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GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



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Chapter Members - it's good to be back! I told you at our induction recently I knew I needed to get involved with ASMC again and what better way than to run for an office (unchallenged, which is shame, but more on that later)! After being an active member, chairing RPDIs, being the President and working with a number of you over the years at various charity and chapter events, I realized my far less active participation in last 3 or so years had left a gap in my professional life.

ASMC is the one sure way - proven - to be involved in this profession, know the other FMers around you, where they are working, and what they are out there doing every day! It provides a network community; you learn about other missions, hear how other FMs are dealing with issues and subjects within our function, and best of all, make new associates and friends! Active participation also allows you to show off your can-do attitudes, your organizational skills (or learn a few?), your ability to follow-through, to be dependable and be a go-to person for the chapter.

For me, I knew I wanted to get back into the thick of things as I get to see and talk with more of you more often! Let the year begin!

- Leah Hodge, 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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JUNE LUNCHEON

When: 24 June 2015 at 11:30am
Where: Eglin Bayview Club
Who: Mr. Jeffrey DeCocker, AFSOC FM/FMJ
What: AFSOC Structure & SOF's Role

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

What and When: Smoke the Coast, **July 3rd**

This exciting event is a battle to find the best BBQ on the Emerald Coast. The evening ends with an amazing fireworks display. Children in Crisis has been requested to provide volunteers to serve beer and water at 5 tents. We will need 4-5 volunteers for each tent to take tickets, serve drinks and provide water. See page 6 for more details.

Mini-PDI 2015

Our annual Mini-PDI is fast approaching, and what a treat we have for all. This year's event will be held in the Enlisted Hall on **16 July 2015**. Registration will open on the 10 June 2015, please be on the lookout for that. If you would like to volunteer or have questions please contact the chair, John Feagin, john.feagin@us.af.mil or co-chair Michelle Woolgar, michelle.woolgar@us.af.mil.



CDFM



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Congratulations to our recent CDFM awardee, Mr. Ralph Taylor!

- To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/> and search by chapter.
- Register now for the next **EDFMT 3-7 Aug 2015 – only 9 slots available!** This five-day intensive financial management review course is taught in three modules (Resource Management Environment, Budget and Cost Analysis, and Accounting and Finance). The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If interested, please access <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/> to register.
- CDFM Reimbursement: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/cdfm.html>
(New rules and form dated 13 May 2015)
- Purchasing a CDFM Test Module: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/testing-resources/>
- Forgot your CDFM Candidate number:
<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/get-my-candidate-id/>
- EDFMT Course Details/Schedule:
<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course/>
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

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Ways and Means



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ASMC's 7th Annual Golf Tournament:

A big Thank You to those who came out and supported ASMC on 8 May! Our Chapter was able to raise a little over \$250; proceeds will benefit our Scholarship program.

Congrats to our tournament winners: Kristy Golden, Paul Pinkowski, Eric Flinchum, and Justin Neece!

If you missed the event, tune in next year as there are several door prizes! Some of the items include rounds of golf to Kelly Plantations and Eglin Golf Course, Gift certificates to Eglin Pro Shop, 4 lunch buffets to the IP Casino, golf club travel bags, bags of practice balls, and bottles of wine to name a few!

POC: Roger Kendall

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 7).

Chair: Lindsey Stephan, 883-4925, lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil



Community Service



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Starting June 2nd, **Fisher House** will now be offering 2 nights a week that will be open to volunteers to provide a warm meal for in-house guests and family. If you are interested in providing dinner on a Tuesday or Thursday night, please contact ASMC's POC Rob Turpin 883-5332, and he will coordinate with Fisher House to schedule a date that works and provide other details. A group of 4 volunteers is recommended.
- Smoke the Coast, **July 3rd** – Destin Commons
This exciting event is a battle to find the best BBQ on the Emerald Coast. The evening ends with an amazing fireworks display. **Children in Crisis** has requested to provide volunteers to serve beer and water at 5 tents. We will need 4-5 volunteers for each tent to take tickets, serve drinks and provide water.
 - 1st Shift – 12:30-5:30p
 - 2nd Shift – 5:00 – 10:30p

Please contact Rob Turpin, Community Service Chair, if you are interested in serving the community or would like more information. Any and all help is appreciated!



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 - 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.



Are Government Records Management Practices in Peril?

by Frank Konkel, May 26, nextgov.com



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In government, records management is a real problem.

Almost four years after a series of executive orders by the Obama administration designed to reshape the way federal agencies manage the massive number of records they keep, it appears little progress has been made toward true modernization.

The evidence of the lack of progress in records management – the government collects data on everything from American citizens to incoming cargo shipments – continues to mount. Two weeks ago, the Government Accountability Office found serious flaws in agencies' plans to automate data archival based on official data collected and compiled by GAO.

The GAO audit coincides with a new report that suggests federal employees themselves aren't confident in their agencies' records management practices. The report, conducted by market research company Market Connections and storage management company Iron Mountain, found 85 percent of 150 records management professionals in government "are not fully convinced" current records management practices are meeting agency needs.

Whoa.

If the role of a federal records management professional were played by Tom Hanks circa "Apollo 13," he'd be saying, "Houston, we have a records management problem."

"The National Archives and Records Administration and Office of Management and Budget have made great strides in providing needed records management oversight, but much still needs to be done to close the confidence gap at the agency level," said Tyler Morris, director of product management for Iron Mountain Government Services. "Agencies need to

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look at their overall information management posture and consider what changes they need to make to further the adoption of an enterprisewide strategy to better their information's security, governance, access and value.”

In other words, the administration has released guidance to be built on, but agencies are wading through the implementation phase. It's a struggle, as evidenced by a few other interesting factoids from the Market Connections study. Just 33 of respondents were “very confident” their records were not at security risk, which means two-thirds of those surveyed believe their data isn't safe.

In addition, in the event of a disaster, only 41 percent of those surveyed believe they could access critical information. Only two years removed from Superstorm Sandy, that kind of perilous scenario is not particularly uplifting.

The study isn't all doom and gloom, though. Training appears to make a big difference at the agency level, with 98 percent of respondents claiming it was “somewhat” or “very effective.” Unfortunately, only 39 percent of those employees surveyed receive formal training to “appropriate manage records in their immediate control.” Even worse, 17 percent didn't receive any training at all, which suggests a major missed opportunity.

Other points of improvement include increasing internal engagement and using more tools. Only 58 percent of respondents could even identify their records liaison officer, and more than one-quarter never communicate with RLOs on matters of policies or best practices in records management.

Finally, only about one-quarter – 28 percent – of respondents felt they had enough tools in the arsenal to comply with existing government regulations in data retention and archival. In this ever-evolving Internet-of-Things era, the government needs better tools if it wants to follow the law.