



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



MAR 11

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am very excited about the upcoming Regional Professional Development Seminar at the Emerald Coast Conference Center Thursday March 10. Ms Leah Hodge, Ms Katenna Edwards, Ms April Chapel and Ms Dana Alexander have been working very hard to bring you a program line up that is both interesting and relevant to the job we are asked to perform each day. Here are a few of the topics that will be covered this year: Cost Estimating, Rapid Acquisition, Multi-year Procurement, Deployed Troop Experiences and Professional Development. This year's opening speaker will be Brig General Michael Kingsley, Commander, 23 Air Force and Director of Operations for Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field and the luncheon speaker will be Michelle Prince, author of the best-selling book "Winning in Life Now...How to Break Through to a Happier You."

Once again the charities we support will be represented at the RPDS, Fisher House and Shelter House. Please take the time to stop by their table and offer your support to these charities. Shelter House has provided us with a wish list and here are some of the items they need: non-perishable foods,

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President's Column - Continued

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paper supplies, linens, baby items, cleaning products, personal care items and gift cards. Please see the email sent out by Ms Kaci Harris for a complete list (duplicated on page 7 of this newsletter). Both of these charities would appreciate your support in any way possible.

Golf, anyone? On Friday March 11 we will sponsor our 3rd Annual 4-person Golf Scramble at the Eglin Golf Course. Shotgun start will be at 1230 and the cost is \$45 per player which includes green fees, cart, and lunch at 11:30. Mulligans and "gimme" strip will also be available for sale. So if you are a golf enthusiast please contact SSgt Jeffery Cain at 850-420-9634 or Ms Amy Tolar at 850-398-2851 to sign up before Monday March 7.

Please remember that our Relay for Life event is coming up April 15 – 16 at the Niceville High School Stadium. The event runs from 6:00 pm on Friday until Noon on Saturday. Our team headed by Ms Libby Moseley and Ms Nicole Smith is looking for volunteers to walk, Set-up & tear down, and man the booth, as well as leaders for the games and people to bake goodies. Make sure you come out and support this worthwhile event and the fight against cancer.

Once again I would like to thank my Executive Council and all the volunteers who work to make our chapter great. We hope to see you all on 10 March at the Emerald Coast Conference Center.

Dedra
Dedra Hickman, CDFM
President, Gulf Coast Chapter

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.

Executive Committee

President	Ms Dedra Hickman	882-4851
VP-Eglin	Ms Kathy Davis	882-6784
VP-Hurlburt	Capt Anita Logan	884-4050
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Community Service	Ms Sheila Hale	883-1099
	Ms Brianna Hoppell	883-3411
	Ms Maika Andrew	882-7211
Education	Ms Sandra Telemacque	882-3511
	Ms Donna Schulist	882-4538
CDFM	Mr Ron Millis	882-4329
	Ms DJ Rasmussen	883-1079
Membership	Ms Woxie Williams	883-3449
	Mr Troy Brown	883-0839
Programs	Ms Ivonne Caridi-Anderson	882-1929
	Mr Jon Slingerland	882-3301
Publicity	Ms Kaci Harris	882-1525
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	Jenna Colon	882-9380
Newsletter	Ms Laura Gamble	884-6869
Regional PDI	Ms Katenna Edwards	882-1768
	Ms April Chapel	882-6768
	Ms Leah Hodge	883-3384
	Dana Alexander (NCMA)	882-0185
Treasurer	Ms Amy Tolar	882-2001
	Ms April Chapel	882-6768
Ways & Means	Ms Jennifer Denega	883-4787
	Ms Cleo Battle	883-1690
Webmaster	Mr Jason Guzzardo	882-0055
	Ms Lynn Becker	882-4866
Eglin Enlisted Advisor	TSgt Phillip Chapman	882-0064
Hurlburt Enlisted Adv.	MSgt Julio Nimbley	884-4053
Awards Committee	Ms Gayle Thomas	883-1686

Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming ASMC Professional Development event:

- 10 Mar: Annual Regional Professional Development Seminar (RPDS). See website to sign up for this great event! Location is the Emerald Coast Conference Center, Fort Walton Beach FL.

Chapter Elections – 2011-12 Officers

Another year quickly passes and it is nearly time to vote for the 2011-2012 ASMC President and Vice-Presidents! The election team has been appointed and they are seeking members to run for these offices. The team members are as follows:

Ms. Amy Phan	Ms. Lisa Gamon
Ms. Annette Beard	Ms. Nicole Smith
Ms. Mara Costabile	Mr. Steve Herrera
Ms. Sharon Pederson (Chair)	

As per the ASMC constitution – Article VI, (Election of Officers), the election will take place during the March/April time frame.

If you would like to nominate a member to run for one of these offices, please send an email to one of the team members. For consideration, nominations must be received by 14 Mar 2011.



Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways & Means

Chair Jennifer Denega
Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

Future Event

- ❖ *Belk Spring Charity Sale, 16 Apr 11*
 - ❖ *Please e-mail if you would like to volunteer to sell tickets (OFF BASE ONLY!)*
 - ❖ *We will be providing volunteers to volunteer at the sale*

If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil	883-4787
cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil	883-0371

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee.

RPDS

WHO: the Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) and the Northwest Florida Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA)

WHAT: Annual Regional Professional Development Seminar (RPDS) – includes 10 workshops on professional development, deployed troop experiences, multi-year procurement, cost estimating, and rapid acquisition

WHEN: Thursday, 10 March 2011, from 0730 to 1600

WHERE: Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island (FWB)

WHY: valuable training and networking event

HOW: only \$110.00 per person (to ensure organizations can afford it!) Registration ended officially on 1 Mar. If you still wish to attend this low cost training and you are reading this prior to noon, 4 Mar, contact Mr. Leah Hodge to see if you can register.

Things to note:

- Luncheon speaker Michelle Prince is the author of the best-selling book “Winning in Life Now...How to Break Through to a Happier You”
- Golf Tournament Friday 11 March (see next page of this newsletter)
- Don't forget to bring donations for Shelter House (see following page of this newsletter) and money to participate in opportunity drawings

Katenna Edwards, April Chapel, Leah Hodge and Dana Alexander (NCMA)

ASMC Awards

ASMC National Awards program has several upcoming deadlines:

- Nominations for the National Scholarship Program nominations are due 31 March 2011
- Members Continuing Education Grant nominations are due 31 March 2011
- Nominations for Chapter Leadership Awards are due 10 April 2011.

All nominations must be submitted through the National ASMC Awards Online website at <http://awards.asmconline.org>. Contact Gayle Thomas at 883-2897 with your questions.

3rd Annual ASMC Golf Tournament

Date: 11 March 2011

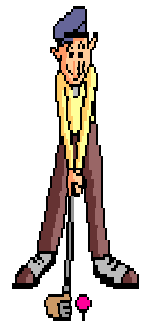
4 Person Teams

****form your own or we can match you up****

Shotgun Start: 1230 hours

Location: Eglin Golf Course, Niceville FL

Cost: \$45/person *



Lunch served prior to start

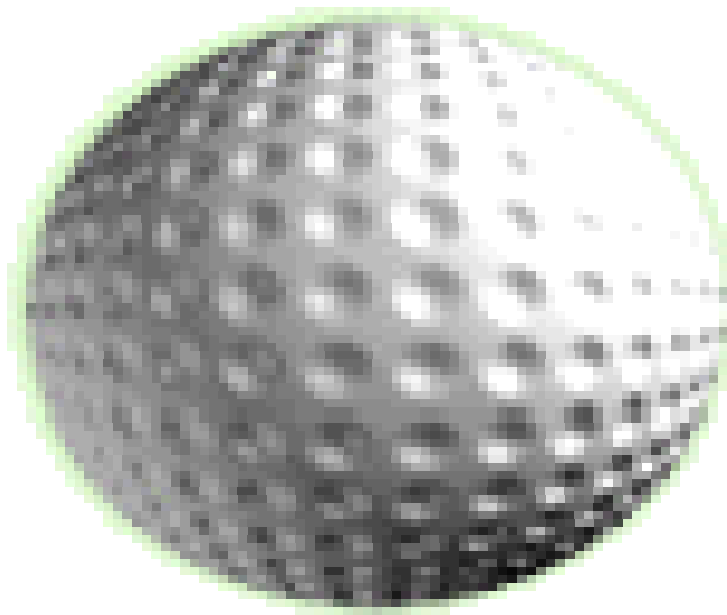


❖ **Door Prizes**

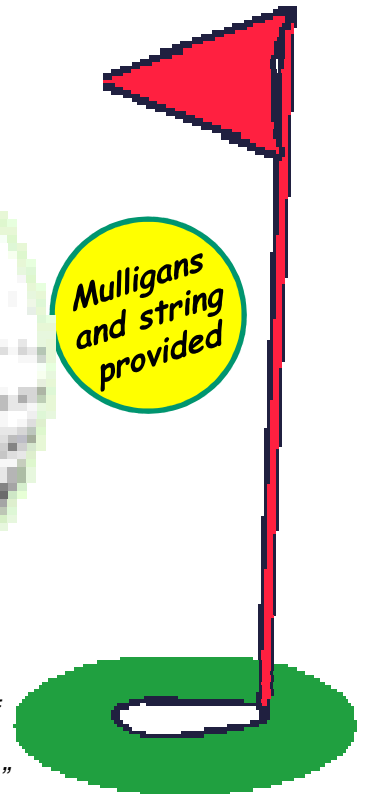
❖ **Closest to the Pin**

❖ **Longest Drive**

Contact Jeffrey Cain
@ 420-9634
for more details



Mulligans
and string
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*This is a private organization. It is not a part of
the Department of Defense or any of its
components and it has no governmental status”
For a suggested donation

Shelter House Wish List:

Please bring one or more of these items to the RPDS.

Monetary:

Monetary gifts support the services we offer to survivors of domestic violence

Paper Supplies:

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Zip-Lock bags
Trash bags (30 gal. and kitchen)

Linens:

Bath Mats
New Pillows
Bath Towels
Twin and Queen Size Sheets
Twin and Queen Size Mattress Pads
Pillow Cases

Cleaning Products:

2 Vacuums
Laundry soap
Women's deodorant
Disinfectants (e.g. Lysol)
Dishwashing soap

Personal Care Items)

(Unopened):

Shampoo/Conditioner
Dryer Sheets
Feminine Hygiene Products
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Full Size Mouthwash
Hairbrushes
Sponges
Bleach
Ethnic hair product

Food:

Non-perishable Macaroni & Cheese
Fresh Vegetables

Baby Items:

Diapers (especially large Sizes)
Pull-Ups/ Training Pants
Wipes

Gift Cards:

Gas Cards
Discount Stores
Grocery Stores

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

Community Service

Big thanks to those who volunteered for the month of February. Also, continued thanks to both Ms Maika Andrew and Ms Brianna Hoppel for their dedication within Community Service in maintaining non-profit organization updates and ASMC volunteer hours.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

RELAY FOR LIFE: "FM Money Grabbers" needs your support in this year's Relay for Life event, 15 Apr 11, Niceville High School, relay begins at 6:00pm. Team goal is to raise \$4K. Collection jars have been placed in office areas and if you haven't joined the team please follow the below link: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=29843&pg=entry

(sel) "view all" (top right)

(sel) FM Money Grabbers from the team list.

POC: Ms. Elizabeth (Libby) Moseley.

FISHER HOUSE: will be hosting the following events, if interested in volunteering, contact the POC.

6/8 Mar: Baytowne Wharf Mardi Paws and Gras Parade(s).

26 Mar: AFA and 33d FW will host a 5K Run & Fun Run/Walk.

1 Apr: Foolish Fun for Fisher House Golf Scramble, Gator Lakes, Hurlburt Field.

POC: Julie Thompson, julie@fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org;

<http://fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

Will be accepting volunteers (in March) to assist in on a construction site (a home) in April. Pending on the job site, volunteers are needed to roof, frame, siding, slab preparation, drywall, paint or tile. If interested, please email us and we'll get you in contact with the POC. Also, you can volunteer at the Re-Store that offers new, used, discounted price materials and furniture. For more information: www.habitatfwb.org.

SHELTER HOUSE: Princess & Pirate Ball, Linkside Center, Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort, 12 Mar 11, 5 – 8:00 pm. Bring the whole family to this evening of dinner, dancing, a costume contest for the kids, treasure hunt, character pictures and more. <http://www.shelterhousenwfl.org/>

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Community Service

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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 that enables 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

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

POCs: Sheila Hale, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil, 883-0288

Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-3411

Maika Andrew, Maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil, 882-1755

Education

2011 National Scholarship Program – Deadline: March 25, 2011

The ASMC National Scholarship Program is accepting applications from graduating HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS entering a field of study related to financial/resource management 1 Jan-31 Mar 2011. For eligibility criteria, go to <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>: ASMC Awards Online. Click "Scholarship Awards," "National Scholarship Program," then "Download Full Criteria."

For an application, go to: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>

MAIL YOUR PACKAGES NOT LATER THAN MARCH 25, 2011 to:

Ms. Sandra Telemacque and Ms. Donna Schulist
Gulf Coast Chapter Education Chair
P.O. Box 1756
Eglin AFB, FL 32542

Email: Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil

Phone: 850-882-3511

Email: Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil

Phone: 850-882-4538

The Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship Program will be advertised approximately April 1, 2011. This program is limited to high school seniors and college students that will have 60 semester hours of college completed by the end of their Spring 2011 semester.

Thanks,
Donna Schulist, 882-4538



2011 Niceville/Valparaiso Relay for Life Event held at Niceville High School

Friday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. – Saturday, April 16, 12 Noon

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and patient services.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...PLEASE HELP!!!

*Please contact one of the piggy-bank holders below to make a donation .
Contact Nicole Smith (882-9540) to sign up for any of the
volunteer positions shown below.*

MONETARY DONATIONS: No donation is too small; please consider your pocket change as a donation or make checks payable to the American Cancer Society, please include on your check Team #25, FM Money Grubbers. We can provide receipts for tax purposes upon request. **Piggy banks are at the following locations: 1 SOCPTS Hurlburt (Lt Johnson), 96 CPTS (Nicole Smith), AAC/FM Bldg 11 (Lynn Becker), LRS Bldg 210 (Joe Proctor), Bldg 351 (Vicky Baldwin), 39 IOS Hurlburt/Hartson (Debra McKenzie).**

WALKERS: In at least one hour (1) increments beginning Friday, April 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. ending on Saturday, April 16, 2011 till 12 noon.

SET-UP & TAKE DOWN CREW: Estimated time of one (1) hour before the event and then, one (1) hour after the event.

BOOTH ATTENDANTS: In at least three (3) hour increments beginning Friday, April 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. thru Saturday, April 16, 2011, till 12 noon.

GAME LEADERS: In at least one hour (1) increments beginning Friday, April 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and ending on Saturday, April 16, 2011 till 12 noon.

BAKERS: Any home-baked items, e.g., cookies, cupcakes, cakes would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. All home-baked items will be sold during the 18 Hour Relay for Life Event.

Thank you!!!

Salaries, Benefits for employees overseas

Spending bill hits salaries, benefits for employees overseas

By Emily Long elong@govexec.com February 23, 2011

An amendment to the House-passed bill funding agencies for the rest of fiscal 2011 would perpetuate a compensation gap for Foreign Service officers and other federal employees serving abroad, according to a government observer.

The bill would cancel another locality pay increase for federal employees serving overseas. For many years, Foreign Service employees did not receive locality pay while on overseas assignments, but in 2009, Congress began phasing in annual increases to close a 24% gap. Federal workers in posts abroad saw a 16% boost for 2009-10 and were scheduled for an additional 8% in 2011.

Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y., the amendment's sponsor, said eliminating the next boost would save taxpayers \$140 million this year. "At a time when other federal employees have had their salaries frozen or reduced, we cannot and should not be giving massive, automatic pay raises to any federal employees," he said.

Reed is mischaracterizing the 2011 increase, American Foreign Service Association President Susan Johnson said. "We... are behind efforts to eliminate wasteful spending, but we are concerned that the amendment calls for reversing a carefully considered bipartisan plan to modernize the pay system of the Foreign Service," she said. "[It] is not a pay raise. It's correcting 17-year-old unintended inequity."

While overseas Foreign Service employees receive housing and hardship pay, locality pay affects both salaries and benefits, Johnson said. Workers retiring from overseas assignments will have a smaller retirement package because Social Security and Thrift Savings Plan contributions depend on base pay. Federal Employees Retirement System benefits are calculated from a "virtual" high-three salary an employee would have received while in Washington, however, she noted.

According to Johnson, the move...cuts the pay of foreign affairs workers headed into the field and penalizes employees who already are facing risky assignments, separation from families, and other hardships, she noted.

"The Foreign Service today is not the Foreign Service of yesteryear," she said. "It's a very different world out there."

The Senate has not approved the Republican-backed House spending measure. Senate Democratic leaders have indicated they are open to dropping spending below approved CRA levels but they are unlikely to accept the deep cuts that the House passed.

CDFM – Ron Millis

Congratulations to our newest CDFM recipients:

**Aurelia Cleo Battle, CDFM-A, Frances Sanchez, CDFM Kent Watson,
CDFM Rebecca Ostrander, CDFM-A**

Want to become a CDFM candidate and join the prestige's ranks of those above :

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- 4) Have completed the required years of financial management experience as follows: Complete three years of defense-related financial management experience (without degree), OR Complete two years of defense-related financial management experience if the candidate holds an associate degree or higher, OR If no defense related financial management experience, then complete four years of federal government-related financial management experience (with an associate degree or higher).

Enrollment

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-forms/program-enrollment/>

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Testing Resources

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CDFM Awarded

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Ron Millis

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

10 Mar 11: RPDS, Emerald Coast Convention Center, Fort Walton Beach

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 <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 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 recent PDIs. You can access selected sessions online at <http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

Minneapolis will play host city to the national PDI 30 May to 3 June 2011. The host chapter and committee are already busy planning for a dynamic event, setting a program to the theme of Navigating Financial Excellence. Check the national website for more information!

Go on the national website to see more about the PDI or to view selected sessions for CPE.

**Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>
and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>**

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