. Currently employed at the Air Force Audit Agency here at Eglin, she plans to complete her MBA and become an Audit Manager then Team Chief at a local office.

Our \$1,000 chapter member scholarship recipient is Deanna (Jill) Brogan, pursuing a Business degree with a major in Finance at the University of Phoenix with a 3.6 GPA. She serves as Room Mother and has volunteered for the past 3 years at Kenwood Elementary School. She also volunteers at the Mathis Tae Kwon Do Academy. Jill plans on completing her Bachelor degree then pursuing her Master's degree at Indiana University.

Big congratulations to all our scholarship winners!!!

Scholarship Winners

The photo below shows the 2010-11 Scholarship Winners, awarded at the July 13 Luncheon. At far left is Col Randy White, AAC/FM, and 2nd from right is Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM. Read more about these amazing students on pages 8-9.



April "MAD" Winner

At left, Mr Bill Rone, HQ AFSOC/FM, presents the April Making A Difference Award to Liz Hatcher, 96 LRS/LGLOR.

May “MAD” Winner

At right, Mr Bill Rone, HQ AFSOC/FM, presents the May Making A Difference Award to SrA Kat Abling, 1 SOCPTS/FMF.



June “MAD” Winner

At left, Mr Bill Rone, HQ AFSOC/FM, presents the June Making A Difference Award to Jenna Mailoto, 96 CPTS/FMAS.



**For more
information on the
April, May, and
June “MAD”
winners, see next
page.**

Three More... Making a Difference...

The April, May, and June MAD recipients were recognized by Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM, at the 13 July 2010 ASMC luncheon. See photos on previous pages!

Liz Hatcher provided truly exceptional support to her customers during the month of April 2010. Liz superbly trained and guided new 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron teammates and worked tirelessly to meet a myriad of Mission Support Group and budget staff suspenses. She assumed responsibility for the COPARS contract, VIMS billings, Voyager charges and JOCAS inputs; all with limited exposure by the retiring Resource Advisor. She handled these duties with great aplomb while maintaining a very positive attitude, a super-strong work ethic, and a warm and friendly smile for all of her customers. She truly made a difference for her Team Eglin teammates, customers, and community!

SrA Kat Abling provided truly exceptional support to her customers during the month of May 2010. Airman Abling is the 1st Special Operations Comptroller Squadron relocation team lead. She superbly participated in an Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century event on the customer service function and was the driving force behind implementation of continuous improvement/revamping our customer service to improve efficiency and service. She was coined by the new Air Force Special Operations Command Vice Commander and received countless kudos, letters of appreciation, and by name requests for customer support. She is an amazing, positive, mature, humble force that truly made a difference for her Team Hurlburt teammates, customers, and community!

Jenna Mailoto provided truly exceptional support to her customers during the month of June 2010. Jenna provided superb budget analysis support for three Center staff offices with collective budgets of approximately 550 thousand dollars. She assisted Resource Advisors in performing their duties and prepared monthly charts for leadership decision-making. She superbly assisted the Commander in managing his Quality of Life program and Official Representation Funds. Jenna served on the chapter's Information Technology team and helped the Education committee in managing scholarship packages. She also assisted the Head Coach running a volleyball summer camp for Lewis Middle School 5th-8th graders. She truly made a difference for her Team Eglin teammates, customers, and community!

Contractors caught gaming the system avoid punishment

By Robert Brodsky rbrodsky@govexec.com July 16, 2010

Nearly eight months after a watchdog report found extensive fraud in a contracting program designed to help injured veterans launch a second career, the government has yet to suspend or debar any companies, according to witnesses at a hearing on Thursday.

In November, the Government Accountability Office reported that 10 ineligible companies had improperly received \$100 million in set-aside and sole-source contracts that were reserved for service-disabled veteran-owned small business firms.

Five of the agencies cited in the report testified before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology on Thursday, saying they have made process-oriented changes that will better equip them to catch fraud and malfeasance in the future.

As for punishing the 10 companies GAO named, agency officials were generally silent, citing ongoing investigations or a lack of evidence necessary to call for a suspension.

The lack of action frustrated subcommittee Chairman Glenn Nye, D-Va. "The only way that our veteran business owners can be confident that the program we have set out to provide them with tools to improve their lives; to show them that we care about their service to our country, is if you find instances of fraud and take action to root them out," he said.

Nye has sponsored legislation that would institute fines and criminal penalties for companies caught gaming the service-disabled veteran-owned small business program. The bill, introduced in the House in November, also would require the Small Business Administration to dedicate more resources to program outreach.

The GAO report found various types of fraud. One company owner was not a service-disabled veteran. Another was owned by a service-disabled veteran who did not control the firm's daily operations. Several reportedly acted as a conduit to pass-through the majority of the work to larger companies, or in the case of an Air Force contractor, to a firm where the veteran's wife works.

The Air Force never disputed GAO's findings, but on Thursday the Pentagon's top small business contracting official told the panel the allegations were overstated and generally incorrect.

Linda Oliver, acting director of the Office of Small Business Programs at the Defense Department, attributed the \$900,000 contract to "ignorance" on the part of the company and some inadvertent miscommunication by the contracting officer, whom she said took a "spanking" by the department for the mistake.

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Contractors caught gaming the system avoid punishment

"There's another side to explain all this," said Oliver. She later told Nye that it's too soon to know whether the issues GAO cited were indicative of a larger problem at Defense. "This may be the tip of the iceberg," Oliver said. "I just don't know."

Lawmakers have said one problem is the program allows companies to self-certify as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business. Agencies then are reliant, because of a lack of resources and accurate data, on legitimate service-disabled entrepreneurs to spotlight instances of fraud.

"We rely on other small businesses to cry foul," said Rep. Aaron Schock, R-Ill., the subcommittee's ranking member. "Perhaps the agencies that are awarding the contracts to these small business set-aside preferences should be the ones to follow up and verify that; in fact, it's small business people that are doing the work."

Agencies argued they are taking steps to proactively and reactively respond to cases of fraud. For example, FEMA is exploring working with the Veterans Affairs Department to use its VetBiz database to validate the eligibility of some contractors. And VA is preparing to launch a Suspension and Debarment Committee for non-Federal Acquisition Regulation debarment actions.

"If there is actual fraud, we need to get into a debarring mode," said Timothy Foreman, executive director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization at VA and chairman of the new committee.

In fiscal 2008 -- the last year for which data is available -- agencies awarded nearly \$10 billion, or roughly 1.5 percent of all contracts, to service-disabled veteran-owned companies. The federal statutory goal is 3 percent.

Joseph Jordan, SBA associate administrator of government contracting and business development, said he expects those numbers to rise, spurred in part by nearly \$1.5 billion in Recovery Act awards to program contractors. "Overall, we've made progress over the past year, but as the GAO reminded us last year, there is more we can do," Jordan said.

While lawmakers were pleased with the progress, some remain skeptical about the number's legitimacy. "When the GAO report shows that some significant portion of that contracting pool is fraudulent," Nye said, "there is a big asterisk next to that number for me."

Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

Friday, August 13, Town Hall in Bldg 349, Rm 616 at Eglin, \$10 cash or check pay-at-the door box lunch (Payable to ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter), A3 registration link includes menu selections. Maj Gen Alfred K. Flowers.

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=162841&TypeName=Class>

Ms Ivonne Caridi-Anderson Mr Jon Slingerland

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

13 Aug 10: “Town Hall” meeting , Maj Gen Flowers , Bldg 349, Room 616 (sign up on A3, \$10 for box lunch)

25 Aug 10: “All Hands” call for Eglin FM personnel, Col White
Will include special time for ASMC

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

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and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>***

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