



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, another year has come and gone--and this will be my last ASMC President's column. I hope you agree that this has been a great year, in spite of all of the challenges. I have certainly enjoyed it, and thank you once again for electing me. As to news of the day, DoD FM Certification is certainly a hot topic. Without further ado...

You heard about it...knew it was coming...now, here "it" is. "It?" HQ AETC/FM, in concert with SAF/FME, has officially launched the Department's new FM Certification Program. While I'm not sure about their programs, it seems likely AFMC and AFSOC are similarly postured. Designed to make good financial managers even better across the Department, this program will help focus training requirements and validate your proficiency and professionalism.

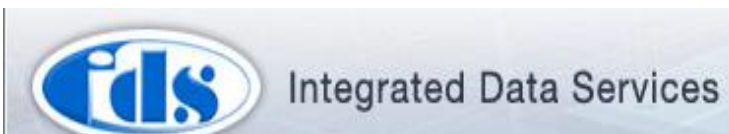
For many the education, training, and experience you've received to date will suffice in meeting your particular certification requirements. For others, you'll be able to easily identify needed additional training and will be directed to online computer based training courses that will get you there quickly. And since the official certification "clock" starts in June 2014, you'll have about three years to get any training you need... plenty of time!

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You'll continue to hear more as this progresses; for now, prepare for success by doing three things:

1. Spread the word! Brief your folks, forward this email to your base financial managers in both the host and tenant units, and make sure everyone is aware that this certification program is coming, and it will help all of us become better financial operators.
2. Collect all the certifications, transcripts, and training documentation you have so it is available to input into the Learning Management System (the database of record) when it comes back up in June
3. Get familiar with the FM Certification program and the resources available to you by going to the FM Online <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/> and FM myLearn <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/FMmyLearn/> web sites.

Communication and open dialog is key to alleviating employee apprehension and fear of a new program that will be easy to use and help them to become better Airmen.

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Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF

Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President

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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 those who don't 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.

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Ways & Means – George Joseph

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Chair: George Joseph

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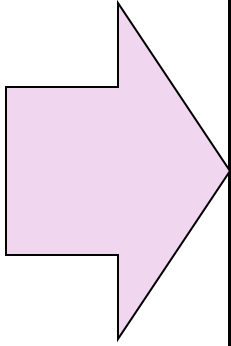
Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways & Means projects; your suggestions are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, contact Mr George Joseph, george.joseph@eglin.af.mil, 883-3458

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.

April Luncheon



May 7 – Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM – 1130
Soundside Club, Broadway Ballroom: “Reflections
– Three Decades of Senior FM Leadership” and
New Officer Installations

Here is the A3 Link.

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=392470&TypeName=Class>

Scholarship news

Our Local Chapter’s high school and college scholarship campaign began 1 Apr 12. Applications are available on our Chapter’s website (you may need to click the “refresh” button to see the 2013 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. If you know of high school or college students pursuing a degree related to financial/resource management, please make them aware of this opportunity. The application deadline is 10 May 13.

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 the 2013 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. The application deadline is 10 May 13.

Points of contact are Connie Clay (883-0239, connie.clay2@eglin.af.mil) and Sheila Hale (883-0288) sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil

CDFM

Thinking of getting your CDFM certification? Wondering what information you need to know for the different module tests? We have study guides available to help!

Contact Lisa Gamon at 3-2890.

Community Service

Community Services April 2013

Thank you to all of the Volunteers and for the donations collected during the month of April.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

FISHER HOUSE: Thanks to dedicated volunteers, the Fisher House dinner was a great success on 04 April. Again, we have volunteer teams ready to participate in the "Guest Chef" program on May 9th and May 16th. Fisher House appreciates the support from all ASMC volunteers.

Fisher House of the Emerald Coast depends upon donations to continue the work of supporting our military families. Many items can be donated to the Fisher House so that they do not need to be purchased. Please email for current "Needs List" POC: Gabriella Geier-DuReitz (gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil)

NICEVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE: We had an amazing Relay for Life this year. We battled rain and cold that evening but Comptrollers for a Cause still rose over \$3900 in the fight against cancer. We also brought home the trophy for the "Best Decorated Booth". The theme for this relay was Rockin' Out Cancer and the Comptrollers for a Cause booth sported Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven. Thanks to all of our team members for their hard work in making this concept a reality as well as braving the wind and rain to pull it all together.

Congratulations to our winners of our casino packages. Ms LeAnne Meyer won the WindCreek Package and Ms Terri Corbitt won the IP Casino/Destin Commons gift basket. A special thanks to Ms Amy Tolar for working so hard to secure these prizes for us.

If anyone is interested in being the team captain next year please contact Dedra Hickman, 882-4841, so that we can provide you name and information to the Niceville Relay for Life committee.

Check out this newsletter for photos of the booth, the trophy, and the team!

Community Service

ON-GOING EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, and car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, and 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

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

POCs: Roger Kendall, roger.kendall2@eglin.af.mil, 882-1767
Nicole Smith, nicole.smith.ctr@eglin.af.mil, 882-0254

Retirement Claims Backlog

By [Eric Katz](#), Govexec.com, April 29, 2013

Expect Retirement Claims Backlog to Grow Due to Sequester, OPM Says

Federal retirees face a longer wait for their pension claims to process and for answers to their questions due to budget cuts from sequestration, the Office of Personnel Management has announced.

The across-the-board cuts have forced OPM to ban all overtime for employees working in retirement services. The office has reduced call center hours to just more than nine hours per day, Monday through Friday.

Ken Zawody, associate director of retirement services, said in a blog post on OPM's website he hoped the "process improvements developed over the past year will ameliorate some of the adverse effects of these necessary actions," but the backlog is still likely to grow.

OPM reduced the retirement claims backlog by 11 percent last month, but there were still more than 36,000 outstanding claims. That marked a 40 percent reduction since January 2012.

Community Service



At left:
"Comptrollers
for a Cause"
campsite at
2013 Relay
for Life.

Trophy for
Best
Decorated
Campsite



*Pictured (left to right)
Chris Anderson, Claudine
Brown, Christina White,
Mary Southern, Amy
Tolar, Debra McKenzie,
Kimberly Sypher, Maika
Andrew, Lindsey Stephan,
Nicole Smith and Dedra
Hickman.*

*Team members not
pictured: Joseph Proctor,
Janet Thompson, John
Thompson, Sara Carroll,
Sheila Hale, Kierra
Hooker, Brianna Hoppel,
Linda Jennings, and
Tiffinie Abrego.*



Niceville Relay for Life event took place on April 19-20 and it was amazing. Although we battled rain and cold that evening the "Comptrollers for a Cause" team still raised over \$3900 in the fight against cancer. The theme for the relay this year was Rockin' Out Cancer. Comptrollers for a Cause Booth was based on Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven and brought home the trophy for the "Best Decorated Booth".

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Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

May 7 – Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM – 1130 Soundside Club, Broadway Ballroom: “Reflections – Three Decades of Senior FM Leadership” and New Officer Installations

Please contact our Program Chairs Tom Walker or Joe Proctor 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

PDI 2013 was cancelled due to Sequestration. Please take advantage of other opportunities to fulfill your required CDFM CPEs to include local chapter training events, programs offered through the Online Learning Center, such as the recent Sequestration webinar, PDI 2011 and PDI 2012 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

ASMC's audio education series continues with “Congress and the Defense Budget: The Congressional Review Process” by Mr. Bob Shue on May 15. Registration is available at

http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/audio-conferences/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email+tracking.

***Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>
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