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Chapter Newsletter

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We have over 50 memberships that have expired so far in 2019 that need to be renewed. Did you know that you might be able to win a prize by renewing your membership? You might win a \$50 gift card or even \$150 through renewal contests hosted by ASMC HQ! Renew early and don't delay – there is a drawing each month! Remember, there is a 20% discount if you choose to renew your membership for a three-year term! Contact Nicole Allen or Amy Tolar with any questions!

President's Corner

Dane Manfredi, Hurlburt VP

Greetings ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter! I hope you all are looking forward to this Spring Season that has quickly approached us and that all of you kept that nasty flu bug out of your systems.

One enjoyable event that every spring season brings to our Chapter is the RPDS. This year, our RPDS will be held at the **Emerald Coast Conference Center on 18 April 2019**. Your Chapter committee is working to bring you all a very fun event this year with excellent speakers and vendors on site. Please be on the lookout for the RPDS registration notices to come this March and spread the word around about this Continuous Educational Training event!

As we all look forward to this RPDS event, I encourage everyone to also consider other events within your work or outside your work that offer networking and training opportunities that will enhance your knowledge and professional abilities. No matter how old we are or how experienced we are at certain tasks, there will always be many things that we can learn from others through networking and being taught by others. Especially when considering that our world is always evolving, we must strive to seek the new knowledge that is available to us and be willing to master new concepts and thought processes. Otherwise, we may get left behind by all those up and coming young bucks learning that common core method of math (Don't get me started on that rant of common core.....)

Therefore, attend learning events, read a new book, our watch that latest Netflix documentary that will serve to grow your breadth and depth of knowledge in varying fields of study. After all, I learned from just watching the movie *Jerry McGuire* that the human head weighs eight pounds. Well, I at least hope that is factual (LOL)

With that, I wish you all many blessings as we head into this Spring Season and I hope to see you all at our upcoming RPDS and other chapter planned events. As a reminder, we have our March Luncheon, the April Fisher House volunteer opportunity, the 10 May Niceville Relay for Life Event, and May 2019 National PDI to be held in San Antonio, Texas during the last week of May 2019. I encourage you all to do any one of these upcoming opportunities, as the events will serve as opportunities to network with others and learn a new trick of the trade!

Save the Dates!

Mar Luncheon & Award Ceremony - 20 Mar @ Bayview Club [Register](#)

Panera Bread Event - 23 Mar

Fisher House - 16 April

RPDI - 16 APRIL 2019



Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity!

If you've ever been interested in making a direct impact on our local community, now's your chance! Our ASMC chapter has signed up to bring 10 volunteers to Habitat for Humanity's current Crestview build on 23 March from 0800 to 1400. No experience or prior construction knowledge is required. Exact address will be given upon sign-up.

Please let Sarah Carroll know if you're interested or have any questions!

Relay for Life!



Shop online (click the Logo) through 15 March!
There are many great items that you can buy for yourself or a loved one and all funds earned are being donated to our Relay for Life Team! If you have any questions about this fundraiser you can contact Brittany Bohannon.



Continuing Education & Certification!

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) offers the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) educational program and certification designation to those persons desiring to demonstrate proficiency in the core aspects of defense financial management.

The **DoD Authorization Act FY2012** signed by President Obama empowers the Secretary of Defense to "... prescribe professional certification and credential standards" for the defense financial management community. The CDFM is one of the DoD-approved Test-Based Certifications recommended for Certification Levels 2 and 3 of the DoD FM Certification Program.

Benefits to being CDFM certified:

1. The demands of the times require broad knowledge and analytical skills across a range of disciplines. The CDFM certification is fundamental to establishing a broad set of financial management skills.
2. Thirteen percent of DoD FMers hold the CDFM, so it represents a valuable credential that impresses selecting officials with the individual's drive and initiative. It also enables leaders within the DoD to be confident in hiring CDFMs or CDFM-As from anywhere else in the DoD knowing that they possess the skills the job requires.
3. CDFM certification is a differentiator for employers and increases employment opportunities within the public and private sector.





Fisher House!

A team of 3-6 volunteers prepares and serves a meal for the Fisher House guests. A sign on the kitchen island invites the guests to dinner, displays the menu and identifies our Gulf Coast chapter as the sponsors. If you'd like to participate in this rewarding activity or would like more details, please contact Maika Andrew, maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil or 850-883-6086. As the pictures reflect several of our Eglin and Hurlburt FM teams have participated. The following dates are still available: 16 and 30 April, 14 and 28 May, and 11 and 25 June

HAPPY SPRING CLEANING! BY AMY TOLAR

The first day of spring is 20 March. Do you know what that means? Time for some spring cleaning. With the KONMARI movement now sweeping the US, people are watching her on Netflix or YouTube, are "Tidying" up all around their homes and "Sparking Joy" in their lives. What about your office, emails, and computer files, does it *Spark Joy*?

Here are some tips to spring clean your desk that I have learned from Marie Kondo and others that might bring you happiness and less anxiety.

- Put items in one pile to really see everything you have.
- Go through the items. Sort through the items in keep, trash, or donate (like books) piles. Kondo says to be sure to *thank* the item before discarding it. Bottom line - only keep what you will use.
- Set items on your desk in order of items - books, pens, papers, tools, etc.
- Give everything a place. Store them in a basket, bin, or a small tray (paper clips, push pens, or misc. items).
- Clean the desk and dust off pictures/memorabilia – even rearrange them to change things up!
- Think about decorating the desk to bring *Spark joy*.

The next *Spring Cleaning* project is to work on the dreaded email inbox! This has always been a challenge with me because I keep everything and don't want to "delete". With the inspiration of my co-worker, who always keeps her inbox tidy, I challenged myself to go through my inbox and only keep the ones I needed to respond to and follow up on. I hope that task will bring you less anxiety like it did me!

The third area to *Spring Clean* is t computer files. We run a report and keep it for years – yet we ran that same report just last week. Hum - why am I keeping that older report, working papers or draft documents that are superseded by other documents? Will I really look at that older document again? Some file plan instructions (i.e. AFI33-322, AFMAN33-363, DoDD5015.2) state to only keep certain documents for specific time frame under their records disposition schedule yet we might keep our personal records forever. So now is a great time to look at them and purge! Please note that we should be good stewards of government property and should always keep in mind when destroying government records it should be according to authorized dispositions schedule to ensure records are disposed of in a manner that protects any sensitive, proprietary, or national security information. Time to clean it up and go through each folder – my recommendation is to start by year and start getting rid of items that are really old that you don't use and haven't used in years. Working papers or drafts usually can be destroyed after 1-3 years. This task will free up space on the hard drive too. Now organize the files you plan on keeping – maybe create a better file plan. Be sure to create a folder for just temporary reports and plan on deleting it often. Happy Spring Cleaning!

Scholarship Opportunities

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is pleased to announce that we are in the process of awarding our annual academic scholarship. Current Gulf Coast chapter members who are seeking undergraduate degrees in academic disciplines relating to financial/resource management such as business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, or finance are eligible to apply. The scholarship application is located at the link below. Please complete and submit the application NLT 3 May 2019 to the point of contact listed on the application.

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>

ACE = College Credits By Amy Tolar

Training, training, training, oh my! This can sometimes be our attitude especially due to the busyness of our everyday schedules. As Financial Managers, we have to balance the everyday job duties we have with the demands of our continuous learning credits required of our jobs. There simply seems to be not enough hours in the workday. Have you ever felt that way? I know I have! However there is hope that our hard work does pay off! Did you know that there are some training courses that we take are recognized by a college accreditation agency? Some are even recommended as a college-course equivalent. The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) e-Newsletter pointed this out. Maybe you've read this article. There's a lot of useful information out there that sometimes fly under the radar and we often miss it. What's the nugget and equation for success as it relates to training? Some of your **training classes equals college credit**. So, if you're working towards a degree or mentoring someone that is pursuing a degree, let this serve as a source of encouragement in achieving an academic and professional career goals.

The American Council on Education (ACE) provides transcripts service for several programs. For the Finance community, ASMC Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) and DAU are on this list. In some instances, DAU classes might be applied to lower-division baccalaureate or associate degrees. For example BCF 225 equals 2 semester hours in Business Management. This, of course, depends on the school's policy of course acceptance. So, when someone finishes their DAU level 2 certification, they can log their completed courses into the **ACE website**. Once that is done, transcripts can be requested to be sent to the school they are currently attending for acceptance towards specific courses or to cover a general elective. As with any transcript request, there is a fee. However, there is no charge for signing up in ACE and entering your courses. Once you record and submit these courses, it is reviewed, confirmed, and then approved. If you're interested in learning more about the ACE registration process, please visit the ASMC HQ website under [Professional Development/Training Courses/Get College Credit](#). <https://asmconline.org/pd/training/ace-credit/>



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WHEN Sat, Mar 23rd

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