**JUN 11** 

#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last week, 24 other Gulf Coast members and I had the distinct pleasure of attending the National PDI in Minneapolis. It has been a few years since I was able to attend and I had forgotten how awesome this event can be for training and networking with others in our career field.

This year I was also able to accept several awards on behalf of the chapter. These awards were Five Star Chapter, Meritorious Award for Chapter Competition, Meritorious Award for Chapter Communication, and a Community Service Award. I would like to thank all of our volunteers who make the difference in our chapter giving a special thanks to our chapter Secretary Ms Sharon Pedersen who puts together the 5 Star competition package and ensures it is on time and accurate. I would also like to thank Ms Laura Gamble who publishes our Newsletter each month; Mr Jason Guzzardo and Ms Lynn Becker who head up our Information Technology team and website. Without these three people we would not have been recognized for our chapter communication.

Also let me thank Ms Sheila Hale, Ms Brianna Hoppel, and Ms Maika Andrew who publicize and track our volunteer opportunities and hours so that we are able to make such a difference in our community. \*\*\*\* continued next page \*\*\*\*



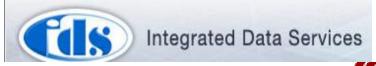


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I would like the entire chapter to realize that we have an outstanding chapter and others look to us as the example. I had two other chapter presidents approach me at the president's reception and ask from some pointers on how their chapter can reach our level of expertise. It is a great honor for me to serve with such great professionals.

Remember the June luncheon on Tuesday June 14, 11:00 at Scully's on the Bayou and then the change of officers and scholarship winner's luncheon on July 19.

Thanks again to all of the true professionals who make up The Gulf Coast Chapter!

Dedra
Dedra Hickman, CDFM
President, Gulf Coast Chapter

## Membership

Co-Chairs, Troy Brown and Woxie Williams
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.\* Contact membership chairs Troy Brown 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449. Thanks,

Woxie & Troy

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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 <a href="http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/">http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/</a> and click on the tab marked "Minutes" along the top.

# **Community Service**

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

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## Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

•June 14, 2011 Don't miss out on "Heart Health & Fitness in the Work Place" GUEST SPEAKER: Marilyn Legget, Civilian Health Promotion Service (CHPS)

LOCATION/TIME: Scully's on the Bayou (Mariner Plaza, Fort Walton Beach) at 11:00 (on Eglin Parkway on the north side of Cinco Bayou) Payas-You Go Buffet Price includes Tax and gratuity. Register on A3: <a href="https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=248442&TypeName=Class">https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=248442&TypeName=Class</a>

\* July 19, 2011 will conclude this term's program with the Scholarship Awards and Installation of Officers.

LOCATION/TIME: Eglin Club, Sand Dollar Lounge at 11:00

Deli Buffet Pay-at-the-Door (Cash or Check)

Also accepting donations at the July 19th luncheon for a "School Supplies Drive" to benefit the "Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy & Shelter House."

Suggested donations are: Backpacks, Paper, Pencils, Folders, Pens, Notebooks, Crayons, Markers, Scissors and Rulers. (POC for the dive is Maika Andrew)

#### To Register on A3:

https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=253316&TypeName=Class Thank you for your continued support of the Programs offered to our Chapter members.

Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

#### Education

We received 15 applications for our scholarship program, 10 college, 3 high school and 2 Chapter Members. They were evaluated by a 6 member team. We have received all the completed evaluations. We will be awarding 8 scholarships (1), \$1,000 and (4) \$500 college scholarships, (1) \$500 high school, and (1) \$1,000 and (1) \$500 chapter members. We will be notifying the 8 scholarship winners and invite them to the ASMC July luncheon. Thanks in advance to our evaluation team for their hard work.

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

# Ways & Means - Jennifer Denega

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Chair: Jennifer Denega Vice-Chair: Cleo Battle

# **Upcoming Event**

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:

Jenniferjennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil883-4787Cleocleo.battle@eglin.af.mil883-0371

Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee



#### CDFM - Ron Millis

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter congratulates Dorothy Goring-Briley (96 CPTS) for completing the requirements to become CDFM and Sharon King (46 Rang) for completing the Acquisition module.

ASMC Pledge of Professionalism

#### As a CDFM, I will:

Be guided in all activities by loyalty to the highest principles always remembering that public office is a public trust.

Refrain from activities which are in conflict with the public interest or are discreditable to the Society, and avoid activities which create the appearance of such conflict.

Exercise diligence, objectivity and integrity in professional activities, ever aware of the responsibility to avoid improprieties.

Refrain from the transmission or usage, for personal gain or advantage, of information obtained in the professional environment.

Carefully earn and continuously protect my reputation for good moral character in comptrollership.

Recognize that professional example will influence associates and efficiency.

Continuously strive to increase my professional knowledge and skills to improve service and value to associates and the Society.

Extend the same consideration to the rights and interests of others that I seek for myself.

Respect the professionalism of fellow-members and work with them to promote the goals and programs of the Society.

For questions on program enrollment, testing, and in-residence course please contact Ron Millis at DSN 872-4329

# **Community Service**

Big thanks to those who volunteered for the month of May. The Ranger Open House was a success. The Fisher House received a \$6,000 donation from the Rangers and raised another \$520 that day.

#### **UP-COMING EVENTS**:

#### **EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER (ECCAC)**:

ECCAC will be participating in the Destin Seafood Festival to be held 30 September to 2 October. If you would like to volunteer, please email Sheila Hale, Brianna Hoppel or Maika Andrew.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**: Look for upcoming school supplies drive to benefit the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center (ECCAC) and the Shelter House.

#### **ON-GOING EVENTS:**

**DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES:** Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

**HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE:** Continue to send requests of (family members of deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil

# **PROGRAMS SUPPORTED**:

- 1. Brilliant Minds medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, & Down Syndrome children
- 2. Habitat for Humanity creating affordable housing opportunities
- 3. Relay for Life fight against cancer
- 4. Fisher House providing home away from home enabling 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. Opportunity Inc helping the homeless
- 8. Deployable Care Packages sent to FM (deployed) troops
- 9. Helping Hand Committee
- 10. Give a Child a Christmas
- 11. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy

# Russes With A Purpose

A gently used and new designer purse auction and sale.

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Friday, June 17, 2011 6:00 pm -8:00 pm Silver Sands Factory Stores

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## What's changed for women in federal service

James Tsugawa, Senior Research Analyst; Cynthia Ferentinos, the Senior Research
Psychologist, Office of Policy and Evaluation, MSPB and Suzanne Kubota
(Government Executive and Federal News Radio)

A lot has changed in the last 20 years, especially for women who work in the federal government. The Merit Systems Protection Board has just updated a 1992 study of women and opportunity.

In 1992, a glass ceiling was found to be limiting the advancement of women in the federal government. James Tsugawa, Senior Research Analyst in the Office of Policy and Evaluation, at MSPB told Federal News Radio, the most recent study finds "a great deal of progress that's been made."

With women making up 11 percent of the senior executives in 1990 and more than 30 percent now, said Tsugawa, "our sense is that issues such as sexbased discrimination and stereotyping, although they haven't gone away, are much less an issue than they were."

Dr. Cynthia Ferentinos, the Senior Research Psychologist in the same office cautioned, "we've certainly seen progress, but unfortunately, sometimes closing the last bit of the gap is the hardest. We're looking now at thing that are relatively entrenched in the government".

Ferentinos credited more opportunities for women to advance, and an increase in opportunities for women in education and experience "which has allowed them to be much more competitive at the higher levels."

Changes over the past 20 years include educating and encouraging mangers, said Ferentinos, "to make sure that they're focusing on those job related characteristics - the education, the experience - and the other qualifications that make people qualified for their jobs and not irrelevant characteristics such as their sex, or their marital status, or family status."

Tsuwaga noted some the differences between the private and public sectors. "One of the things that the federal government offers that I think private sectors don't always is the opportunity for people to work their way up the ranks, and certainly it's important that you do a good job in your current job, work hard, but if you make that transition into a professional occupation or an administrative occupation, something like IT or HR, I think it's important for employees to know that that's a real career change and it takes not only hard work but a change in outlook as well as continuing effort to develop your technical knowledge as well as skills in things like project management, interpersonal relations, and I think it helps if agencies tell employees what they're looking for and give them some guidelines for how to manage the transition successfully."

Even with the progress that has been made, Ferentinos cautioned that federal managers can't stop now and just wait for more progress to occur.

# **Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events**

**UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –** Mark your calendars:

14 Jun: Heart Health & Fitness, Scully's on the Bayou, 11am

19 Jul: Scholarship awards and Installation of 2011-12 officers, TBD

Please contact our Program Chairs, Ms Ivonne Caridi-Anderson (882-1929) or Mr Jon Slingerland (882-3301) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on program issues.

#### **ASMC Websites**

ASMC National Headquarters website is <a href="http://www.asmconline.org/">http://www.asmconline.org/</a>

Our chapter website is <a href="http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/">http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/</a>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmaster, Lynn Becker at 850-882-4866 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

#### **National News**

For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from the 2010 PDI. You can access selected sessions online at

http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/onlineeducation/extended-learning/extended-learning-2010-pdipresentations/

Minneapolis hosted the national PDI this year. ASMC online will soon post 2011 sessions - check the national website for more information.

Remember our local website is <a href="http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/">http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/</a> and ASMC national is <a href="http://www.asmconline.org/">http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/</a>

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"New Officer Induction Ceremony"
"Scholarship Awards"
"Schools Supplies Charity Drive"
Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy
& Shelter House

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Sand Dollar Lounge, Eglin Club
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POCs: Jon Slingerland, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, or Maika Andrew



# School Supplies Drive

Donations Needed: Backpacks, Paper, Pencils, Folders, Pens, Notebooks, Crayons, Markers, Scissors and Rulers

Donations will be accepted at Luncheon Tuesday, 19 July 2011

POC: Maika Andrew 882-1755