



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



JUL 2012

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My last soapbox! My last opportunity to say thanks to those who have been the backbone to our ASMC chapter this year! My last chance to offer thoughts and opinions! Ok, well maybe it's not exactly the last time I will offer my thoughts and opinions (am sure that comes as a surprise), but it's definitely the last time in the foreseeable future I get the first page of the chapter newsletter!

No chapter can succeed without those members who take on leadership roles and responsibility for ensuring the chapter moves forward through programs, activities, information and camaraderie. This chapter has a number of individuals who make being President easy. Most of them are listed in this newsletter as the other elected officers or committee chairs. I spent the last Executive Council meeting thanking them and trying to recognize how their efforts led to any success we can claim for the last year. But we also have a number of members who rose to the challenge this year to volunteer for at least one thing - just one - and enabled our chapter to retain our five star status and help out someone else in the process. I want to thank everyone who wanted to do something for this chapter and community and followed through by volunteering their time or talents this past year.

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President's Column – Continued

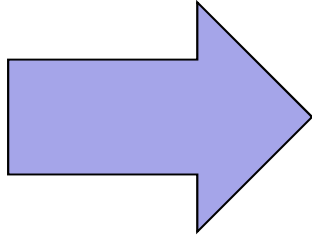
The Executive Council met in June and invited your newly elected officers to the meeting in order to pass along some thoughts, budget information and in general discuss chapter matters. Captain Hollingsworth will be a great leader in the coming year and looks forward to meeting and working with any who are willing to step up and participate. Please watch for his call for committee chairs and members.

Please support him and your other newly elected officers by attending the officer induction and scholarship award luncheon in July.

Best wishes in all your coming endeavors and I will see you at future ASMC events!

Leah W. Hodge, GS-14
CFO, Test and Training Division (AAC/EBY)

July Event



Thursday, 18 July Luncheon. 1200 Eglin Club, Bayview. Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM, will preside at our meeting to recognize Chapter Scholarships and Induction of New Officers.

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle

Ways & Means

Co-Chairs: Cleo Battle & Jennifer Denega



EVENTS

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events
Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.
Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee.
If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee...

Please contact:

Cleo cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil 883-0371

Jennifer jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil 883-0158

Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!

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.

CDFM

Congratulations to our newest CDFM awardees Connie Clay AAC/EBAD, CMSGT Alexia Brown AFSOC/FM, Jasmine Durm 46 TW/FMP, and Janeen Westfal AAC/XR CDFM-A.

The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course is a five-day, intensive financial management review course taught in three modules. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. Learn how to get college credit from attending the EDFMTC (<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/get-college-credit-2/>).

For those individuals interested in attending the EDFMT Course (<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/get-college-credit-2/>). We should know in the next few months if the Gulf Coast Chapter will be sponsoring an EDFMT class locally in FY13. More to come!

Air Force Reimbursement Policy

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/policies/>

Required Financial Management Experience for the CDFM

Candidates must have the required number of years of defense-related financial management experience outlined below to earn the CDFM designation:

- Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher; or
- Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.

If you do not have defense-related financial management experience, you must meet the following criteria outlined below to earn the CDFM designation:

- You must have four (4) years of Federal government-related financial management experience; and
- An Associate's degree or higher.

CDFM Testing Using the G.I Bill

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

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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.

Custom Frame Your Certificate

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/framing-success/>

CDFM Modules

Module 1: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-m>

Module 2: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cos>

Module 3: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting>

Module 4: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-4/>

The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter has **textbooks you can checkout**. If you prefer to own a textbook they can be purchased through the ASMC National website at <http://www.asmconline.org/publications/text-books/#purchase>

Any questions call Ron Millis 883-1896 or Lisa Gamon 883-3465.

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 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.* 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.

Community Service

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 and Gabi at Gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy (ECCAC)
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
5. Blankets of Hope - handmade blankets supporting wounded soldiers/vets
6. Shelter House - survivors of domestic violence
7. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
8. Give a Child a Christmas

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

POCs: Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-4787;

Maika Andrew, Maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil, 882-0088

Education

We received 10 applications for our scholarship program: two college, five high school, and three Chapter Members. They were evaluated by a six-member team. We will be awarding 10 scholarships: one \$1,000 scholarship, two \$750 scholarships, and seven \$500 scholarships. Winners have been notified and have been invited to the ASMC July luncheon. Details regarding the winners will be provided in the August newsletter. Thanks in advance to our evaluation team for their hard work.

Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil) and Donna Schulist (882-4538, Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil).

FY2013 federal civilian pay raise

House and Senate committees are not providing FY2013 federal civilian pay raise

From Govexec.com Friday, June 15th, 2012

So far, no House or Senate committee appropriations bills have included language or funding to support the president's proposed .5 percent federal civilian pay raise for FY2013.

The FY2011 Financial Services Appropriations bill set a two-year civilian pay freeze through FY2012, a move supported by the president.

This year, the president's FY2013 budget calls for a .5 percent civilian pay raise. However, both the House and Senate Financial Services subcommittees have omitted any language on the president's proposal. If the final bill excludes pay raise language, it may be considered a de facto extension of the pay freeze for another year, a move that is popular in the House. Earlier this year the House voted to extend the civilian pay raise for another year and the FY2013 House Budget Resolution calls for a continued civilian pay freeze.

If Congress did not include any legislative language on the pay raise, the president would still have the authority to increase civilian pay. However, if Congress does not include funding in each appropriations bill for the pay raise, agencies would have to reallocate already scarce funds to pay for it.

Thank you for the Blankets of Hope

Thank you so much for your generous donation of blankets mailed in May. We loved your idea for all of you to sign them! We very much appreciate the ongoing support from you and the Gulf Coast Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Most of our patients have challenges ahead of them and donations like yours not only make their stay here more comfortable, but also help them realize that there are many dedicated Americans back home who still care about them.

As always, thank you again for your prayers and support of our wounded and ill Heroes at Landstuhl hospital - and for all of our men and women in harm's way.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

18 July Luncheon - Scholarship Presentations & Induction of New Officers. Presiding official Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM, Eglin Club

Please contact our Program Chairs Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon 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

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 that 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>

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and ASMC national is <http://www.asmonline.org/>***

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***Professional Development
Luncheon Presents***

***Chapter Scholarships & Induction of
New Officers***

***Mr. William Rone
SES AFSOC/FM***

***Wednesday, 18 July 2012 at 12:00
Eglin Club - Bayview
Pay as you go "Buffet Line"***

Registration via A3 web site:

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=334417&TypeName=Class>

POCs: Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon