



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ASMC Members,

As we leap into 2014, I can't help but reflect on many accomplishments of our Gulf Coast ASMC chapter over 2013. From recognizing our outstanding FM performers, to the highly successful mini-PDI, to the \$3,250 awarded in academic scholarships, to the amazing lunch time speakers (including Leah Hodge, Steve Herrera and LaTanya Bryant), it has been a very exciting year! And the list goes on – our members donated numerous community service hours to local organizations and our chapter contributed over \$1,850 this year to local charities including Fisher House, Shelter House, Pet Welfare, Relay for Life, and most recently we adopted a family for Christmas through the Niceville Advocacy Center.

The New Year will bring more opportunities to grow in the FM career field with CDFM training, the introduction of the FM Career Broadening program and the new DoD Financial Management Certification program, plus many more leadership opportunities within our Gulf Coast ASMC chapter. I encourage everyone to seek out opportunities and take on leadership roles in 2014. You will be amazed at what a difference you can make by getting involved!

A big thank you to the ASMC Committee members who have dedicated their time and talents to make our Gulf Coast chapter thrive this year. Your generosity and creativity have amazed me and I am honored to serve with you. In November/December, we raised over \$250 between our Chili's give-back luncheon and our beverage fundraiser. Thank you to Amy Tolar who spearheaded both events and made them a great success. We also raised over \$600 for our adopted Christmas family and provided wonderful gifts for them. Thank you to Jenna Colon, Kaci Harris, Jessie Pitts, and Brianna Hoppel for your dedication in making this happen.

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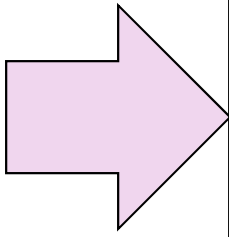
We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the January luncheon on 15 January at the Bayview Club. This luncheon will feature an overview of our ASMC Committees and give members insight into the requirements of each committee. We are hopeful you will see a leadership opportunity calling your name and get more involved in our Gulf Coast chapter in 2014.

Happy New Year!
Denise Wagner

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.

January & February Luncheons



Jan 15, 1130AM. Bayview Club, Eglin AFB. Daedalian Room. Arrive early so you can go through the buffet line. Current price for lunch is \$10.50 plus tax, \$2 discount for club members. Program: Chapter Committees Overview.
Feb 25, 1130AM. Broadway Ballroom, Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field. Speaker Maj Cunningham, 1 SOCPTS/CC.

Ways & Means – George Joseph

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ASMC Gulf Coast **ongoing fundraiser** - ASMC will earn 25% of the purchase of personalized or online exclusive products like baby shower, plaques, nuts, jewelry, etc. Great gifts to give or items you might personally like to order. Just order and you are participating in the fundraiser!

<http://mystore.fundraising.com/Store/Category/1508?t=25fde9ba-a0a3-42b2-a852-cc3c53f01b61>

Community Service

ON-GOING EVENTS:

Fisher House of the Emerald Coast depends upon donations to continue the work of supporting our military families. Many items can be donated to the Fisher House so that they do not need to be purchased. Please email for current "Needs List" POC: Gabriella Geier-DuReitz
(gabriella.geier-dureitz@us.af.mil)

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

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

POCs: Vanessa Fuentes, Vanessa.fuentes@us.af.mil, 883-0371

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Awards – Joan Horn

It is time to recognize the past year of hard work by 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 2013 which will need to be submitted **NLT 17 Jan 14**. 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 14**. To nominate someone for a National ASMC award, go to <http://awards.asmonline.org/Nominator-Page.aspx>, register to create an account, 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

Criteria: Impact – 50%
 Complexity & Leadership – 35%
 Resource Savings – 15%

Please send all Chapter award nominations to joan.horn@us.af.mil with “Annual Award Nomination” as the subject.
Joan Horn, ASMC Awards Committee

CDFM

Thinking of getting your CDFM certification? Wondering what information you need to know for the different module tests? We have study guides available to help!

Contact Lisa Gamon at 3-2890.

AFSOC/FM news

Upon the recent retirement of Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC is pleased to announce Ms Annette Beard is now the Comptroller. LtCol Deron Mirro is the Deputy Comptroller (FM-1).

Scholarship Program

The National Scholarship Program runs from Jan-Mar 2014.. 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-14 Mar 2014. 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 14, 2014 to:

Ms. Lisa Gamon

Gulf Coast Chapter Education Chair

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Phone: 850-883-5336

Email: lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil

Our local Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program will be advertised approximately April 1, 2014. 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 2014 semester

Membership

Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Caridi-Anderson

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 Lindsey at 883-1609.

How Sequestration Weakened the Defense Lobby

by [Sara Sorcher](#), [National Journal](#)/www.govexec.com, January 2, 2014

The defense lobby for years has been the muscle behind the military-industrial complex, the Beltway powerhouse that made Congress cower. However, Congress has defied them twice in two years, first with defense cuts under sequestration, and again with a reduced budget for round two. Nobody is afraid of defense lobbyists now.

In late 2012, the defense industry demanded Congress spare it from spending cuts, threatening more than a million defense jobs would be lost. But the industry had cried wolf: employers did not send layoff notices, major defense companies remained profitable, and the U.S. military remained a global power.

Now the defense industry's credibility is damaged and the situation is more painful this time. Last year, the Pentagon used unobligated funds to cover some losses and delayed weapons programs and testing. But this year, that cushion evaporated and the Pentagon must make tough decisions on weapons programs. Preserving pay and benefits for troops means further raiding funds for research and development.

All the claiming how sequester would raise the unemployment rate came too soon, says one lobbyist from a major company. However, there are some visible signs of military distress: The Army says that only two of its 43 active-duty brigades are fully ready for combat. The Navy canceled the deployment of an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf. Hundreds of thousands of civilians were furloughed, and the services say more long-term cuts will force them to downsize people and equipment.

But the signals are confusing. Despite warnings that sequestration would harm operations, the U.S. deployed warships for high-profile relief efforts in the Philippines. Although some layoffs have come—4,000 jobs at Lockheed Martin—several defense giants reported third-quarter profit increases. Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) focused their efforts this year to talk about the sequester's broader effects on the nation's workforce.

Complicating the picture is a schism in the Republican Party that once held defense spending sacred. The sequester widened this, and young tea-party Republican congressmen are not influenced by defense industries. One lobbyist described recent strategy sessions, saying they gave up on the meetings altogether, tired of "junior members of Congress who are lecturing us on how screwed up we are."

Unlike previous periods of high threat, including the Cold War, Republicans are not strongly supporting defense spending. The Republican Party's right wing has proven it's willing to lose jobs at the district level and take national security risks to rein in big government. In their eyes, the Pentagon is part of the problem.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

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Committees overview

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

National News

National PDI 2013 was cancelled due to Sequestration.

Please take advantage of other opportunities to fulfill your required CDFM CPEs to include local chapter training events, programs offered through the Online Learning Center, such as the recent Sequestration webinar, PDI 2011 and PDI 2012 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on www.asmonline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.

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

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