



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

Welcome back - I hope that everyone had a safe and fun holiday break and has come back recharged for 2009. We are in for a fun next few months as a chapter! We have two upcoming events for January, the "60 Years of ASMC" luncheon with Ms. Sizemore from the National office on the 14th, and the "Leadership Skills" audio conference on the 28th. Be sure to sign up and take advantage of these two great events!

Also, attention all golfers/hackers...watch for details coming soon to an Inbox near you. This year, the Gulf Coast chapter will be hosting a chapter golf tournament to coincide with the RPDS. The tournament will start at noon on Thur, 5 Mar, which is the afternoon prior to the RPDS so it should be a great time with a great turnout!

Lastly, as a reminder to all of our military members, the chapter now directly reimburses costs associated with passing the individual CDFM modules, to include the enrollment fee. So if you've been considering taking one of these exams, we've just sweetened the pot!

As always, thanks to all of our volunteers and if anyone has any questions, comments, or critiques that could benefit our chapter, please let me know.

Thanks,

--Dan

Capt Dan Genest, President

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### **Executive Committee**

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### **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.

### **RPDS – LaTanya Bryant**

Members should mark their calendars for March 6, 2009, for the RPDS.

Registration to open 20 January. Early registration (through 20 Feb) is \$130. Late registration (23- 27 Feb) is \$150.

### **Treasurer Report**

The checking account balance as of 2 Dec 08 is \$6,938.28

April Chapel

## **Community Service – Vanessa Fuentes**

I would like to thank you for the donations received for the Community Outreach. The food drive was so successful we were able to provide food for six families including the two families we were originally supporting. There were so many gifts for the two families they will have a Merry Christmas.

Thank so much for opening your hearts to support these families in need. Happy Holidays to you and your families.

We were able to participate in Give a Child a Christmas (on-base sponsored program through the BX), supporting three children. We had enough additional funding available to adopt three additional children from the Crestview area.

*For any questions, please call me at 882-9841 or email [Vanessa.fuentes@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Vanessa.fuentes@eglin.af.mil)*

## **Ways & Means**

### **Ways and Means Projects**

Care Package Project – Next batch Jan 09/Feb 09 – Newly deployed FMers

Belk Charity Sale

Received additional proceeds from Belk ticket sales -- \$47.04

Gift-Wrapping at the Eglin BX (for our Scholarship Fund)

Net Profit: \$167.17

Special thank you to all who helped with this – great job!

Thank you to all who volunteered for our Ways and Means Projects.

Please contact Jennifer Denega if you would like to volunteer:

[jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil) or call at 883-4787

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee. Many Blessings for a wonderful New Year!

## **2008 Christmas Luncheon**

On Wednesday 17 December, 85 members of the Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC met for the annual Christmas Luncheon. We enjoyed a wonderful pot-luck lunch, donated food and toys for a couple of needy families, and played a few games and won prizes!

The gifts were a \$50 Visa Gift Card, an MP3 player, an assortment of chocolates, an Olive garden gift certificate, a Regal Cinema gift certificate, and a gift certificate for Chili's/Macaroni Grill. The winners were Steve Herrera, Chris Spaulding, Amalia Bozoki, Amy Tolar, Cindy Weinstein, and Zak Mason.

Special note to Maryanne Neumann, Sharon Pederson, and Anneliese Sexton: Your names were called but you weren't there, so another name was drawn!

## **CDFM Group**

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If you are interested in attending this audio course please let me know ASAP. I will coordinate a location and study material based upon the number of those members interested.

Anyone requiring a Module 3 training guide, please let me know and I will have one available for you at the class.

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### ***Programs – Leah Hodge & Tammy Robbins***

Our 14 Jan luncheon with Ms. Jennifer Sizemore from National ASMC HQ was interesting and informative - we had a good turn out and everyone enjoyed it.

We have the upcoming 28 Jan audio conference on Leadership - please see A3 for locations/registration for both Eglin and Hurlburt.

Our Feb luncheon will be 19 Feb at the Enlisted Club at Eglin. Our speaker will be Ms. Luvenia Shuman, Chief, Gulf Coast Area Audit Office and her topic will be 'Auditors in the Hot Seat'. Watch for the announcement and registration to open in A3!

Last but not least - we have a great program lined up for the 6 Mar RPDS! Our opening speaker will be Mr. Mark Wilkoff, Assistant General Counsel, Dept of the Navy, speaking on Ethics. We have a variety of speakers and topics -- registration should open up by mid to late Jan - we look forward to seeing you there.

## ***TSP Performance***

By Brittany R. Ballenstedt, Government Executive (from website)

All the funds in the Thrift Savings Plan finished December with solid gains, bringing hope to some investors who experienced significant losses in 2008.

The I Fund, which invests in international stocks, posted the highest gains -- 7.66 percent -- in December, among the 401(k)-style plan's five basic investment options. December's growth alleviated the fund's tough 12-month loss of 42.43 percent.

The S Fund, which invests in small- and mid-size companies by tracking the Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Index, grew 4.68 percent last month. The fund's overall value is down 38.32 percent since December 2007.

Fixed-income bonds represented in the plan's F Fund earned 3.73 percent last month. The fund also posted the strongest gains for the year, at 5.45 percent.

The C Fund, composed of common stocks on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index of the largest domestic companies, rose 1.07 percent last month. But the fund experienced significant 12-month losses of 36.99 percent.

The TSP's most reliable investment option, the government securities (G) fund, posted minimal gains in December, rising 0.24 percent. The fund had a 12-month increase of 3.75 percent.

The TSP also has life-cycle options, a blend of the five basic funds that automatically grows more conservative as investors near retirement. Those designed for younger employees earned the most in December, because they invested more heavily in the I, C and S funds.

L 2040, intended for employees with a target retirement date around 2040, increased 3.63 percent; L 2030 rose 3.24 percent; L 2020 gained 2.82 percent; and L 2010 increased 1.66 percent. The L Income Fund, designed for employees with planned retirements in the very near future, gained 1.21 percent for December.

All the L funds lost value in 2008, however, with those designed for younger employees posting the steepest losses. L 2040 lost 31.53 percent; L 2030 fell 27.5 percent; L 2020 was down 22.77 percent; L 2010 dropped 10.53 percent, and L Income fell 5.09 percent.

## ***Eglin Enlisted Corner***

Congratulations to the 96 ABW Quarterly Award Winners:

A1C SHEENA LEWIS, 96 CPTS Financial Service Technician  
TSgt ELAINE MORRIS, 96 CPTS NCOIC Financial Services

Pat Brown, Eglin Enlisted Advisor, 96 CPTS/FMAW  
Patricia.Brown@eglin.af.mil

## ***Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events***

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –**

Mark your calendars:

19 FEB 09: Auditing (Ms Luvenia Shuman)

6 MAR 09: RPDS

Please contact our Program Chairs, Leah Hodge (x2-3615) or Tammy Robbins (x5-4335), 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 webmaster, Doug Craighead at 850- 882-5296 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## ***National News***

For more details, see [www.asmonline.org](http://www.asmonline.org).

Leadership Skills Audio Conference. On January 28, 2009 at 2 pm Eastern, ASMC will hold an audio conference that will help you develop your leadership skills and earn you CPE credits.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from PDIs 2007 and 2008. You can access selected sessions online at

<http://www.asmonline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

PDI 2009 will be held in San Antonio, May 26-29, with a theme of *Building the Stars of Tomorrow*. The registration fee for PDI is \$615; ASMC Members receive a \$100 discount.

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

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