



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ASMC Members,

It is hard to believe that it is time for me to say goodbye and write my last President's corner! How does a year fly by so quickly?

In spite of all the challenges we have faced in the financial management arena over the past year, we survived with flying colors and learned many lessons. The most important take-away from sequestration/furlough and a government shutdown is that what we do is critical to the mission/warfighter and we have truly phenomenal financial managers, cost analysts, and auditors who make it happen in spite of extreme circumstances!

I personally have grown tremendously serving as your ASMC President this year. This leadership experience has been fantastic and I hope that all of you will consider pursuing this role in your career development. The Executive Committee was exceptional and made my job stress-free and very rewarding. I am honored to have served with such an outstanding team! A huge thank you to all of you for making this a memorable year with several first-time events such as the no-cost Mini-PDI, the pay-back fundraiser at Chili's, a new Face Book page, and the unique monthly lunch time speakers at several different venues. I challenged the Executive Committee to think outside of the box and they did that with flying colors!

I congratulate the new in-coming ASMC Officers for 2014/2015 who we will induct into their leadership roles on May 21st. Thank you for serving in ASMC and continuing the tradition which supports and grows our FM community through education/training as well as provides community service to the local area and provides high school/college scholarships for students pursuing business degrees.

I hope everyone enjoyed our ASMC events this year! As I go I leave you with a quote from Charles Swindoll that I have posted in my office, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on my life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important that the past, than education, than money, than

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Programs	Mr Joe Proctor	882-4593
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Publicity	Ms Jenna Colon	882-2840
	Ms Kaci Harris	883-3964
	Lt Jessica (Jessi) Pitts	883-0356
Community Service	Ms Vanessa Fuentes	883-0371
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President's Column – continued

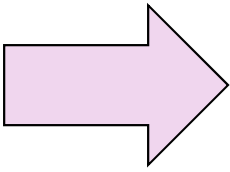
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circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes."

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the May induction of new officer's luncheon!

Denise Wagner

May Luncheon



May ASMC Luncheon:
Topic: Inducting 2014-15 Officers
Date: 21 May 14 @ 1100
Location: Bagram Room, Soundside Club, Hurlburt Field

2014-15 President & Vice Presidents

BIG CONGRATS to our new president and vice presidents...

President: Lisa Gamon
Eglin VP: 1Lt Jessi Pitts
Tenant VP: Jenna Colon
Hurlburt VP: MSgt Daniel Doble

Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means Chair: George Joseph

ASMC Gulf Coast **ongoing fundraiser** - ASMC will earn 25% of the purchase of personalized or online exclusive products like baby shower, plaques, nuts, jewelry, etc. Great gifts to give or items you might personally like to order. Just order and you are participating in the fundraiser!

<http://mystore.fundraising.com/Store/Category/1508?t=25fde9ba-a0a3-42b2-a852-cc3c53f01b61>

We're on FACEBOOK !

We are pleased to announce that our Chapter's **facebook** page is up and running! We will utilize this venue to share announcements of events and praises going on throughout our chapter. If you would like to submit a picture to share on the Chapter facebook page, please email it to, gulfcoast.asmc@gmail.com, and be sure to include a caption. Pictures must be related to Chapter members/events. Be sure to like our page! <https://m.facebook.com/gulfcoast.asmc>.

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 883-2890.

Mini-PDI – planning meeting

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual "Mini-PDI" that will take place 17 July 2014 at the Eglin Conference Center. The Mini-PDI Team is working hard to bring you a no-fee event which includes some dynamic speakers. If anyone would like to volunteer our next meeting is on the 16 April 2014; building 11, conference room 105. Keep a watch for more information in the next few months.

The POC for the Mini-PDI is Michelle Woolgar
michelle.k.woolgar.civ@mail.mil.

Membership

Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Caridi-Anderson

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 Lindsey at 883-1609.

Community Service

ON-GOING EVENTS:

1. 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@us.af.mil)

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

3. ASMC's Relay for Life team "Comptrollers for a Cause" the team made the Bronze Level for contribution for Cancer Society which is \$2,500.00 and above. The night of the event with the taco on the go, casino package and the beach package they were able to collect \$430.00. There is still one more event for the relay for life which is a golf tournament to be held on 23 May 2014. POC for the event is Amy Tolar. If you are interested in participating please get in contact with Amy Tolar at 882-8707.

POCs: Vanessa Fuentes, Vanessa.fuentes@us.af.mil, 883-0371

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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.

It Took Feds 13 Days to Unravel a TSP Cyber Hoax Perpetrated by... Feds

By [Aliya Sternstein](#) May 9, 2014 (NextGov)

Thrift Savings Plan officials went into damage control mode in February when a stranger appropriated the TSP trademark and propped up a fake federal retirement fund website for a phishing scheme. Internal emails reveal that officials government-wide struggled for two weeks to positively identify the perpetrator.

It turned out the bogus email campaign was innocuous -- part of an Army cyber security training exercise. But nobody bothered to tell TSP. Now the agency is buying brand management software and changing password requirements to make sure friends or foes don't do this again.

Officials at TSP, which suffered a real breach in 2011 that compromised the identities of 123,000 retirement savers, have some experience in threat containment. The agency's chief information security officer and others saw the messages spreading online around Feb. 19 and quickly traced the hoax back to an Army server and confronted Defense Department officials with their findings.

"Everything is intentionally fake. Street is MyStreet, organization is MyOrg," TSP CISO John Ramsey said in an email, while trying to pinpoint the culprit with his colleagues. "I will give their CISO the politically 'what for' for not coordinating with us first."

The sham emails were sent by accountservices@tspgov.us and contained the subject "Thrift Saving Plan Alert: Passcode Reset;" and urged recipients to verify changes made to their accounts by visiting "www.tspgov.us." The message quickly went viral among participants of the retirement plan, which serves 4.6 million federal employees and retirees.

The purpose of the bungled phishing drill, first reported in March by a number of news outlets was to test whether troops would divulge their credentials.

The Pentagon took 13 days, from Feb. 11 to Feb. 24, to confirm the Army was to blame. During that period, Ramsey emailed top technology officials at his agency to recommend that they "notify through the CIO Council and the CISO Advisory Council for agencies NOT to use TSP within their exercises."

At the time, TSP was in the process of acquiring "brand monitoring software." If the tool had been in place, it would have swept the Internet regularly, looking for "Thrift Savings Plan" and associated phrases. The organization that set up the site and the Army unit that sent out the phishing emails were two separate entities, so it is unclear whether identifying the operator of the website, alone, would have given TSP enough time to prevent the email from going viral, she said.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS – Mark your calendars:

May 21 – 11:00 AM, Hurlburt Field, Soundside Club, Bagram Room. Installation of 2014-15 Officers

Please contact our Program Chair 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

National PDI 2014 will be held in Seattle, WA.

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.

Use the link found on www.asmconline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.

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

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