



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

From my family to you and yours, Happy New Year! I pray it is happy, healthy, and prosperous for all of you.

Now that the New Year is upon us, my thoughts have turned to resolutions. I'm sure you have your own. Here are a few of mine:

I resolve:

- To be a better leader, more open and accessible to those who I am privileged to serve alongside.
- To be a better follower, more mentally ready and enthusiastic, and more willing to leap into the budgetary issues and concerns which lay ahead this year.
- To be a better citizen by paying more attention to matters of national and local importance, and to let my elected leaders know how I feel on issues which are important to me.
- To be a better financial manager by renewing my hunger for accreditation, education, and finally, get my CDFM!
- To be a better community volunteer, more selfless in the devotion of my time and energy, and to help my favorite charitable organization, the Fisher House, in more useful ways.

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President's Column – Continued

- To be a better husband and father by listening better, instead of simply waiting for my turn to talk.

This is a great time of year because it reminds us it's never too late to set improvement targets, both professional and personal. And it reminds us of the fact that, as Socrates put it so well, "The unexamined life is not worth living." I wish you great luck and great success this year.

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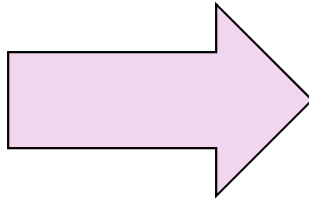
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Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF

Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President

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January Event



Wednesday, 23 January Luncheon, 12 PM, Eglin Bayview Club, buffet lunch, "Keeping Fit and Strong in the Workplace" Speaker TBD

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=O-O-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=371646&TypeName=Class>

Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means

Chair: George Joseph

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events.

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways & Means projects; your suggestions are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, contact Mr George Joseph, george.joseph@eglin.af.mil, 883-3458

January/February EDFM class

An Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) class is being offered at Eglin 28 Jan - 1 Feb 13. We need 20 registrations by early January or this class is a no-go. Please sign up today – register at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt>. If there are any questions, please contact Lisa Gamon, 3-2890 or Sybil Brooks-Dupree, 2-4832.

Membership

Chair, Kent Fitzgerald

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 those who don't 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.* I will be providing information about upcoming membership drives and other activities as they are planned.

If you have any questions, call me, 883-3809.

Scholarship news

The National Scholarship Program runs from Jan-Mar 2013.

The ASMC National Scholarship Program is accepting applications from graduating HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS entering a field of study related to financial/resource management 1 Jan-15 Mar 2013. For eligibility criteria, go to: <http://www.asmconline.org>,

- Click "Scholarship Awards" (in a black colored box near the top)
- Click (Dropdown) "National Scholarship Program"
- Click "Download Full Criteria"

For an APPLICATION, see the Education tab on our local website.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR PACKAGES NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2013 to:

Ms. Connie Clay/Ms. Sheila Hale

Gulf Coast Chapter Education Chair

P.O. Box 1756

Eglin AFB, FL 32542

Phone: 850-883-0239 or 883-0288

Email: connie.clay2@Eglin.af.mil

Email: sheila.hale@Eglin.af.mil

Our local Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program will be advertised approximately April 1, 2013. This program is limited to high school seniors and college students who will have 60 semester hours of college completed by the end of their Spring 2013 semester.

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.

ASMC Awards

It is time to reward the hard work of our Financial Managers on Eglin and Hurlburt! There are two opportunities to do this and they are fast approaching. First we have the Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Award nominations for 2012 which will need to be submitted **NLT 31 Jan 13**. All ASMC members were emailed the Nomination form and instructions for nominating someone for a Chapter Award. The National ASMC Awards nominations are to be submitted **NLT 31 Jan 13**.

To nominate someone for a National ASMC award, go to the website <http://awards.asmconline.org/Nominator-Page.aspx>, register, and fill out a nomination form. You do not have to be a supervisor to nominate someone for an award. There are several categories listed below to choose from:

Accounting & Finance

Financial Systems

Acquisition/Cost Analysis

Intern/Trainee

Auditing

Resource Management

Budgeting

Team Achievement:

Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller

Small team of 2-10 people

Contractor Support

Large team of 11-20 people

Please send all Chapter nominated awards or any questions to Kaci.Harris@Eglin.af.mil and Jenna.Colon2@Eglin.af.mil with "Annual Award Nomination" as the subject.

Kaci Harris & Jenna Colon
ASMC Awards Committee

RPDS 2013

Mark your calendars for the 2013 Regional Professional Development Seminar (RPDS) will take place on 7 March 2013 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center.

This year, the RPDS committee is working diligently to bring you the best training across DoD in one place, while trying to keep the registration fee lower than in previous years.

Registration will open in early January. Look for more details soon on the newsletter and website.

For more information you may contact the Publicity Chair, or any of the RPDS Co-Chairs:

Sharon Lovelace, RPDS Publicity
Michelle Woolgar, RPDS Lead Co-Chair
Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, RPDS Co-Chair
Alyce Frederick, RPDS Co-Chair
Corletta (Nicky) Wilson, RPDS Co-Chair

Christmas Party – 13 Dec 2012

The Christmas party included the annual dessert challenge.
First Place went to Ms Sylvia Hooker for her Oreo Cheesecake.
Second Place to Ms Amy Tolar for Peanut Butter Pie.



*Peanut
Butter Pie*

*Oreo
Cheese-
cake*



*At left, 1st
Place winner,
Ms Sylvia
Hooker
Oreo
Cheesecake*

*Good thing you don't have to
pass a fitness test!*



*Above, 2nd
Place winner,
Ms Amy Tolar
Peanut Butter
Pie*

Community Service

The last two months have been packed with volunteer/donation opportunities and the Community Services Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time out of your busy schedule to assist and donate. Nicole and Roger took the donations down to the ECCAC and they were very appreciative of the toys. There were many happy children on Christmas morning because of your generosity.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

FISHER HOUSE SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL: 19 & 20 Apr 2013, contact Gabriella Geier-DuReitz.

NICEVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE: April/May 2013, contact Dedra Hickman.

ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, cookies ect.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray ect) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC: patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil

Finally, help us keep track of your volunteer hours – email us. As always your suggestions welcomed!

POCs: Roger Kendall, roger.kendall2@eglin.af.mil, 882-1767
Nicole Smith, nicole.smith.ctr@eglin.af.mil, 882-0254

House votes to extend federal pay freeze

By Tom Shoop, Govexec.com, January 1, 2013

While President Obama has signaled he wants an end to the two-year federal pay freeze this spring, the House of Representatives refused to go along Tuesday. The House voted Tuesday evening to block a scheduled increase for civilian federal employees this spring, as well as prevent a raise for members of Congress from going into effect.

The fiscal cliff agreement passed by the Senate early Tuesday includes a provision that would prevent the congressional pay hike. But it did not address the issue of a freeze for civilian federal employees. The House took up the salary freeze measure before an expected vote Tuesday on the overall agreement.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., said on the floor Tuesday that federal employees are "hard-working," but "it's not how hard they work, it's what can the American people afford." He urged passage of an extension of the freeze.

Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., who sits on the Oversight and Government Reform panel, decried the "continued whacking away at pay and benefits," and said with measures such as the extended freeze, employees were being treated "as a punching bag."

Last week, Obama issued an executive order that would lift the freeze on civilian workers and implement a 0.5 percent across-the-board increase starting the first pay period after March 27. In the absence of congressional action, that raise would go into effect. But if the House and Senate approve a measure extending the freeze, and President Obama signs it, the freeze would remain in effect throughout 2013.

"Federal employees, who face the same economic pressures of all middle class families, have been under a pay freeze for more than two years," said National Treasury Employees Union President Colleen M. Kelley in a statement. "It is time for the pay freeze to end."

"Reducing the salaries of federal workers through an extended pay freeze is a cheap political ploy," said American Federation of Government Employees President J. David Cox in a statement. "Not only does it inflict tremendous damage on the families of these modestly paid workers, more than half of whom are veterans, but it also hits the communities where these employees live, since they will continue to be unable to afford any kind of economic activity beyond paying for the bare necessities of living."

The White House issued an order in late December officially extending the pay freeze until March 27.

President Obama and Congress agreed in the fall to maintain the freeze that began in January 2011 through the end of the current continuing resolution. Obama recommended a 0.5 percent pay increase this year for feds when Congress passes a budget.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

23 Jan Luncheon – *"Keeping Fit and Strong in the Workplace"*,
Eglin Bayview Club, 12pm

Please contact our Program Chairs Tom Walker or Joe Proctor 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 webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-0055) or David Loch (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

National News

PDI 2012, the premier training event hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers, was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on May 30 – June 1, with a theme of Professionalism in Action.

Thanks to all who attended PDI 2012 in Anaheim, California. Photos from the week have now been posted on the [ASMC Facebook Page](#). Slides that have been made available to ASMC are available on the [program page](#) of this website. To reprint your receipt, please log in to your registration account at <https://secure2.rhq.com/asmc/pdi12/attupdate/index.cgi>.

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

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NOTE: On Wednesday, 14 November, our monthly luncheon guests were our supported charities. ASMC made a \$25 donation to each charity on behalf of their guest speakers. This is the thank-you from CAC.

December 10, 2012

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your gift of \$25.00 on November 14, 2012 to the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.

Your contribution is helping us continue our vital work. We save and heal the lives of hundreds of child abuse and neglect victims throughout Okaloosa and Walton Counties each year. Each contribution you make has a lasting impact in the lives of many children and with your help we can continue to serve as the voice of these innocent victims.

In 2011, we were there for 698 child abuse victims-- doubling our numbers from 2008 when we saved 350 kids.

We are able to prevent child abuse, protect children and save lives at no cost to the families we serve because of your generosity. For more information on the Center or our volunteer opportunities, please visit eccac.org or [facebook.com/eccac](https://www.facebook.com/eccac). Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie Hurst
CEO

Gift Date: November 14, 2012
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THE COVER ARTWORK FOR THIS CARD WAS CREATED BY THE CHILDREN OF SHELTER HOUSE PARTICIPANTS DURING SUPPORT GROUP. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS THESE CHILDREN HEAL, GROW AND THRIVE.



MY HANDS

I use my hands for hugging,
I use them for loving,
I use them to reach out and touch mommy's face,
I use them to cover my eyes and my ears
when I'm scared.

My hands are for healing not hurting.

~Anonymous Domestic Violence Advocate

May you carry the hope and wonder of the season with you all year long.

Happy holidays from our house to yours.

SHELTER HOUSE

5th Annual ASMC Golf Tournament



When: 8 March 2013, Friday

Pre-registration deadline 1 March 2012

Where: Eglin Golf Course

Check-in: 10:30 lunch and Noon shotgun start

Cost: \$45.00 per person

includes entry fee and lunch

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

Longest Drive, Closest To The Pin

Many door prizes!!

Golf Tournament is to support ASMC's charity & scholarship program



Pre-Registration Eglin POC: Eric Alber
(318) 540-5427

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