

ASMC

GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



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Where has the time gone? It is July and do you know what that means? No, not 177 more shopping days until Christmas, it is Mini PDI time! Not only do we have a fantastic line up of speakers (listed below), but you have an opportunity to receive get 5 hours of CLPs, and it is FREE! That's right, absolutely free! There is an option for a Heavenly Croissant boxed lunch for \$10, but that is an optional cost, not a seminar cost.

The speakers are:

- Mr. Randy Bowen, Technical Director, Financial Mgmt & Comptroller Directorate, AFLCMC WP AFB
- Mr. Stephen R. Herrera, Associate Deputy, Assistant Secretary (Financial Operations), Headquarters Air Force, AF Pentagon
- Mr. Dennis Savage - Joint Service Comptroller, Tier II DoD, The Joint Staff, Washington DC
- Chief Master Sergeant Nyron F. Alexander - Superintendent, 96th Force Support Squadron, Eglin AFB
- Lieutenant Colonel Randal L. Russell - Commander, 2nd Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field

The opening session will kick off at 0800, and there will be plenty of coffee, water, and muffins provided throughout the day. Hope to see you all there for this valuable training!

- Lisa Gamon, ASMC President

MINUTES: Executive Council

The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are 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.



Upcoming Events



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MINI-PDI

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual "Mini-PDI" that will take place 17 July 2014 at the Eglin Conference Center. The Mini-PDI Team is working hard to bring you a no-fee event which includes some dynamic speakers. Registration is open now through 11 July, below is the link to register:

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Lists/Registration-Events/DispForm.aspx?ID=436&IsDlg=1>

*Please see Page 6 for a list of items we are collecting for the Soldier Angels Organization Charity.

Chair: Michelle Woolgar michelle.k.woolgar.civ@mail.mil or 882-6700 ext.7800

JULY LUNCHEON

When: 30 July 2014, 1130
Where: Sand Dollar Lounge, Eglin Bayview Club
What: Presenting Scholarships

Lunch will be available for purchase through the club's buffet line.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2014 ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Awards winners and dollar amounts are listed below. These individuals will be recognized during the ASMC luncheon. Local Winners:

- Alex Wagner: \$1,000 (University of Florida)
- Meridith Schmieder: \$750 (University of Florida)
- Charles Shackelford: \$500 (Fort Walton Beach HS/Wake Forest University)
- Alaney Gray: \$500 (Crestview HS/Florida State University)

Thanks to our scholarship evaluators Catherine Gunn, Pat DeWitt, Debra McKenzie, and Linda Jennings for taking time to help make the program a success.



CDFM



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Did you know?

Congress passed Public Law 107-107 (Defense Authorization Act of 2002), Title XI, Subtitle XI, Section 1112 that amended Chap 57 of Title 5, US Code Sec 5757 to state that, "Payment of expenses to obtain professional credentials" is authorized. Expenses for employees to obtain professional credentials, including expenses for professional accreditation, State-imposed and professional licenses, professional certification, and examinations to obtain such credentials was included.

The Defense Authorization Act of 2006, Public Law 109-163 amended Chapter 101 of title 10, US Code to add, "Payment of expenses to obtain professional credentials", to provide the same laws for the military departments.

Public Laws

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/LegislativeData.php?&n=PublicLaws&c=107>

ASMC CDFM Program

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

CDFM Reimbursement

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

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Chapter Info



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WAYS & MEANS

We are still in need of a Ways & Means Chair! Please contact one of the Executive Committee members if interested.

ASMC Gulf Coast **ongoing fundraiser** - ASMC will earn 25% of the purchase of personalized or online exclusive products like baby shower gifts, 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>

MEMBERSHIP

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.

To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 8).

Chair: Lindsey Stephan, 883-1609, lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil



Community Service



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At past RPDS events, we selected a charity and brought items or donated money. Blankets of Hope organizers have plenty of blankets and have asked for specific comfort items instead. If you would like to participate, please drop off your donated items and/or contributions at the mini-PDI on July 17th. We will collect the following items to ship to the Soldier Angels organization at Landstuhl Medical Center - Germany:

Especially needed:

- Sweatpants (M, L, XL - black or gray)
- Zippered hoodie sweat jackets (M, L, XL - black or gray)
- Plain white undershirts or plain solid color t-shirts (M, L, XL - crew neck - any color)

Also needed:

- Mens boxer briefs (M, L, XL - no "tighty whities")
- Baggy basketball-type shorts (M, L, XL - any color)
- Lounge/sleep pants (M, L, XL - any color)
- Flip-flops (for shower wear - mens large sizes), Socks (white ankle or crew)
- Nail clippers (large and small), deodorant, lip balm, toothpaste, Gold Bond foot powder – small, travel size shaving cream, travel size Shampoo

POC: Laura Gamble (laura.gamble@us.af.mil)



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Community Service



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UP-COMING EVENT:

Volunteers needed for the Great Destin Smoke on the Coast event, benefiting the Fisher House. The BBQ competition will be held at the Destin Commons on July 3rd. The Fisher House needs our help in getting volunteers to set up and work during the event. If you have time and would like to help, please contact Rob Turpin for details. Any and all help is appreciated.

POC: Rob Turpin (robert.turpin.1.ctr@us.af.mil)

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.2@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 (patrick.dewitt.4@us.af.mil)

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Sara Bennett, Shelter House, sara.bennett.3@us.af.mil, 883-1980

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Websites



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We're on FACEBOOK!

We are pleased to announce that our Chapter's **Facebook** page is up and running! We will utilize this venue to share announcements of events and praises going on throughout our chapter. If you would like to submit a picture to share on the Chapter Facebook page, please email it to, gulfcoast.asmc@gmail.com, and be sure to include a caption. Pictures must be related to Chapter members/events. Be sure to like our page! <https://m.facebook.com/gulfcoast.asmc>.

ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: <http://www.asmcnline.org/>
Gulf Coast Chapter website is: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-7595) or David Loch (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2015 will be held in New Orleans, LA.

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 2011-2014 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

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



National Awards



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I recently had the opportunity to attend the 2014 National PDI in Seattle, WA. What a great experience! The training provided a prospective from the Department of Defense as a whole, so it was interesting to see that the Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard all endure as many changes as the Air Force with regard to policy and other battle rhythms.

As a proud member of the Gulf Coast Chapter, I can say that we definitely “represented” during the National PDI Award session. The Gulf Coast Chapter received three awards for:

- Overall Chapter Competition, Category A, Meritorious Award
- Chapter Communications, Category A, Meritorious Award
- Five Star Chapter Recognition

In addition to Chapter awards, Lt Col Clark was also presented with CY2013 ASMC Meritorious Award for Resource Management (pictured on right). Congratulations Lt Col Clark and to the rest of the Gulf Coast Chapter members that worked so hard during the past year to make this happen!

- *Brianna Hoppel, Newsletter*



Lt Col Steven Clark, AFSOC/FMA



1 Percent Pay Raise on Horizon for Feds Next Year

by Kellie Lunney, June 25, 2014, govexec.com



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It's looking increasingly likely that federal employees will receive a 1 percent across-the-board pay bump in 2015.

The current House version of the fiscal 2015 Financial Services and General Government spending bill, which the full Appropriations Committee will consider on Wednesday, is silent on a pay raise for feds next year. It doesn't include money for one, but it also does not prohibit one. It does expressly prohibit pay raises for senior political appointees next year. The financial services bill, as lawmakers refer to it, typically is the vehicle for such federal pay provisions.

If there is no specific legislative language that provides funds or prohibits an across-the-board raise in any bills -- either stand-alone or omnibus legislation -- then the president has the authority to determine a pay raise based on the Employment Cost Index. President Obama in his fiscal 2015 budget recommended a 1 percent pay boost for federal workers.

On Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government reported out its version of the financial services spending bill. The committee released a summary of the legislative provisions briefly mentioning the federal employee cost-of-living adjustment. "The bill does not contradict the president's proposal for a 1 percent pay increase to take effect Jan. 1, 2015," stated the summary. The text of the actual bill will not be available until the full committee marks it up.

The House so far has passed five of the 12 annual appropriations bills for fiscal 2015. None of them contains language pertaining to a pay raise for federal civilian employees. The Senate has not passed any fiscal 2015 spending bills yet.

The fiscal 2015 spending bill funding the legislative branch includes a provision to freeze congressional salaries at current levels. This would be the sixth consecutive year that members of Congress have frozen their own pay.

Last week, the House approved a 1.8 percent pay increase for military service members next year. It is more than Obama's proposed 1 percent pay raise for military personnel in 2015, and exceeds the 1 percent boost currently in the Senate Defense authorization legislation.

The formula for determining service members' annual pay increase is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Cost Index and the growth in private-sector wages. But under the law (Title 37, Chapter 19, Section 1009) the president has the authority to set an alternate pay raise for military personnel, citing a national emergency or fiscal concerns, if Congress doesn't pass legislation adjusting the amount or canceling it. The 1990 Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act allows the president through executive order to set a pay raise for federal civilian employees under the same circumstances.