



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'd like to begin by thanking Capt Dan Genest and the entire 2008-2009 chapter leadership team for an outstanding year! I met with Dan prior to his PCS, and he provided some excellent suggestions to help me continue building on our recent successes.

I am truly honored to have the opportunity to continue serving our chapter during this next year. I joined ASMC in 1990, as I entered the comptroller career as a cost estimator at the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB, CA. I had just completed my tour as a member of the USAF Academy economics faculty, and my new boss brought me to an ASMC luncheon. I found that ASMC provided great opportunities for a new financial manager to develop professionally and build a network to rely on. It still does. I've remained an active member ever since.

I met with both outgoing and incoming chapter Executive Council members last week, and we set some initial priorities for the upcoming year:

- Strengthen collaboration between the chapter and local comptroller community leadership—ensure the chapter's efforts effectively complement related DoD and USAF activity.
- Redouble efforts to attract and engage newer members of the comptroller force—including junior enlisted personnel and civilian interns
- Assign every chapter member to one of the core committees—get everyone involved in establishing and realizing our chapter's vision for the future
- Streamline chapter processes and procedures to reduce the cost of contributing to and participating in chapter activities—from teleconferencing meetings to reduced e-mail volume
- Actively engage our retired members—in chapter activities and as mentors for our newer folks

Your Executive Council welcomes your inputs. Share your ideas with your chapter Vice Presidents and with me. Join us at our meetings. Read our Council meeting minutes as they are posted to our chapter web site, and I will highlight key Council decisions in my monthly newsletter articles. Get involved!! You'll be glad you did!
Ken Pickler, 2009 President-Elect

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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.

Ways and Means Projects:

Happy Summer,

I am once again pleased to serve as your Ways & Means Chairperson. 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 e-mail me.

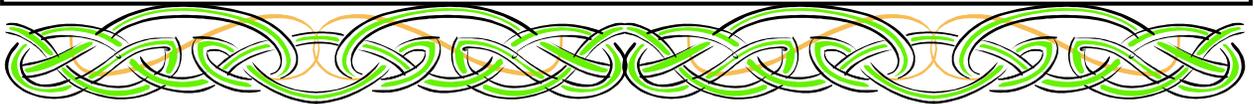
On-Going & Future Projects

- Care Packages to Deployed FM Troops
- Belk Charity Sale (in Nov 09)
- Gift-wrapping at the Base Exchange (in Dec 09)
- Air Show Concession Booth (Details Pending)

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Mean Committee. Please send your ideas for future fundraisers.

You can reach me at jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil or at 883-4787.

Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!



August Program – Tim Bozoki

Our August luncheon is “True Colors: Effectively Coping w/Office Personalities (What’s your color?)” - guest speaker: Capt Mary Wood, Clinical Social Worker, 96 Med Gp. 18 Aug, 11AM, Eglin O Club

It seeks to identify personality characteristics and enable supervisors to work within those characteristics of their staff to create a working environment conducive to utilizing the strengths of people in a collaborative approach. Much like a puzzle piece, people's personality characteristics enable them to be successful in areas compatible with their nature. For example, a person that has a nurturing, sympathetic nature would be a great person to have on a workplace committee dedicated to ensuring workplace satisfaction, but would not necessarily be the ideal person to write an Operating Instruction.

Objectives

- To enable participants to identify their own personalities styles and appreciate the characteristics of each
- To assist participants in the utilization of their own personality in their work, home, and personal life
- To apply the understanding of personality type theory to:
 - Improving communication
 - Building positive esteem
 - Appreciating differences
 - Building effective teams
- To discover the need for addressing all four personality styles in daily life in order to maximize personal success
- To recognize the diverse needs and stresses of the four personality types which may invite confusion, disruption and conflict if not addressed
- To learn strategies to build rapport with persons of all four personality styles
- To enjoy and have fun in this learning process

CDFM Program Enrollment

First, please review your eligibility. The Certified Defense Financial Manager is open to all candidates who have the qualifications shown below. ASMC anticipates that most candidates will be civilian or military members of the Department of Defense, US Coast Guard, or employees of Defense contractors or suppliers.

To apply and sit for the examination a candidate must:

Promise to adhere to the ASMC Pledge of Professionalism and Have a high school diploma or equivalent

If you meet these requirements, please complete the CDFM Enrollment Form and mail it, with the enrollment fee (check, American Express, Visa or MasterCard), to the address shown on the application. If not currently an ASMC member you can qualify for the member rate by including a membership application with your CDFM enrollment form.

In addition to completing all three module examinations, the candidate must satisfy the following financial management experience requirements before being issued his or her CDFM certificate.

Complete four years of federal government related financial management experience (with an associate degree or higher), or Complete three years of Defense related financial management experience (without degree), or Complete two years of Defense related financial management experience if the candidate holds an Associate, Baccalaureate, or higher degree.

For those candidates who have satisfied the financial management experience requirement prior to sitting for the examination, we encourage you to submit your experience documentation at the same time you submit your enrollment form. This will speed the processing of your CDFM certification after you have passed your third examination. You do not, however, have to satisfy the experience requirement prior to taking an exam.

The enrollment fee opens a certification account with ASMC, which is good for two years. As long as you complete all three modules within the two-year period, this enrollment fee will not be charged again. In the rare event a candidate takes longer than two years to successfully complete the three examination modules, a new enrollment fee must be paid to ASMC. However, all successfully completed test modules still remain valid toward the certification.

Upon acceptance of your application, you will receive a letter from the ASMC containing your nine-digit candidate ID number and the procedures to follow in registering for the modules examinations. Remember, you can take module examinations one at a time, or in any combination, or in any order.

CDFM – Ron Millis

CDFM Program Enrollment – continued from previous page

Examinations cost \$95 per module, paid in advance. So, when scheduling your appointment, please be prepared to pay for the examination by the following methods: American Express, Master Card, Discover, Visa. Please note, that if for some reason you cannot keep your appointment and must cancel, you must follow the directions provided in your Authorization Letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES - Effective June 1, 2004

Enrollment Fee \$70.00

Discounted Enrollment Fee for ASMC Members \$35.00

Extension of Enrollment Fee (Member and Non-Member) \$70.00

One module examination \$95.00

Three module examination \$285.00

Re-examination per module \$95.00

Late Cancellation, no show, late show (more than 15 minutes late for appointment) \$95.00 (per module)

Renewal of Certification (every 24 months) \$20.00

Replacement Certificate \$40.00

Ron

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New Defense Policy Board

Defense chief makes new appointments to policy board

[CongressDaily](#) July 2, 2009

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has announced the appointment of 11 members to his Defense Policy Board, including former Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel, an outspoken Republican critic of the Iraq war.

Hagel will join two former lawmakers on the board, former Reps. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., and Vin Weber, R-Minn. Also joining the board will be retired Gen. Larry Welch, former Air Force chief of staff; former Navy Secretary Richard Danzig, senior adviser on national security issues during President Obama's election campaign; former Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy DeLeon, a former staff director of the House Armed Services Committee now with the Center for American Progress and leading the review of the National Security Personnel System; and retired Army Lt. Col. Andrew Krepinevich, head of the nonpartisan Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

The board provides Pentagon leaders with "independent, informed advice and opinion concerning matters of defense policy," according to a Defense Department statement released Wednesday.

RPDS Thank You

We received the below letter from Shelter House thanking us for the \$291 donation from the 2009 RPDS.



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ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter
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Dear ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter

We at Shelter House, Inc. would like to express our sincere gratitude for your donation of \$291.00.

Shelter House, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization (Federal ID# 59-2634092) and provides services to victims of domestic violence in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Shelter House provides confidential shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling and support groups, advocacy, referrals, community education and outreach. Services are provided free of charge to the victims.

Each year, Shelter House provides approximately 5,746 days of emergency shelter to about 240 women and children, outreach services to over 250 individuals, and the 24-hour hot line receives approximately 900 calls. Without these much needed services, victims of domestic violence would have no choice, but to remain with their abuser and be subjected to further abuse or become homeless.

We rely heavily on support from community partners like yourself to continue providing these essential services. We appreciate your continued support and we thank you for being a partner in Shelter House's efforts to end the cycle of violence in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michelle Sperzel", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Michelle Sperzel
Executive Director

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24-Hour Hot Line (850) 863-4777 or 1-800-44ABUSE

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

- 15 Jul 09: Membership Appreciation, Eglin Officer's Club, 1100
- 11 Aug 09: True Colors: Effectively Coping with Office Personalities, Eglin Enlisted Club, 1100

Please contact our new Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (x3-8764) or Deb Washington (x3-1779), 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.

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.asmonline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

Emily Lyerly, Gulf Coast's chapter nominee for ASMC's high school senior scholarship awards, has been given a \$2000 scholarship. She will be recognized at the 15 July 09 luncheon.

The ASMC National Executive Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Alvin Tucker as ASMC Executive Director. *[Mr. Tucker will be visiting the Gulf Coast Chapter in July.]*

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

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