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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we begin 2011 I would like to focus on my article this month on our upcoming Regional Professional Development Seminar (RPDS). The 2011 RPDS on March 10, 2011, at the Emerald Coast Conference Center promises to be one of the best yet. The cost is lower this year than previous years at only \$110.00 per person and the program lineup is awesome.

My RPDS committee co-chairs, Ms. Leah Hodge, Ms. April Chapel, Ms. Katenna Edwards and Ms. Dana Alexander, have been working hard to put together a program consisting of dynamic speakers like Maj Gen Kenneth Merchant, incoming AAC Commander, and Maj Gen (retired) Robert Chedister, just to name a couple. Some of the topics throughout the day include Program Management to Success – How much does it cost?; Live Longer, Live Stronger! 10 Things You Can Do Today; Stuck Between SOF and the Rules; and What's Happening in AF Cost Estimating?

This year's luncheon speaker is Ms Michelle Prince, author of the best-selling book "Winning in Life Now...How to Break Through to a Happier You!" She is a one-on-one mentor and radio show host on the "Winning in Life Now Radio Show."

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President's Column - Continued

Ms Prince was recently awarded the "2010 Goal Achievement" award by hitting more goals in the last 18 months than 97% of people do in a lifetime. Ms Prince is an extraordinary, impassioned and elegant speaker whom you should not miss.

Registration for this year's event will open in the next couple of weeks so make plans now to attend this "do not miss" event.

The January luncheon is now available on the A3 website and will be held at Coach-n-Four restaurant in Fort Walton Beach on Jan 12 at 11:30. The speaker for this luncheon is Mr. Richard W. Martin, AFMC DFAS Client Executive and Accounting Supervisor, who will provide a DFAS AFMC& DFAS Columbus overview. Please register for this event at the below link: <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=210870&TypeName=Class>

Get your nominations in now for the first quarter Making A Difference (MAD) Award. We would like to announce the winner at the January luncheon

Dedra
Dedra Hickman, CDFM
President, Gulf Coast Chapter

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.

Executive Committee

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ASMC Awards

Nominations for ASMC Individual and Team Achievement Awards must be submitted to the ASMC Awards OnLine website by 31 January 2011. The award areas are:

Accounting & Finance	Analysis & Evaluation
Auditing	Budgeting
Business Management	Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller
Contractor Support	Intern/Trainee
Resource Management	Team Achievement
Education, Training and Career Development	

Information and nomination forms are available at www.asmconline.org or contact Gayle Thomas at gayle.thomas@eglin.af.mil. 883-2897

RPDS

RPDS planning is currently underway with most of the focus going towards programs you will find educational, entertaining and enlightening.

The biggest news we have right now is our price ... we've worked hard to reduce the cost to \$110.00 per person in order to ensure organizations are able to afford the cost of this training. You'll see some changes ... less frills ... but it will still be the same valuable training and networking event it has been in the past.

Watch for flyers and information for registration - and we hope to see you all there!

Katenna Edwards, April Chapel, Leah Hodge and Dana Alexander (NCMA)

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways & Means

Chair Jennifer Denega

Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

***Thank you to all who volunteered for gift-wrapping at the BX.
We raised over \$200!***

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.

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

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

cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil 883-1690

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee.

Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

Happy New Year ASMC Members! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming ASMC Professional Development events:

-12 Jan: ASMC Luncheon at Coach n Four Restaurant in FWB at 1130
SPEAKER: Mr. Richard W. (Rick) Martin who is the AFMC DFAS Client Executive and Accounting Supervisor. Mr. Martin will tailor his briefing for our Chapter and some of the topics he will cover will be DFAS AFMC and a DFAS Columbus overview.

We hope to see a big turnout, especially since the location is half way for Hurlburt, Eglin and Duke Field members. Please use the link below to register NLT Noon 10 Jan to provide a head count to the restaurant.

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=210870&TypeName=Class>

- 25 Jan: Townhall with Mr. Bill Rone, AFSOC FM, who will give us an update on the FM Development Team.

LOCATION: AFSOC HQ Building for AFSOC, but plans are ongoing to secure a location at Eglin to listen via teleconference. More details will be forthcoming.

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 E1-E4 and civilian GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. *New members only.* Contact membership chairs Troy Brown 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,
Woxie & Troy

Community Service

Big thanks to those who volunteered for **Give a Child a Christmas** and **Shelter House** in preparing meal baskets.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

RELAY FOR LIFE: Looking for additional people to help assist in this fund-raising event. If interested, please contact us. Meetings have already started to take place.

BRILLIANT MINDS:

Are requesting "slightly" used hand bags to be donated for upcoming fund raiser. POC: Nancy Rothe, 850-450-8942, nancyrothe@cox.net

FISHER HOUSE:

The Fisher House will need volunteers for the Baytowne Mardi Paws and Mardi Gras parades on Sunday, 6 March, and Tuesday, 8 March. They will require 8-10 volunteers for each parade. They will help with crowd control along the route, tossing candy and beads to prevent folks from crossing the barricades and being injured. Parade times are 1-4 p.m. on Sunday and 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday. They will need 2 additional volunteers to help check in participants before each parade, from 12-3 p.m. on Sunday and 3-6 p.m. on Tuesday. More information will be forthcoming on this volunteer opportunity.

ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: 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 love one during stressful times.

Community Service

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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 your volunteer hours – email us. As always your suggestions welcomed!

POCs: Sheila Hale, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil, 883-0158
Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-3411
Maika Andrew, Maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil, 882-1755

December Luncheon thank-you

We received the below thank-you from the Children's Advocacy Center.

ASMC,

Thank You all so much for the great Toy Drive. We are going to be helping about 200 children this year and every bit helps. You guys do great work. Again thank you for everything. There will be lots of happy children on Christmas Day!

Katie

Katie Crowell

Community Events / Volunteer Coordinator

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Ask me how to help a Child for Christmas!!



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Advocacy Center**

preventing child abuse • protecting children • restoring lives

Obama administration announces two-year federal pay freeze

By Emily Long elong@govexec.com, January 3, 2011

The investment options in the federal employee retirement savings plan performed well in December 2010, following a volatile November.

The Thrift Savings Plan's I Fund, invested in international stocks, grew the most last month, gaining 8.12 percent after a large loss in November. The S Fund, which invests in small and midsize companies and tracks the Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Index, was close behind, advancing 7.38 percent in December. It also boasted the biggest increase for 2010, spiking 29.06 percent. The I Fund was up 7.94 percent for the year.

The C Fund -- invested in common stocks of large companies on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index -- grew 6.68 percent. The C Fund had a solid year, posting 15.06 percent gains in 2010. The stable government securities (G) fund had the lowest monthly growth, at only 0.20 percent. The G Fund gained 2.81 percent for 2010.

The fixed income bonds in the F Fund were the only offerings in the red for December, losing 1.05 percent. But the fund remained positive for the year, with a 6.71 percent increase.

All the life-cycle funds, designed to move investors to less risky portfolios as they get closer to retirement, saw gains in December following a month of small losses. The L 2040 rose 5.67 percent for the month; L 2030 increased 4.96 percent; L 2020 gained 4.08 percent; L 2010 was up 1.49 percent; and L Income, for people who have reached their target retirement date and have started withdrawing money, also rose 1.49 percent.

L 2040 was up 13.89 percent for 2010, with L 2030 close behind at 12.48 percent. L 2020 gained 10.59 percent for the year; L 2010, 5.65 percent; and L Income, 5.74 percent.

The L 2010 Fund closed on Dec. 31, 2010, and all investments were transferred to the L Income Fund.



**2011 Niceville Valparaiso Relay for
Life**
'REFUSE TO LOSE'
\$ FM Money Grubbers \$

The 2011 Relay for Life is now underway to form teams. You can join the ASMC team!!! See the next page for details.

2011 Relay for Life

ASMC is sponsoring team FM Money Grubbers in the 2011 Niceville Valparaiso Relay for Life 15 April 2011 at the Niceville High School Stadium. Event begins at 6PM and ends 16 April 2011 at 12PM. The theme for this year's relay is Sports the slogan is "Refuse to Lose." Team members can participate in many ways:

- Sponsor a "Piggy Bank" in the "Every Penny Counts" fund raiser from January through March 2011
- Sell track markers to local businesses to line the track [\$150 ea]
- Plan and sponsor "Sporting" activities in the tent area
- Walk/run laps during the event
- Participate in 'Team Spirit' events throughout the evening
- Set up and tear down of the Team Tent at the event site

To join the team please log into:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

Select 'Sign Up', Select FM Money Grubbers. Team Captains are Elizabeth Moseley (882-0072) and Maika Andrew (882-1755). Please let them know when you have registered and what areas or events you want to join. Please contact them at Elizabeth.Moseley@eglin.af.mil or Maika.Andrew@eglin.af.mil

The opening event for the evening will be the survivor recognition lap. The event goal for this year is to have the track filled with survivors for the first lap. ASMC has many in their membership and many more family members and friends who are survivors. Please take a moment to make them aware of this event. We would be honored to have them register as a survivor team member or they can register as a survivor with no team affiliation at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

Most of us have family, friends and other loved ones that did not survive their battle with cancer. Luminaries to honor their memory can be ordered on line https://secure3.convio.net/tacs/site/Ecommerce?PROXY_ID=29843&PROXY_TYPE=21&FR_ID=29843&VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=5201&store_id=14721 or team members will have order forms. Luminaries are on a donation basis, there is no set cost. The luminaries will be placed to line the track in alphabetical order to reflect their memory. Lighting ceremony will begin at 9PM.

Funds raised at the Niceville Valparaiso Relay for Life go towards Cancer research and education. There have been great strides in the early detection and treatment of this disease in the last decade thanks to the funds raised at events like this. The slogan for this year's event says it best we "**Refuse to Lose**" this battle.

CDFM – Ron Millis

Congratulations to Kathy Davis (46 TW) and Cleo Battle (AAC/EB) for successfully completing CDFM requirements.

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Courses

Didn't make the recent EDFMT class scheduled at Eglin 3-7 Jan 11? Several classes are hosted throughout the DoD through FY11. If you are interested in attending please access <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/> to register. These classes are not centrally funded.

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Textbooks

Need to study for CDFM? ASMC Gulf Coast has recently purchases several EDFMT Course textbooks. Contact Ron Millis at 882-4329 to check one out!

FREE CDFM exams for Active Duty Military

DANTES has announced the availability of 375 CDFM exam modules to Active Duty Military. Each candidate may take up to three exams covering: Government Resource Management, Budgeting and Cost Analysis, Accounting and Finance. Contact DANTES for more information (DANTES Code 20F). certprog@navy.mil, 850-452-1111 Ext 3213, DSN 922-1111 Ext 3213

<http://www.asmconline.org/2010/04/defense-activity-for-non-traditional-education-support-dantes-has-125-cdfm-exam-modules-available/>

Using the G.I. Bill for CDFM

You can receive reimbursement for licensing and certification tests (e.g., CDFM tests) you take on or after March 1, 2001. (MGIB-AD, VEAP & DEA beneficiaries only.) Effective January 6, 2006 MGIB-SR & REAP participants became eligible for this program. These tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill. VA can pay only for the cost of the tests, up to \$2,000.00, and not other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification. VA will pay for tests even if failed.

Ron Millis

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

12 Jan 11: Mr. Rick W. Martin, DFAS Command Client Executive for AFMC.
TOPIC: DFAS AFMC Support & DFAS Columbus Overview.

17 Feb 11: Col Barbara J. Gilchrist, Director DFMC School

10 Mar 11: RPDS, Emerald Coast Convention Center, Fort Walton Beach

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

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 was held in Orlando FL June 1-4, 2010, with a theme of "Getting in Tune with Professionalism."

Go on the national website to see more about the PDI or to view selected sessions for CPE.

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

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