



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

I want to thank members of the Gulf Coast Chapter for placing your confidence in me to lead our organization as we enter a new ASMC year. I am excited about this challenge and look forward to serving as your President.

For those who don't know me, let me share a few things with you. I began working as an FM'er "back in the day" as a young airman. Though I worked in several different sections of Finance, many of you wouldn't recognize them because the AF has reorganized so many times. Following a decade of active duty I took time away from my primary career path to raise children, while continuing to serve as an AF IMA. I resumed my FM career in 1997 as a support contractor in one of the Weapons SPOs. I took a brief hiatus to career-broaden into program management. While I enjoyed that experience, my heart was always with FM. Consequently, when I was offered a job in civil service as a financial manager I jumped at the chance..... Several years later I thank those in the FM community, who took time and patience to provide training, mentoring and guidance.

As we press through the year ahead, I ask for everyone's help in chapter activities. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer in areas of interest and enjoyment--education/training, community service and fund-raising for our sponsorship programs. Additionally, we host monthly programs where you get an opportunity to network and have a chance to learn from some pretty fantastic speakers. Come on out! Would love to see your happy, smiling faces! Help us help others by suggesting positive changes and improvements.

As you know, not all of us were able to travel to the National PDI, so I am pretty excited about the upcoming Mini-PDI we are hosting July 17, 2014. Lots of great speakers lined up. Please plan to participate in this this outstanding training opportunity!

Again, I am looking forward to a wonderful year serving with you in all the activities we have planned. Please do not hesitate to give us feedback for areas in which we are doing well and those which need improvement. With your help to find solutions to the challenges ahead, our FM community will grow and prosper.

Here's to a great year!

Lisa Gamon

**ASMC, P.O. Box 1756, Eglin AFB FL 32542**

## ***Executive Committee***

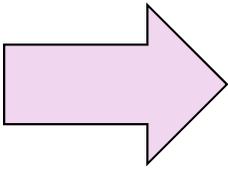
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## ***Mini-PDI***

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 will be opening 9 June - 11 July. Keep a watch for more information.

The POC for the Mini-PDI is Michelle Woolgar  
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## ***June Luncheon***



June ASMC Luncheon:  
Topic: Mr Rob Vickers, K-9s for Vets/Wounded Warrior  
Date: 24 June 14 @ 1130  
Location: Luke's Place, Bldg 615, Eglin AFB

## ***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 & Means – George Joseph***

Ways & Means Chair: George Joseph

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>

## ***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](mailto: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>.

## **CDFM**

### **CDFM-A:**

Sign up today! Only 9 more seats available for the CDFM-A class. The course will run the 18-19 June in Conference Room 204, Building 1 from 0800-1700. On the 19th of June, the Instructor Mr. Rich Arns will administer the exam from 1500-1700 for those who have signed up to take the exam. The cost of the exam is \$50.00. For additional information, please contact Brianna Hoppel at 883-3204. Below is the link to register:

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Lists/Registration-Events/DispForm.aspx?ID=427&IsDlg=1>

## **Scholarship info**

The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter's 2014 scholarship program ended 15 May 14. We received a total of four applications (three high school, and one college). Applications are currently being evaluated by a four-member ASMC team. Winners will be announced in July 2014. We will notify winners and invite them to lunch to the ASMC luncheon.

## **Membership**

*Membership Chair, Lindsey Stephan*

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.

## Community Service

Hello ASMC members,

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Rob and I'm one of the newest members of ASMC and I'd like to invite you to serve on the Community Service Committee. "One value that was sewn into the stitching of our character at a very early age had to do with our responsibility to help others.... We were expected to be of assistance to our neighbors... "Being neighborly"... was synonymous with being kind, friendly, and helpful to our neighbors and something that we were encouraged to do on a regular basis through firsthand experience. It was a bit like mandatory community service." -- BeNeca Ward

Although joining the ASMC Community Service Committee is certainly NOT mandatory, it is a great opportunity and I'm hearing good things are in store for the upcoming year. So, if you are interested in becoming a committee member, please let one of our newly elected officers know of your interest.

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Rob Turpin 882-4331

ASMC Community Service Committee Co-Chair

### ON-GOING EVENTS:

1. 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](mailto:gabriella.geier-dureitz.2@us.af.mil))

2. 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](mailto:patrick.dewitt.4@us.af.mil))

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## Untying the Knots in the Federal Hiring Process

by [Shelley H. Metzbaum](#) May 27, 2014 (govexec.com)

*Katherine Archuleta, director of the Office of Personnel Management, recently told an audience at the Excellence in Government Conference that “We are drilling down in agencies to find the knots in the hiring process, and to untie them.” To that, I say, “Full speed ahead. We’re right there with you.” The federal recruitment and hiring system, both for pre-career and mid-career employees, is seriously limping, and federal internship programs are just plain broken. That was my message in March when I testified before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.*

*Some proposed fixes require no new legislation, just strong leadership:*

***Fix federal internship and graduate programs.*** *We need more young people in government with fresh minds, an information age mind-set, new technology skills and knowledge of effective approaches. Unfortunately, energetic graduates who want to work for the federal government have a ridiculously hard time getting hired. About 25% of college students rank government service among their top three target industries, yet federal agencies with job openings have a hard time hiring. OPM needs to fix the Presidential Management Fellows program, its flagship leadership program with surprisingly low placement levels.*

***Make greater use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act,*** *which allows for the temporary assignment of personnel between the federal government and eligible not-for-profit organizations, colleges and universities, and state and local governments. IPAs could help intergovernmental and nonprofit partnerships flourish. They can highlight subject matter experts and specialists in policy design and delivery methods such as evaluation, analytics, and operations research.*

***Expand the short-term fellows programs.*** *The successful Presidential Innovation Fellows program, pairs innovators from outside government with top civil servants to tackle especially thorny challenges. This program should be expanded to innovators with needed skill sets to help federal agencies better use performance, financial, and risk data they collect.*

***Establish cross-agency hiring authority.*** *This would require Congressional legislation... it would allow an agency that identifies, for instance, five strong cybersecurity specialists to share standout applicants with other agencies seeking similar employees.*

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

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

***June 24 – 11:30 AM, Eglin AFB, Luke's Place Building 615 Mr Rob Vickers, K-9s for Vets, Wounded Warriors***

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.asmconline.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 2014 was held in Seattle, WA.

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.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.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.asmconline.org/>***

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