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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Let's Get Growing!

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others." **Jack Welch**

This quote explains why I'm pushing hard to get our new mentoring effort fully operational, and why we invited Maj Gen "ChedBob" Chedister, USAF Retired, to speak at our 15 Jan meeting. I believe effective mentoring is critical to professional and personal development.

I arrived at Eglin in 1980 as a new 2Lt. My boss was a Major that had never supervised anyone besides student pilots. It was an interesting experience for both of us! Linda and I lived on base, next door to Col Hal Detling. He was the Staff Judge Advocate, ranking Colonel in the Air Force, and my first military mentor. When I couldn't easily talk to the boss about an issue or concern, I could talk to Col Detling.

One day, I was selected to attend a reception with the AF Chief of Staff, Gen Lew Allen. Gen Allen, who passed away this month, was a true pioneer; he established AF Space Command. My job that day: show up early with my lovely bride, look sharp, and be more or less invisible until it was time to go home.

Linda and I were doing this job very well when Col Detling saw us. He literally took us by the arm and introduced us to Gen Allen, a friend of his. He told Gen Allen what great neighbors we were, and then we discussed life as a new Air Force couple with Gen & Mrs Allen, Maj Gen Bond (Center Commander) & Mrs Bond, and the Detlings. I'll never forget how it felt. Col Detling modeled the way and I've tried to follow his example ever since.

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President's Column - Continued

Our chapter is blessed with phenomenal professionals. Our mentor corps includes active and retired members from many backgrounds; some just graduated from the Palace Acquire program and another is the former Auditor General of the Air Force! All stand ready to help fellow members see both problems and opportunities from different perspectives. I am truly humbled by their servant leadership.

If you would like a chapter mentor, simply contact me or your Vice President. We will help you find the right one. I believe these new relationships will enhance mission effectiveness, improve your quality of life, and become an enduring part of your personal and professional legacies.

Let's Get Growing!

Ken Pickler

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways and Means

Chair Jennifer Denega
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Fundraising Results

Gift-wrapping at the Eglin Base Exchange – Thank you to all volunteer elves! -- **We raised \$160**

Future Events

- ❖ RPDS: Gift Basket Raffles
- ❖ Air Show Concession Booth (Details Pending)

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee.

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

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Many Blessings for the New Year!

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

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ASMC's National Scholarship Program entry deadline is March 31, 2010. National scholarships are given to outstanding high school seniors entering a field of study related to finance/resource management. I'm sure our chapter membership knows of some deserving high school students. More information can be found at: <http://www.asmconline.org/files/nspform.doc>. For information regarding chapter endorsement, please contact Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque.eglin.af.mil) or Donna Schulist (882-1525, Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil).

Our Local Chapter's high school and college scholarship campaign has just kicked off. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2010 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. If you know of any high school or college students pursuing a degree related to financial/resource management, please make them aware of this opportunity. The application deadline is May 4, 2010 (not to be confused with the March date for the National program).

Our Local Chapter is also offering scholarships to Gulf Coast Chapter members only. Applications are available on our Chapter's website: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html> (you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2010 updated information). The application deadline is May 4, 2010 (not to be confused with the March date for the National program).

Points of contact are Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque.eglin.af.mil) or Donna Schulist (882-1525, Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil).

Awards – Lewis Williams

The new ASMC Awards Online website is complete and nominations are now being accepted for individual awards. The new system requires you to first request to become a nominator - if you have your ASMC member number the system should validate you automatically. If it doesn't or you are not a member- one of our administrators will approve your request and you'll receive a confirmation email of your approval to nominate.

Once approved as a nominator you may begin accessing the various award categories and developing your award nominations. To access the web site visit: <http://awards.asmconline.org/>

Regional Professional Development Seminar – RPDS

This year's RPDS will be held on Thursday, 4 March 2010 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Pati Galvan and I are this year's co-chairs and we are asking for your help in making this year's event as successful as those in the past. Registration for this event will be open 18 January on our chapter website, www.gulfcoastasmc.org. Early registration is \$150 through 19 Feb and late registration is \$170 through 26 Feb.

Additionally, the information below will help ease the SF182 process (which is required for each registrant PRIOR to charging the GPC). The SF182 should be created by each registrant; AFMC personnel should create their training requirement through myETMS. Once approved, the form will be submitted to their GPC cardholder who will be contacted by our registration committee (POC: Lynn Becker) for payment. The GPC cardholder will keep the SF182 for audit purposes.

MyETMS <https://myetms.wpafb.af.mil/myetmsasp/main.asp>

IDP Workspace:

Training Requirements

Search by Course Number GCCPDS2010

Click the Course Link

ETMS Course Number: GCCPDS2010

Course Title: 2010 Regional Professional Development Seminar

Course Owner: American Society of Military Comptrollers, Gulf Coast Chapter, Eglin AFB, FL

If you have any questions, please let myself or Pati Galvan know. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at this year's RPDS. April

Programs – Tim Bozoki and Deborah Washington

Gulf Coast ASMC is hosting Maj Gen “ChedBob” Chedister, USAF, Retired, who will discuss mentoring lessons learned. He’s the DAU-South Region’s Director for Major Defense Acquisition Program Engagement. Friday, January 15, 1500-1600, Building 1, Room 204, Eglin AFB. (Register in A3.)

Dr Jamie Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller will speak to our chapter at the new Hurlburt Soundside Club on Jan 26, 2010, at 11 am. Watch for announcement in e-mail and or check A3 to sign up.

CDFM – Ron Millis

Maintaining Your Certified Defense Financial Manager Professional Certification

You must renew your certification with ASMC every two years. To do this, you must complete 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in every two year period following the issuance of your certification. The anniversary date for measuring the CPE qualification is two years from the date your CDFM certification is issued. One unit of CPE is awarded for each 50 minutes of contact time engaged in activities listed below. You may be asked, as part of the renewal, to provide evidence of your CPE. Renewal cost is \$20.00 and is charged biennially.

Renewal is a personal responsibility. If your certificate is over two years old (date on the certificate) you should fill out the Renewal Coupon and mail it to the CDFM staff at ASMC Headquarters.

You will not receive an additional notice saying that your payment has been received. Your canceled check or credit card statement is your receipt.

Methods of obtaining Continuing Professional Education include:

- Attendance at relevant formal training courses
- Attendance at relevant college courses
- Attendance at briefing or lectures on relevant subjects
- Attendance at professional conferences
- Teaching and course preparation for relevant subject matter
- Preparation and delivery of briefing and work-related documents outside of the scope of routine business
- Reading of articles in professional journals
- Preparation and publishing articles in professional journals

Recording and Documenting Your CPE

Individuals are responsible for documenting their own CPE. We recommend you record your continuing professional education units in a log which is readily accessible. You must provide your log on request to ASMC National Headquarters. CPE policy document can be downloaded by clicking on the fourth item on the ASMC Document Library. This document includes instructions for the conversion of CLUs and CEUs to CPE.

EDFMT Course at Hurlburt Field 19-23 April 2010. There currently no seats available for the class. Register as stand-by at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>.

For a list of CDFM's awarded: <http://asmcweb.adynamics.net/custom/cdfms/ListCdfmByChapter.cfm?code=EE&chapter=Gulf%20Coast>

Community Service

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 for sick or wounded military members and their families.
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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHELTER HOUSE:

1. Shelter Landscape Days: Third Friday of every month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Dec. 19, Jan. 15, Feb. 19).
2. Carrabba's Cooking Class: Learn to cook Carrabba's original meals and enjoy two types of wine on Sat. Jan. 23 at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Sandestin from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Call the office to RSVP. Tickets can be purchased through the office or board members.
3. Howl at the Moon "Fun"draiser: Fri. Jan. 29 @ 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from board members or at the office.

ON-Going EVENTS:

1. DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES – please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.
2. HELPING HAND COMMITTEE - continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house.

Finally, if you have volunteered for an event, please contact us. Your suggestions are always welcomed!

POCs:

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OPM announces reorganization

By Alyssa Rosenberg arosenberg@govexec.com January 5, 2010

The Office of Personnel Management announced on Tuesday a significant restructuring of its divisions, changes that observers say could place a greater emphasis on senior executives, veterans and diversity hiring, as well as OPM's oversight and compliance responsibilities.

The reorganization creates five core divisions at OPM: employee services, retirement and benefits, merit system audit and compliance, federal investigative services, and human resources solutions. Currently, OPM's organizational chart lists 13 offices, a setup Director John Berry called confusing and counterintuitive during a June 2009 meeting with agency employees.

Some of the biggest changes will be the new employee services division, including offices specifically dedicated to recruitment and diversity issues; pay and leave policy; executive resources and employee development; partnership and labor relations, and support for agencies and the veterans they hire.

OPM announced in August it would create an office dedicated to the SES, replacing the one disbanded in a 2003 reorganization. And the creation of veterans- and diversity-specific offices reflects the emphasis Berry has placed on federal hiring of veterans and increased diversity in federal employment.

The creation of the merit system audit and compliance division as a discrete entity is expected to sharpen OPM's oversight efforts.

"Now, all of OPM's customers -- both internal and external -- will know exactly where to go for answers," Director Berry said in a statement.

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.

2nd Annual ASMC Golf Tournament

- **Location: Ft. Walton Beach Country Club (Pines Course)**
- **Date: March 5, 2010**
- **Time: Registration 1100/1200 Start**
- **Price: \$45.00 Per Person (\$180.00 per team)**
 - Entry fee
 - 2 mulligan's / 1 team string
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place/Door prizes
 - Longest Drive/Closest To The Pin
 - 50/50 Drawing
 - Appetizers/Refreshments



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Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

- 15 Jan 10: 1500: Maj Gen Chedister (Ret) speaking on mentoring, Eglin AFB Building 1
- 26 Jan 10: Luncheon with Dr Jamie Morin (SAF/FM), Hurlburt
- 4 Mar 10: Regional Professional Development Seminar, Emerald Coast Conference Center, Fort Walton Beach FL

Please contact our Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (882-3318) or Deborah Washington (883-1779), 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.

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For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from recent PDIs. You can access selected sessions online at <http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

PDI 2010 will be held at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee, June 1-4, with a theme of “Getting in Tune with Professionalism.”

Registration will begin in early March 2010 at a rate of \$515 for ASMC members; \$615 for non-members.

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

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