



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



MAY 2012

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's hard to believe it's already May! National PDI is at the end of the month and I know several members are attending. I know they will have fun, learn a lot, and perhaps bring back some good information for the rest of us! The Executive Council intended to pay for the chapter to receive some benefit from the Virtual PDI program being offered this year but for a variety of reasons, we have elected not to do so. First and foremost was the fact the presentations would not be available for some weeks after the PDI so we wouldn't get to 'virtually' experience it as it happened. Second was the fact whomever we enrolled would then be responsible throughout the coming year for setting up training events to show some of the various presentations. This would entail some logistic work and while we had a couple of folks who were willing, I was also worried one more training event a month might jeopardize our monthly luncheon meeting attendance which is important to our Chapter's five star status. The EC put it to a vote and we elected not to do it this year.

By now you should be seeing information on the nominees for next year's officer positions for our Chapter. I wish all of those who submitted their names good luck. I have learned a lot about ASMC this year and know the follow on officers will do same.

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President's Column – Continued

We have some great programs coming up - 8 May luncheon at Hurlburt Soundside Club with Ret BGen Dave Price speaking to us on tough budget decisions; Dr. Jamie Morin, SAF/FM will be visiting AFSOC on Fri, 11 May and all FMers in our communities will be invited to hear him speak. We don't often get that opportunity so if you can, please attend!

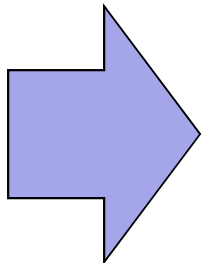
Don't forget the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on 4 May! Our 'Comptrollers with a Cause' team will be out in force having a good time and raising funds for that charity.

Thanks for all you do! See you at the next luncheon!

Leah W. Hodge, GS-14
CFO, Test and Training Division (AAC/EBY)

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May & June Events



Tuesday, 8 May Luncheon: 1100-1200 at the Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field.

Speaker is Brig Gen (Ret) Dave Price with Booz Allen Hamilton, "Making Smart Cuts in a Tough Fiscal Environment."

Thursday, 7 June Luncheon. 1200-1300, Eglin Club, Sand Dollar Lounge. Speaker is Capt Hollingsworth of the 33FW, "Standing up the JSF FM Office."

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle

Ways & Means

Co-Chairs: Cleo Battle & Jennifer Denega



TIDBIT

The Belk Charity Sale was a huge success! Thanks to all who sold tickets and contributed, your help was truly appreciated. We raised \$535.00 for our ASMC Scholarship Fund.

EVENTS

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events. Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee...

Please contact:

Cleo cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil 883-0371

Jennifer jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil 883-0158

Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!

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.

CDFM

Congratulations to Ritsa McDaniel CDFM-A AAC/EBJJ, Capt. Phillip Rosen CDFM-A AAC/EBJ, MSgt. Daniel Doble CDFM AFSOC/A3Q, and Frances Garvin CDFM ANG 172 AW/FM. They have completed all CDFM requirements.

Air Force Reimbursement Policy

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/policies/>

Required Financial Management Experience for the CDFM

Candidates must have the required number of years of defense-related financial management experience outlined below to earn the CDFM designation:

- Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher; or
- Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.

If you do not have defense-related financial management experience, you must meet the following criteria outlined below to earn the CDFM designation:

- You must have four (4) years of Federal government-related financial management experience; and
- An Associate's degree or higher.

CDFM Testing Using the G.I Bill

You can receive reimbursement for licensing and certification tests (e.g., CDFM tests) you take on or after March 1, 2001. (MGIB-AD, VEAP & DEA beneficiaries only.) Effective January 6, 2006 MGIB-SR & REAP participants became eligible for this program. These tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill. VA can pay only for the cost of the tests, up to \$2,000.00, and not other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification. VA will pay for tests even if failed.

Custom Frame Your Certificate

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/framing-success/>

CDFM Modules

Module 1: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-m>

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Module 2: <http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cos>

Module 3: <http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting>

Module 4: <http://www.asmc.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-4/>

The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter has **textbooks you can checkout**. If you prefer to own a textbook they can be purchased through the ASMC National website at <http://www.asmc.org/publications/text-books/#purchase>

Any questions call Ron Millis 883-1896 or Lisa Gamon 883-3465.

ASMC Scholarship Programs

Two applications were submitted for the ASMC National Scholarship program which ended 31 Mar 2012. Our Chapter will be notified in late May if either or both of our applicants have been selected as winners.

Our Local Chapter's high school and college scholarship campaign began 1 Apr 2012. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2012 updated information):

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. If you know of any high school or college students pursuing a degree related to financial/resource management, please make them aware of this opportunity. The application deadline is May 11, 2012.

Our Local Chapter is also offering scholarships to Gulf Coast Chapter members only. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2012 updated information):

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. The application deadline is May 11, 2012.

The National Scholarship program is no longer accepting applications (deadline was 31 Mar 2012).

Points of contact are Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil) or Donna Schulist (882-4538, Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil).

Community Service

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Eight Eglin volunteers helped out at the Fort Walton Beach build site in April. Some had previous experience and others were taught skills, which included laying a roof, at the job site. Everyone enjoyed the experience. Thanks to all for giving of yourselves to help others. There may still be an opportunity to volunteer on Saturday, 5 May. Please contact Maika Andrew, maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil if interested.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Relay for Life: ASMC's "Comptrollers for a Cause" team is participating in the Niceville Relay for Life event this Friday and Saturday (4/5 May). Players are needed for the team's Texas Hold'em Tournament beginning at 6:00 on Friday, with Biloxi getaway gift certificates for the top three winners and other prizes. There will also be a silent auction of a Perfect Getaway package from Wind Creek Casino and two chance drawings for a game/poker table and an overnight getaway basket. More info at <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/community.html>.

Two team members crafted embroidered koozies, blankets and laptop/iPad covers for sale to benefit Relay for Life. If interested in ordering one please contact Amy Tolar, amy.tolar@eglin.af.mil.

The Niceville RFL tri-fold uploaded to the ASMC website lists activities scheduled throughout the night on page 2. Please come out and support our two "Mz Relay" contestants. The competition will get underway at 10:45 Friday night. There are many other activities to earn Spirit Points for our team! If interested in representing our team in any of these activities, walking/running during Relay or volunteering, please contact Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil or Maika Andrew, maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil.

The Relay for Life activities include a very moving Luminaria ceremony to honor loved ones who have or are battling cancer. If you would like to honor someone during this ceremony, please email maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil or Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil.

SHELTER HOUSE: The Princess and Pirate Ball will be May 12th from 5-8pm at the Linkside Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. For more information, contact Sara.Bennett@eglin.af.mil. Shelter House is also in need of your old cell phones.

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Community Service - continued

ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, cookies ect.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray ect) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC:

Patrick.Dewitt@eglin.af.mil and Gabi at Gabiella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy (ECCAC)
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. Give a Child a Christmas

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

POCs: Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-4787;
Maika Andrew Maika.andrew@eglin.af.mil, 882-0088.

GAO reports contractors perform governmental work

DoD's inability to inventory its contracted services accurately means too many contractors are still performing inherently governmental work, according to a General Accountability Office (GAO) report. GAO has consistently contended that relying on contractors to support core missions "can place DoD at risk of contractors performing inherently governmental functions."

This is the second of three annual reviews GAO is undertaking to determine how DoD is complying with a congressional mandate to use inventories of contracted services to determine how many contractors DoD employs and whether they are performing appropriate work. The report acknowledges that DoD has improved to its process to inventory service contractors and their work, but states the department has to do much more to ensure that it fully complies with congressional direction.

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GAO evaluated the results of each military department's review of their FY 2009 contractor services inventories. As a result, GAO determined that too many Army and Air Force contractors continue to perform functions the services called "inherently governmental." GAO, which has criticized DoD in the past for lack of definitive guidelines and documentation in this area, attributes this situation to "the absence of guidance that provided for clear lines of responsibility."

The Army argues that the DOD hiring freeze and problems caused by the insourcing process has made it difficult for them to resolve issues highlighted during their inventory reviews. However, GAO disagrees that this justifies using contractors to continue to perform inherently governmental functions.

GAO alleges that the Navy was unable to confirm that their commands had actually conducted the mandated reviews. This lapse, says GAO, "underscores the need for greater accountability and management attention."

GAO notes significant problems with the primary system used to collect data on contract services provided to DoD. The Federal Procurement System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG), according to the GAO study, identifies only one type of service for each contract action, does not include the number of full-time equivalent contract personnel, and does not identify the requiring activity. These inadequacies limit the "utility, accuracy, and completeness of the inventory data," GAO contends.

DoD acknowledges these limitations and has sent Congress its plan to collect contractor manpower data. But, the GAO report notes that DoD cautions that "developing a common data system to collect and house these data would be challenging given the different requirements from the military departments and components" and therefore doesn't expect to have results until 2016. GAO is skeptical of the effectiveness of the plan because it "does not establish milestones or specify how it will meet the legislative requirement."

In its report, GAO includes recommendations for improving DoD's process to inventory contracted services. To address continued use of contractors to perform inherently governmental functions, GAO recommends the secretaries of the Army and the Air Force review the instances of such activity identified in the GAO report and take corrective action. DoD told GAO it would work with the Army and Air Force to ensure action is taken.

GAO also recommends that the Military Departments and defense components develop guidance that "provides clear lines of authority, responsibility, and accountability for conducting an inventory review." DoD generally agrees, but argues that due to the variation in the size and mission of its components necessitates that specific guidance should be provided by each component head.

Membership

Chair, Kent Fitzgerald

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.* I will be providing information about upcoming membership drives and other activities as they are planned.

If you have any questions, call me, 883-3809.

Community Service - Results

Our deployed FMers do appreciate the packages. Sharing with you an email we recently received:

From: Costanza, Anthony C. Capt

Subject: Gulf Coast chapter of ASMC -- care package for Capt Costanza

Please pass along my sincere thanks to the Gulf Coast chapter of ASMC for the AWESOME care package and the nice note. A special thank you to Mrs Beard, Ms Dewitt, Ms Meg Fleming, Ms Brianna and Ms Gabifeier. Someone must have given you intel on what I need/like because the package was spot on; from washer/dryer sheets to peanuts in the shell. J Our supply line from Pakistan has been closed for months and the shelves at the local PX are barren so each item will be used with certainty!

Thanks again, it was a delightful surprise and I'm very appreciative. See you all at the first luncheon after I redeploy in November.

Vr

Capt Anthony Costanza

CJSOTF-A J8/Comptroller

Camp Vance, Afghanistan

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

8 May 11AM Luncheon, Soundside, Hurlburt Field. BGen (Ret) Dave Price, "Making Smart Cuts in a Tough Fiscal Environment."

7 June 12PM Luncheon, Eglin Club, Sand Dollar Lounge. Capt Hollingsworth, 33FW, "Standing up the JSF FM Office."

Please contact our Program Chairs Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon 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 webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-0055) or David Loch (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

National News

Registration for PDI 2012 is Open! This year's PDI is at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim CA 29 May – 1 June.


Register online at <http://pdi2012.org/registration/>. Follow your unit's requirements for SF182 and paying with GPC.

Registration (Includes three breakfasts, three lunches, and two dinners) is \$545 for ASMC members before May 1 and \$645 after May 1. Non-members \$655 before May 1 and \$755 after May 1. Pre-PDI Sessions are available at an additional fee for CDFM modules and Fiscal Law.

Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday morning (30 May) at 0800 will be followed by Service Day activities. Registration questions may be directed to pdiregistration@rhq.com.

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

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***Professional Development
Luncheon Presents***

***Making Smart Cuts in a Tough Fiscal
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***Brig Gen (Ret) Dave Price
Booz Allen Hamilton***

***Tuesday, 8 May 2012 at 11:00
Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field
Pay as you go "Buffet Line"***

Registration via A3 web site:

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=325524&TypeName=Class>

POCs: Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon