



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Gulf Coasters,

Well, the election results are in and will be announced at the next luncheon on 13 May. Next year promises to be another great year in which our chapter will continue to grow and thrive under the leadership of the incoming executive committee. There are still vacancies in many of the committee areas so if you would like to be part of the chapter leadership next year, please send me your name and area of interest and I will pass your information on to next year's President.

We have just confirmed with National that we are fortunate enough to have the new ASMC Executive Director, Mr. Alvin Tucker, coming to visit the Gulf Coast chapter in July. Mr. Tucker will be attending our annual July member appreciation luncheon and will be inducting our new officers so this should be an exciting luncheon that you won't want to miss.

As always, thanks to those of you who contribute time and energy each and every day to help make this chapter such a great chapter to be a part of. If anyone has any questions, comments or feedback, please feel free to drop me an e-mail!

Thanks,
--Dan

Capt Dan Genest, President

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Awards Committee	Mr Lewis Williams	883-0204

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.

Community Service: Relay For Life

Our Chapter participated in the Niceville Relay for Life event held on 1-2 May 2009. Our Chapter was able to raise \$1729.00 which was donated to the American Cancer Society. We did not make our goal of \$2000.00 – but there is always next year. 4 baskets were auctioned off at the event and the winners were Maryanne Neumann (ASMC Member), Mavis Mollihan (ASMC Member), Kat Hetland (non-member) and Loren Kortum (non-member). I would like thank all of the walkers who came out to support the event.

v/r
Vanessa

Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Awards

ASMC Members,

We are starting a new milestone for our chapter this year...our own annual awards program. I am excited to be involved in this worthy effort to recognize the hard work of our ASMC professionals. I hope everyone will take some time to identify and nominate someone.

Individuals can compete in 7 categories:

Volunteer of the Year

Recruiter of the Year

Budgeting Analyst of the Year

Cost Analyst of the Year

Auditor of the Year

Resource Advisor of the Year

Accounting and Finance Person of the Year

The nominations are open to all members of the chapter, with one award winner selected per category. Anyone may nominate a person who has demonstrated outstanding performance. The nominations must be submitted using the form provided to all members via email.

The dates for the award run for the calendar year, so Jan 08 to Dec 08.

The Recruiter of the Year is to nominate someone who has brought new members to the chapter.

If you would like to nominate an individual, complete the form and submit to me via email by 1 Jun 2009.

Contact me if you have any questions,

V/R

Lewis Williams

Awards Committee Chairman

DSN 875-0175

Programs – Leah Hodge & Tammy Robbins

We are about to wrap up another year of programs at the Gulf Coast Chapter. We hope we've presented some topics pertinent to your work, development and life!

Our last luncheons in May, with our two top FMers – Col Randy White and Mr. Bill Rone – and Jun, which will be a presentation by Okaloosa Saves, promise to be a great finale to the year. Last, but never least, is the Membership Appreciation luncheon planned for July. The plans are underway so stay tuned for details. We will induct new officers, present scholarships and awards and hope to have a 50/50 as a fund raiser!

Watch for the announcement and please plan to attend – make sure your dues are current and the lunch is on the chapter!

Ways & Means

Ways and Means Projects:

50/50 raffle planned for our Jul 09 luncheon

Thank you to all who volunteer. Please contact Jennifer Denega if you would like to volunteer: jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil or call at 883-4787.

Scholarships / Education – John Dininger

We received 8 applications for our high school scholarship program, and have selected 6 to receive scholarships. Thanks and great job by the 9 evaluators!

Congratulations to the following winners!

Emily Lyerly	\$1000	Corbretti Williams	\$500
Stephen McCarthy	\$1000	Brad Koszuta	\$500
Tyler Buckelew	\$500	Sarah Wainright	\$500

Our chapter's college and membership scholarship program is in full swing, with applications due 18 May 09. The criteria for the college program are for students who have completed 60 credit hours in pursuit of a degree in financial management. \$4000 will be available this year, 2 \$1000 awards and 4 \$500 awards. Our chapter is also offering scholarships to chapter members. 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 funding for this program is \$2000, with a minimum award of \$500. Applications are available on the chapter website: [ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter website](#)

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

CDFM – Ron Millis

PDI CDFM Training/Testing

Pre-Conference Training Sessions

Two special pre-conference sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 25-26, and will include intense coverage of examination Modules 1, 2 and 3. Each session will have two highly qualified instructors with extensive experience teaching the 5-day EDFMTC. These two-day events are intended for those who (1) are enrolled in the CDFM Program, (2) have completed a significant amount of exam preparation, and (3) wish to "top off" their knowledge prior to taking the exam at the PDI. On Monday you'll choose between Module 1 and

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CDFM – Ron Millis

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Module 2 and on Tuesday you'll choose between Module 2 and Module 3. While you'll only be able to attend two module sessions, you will be in control when it comes to deciding which modules to attend. Separate registration for these pre-conference events is required and will cost an additional fee of \$200. This optional two-day event is offered as a package and you are expected to attend and pay for both days. PDI 2009 registration is required in order to attend this training.

A second set of pre-conference sessions will be held on Monday, May 25 and continue through Tuesday morning, May 26. The sessions will include intense coverage of the optional CDFM Module 4 examination (Acquisition). These sessions will be taught by two experienced teachers, one formerly a professor at the Defense Acquisition University and the other a current DAU instructor. This 1-1/2 day event is intended for those already in the CDFM Program (whether you already hold the certification or not) and have elected to pursue the designation "CDFM with Acquisition Specialty." Separate registration for this pre-conference event is required and will cost \$150. PDI 2008 registration is required in order to attend this training.

May 26 – May 29

All CDFM examinations at the PDI will be delivered via computer and special authorization and purchase procedures apply. All individuals wishing to complete an exam (\$95 each) must be pre-enrolled in the CDFM Program and have their candidate ID. These "Special Arrangement" exams will require special pre-authorization by the CDFM staff.

Please send your request for PDI examination(s) to Jessika Kilgore (kilgore@asmconline.org) stating the exam module(s) you wish to complete and when you wish to complete it (date and time). If you have other certification questions not related to PDI testing, please contact Shelly Johnson, Certification Assistant, at Johnson@asmconline.org. Exams will be offered at 8:00 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM and 3 PM each day (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Testing is not available at 3 PM on Friday. Space may be limited so please sign up early. (We encourage you to test on Tuesday or Wednesday if possible as past experience shows that Thursday and Friday is usually 100% subscribed and not available for "last minute" scheduling.)

You will be sent specific exam purchase instructions 7-10 days prior to the PDI. Do not purchase an examination until after you've received specific instructions from Ms. Claudia Carr, CDFM-A (ASMC Certification Director).

Ron 882-4538

New Defense procurement chief lays out priorities

By Elizabeth Newell, Government Executive, 30 April 2009

With just four days under his belt, the Pentagon's new head of acquisition is sifting through the massive job ahead of him and establishing a to-do list that includes reviews of major procurements.

Ashton Carter, sworn in as undersecretary of Defense for acquisition, technology and logistics on Monday, said Thursday that much of what would have been his first order of duty was accomplished during the lead-up to Defense Secretary Robert Gates' release of the department's budget request in early April. Gates recommended major changes in the Pentagon's procurement priorities, including cuts to a number of programs.

Nonetheless, Carter said examining troubled programs and acting on Gates' plan is his first priority. The new acquisition chief plans to review all the department's projects gradually to ensure they are being properly executed.

His second focus will be on logistics, an area he said sometimes is overlooked. With two ongoing wars and a major shift in combat operations, Carter said, attention to logistics will be crucial.

"What's ringing in my ears is the secretary of Defense's often-expressed frustration that the troops are at war but the building as a whole is not," Carter said. "I don't want him to feel that way about his acquisition operation and logistics operation."

Among the greatest challenges will be refocusing resources from Iraq to Afghanistan in President Obama's timeframe. "We have quite a lot of stuff to move out of Iraq and into Afghanistan ... that's a non-trivial matter both to conceive and to execute, and we can't afford not to meet those timetables," Carter said.

Acquisition reform will be another priority, he noted. Carter already is looking into the appropriate role of contractors "from Blackwater security in theater to pink badges at the Pentagon" and said he wants to improve the government's ability to acquire products quickly.

Presidential and congressional interest in reforms will be an asset. "If it is going to be different than other efforts at acquisition reform, it's going to be because of that constellation of people who are interested in taking some risk to do things differently if they can see the payoff," Carter said.

Carter acknowledged the acquisition workforce challenges are "formidable" in a range of Defense offices, including his own. While building a robust, qualified staff will not happen overnight, he said, it is crucial to begin making strides. "It's a big job to spend this much money on things that are so complicated in such a novel way," he said. "Nobody else buys things the way the United States government buys things, so it's an art to do it right, and you need a lot of the right people."

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

13 May 09: Col White (AAC/FM) and Mr Rone (AFSOC/FM)

Please contact our Program Chairs, Leah Hodge (x2-3615) or Tammy Robbins (x5-4335), 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, Doug Craighead at 850- 882-5296 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

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For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from PDIs 2007 and 2008. You can access selected sessions online at

<http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

PDI 2009 will be held in San Antonio, May 26-29, with a theme of *Building the Stars of Tomorrow*. The registration fee for PDI is \$615; ASMC Members receive a \$100 discount.

The ASMC National Executive Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Alvin Tucker as ASMC Executive Director. *[Mr. Tucker will be visiting the Gulf Coast Chapter in July.]*

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and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>**

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