



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

**ANNETTE BEARD**

We just finished a **great** Regional Professional Development Seminar (RPDS)! My thanks again to the RPDS co-chairs and the entire committee for planning and executing a superior event! We had the largest attendance ever; we had active participation of our local senior-level Acquisition, Comptroller, and Contracting personnel; participants from five other chapters; and high caliber guest speakers. I appreciate those of you who took time to provide comments and recommendations. We'll use your suggestions to make next year's conference even better. Following are a few observations from attendees:

- Overall this was a very well structured/well presented conference
- Continue to get speakers like Mrs Payton and Gen Chedister!
  - Participation of Ms Stokley was great!
- Awesome seminar. Very glad that I was able to attend. Keep ASMC & NCMA with a combined seminar!! A big thank you to the committee.

Spring is here and new events are on the horizon:

- **The Education Committee** will begin the scholarship process soon. This year, your chapter has set aside funds specifically for ASMC members pursuing degrees. Please contact Mr John Dininger for additional details.
- **The Nominating Committee** kicks off in March. We need a chairman as well as committee members willing to serve. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.
  - Expectations:
    - Run election for President and Vice-Presidents for upcoming year (Jul 2007 – Jun 2008).
    - Identify volunteers from Hurlburt, Eglin and Associate organizations to help solicit names of individuals willing to be nominated.

Again, thanks to all those who continue to volunteer your time and talents to help this professional society function and succeed.

Respectfully,  
Annette Beard, CDFM  
President, Gulf Coast Chapter

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### ***Executive Committee***

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### ***Eglin VP – April Chapel***

The RPDS has come and gone and I wanted to say a big “Thank You” to all of the volunteers who made this year’s RPDS a huge success. The turn-out this year was extraordinary, and we hope that each year will be bigger and better. We had a few suggestions this year on how to do things differently for next year, and we will be passing along those suggestions. If you would like to volunteer for next year’s committee and would like to have a hand in making those changes, please let me know and I will pass your name to 2008 committee.

All in all, the RPDS is a great training event for all PK and FM individuals and it was great to have all of you attend. The National PDI is fast approaching and will be held in Kansas City, MO, from 29 May to 1 June. If you would like more details, check out the ASMC website at [www.asmcconline.org](http://www.asmcconline.org).

Again, thank you to all of our volunteers! An event this size could not have been accomplished without your help!

Sincerely,  
April Chapel, CDFM  
Eglin VP

## **Hurlburt VP – Capt Steven W. Clark**

Greetings. Is it just me or is it starting to feel a lot like spring around here? With the arrival of steadily increasing temperatures I have already started formulating preliminary summer plans including this year's PDI in Kansas City, MO. The 2007 PDI will run from 29 May to 1 June 2007 and include a "Heart of Country Fair" event on the evening of 31 May. The event will be orchestrated much like an old fashioned country fair with game booths, bingo, a dunk tank, etc. Our chapter is signing up to run a game booth; there will be prizes for the best decorated booth and best country/hillbilly costume. With that, I am urging everyone to put on their thinking caps, rent an old movie...maybe *Charlotte's Web* or *Deliverance*, and begin sending me any ideas you may have. Can you hear the banjos playing in the background?

Steven W. Clark, Capt, USAF, Hurlburt VP

## **Tenants VP – Susie Matthews**

The RPDS is behind us, and what a successful event it was! Lt Col Amy Hammond, Military Assistant to Mr. Dawes, remarked about the "synergy" of the event. She loved the idea of contracting and financial management professionals training before they deploy together. The teamwork that springs from actually knowing your contracting counterparts before you deploy is very productive and builds a helpful rapport that can relieve the stress and chaos of a deployment work environment and make the tour a lot more enjoyable.

Speaking of teamwork, the efforts of so many people really made this year's RPDS a fantastic seminar. My participation as an ASMC officer and the community relations chair, as well as my involvement with the planning and execution of the event, was an exciting and inspiring experience. Everyone worked so well together--talk about synergy! Everyone deserves a huge round of applause for their efforts! Annette deserves special credit for her leadership and overall strategy of dually tasking the officers with a committee duty. April and Troy's performance in implementing the RPDS is proof of that successful strategy! Also, hats off to Ken Pickler, another leader; that man knows how to save the day!

The basket fund-raiser and the 50-50 raffle provided contributions of \$173.50 to Shelter House and \$113.50 to Brilliant Minds. The Shelter House also collected \$306.00 through pins sales and donations on site. We tried something new with the Blankets of Hope charity, which was unique and quite popular. We will be sending blankets with personalized messages to our wounded soldiers to help provide them some comfort on their trip home. Also, \$146 was donated to purchase more blankets for the troops. It feels really good knowing ASMC, NCMA and all those attending the seminar are such "giving" people. On that note, I'll close my column by repeating the message that General Chedister wrote on the blankets, "Pay It Forward."

Susie Matthews  
Vice President-Tenants

## ***Luncheon Meeting Minutes – 9 January 2007***

PLACE: Coach & Four Restaurant, Ft Walton Beach

SPEAKER: Oswaldo Y. Mullins (Ozzy), Colonel, USAF; Director, Financial Management and Comptroller; Air Force Space Command

Chapter President Annette Beard began by introducing our guest speaker Col Mullins.

Col Mullins spoke of upcoming challenges and transitions we face as FMers. How do we get to where we need to be? Col Mullins expressed that Leadership at all levels is the key to success. NCOs and civilian employees are key players during transition who “get the job done.” Senior NCOs and civilians who are retiring account for loss of expertise. Ensuring that the next generation of leaders is properly trained is key to a successful transition. DFAS is also experiencing similar transitions.

He discussed concerns with the new Central Processing Center at Ellsworth AFB.

- Loss of personnel at base level to support center will have an impact
- Hands on, face-to-face customer service not readily available at base level
- Difficulties encountered understanding problems long distance

How do we as Financial Management professionals meet the upcoming challenges and transitions? We must work together, foster teamwork, commitment, and make it happen. Change is going to happen and we all need to pull together as a team and move forward. Col Mullins stated that teamwork is essential to making the transition as transparent as possible. We must all change and adjust.

### **QUESTIONS:**

From: 96 CPTS Commander (Lt Col Paul Sinopoli) - Strategic Com Plan FST: data is available on the web but the Plans are incomplete and couldn't find solutions. Lt Col Mora (AFSOC) added that FTS is being worked and a conference is proposed for March timeframe.

From: Mr. Bill Rone - Military Construction/Quality of Life, Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA); Self-help and the purchase of supplies such as paint

Response: Col Mullins replied that he expected the funding to revert back to O&M.

Annette Beard concluded the speech by presenting a donation on Col Mullins' behalf to the Special Operations Warrior Fund.

### **Other Business:**

Troy Brown stated that the agenda for the local PDI is almost complete and will be available for review by the 18 Jan. All suggestions are welcomed. Troy also stated that volunteers are needed to introduce speakers.

**Treasurer (Deanna Morales):** There is currently \$17, 243 in the ASMC chapter account.

Next ASMC Lunch/Meeting Scheduled for 8 Feb 07, 1200, Eglin Officers' Club, Sand Dollar Lounge

Meeting was adjourned at 1245

*Minutes taken by Brenda Dininger*

## Education Committee

March 31st is fast approaching, and that is the entry deadline for ASMC's National Scholarship Program! I have established a local deadline of 15 March 2007 to review any applications received as they will need a chapter endorsement prior to being forwarded to national. I have contacted the local high schools and provided them with application material. If anyone knows of any graduating high school seniors who may be interested in this program, more information can be obtained at <http://www.asmonline.org/files/nspform.doc>.

March 31st is also the deadline for ASMC's Continuing Education Program that provides grants to ASMC members who are pursuing higher education. Again, I have established a local deadline of 15 March 2007 to review any applications received. If you are interested, go to <http://www.asmonline.org/files/memcefrm.rtf> for more information.

Our chapter's local scholarship program will be sending advertising flyers and applications to the nearby colleges during March/April 2007, along with an email with scholarship details to all members of the chapter. Our chapter's scholarship criteria is a little different than the national program, as we award to students that have completed 60 credit hours in pursuit of a degree in financial management. More details will be forthcoming later in March!

The executive council has also decided that our chapter will be offering individual scholarships to chapter members only. These scholarships will be available to any member of the chapter who is pursuing a college degree to increase their job skills, including a masters' degree. The application process will be similar to what we do with our present scholarship program. The initial funding for this program is \$1500, with a minimum award of \$500. More details will be forthcoming later in March.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns about how our scholarship programs are run, feel free to contact me at 883-3542.

John Dininger, Education Chairperson



### TREASURER'S REPORT

DeAnna Morales

**Current Chapter Funds Balance**  
**\$ 30,180.79**

## ***Luncheon Minutes – 8 Feb 2007***

The February 2007 luncheon was held at the Eglin Officer's Club. In the absence of chapter president Annette Beard, Ken Pickler introduced our guest speaker Col Dennis Yates, Commander of the 96th Civil Engineering Group, Eglin AFB, Florida.

Col Yates gave an interesting insight to the challenges faced with his deployment to Al Udeid AB, Qatar. Col Yates was Troop Commander for a flight of over 220 military members with all services and ranks represented.

CE and Financial Management worked together to beddown airlift/tanker operations mission. Some of the topics addressed were purchases and morale: having FM performing sanity checks to ensure that purchases pass an audit; finding better/more cost effective ways to provide essentials such as ice; and many morale improvements such as private latrines.

In closing, Col Yates said the key to the successful beddown was CE and FM working as a team.

From the Committee:

- April Chapel stated over 150 people have registered for the RPDS.
- Ken Pickler announced that on 28th Feb, an audio conference will be held with SAF/FM. The subject will be FY08 Budget Request. More information to follow.
- Reminder: Fundraising on base not authorized.

Meeting was adjourned at 1300

*Minutes taken and typed by Brenda J. Dininger*

## ***ASMC Executive Council Meeting Minutes – 20 February 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Annette Beard. Attendees were Annette Beard, Capt Steve Clark, Ken Pickler, Kent Fitzgerald, John Dininger, Brenda Dininger, Laura Gamble, Susie Matthews, Troy Brown, DeAnna Morales, and Victoria Morrison.

Old Business

National Professional Development Institute 2007: to be held 29 May – 1 Jun, Kansas City MO, at the Kansas City Convention Center.

Capt Clark stated that this year's theme will be a Country Fair with game booths and small inexpensive gifts to hand out as prizes. Booth will be provided and a budget of approximately \$55 is requested to decorate and run the booth. He said he will check and find out about the application and the POC for the booths. It was suggested that the Gulf Coast Chapter will have a 50/50 raffle as a fund raiser this year. Annette made a motion to have a booth this year and a 50/50 raffle and DeAnna confirmed that \$1,000 had been set aside in the annual budget to cover the NPDI booth. The motion was approved. DeAnna mentioned that she is trying to locate the ASMC storage closet. At one time it was located in Building 350, 6th floor. She stated that the cabinet

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contains lots of items that could be given away at the NPDI. Vicky stated that she had the box of Gulf Coast Chapter pins which may also be used as give-aways at the NPDI.

Chapter Five Star Rating: Annette mentioned that Brenda is in the process of putting together our information to maintain the chapter five star rating. There are several areas that require information for our book: Membership, Community Service, and Communication and Publicity. Please provide this information to Brenda as soon as possible. The chapter book is due to national headquarters on 10 Apr 07.

Regional Professional Development Seminar: Troy stated that to date there are 327 attendees registered. He also stated that registration has been extended until Friday, 23 Feb without being charged a late fee. Several people are TDY and have not had an opportunity to register. The Blue Angel Chapter has 24 members attending. There will be 2 hearing impaired employees attending this years RPDS. Arrangements are being made to provide sign language. One person in Pensacola wants \$40 an hour plus mileage. DeAnna said in the past one of the churches in Niceville provided someone to do sign language for \$14 an hour. April Chapel is still working this issue. Troy also stated that the first session of "Enhanced Use Leases" has been removed due to lack of people signing up for the class. However, the second session will remain.

### New Business

Nomination Committee: Annette would like to establish a nomination committee for upcoming elected offices, President and Vice President(s).

Non-elected Committees: Annette will send out an e-mail to ask committee chairpersons if they would like to remain in office after the next elections and if not, will ask for members to volunteer to serve on the committees.

Scholarships: John said he would send out announcements to schools in the March/April timeframe. He asked for volunteers to evaluate scholarship packages. Last year the chapter received 25 scholarship applications and only 1 was disqualified. The chapter awarded \$6,000 in scholarships last year; 3 scholarships for \$1,000 and 6 scholarships for \$500. John made a motion to increase the scholarship budget by \$3000 specifically targeting ASMC Members who are working on their Bachelor's or Master's Degree. DeAnna agreed the budget could support some additional funds. The committee agreed to the motion, but revised the additional amount to \$1,500. Funding for 2007 Scholarships has been set at \$7,500 with \$6,000 for local schools and \$1,500 specifically for ASMC members. Scholarship amounts will vary from a minimum of \$500 to \$1,500.

Eglin Air Show 14 & 15 Apr: Annette asked if the Gulf Coast Chapter is interested in participating in the Air Show as a Fund Raising Event. Suggestion was declined due to the amount of time required to man a booth on both days for 8 to 10 hours per day.

Community Service: Susie made a motion for the chapter to sponsor individuals for Relay for Life held in April. The committee members agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1045.

Minutes taken by Brenda J. Dininger

Minutes approved by Annette Beard // signed 26 Feb 2007 //

## Membership Report – Mr Kent Fitzgerald

Our current official membership as of 1 January 07 is 304 regular members and 4 corporate members representing 3 companies. This is a decrease of 12 since my report last year. This difference is due to continued refinement of our membership roster which eliminated members no longer affiliated with the Gulf Coast Chapter.

I receive numerous queries asking what to do if someone wants to join our chapter or what to do if they have transferred from another chapter. The easiest thing to do is go to [www.asmconline.com](http://www.asmconline.com) and click the Membership tab; under that tab there are 5 options, two of which are Membership Applications and Change of Address. The rest is self-explanatory. If you have transferred or are changing addresses don't forget to include your membership number.

I did these statistics the last two years, I think they are interesting. Twenty members didn't include their birth dates on their applications, so I just estimated them.

Of our 304 members:

The two oldest are 73 and 75 (both have been ASMC members for 29 years).  
The youngest is 20.

We have 22 that have been members for 20+ *continuous* years.

Age Group	07 Total	06 Total	05 Total	Female to Males	
70-79	4	3	3	193	111
60-69	22	19	12		
50-59	106	99	97	<b>Enlisted</b>	18
40-49	109	113	122	<b>Officers</b>	29
30-39	35	53	59	<b>Civil Service</b>	228
20-29	28	30	28	<b>Others</b>	29

If you have any questions, call me at 883-0488.  
Kent Fitzgerald

## Special Operations Command & Hurlburt Field on TV !

Tune in to the History Channel for a one-hour Mail Call episode dedicated to AFSOC. The show is scheduled to air March 23 at 9 p.m. CST.

Portions are temporarily on the Air Force Portal (Permission of History Channel through Air Force Portal only - Not for reproduction) <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/afp40/USAF/ep/browse.do?programId=608232&parentCategoryId=-636513&pageId=681742&channelPageId=-1073755426>

Folks, you have to watch this – it is awesome.

## **Programs – Ken Pickler**

First,

I'd like to salute the efforts of the many ASMC and NCMA members who identified and hosted speakers for the RPDS. Your tireless efforts to provide exceptional program content were repeatedly complimented by many attendees and special guests I had the opportunity to speak with. Great job!

As we head for the "home stretch" during this chapter year, we will be emphasizing Air Force transformation initiatives, and the professional development opportunities/challenges. The April and May luncheons are described below, and June is firming up. Keep the ideas coming, and thanks for your outstanding support to our programs this year!

The upcoming planned luncheons are

12 Apr: Ms Winifred Okumura, SES, Deputy Director, AFMC Intelligence and Requirements Directorate. She will be speaking on AF transformation and career development. Location: Eglin Conference Center. [Catered box lunch will be available for ordering. This meeting is being co-sponsored by NWF Chapter of NCMA and PMI (Program Management Institute) members.]

3 May: Col (Ret) Ed Weeks. He formerly served as ASC Assistant Comptroller at Eglin, and in various SAF/FM staff positions. He will be speaking on AF cost estimating & analysis initiatives, and professional development opportunities associated with them. Location: Eglin Officers' Club

Ken Pickler, Programs Committee Chairman  
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kenneth.pickler@eglin.af.mil

### **Ways & Means Ms. Jennifer Denega**

#### **Ways and Means Jennifer Denega Upcoming Events**

- 30-31 Mar 07 Belk Spring Charity Sale
- Get ready for some great Spring deals!
- All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to our Chapter!
- Tickets -- \$5.00 (good at all Belk locations)

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee. Please send ideas for future fundraisers.

You can reach the Ways and Means Chairperson at:

[jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil) or at 882-3525 ext. 3175 (DSN 872)

*Many Blessings for a Beautiful Spring!*



## ***GUEST COLUMNIST: Reflections on FM Transformation***

Above all else, our 2007 Gulf Coast Regional Professional Development Seminar proved that we truly work in a dynamic and versatile career field. If you were fortunate enough to attend one of Mr. Bick's sessions which focused a great deal on the new AF Financial Services Center, you were also brought up to date on how our FM career field is in the midst of unprecedented transformation. Furthermore, the AF SO21 session, Ms. Woods' session, and even Ms. Payton's session further demonstrated that nearly every aspect of the financial management, both O&M and acquisition, and cost professions in general, is being transformed. Given how interrelated these disciplines are, it was extremely beneficial to have each represented in one professional venue.

Throughout the seminar I found it relatively easy to characterize the most prominent changes in relation to my own experiences as an FM officer. My first duty assignment was as a budget officer at HQ Air Force Office of Special Investigations. As with many jobs, working at HQ AFOSI had some unique aspects in that it was the only AF organization that received funding for counter terrorism and counter intelligence. Maintaining the financial integrity between specific funding and requirements was paramount. With a predominately O&M budget, the focus was on learning all about the core functions and activities that supported the event driven execution of a fiscal year. The major events were initial distribution, BERs I and II, the financial plan, and year end closeout. As you probably know, the AF financial plan and BER process have essentially been done away with and changes are on the horizon for initial distribution and closeout. We are definitely not working in the FM career field most of us grew up in.

After completing the AFIT cost analysis program (talk about landing on a different planet), I found myself at the Electronic Systems Center as the Chief of Cost for the Airborne, Maritime, and Fixed Station Joint Tactical Radio System (AMF JTRS). In short, JTRS is a DoD initiative to develop software-defined radios based upon an open architecture to serve as the backbone of network-centric operations. This is the arena where Ms. Woods' and Ms. Payton's comments dovetailed quite nicely. A significant element to how Ms. Payton wants to transform the acquisition process hinges on better quality cost estimates, utilizing standardized risk techniques, and possibly budgeting up to an 80% confidence level. The AF has been budgeting to the 50% confidence level for quite some time and it is still difficult to find a major acquisition program that is on time and on cost. You would think that if we are truly budgeting to the 50th percentile then nearly half the programs would be at or under cost. Unfortunately, program advocacy is a natural phenomenon; everyone with a vested interest in a program wants to see it succeed and high cost estimates early in a program are the greatest threat to a program's existence. The result is that we start more programs than we can afford to finish and eventually end up with something like PBD 720 to cut personnel in an effort to save programs and fund recapitalization.

Finally, now working as HQ AFSOC's Chief of SOF flight operations I see some of the same issues on the MFP-11 side that the AF is facing. As mentioned earlier, a major AF focus is the recapitalization of an aging aircraft fleet. While the average age of the AF aircraft fleet is around 26 years old, the average age of the AFSOC fleet is about 36 years old. To deal with this issue the AF has created the Centralized Asset

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## ***GUEST COLUMNIST: Reflections on FM Transformation***

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Management (CAM) program office at Wright-Patterson, OH. CAM has essentially gone “back to the future” of pre-1990 and centralized all aircraft funding except for the Reserves, Guard and TWCF, due to appropriation law, and the MFP-11 funded AFSOC aircraft. Nevertheless, AFSOC has been an active participant in all of the CAM’s AFSO21 rapid improvement events. Although humans are generally resistant to change, change is happening all around us in the FM career field. However, I still believe there is a secret society out there that refuses to use CRIS and is still using Microbas!

Capt Steven W. Clark is a currently Chief of SOF Flight Operations at Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida

## ***2007 Regional Professional Development Seminar***

On Friday 2 March 2007, over 400 participants enjoyed the all-day RPDS co-hosted by Gulf Coast ASMC and the NWF Chapter of NCMA and in conjunction with the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis and the American Institute of Auditors.

Annette Beard, president of Gulf Coast ASMC, opened by welcoming everyone associated with the professional organizations. She recognized the planning committee and all the hard work they did to set up the RPDS.

This was followed by the Eglin Honor Guard posting the colors, the National Anthem sung by Sue Stanley, and the invocation by Jim Krug.

Michael Campbell, the president of NWF Chapter of NCMA, welcomed everyone and recognized the three co-chairs: Mr Troy Brown, Ms April Chapel, and LtCol Kathy Lauden.

Co-Chair Troy Brown thanked our special guests: Mr Robert Dawes, Ms Judy Stokely, MajGen (Ret) Chedister, Ms Patsy Reeves, Ms Ranae Woods, Mr Thomas Robillard, Mr Bill Rone, Col Mike Shaw, Ms Emily Jay, Mr Michael Miller, Mr Roger Bick, and Mr Jackie Crawford.

The three charities that benefited from this year’s RPDS were Shelter House, Brilliant Minds, and Blankets of Hope. Shelter House is the local shelter for abused women and children. Brilliant Minds develops educational treatments and educational resources for children with developmental disabilities. Blankets of Hope provides small blankets/quilts for injured servicemembers in the Middle East.

Our first guest speaker was the Honorable Sue Payton, SAF/AQ, “Transforming AF Acquisition.” Cost and contractors lead to success in acquisition programs. We have clear objectives: winning the global war on terror, developing and caring for airmen, and modernizing and capitalizing our equipment. The acquisition vision is to win the war and get our capabilities on time and at the right cost. It is our culture to knowingly go with an underestimated program, but it is critical to enforce cost realism. Ms Payton’s Sep 06 memo asked all contracting officers to play a role in shaping acquisition decisions that lead to contracts. This means they must have sound contracting practices. They must ensure the wants, needs, affordability, and sustainability match. They must manage

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## 2007 Regional Professional Development Seminar – cont'd

programs after establishment. Cost realism includes historical data, tools, and prediction. The disciplines required include engineering, business, mathematics, and statistics. The goal is to reduce cost overruns and restore credibility.

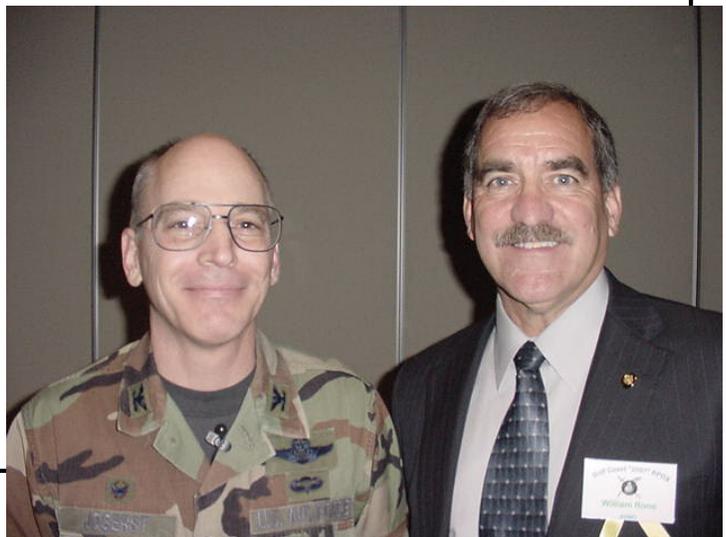
Photo at right. On the left is Ms Judy Stokley, Air Armament Center deputy for Acquisition with guest lecturer the Honorable Sue Payton, the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.



Our luncheon speaker was retired Maj Gen Robert Chedister. The former commander of the Air Armament Center suffered an allergic reaction to insect bites followed by a head injury last year that nearly claimed his life. He recounted the events of his hospitalization and recovery in the subsequent months. MGen Chedister is on the left, clowning with Mr Ken Pickler, an operations research analyst at AAC/ENY and the Gulf Coast ASMC Programs chair.

Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC Comptroller, introduced our closing speaker: Col John Jogerst, Commander of the USAF Special Operations School (USAFSOS) at Hurlburt Field. He said as a special operator, he goes into remote locations with a contractor and financial person. In the years since the Vietnam era, we have experienced aging aircraft and need recapitalization. He pointed out the enemy uses the internet to gather support to hurt the U.S. and its citizens.

The USAFSOS has several courses teaching US military about the cultural differences between us and our enemies. He invited everyone to attend one of these courses. In the photo are Col Jogerst, at left, and Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC Comptroller.



## **2007 Regional Professional Development Seminar – cont'd**

We had a variety of classes and instructors. Mr Robert Dawes, SES, Auditor General of the Air Force, presented a session on Auditing in the AOR.

Ms Glenda Scheiner, Director of Workforce Management in SAF/FM, presented two sessions on FM Professional Development.

Mr Roger Bick, Director of AF FM Strategic Planning and Transformation Program Management Office, presented sessions on AF's FM Transformation.

And together, Ms Scheiner and Mr Bick presented a session on interviewing techniques.

Ms Ranae Woods, SES, is Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics, SAF/FM. She presented sessions on Cost Estimate Quality and Confidence and Source Selection Process Improvement.

Dr David Lai is associate professor of international security studies at Air War College, Maxwell AFB. He presented sessions on Chinese way of war and US-China relations.

Ms Patsy Reeves, Director of Contracting for Warner-Robins AFB GA, presented two sessions on Mentoring.

Two Panel-type formats allowed local FM servicemembers to discuss their deployed experiences with the class.

HAWC Staff members provided Nutrition/Fitness and Stress Management.

Laura Subel, State Program manager for Florida's Procurement Technical Assistance Program within the Florida Business Development Center, taught a session about "Your Unpaid Employees" – a reference to the Procurement Technical Assistance Center Program, which assists businesses and government in meeting goals and resolving problems.

David Arvin, DFAS command client executive for AFMC, provided a DFAS Update.

Dalila Deiters, UAV Requirements Program Manager at AFSOC, led two sessions on AF Smart Operations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Steven Grimm, 96CEG at Eglin, and Brian Brown, Eglin Mission Enhancing Committee, explained Enhanced Use Leases (EUL).

Sam Antar, a former CPA and CFO, bills himself as a reformed criminal teaching about white collar fraud. He had two sessions on Fraud Prevention.

Robert Cameron, Principal Engineer on the TEAS contract at Eglin, is a facilitator for 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. He led a session on Time Management.

The RPDS wrap-up included announcements of the charities and all the door prizes!

The RPDS attendees raised money for Shelter House and Brilliant Minds. Many messages and signatures were obtained for the quilts for Blankets of Hope, and money was collected to pay fabric for more blankets and shipping to send them overseas.

*[Additional blankets are in the works and will be reported in a later newsletter. - Editor]*

The door prizes (6 Vanguard Savings Bonds, a free round of golf at the Eglin golf course, and two nights at a Destin resort) were won by the following: MSgt Linda Taylor, TSgt Joy Josits, Mr Paul Pinkowski, LtCol Zeke Mora, Ms Tammy Robinson, Maj Tim Scarborough, Mr John Twigg, and Ms Rebecca Wright.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ms Verna McBride. The Wine & Cheese basket was won by Ms Linda Cormier. The Movie basket went home with Ms Rita Chase. Ms Tracy Janssen won the BBQ cooler and goodies. And the Chocolate and Coffee basket winner was Ms Brenda Williams.

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

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS - planned**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming luncheons:

12 April      Ms Winifred Okumura, AFMC Intel, Eglin Conference Center  
3 May         Col (Ret) Ed Weeks, Eglin Officers' Club

Please contact our Program Chair, Ken Pickler (x3-2193), 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 for inclusion on our webpage. Some items like the calendar are out of date. Please contact our new webmaster, Ken Kennedy, x3-0870, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

I wish to give special thanks to Tasha Hamilton for leading the 2007 RPDS website registration effort and to Kathy Davis for her expert training and technical assistance.

If you would like copies of the RPDS presentations, please check back to our website later this month for a download link.

## ***National News***

**Mark your calendars now for PDI 2007 in Kansas City! The event will be held in May 29 - June 1 at the Kansas City Convention Center.**

Corporate sponsorship and exhibit booth registration is now open at <http://www.asmonline.org/development/pdi8.shtml>. Individual registration for the PDI is now open.

**Armed Forces Comptroller Highlights - Winter 2007.**

In one article, the Honorable Nelson Ford (Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management) and Mr. Joe Gordon use a new approach to estimate what it would cost to fund the Army fully. A senior comptroller, recently back from Iraq, writes about resourcing Operation Iraqi Freedom. ASMC begins a new interview series with Major General Frank Faykes. There are updates on business transformation and FM system changes, DFAS changes and consolidation in Air Force financial management, a primer on managing change in your organization, and more.

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