

# ASMC

## GULF COAST CHAPTER

### NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015



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# *President's Corner*



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*Well, my year has come to an end and I have enjoyed every minute being president of this fine organization. I have been humbled by the amount of dedicated people that work tirelessly to make the Gulf coast chapter a success. I encourage all of you to think about getting involved during the next year. There is always something you can do whether it is helping at one of the charity events, relay for life, or one of our fund raising events, or being an active member on the executive committee, this chapter needs you to continue being the type of organization that benefits all.*

*I will see you all soon as I plan to stay active in the chapter and hope you will all consider doing the same.*

*Until we meet again...*

*- Lisa Gamon, ASMC President*

## **MINUTES: Executive Council**

The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are 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.



# Upcoming Events



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## MAY LUNCHEON

When: 20 May 2015 at 11:30am

Where: Bagram Ballroom, Soundside Club at Hurlburt

What: New Officer Induction and DEAMS

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fisher House will now be offering 2 nights a week that will be open to volunteers to provide a warm meal for in-house guests and family. If you are interested in providing dinner on a Tuesday or Thursday night, please contact ASMC's POC Rob Turpin 883-5332, and he will coordinate with Fisher House to schedule a date that works and provide other details. A group of 4 volunteers is recommended.

## Mini-PDI 2015

Our annual Mini-PDI is fast approaching. We have already gathered some spectacular speakers for this year's event, which will be held on the 16 July 2015. Our next meeting will be in May; be on the lookout for the invite. If you would like to volunteer or have questions please contact the chair, John Feagin, [john.feagin@us.af.mil](mailto:john.feagin@us.af.mil) or co-chair Michelle Woolgar, [michelle.woolgar@us.af.mil](mailto:michelle.woolgar@us.af.mil).



# CDFM



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**Congratulations to our recent awardees!**

## **CDFM-A**

**Andrea Archer, AFLCMC/EGOL/FZA**

**Cindy Dixon, AFLCMC/EBDQ**

**Nicole Gray, AFLCMC/EBDW**

**John Johnson, AFLCMC/EBAD**

**Dane Manfredi, AFRL/RWF**

**Jim Peoples, AFLCMC/EBJ**

**Rachael Peoples, AFLCMC/EBB**

**Joe Proctor, 96 LRS/ LGLOR**

**Robert Turpin, AFLCMC/EBJ**

## **CDFM**

**Shannon Skrivanie, AFAA/AAO**

**Ralph Taylor, AFSOC 720 STG**

- To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to <http://www.asmonline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/> and search by chapter.
- ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter has scheduled the next **EDFMT 3-7 Aug 2015**. This five-day intensive financial management review course is taught in three modules (Resource Management Environment, Budget and Cost Analysis, and Accounting and Finance). The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If you are interested in the training please access <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/> to register.
- EDFMT Course Details/Schedule:  
<http://www.asmonline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course/>

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# Education



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The Education Committee has begun soliciting chapter members, college students and high school seniors for 2014-2015 scholarship awards. Chapter member's scholarships are limited to college students in academic disciplines relating to financial management who are seeking either an undergraduate degree or a postgraduate degree.

An official transcript must be submitted with the application. Non-chapter member scholarships are limited to high school seniors and college students in academic disciplines relating to financial/resource management (such as business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, or finance) who are seeking an undergraduate degree. College students must have at least 2 years (60 semester hours) of college, or will have 60 hours completed by the end of their spring 2015 semester. An official transcript must be submitted (for college students only).

Applicants will be required to submit applications via mail or email NLT May 8, 2015. Visit the chapter Education page at <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html> for more details.

## MEMBERSHIP

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.

To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 8).

**Chair: Lindsey Stephan**, 883-4925, [lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil](mailto:lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil)





# Community Service



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## RELAY FOR LIFE:

ASMC's *Comptrollers for a Cause* team raised \$2,722.00 and still has 2 more fundraisers! Also, over 100 laps were walked in support of the Relay for Life event on 1 May! Below are pictures of ASMC's booth, the RFL theme was Board games and our team theme was *Destroying Cancer One Ship at a Time* featuring an oversized Battleship game.



A special thanks to the following Team Members: Kristen Pedro (Team Captain), Dedra Hickman, Brianna Hoppel, Sharon Pederson, Amy Tolar, Nicole Allen, Roger Kendall, Kimberly Sypher, Summer Massey, Rachael Peoples, Amanda Phillips, Sarah Carroll and all of you who came to walk laps in support of the event!

Please make sure to submit any other volunteer hours to Rob Turpin or Deb Privette.

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# Websites



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## 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](mailto: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>.

## ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: <http://www.asmcnline.org/>  
Gulf Coast Chapter website is: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-7595) or David Loch (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2015 will be held in New Orleans, LA.

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 2011-2014 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on [www.asmcnline.org](http://www.asmcnline.org) to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



# Contractors Oppose Plan to Centralize Pentagon Commercial Purchasing

by Charles S. Clark, Apr 21, govexec.com



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*The largest contractors trade organization has asked the House Armed Services Committee to rethink several components of its bill to reform the Pentagon's acquisition process, opposing in particular a plan to centralize decision-making on whether to buy products on the existing commercial market.*

*The 400-company Professional Services Council on April 17 sent a [letter](#) to committee Chairman Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, and top Democrat Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., calling their bill ([H.R. 1597](#)) a step in the right direction, but raising several objections over provisions they said might place contractors at a disadvantage while complicating acquisition management.*

*Thornberry's Agile Acquisition to Retain Technological Edge Act is [designed](#) to streamline the acquisition process, modernize military technology and enhance workforce training.*

*But the bill's plan to have the Defense secretary designate an individual to make determinations on whether an item sought by a Pentagon unit is commercially available "would likely result in actions contrary to Congress' desire to foster greater reliance on commercial items and, at the same time, reduce competition," said the letter from council President and CEO Stan Soloway, who served as an undersecretary of Defense during the Clinton administration.*

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*“There are thousands of commercial items determinations made each year and requiring that they all be conducted by one office, disconnected from the customer base and the acquisition offices, will almost certainly result in procurement delays,” the contractors argued. In addition, they noted that the Congress has tasked the Defense Department with enhancing its workforce training and development. “Since commercial items determinations are among the core responsibilities of a contracting officer, rather than negat[ing] that training and removing that authority from contracting officers, we would recommend that the training continue and Congress direct an assessment of such efforts to see if the training has been effective and where additional focus may be necessary,” the letter stated.*

*If such a central office must be created, PSC recommended that it focus on “arbitrating disputes about commercial items, and that such an office be entirely separate from the department’s existing cost and pricing activities.”*

*The contractors also questioned the Pentagon’s use of full-time equivalent headcounts to transparently measure service contracting, requested that caps on service contracting be lifted, and suggested that requests for proposals focus more on statements of objectives than on statements of work.*