



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



MAY/JUN 10

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Speechless

Last week, I attended two meetings with comptroller community senior leaders. Both agendas included discussion of increasing demands for deployed financial managers. More frequent good-byes to spouses and children—and more slack for us to pick up on the home front.

My long-time friends know that there's probably been only one time in my life when I was literally speechless. I was packed for a deployment, and our family returned home from church to have lunch before I hit the road. All I had to do was ask God's blessing on my family and our meal before we ate. Seemed easy enough. For the first—and still only—time in my life, I could not speak. This pregnant pause (no pun intended by this father of five) is forever etched in my memory. Such goodbyes are all too common.

When I returned safely, my family made a lifetime commitment to serve the needs of deployed members and their families. Last Summer, I challenged every chapter member to get involved; find a place to serve their coworkers and/or community. Many of you have been on the field; some played multiple positions this year. If you've found your place(s) of service, I thank you.

If you are still on the sidelines waiting for your number to be called, your time has come. Your new chapter President will soon be elected and will need good committee leads. The "Gulf Coast Packers" team prepares

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	Ms Gayle Thomas	883-1686

### ***President's Column - Continued***

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and sends care packages to deployed comptrollers. They always have open slots on their roster. Our "Lawn Rangers" will deploy to mow yards for families of deployed members in the coming weeks. When the local Fisher House opens, we'll have opportunities to help wounded warriors and their families.

Get busy! Volunteer for a chapter leadership role. Support our deployed wingmen and their families. When I see every chapter member actively engaged in our community, I will be exceptionally grateful, and once again—speechless!

Ken Pickler

## ***Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega***

### **Ways & Means**

Chair Jennifer Denega

Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

### **Fundraising Summary**

2010 Air Show \$698

Belk Charity Sale \$150

### **Thank you again to all our volunteers!**

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.

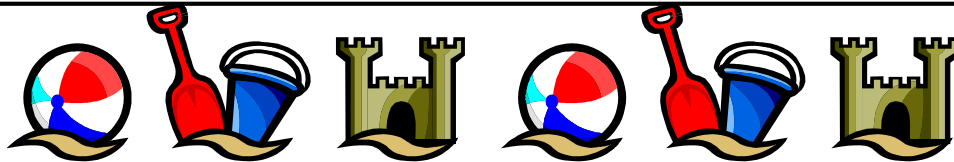
Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee.

If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

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Many Blessings for a Beautiful Summer!



## ***Membership***

### ***Co-Chairs, Troy Brown and Woxie Williams***

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 in pay grades E1-E4 and civilian members in GS category GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. This is for new members only. Contact April Chapel or the membership chairs. If you are interested in joining, please contact Troy Brown at 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,  
*Woxie & Troy*

## **Education – Donna Schulist and Sandra Telemacque**

*Co-Chairs, Donna Schulist and Sandra Telemacque*

We received 14 applications for our scholarship program, 8 college, 4 high school and 2 Chapter Members. They were evaluated by a 7 member team. We have received all the completed evaluations. We will be awarding 12 scholarships (1), \$1,000 and (5) \$500 college scholarships, (1) \$1,000 and (3) \$500 high school, and (1) \$1,000 and (1) \$500 chapter member. We will be notifying the 12 scholarship winners and invite them to the ASMC July luncheon. Thanks in advance to our evaluation team for their hard work.

Points of contact are Sandra Telemacque (882-3511, [Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil)) and Donna Schulist (882-4538, [Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil))

## **ASMC Members – Course Graduations**

Capt Sheryl Collazzo (Eglin) and Barbara Ouellette (Hurlburt) graduated from the Financial Management Staff Officers' Course.

J.D. Ites, Sharon Pedersen, Brad Warnick, and Maj Bill Sullivan graduated from the Defense Financial Manager's Course.

Way to go!!!!

## **Newest CDFMs**

Congratulations to our newest CDFMs!

Eglin: Sylvia Hooker, Bonnie McClure, Cindy Dixon

Hurlburt: CMSgt John Writer, MSgt(s) Joshua Allen, Ann House

## **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 – Ron Millis**

### *Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)*

We are projecting another EDFMT Jan-Apr 2011. More details to come once received. Contact Ron Millis at 882-4329 for details.

### *CDFM-A*

CDFM-A - Tentative CDFM-A Class scheduled 18-19 Aug 10 with testing available immediately following the class. Contact Ron Millis at 882-4329 for details.

This 2 day class gives a concise overview of the Defense Acquisition System following the format and content of the Defense Acquisition Guidebook. Using the ASMC's Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course Module 4 textbook addendum (Acquisition Business Management), the class will prepare the student for the Certified Defense Financial Manager Module 4 examination. The topics covered include:

1. Goals, Strategy and the three Major DoD Decision Support Systems.
2. Systems Engineering.
3. Resource Management.
4. Life Cycle Logistics.
5. Human Systems Integration.
6. Acquiring Information Technology.
7. Technology Protection.
8. Test and Evaluation.
9. Decisions, Assessments and Reports.
10. Special Management Activities (Emphasis on Earned Value Management).

Ron Millis

## **2010-2011 ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter Officers**

The votes have been tallied... and our President for next year is Ms Dedra Hickman, 46TW. Our VP-Eglin is Kathy Davis, 46 TW. VP-Hurlburt is Capt Anita Logan, 1 SOCPTS. VP-Tenants is Ms Sarah Gaffney, 361 ISRG. They will be installed at the 13 July luncheon.

Thanks to our nominating committee (Tim Bozoki, SMSgt Brian Cerney, Ron Millis, Capt Chris Spaulding, and Cindy Weinstein)!!



## Community Service

### **PROGRAMS supported:**

1. Brilliant Minds - medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, & Down Syndrome children
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. Helping Hand Committee
10. Give a Child a Christmas

*FISHER HOUSE: Until 30 Jun, if you buy the Yankee Candle (military/American flag emblem – see below), \$1 will go to the Fisher House Foundation.*

### *ON-GOING events:*

*DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES - please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.*

*HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE: continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing.*

*POC: [David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil](mailto:David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil)*

*Finally, if you have volunteered for an event, please contact us. Your suggestions are always welcomed!*

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## **TRICARE Triage**

*By Alyssa Rosenberg [arosenberg@govexec.com](mailto:arosenberg@govexec.com) May 6, 2010*

Some military retirees are finding a proposal for TRICARE fee hikes hard to swallow. During a hearing earlier this week on a range of military budget issues, Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations, told lawmakers the ballooning expense of providing health coverage for retirees "eats into [funding for] our other programs." Roughead and two other high-ranking military leaders recommended that for the first time in more than a decade, the Pentagon ask retirees to contribute more money to their insurance coverage.

Meanwhile, the Defense Department is looking at other ways to control TRICARE costs. One possibility is to do away with incentives for participants to pick TRICARE over other health insurance programs. On April 9, the department published a rule in the Federal Register implementing a law that would forbid employers from encouraging TRICARE-eligible employees to stay in the program, through incentive payments or other inducements.

Defense estimated the annual cost of TRICARE per active-duty family member under 65 is \$3,975, and in 2010, as many as 14,921 enrollees could leave TRICARE for another employer-provided insurance plan. In an April 27 letter to lawmakers, the Government Accountability Office estimated the rule could save \$64.1 million in fiscal 2010 and generate savings of \$81.8 million annually by fiscal 2015.

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and TRICARE are unique in their size. But when it comes to cost containment, they face many of the same challenges as other health insurance programs. Supporters of President Obama's health care reform law hope more universal coverage will reduce emergency care costs and preventative care will mean Americans need fewer and less expensive medical procedures and services. But those changes could take a long time. Until then, TRICARE is joining others in looking for solutions.

## **Programs – Tim Bozoki and Deborah Washington**

July 9, 8 AM breakfast at Eglin Enlisted Club, \$10 pay at the door. Gen Stephen Lorenz, AETC/CC, a former SAF/FMB, will be speaking on leadership lessons he's learned.

July 13, luncheon at Eglin Enlisted Club. Installation of officers and presentation of scholarships.

## **PROMOTIONS**

Big congratulations to Joshua Allen, HQ AFSOC/FMAS – now MSgt(s) !!

## ***Two More... Making a Difference...***

We have two **MAD!** Recipients for March. These awards were presented by Col Randy White, AAC/FM, at the 4 May ASMC luncheon.

Marty Bates nominated Jill Brogan, 40<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron for providing truly exceptional support to her customers, teammates, and her community during the month of March, 2010. She served superbly as both the 40<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron financial manager and the 413<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron Resource Advisor. She expertly upgraded fiscal plans and developed an outstanding Temporary Duty balance sheet. Jill concurrently budgeted/executed \$3.4 million in direct budget authority and ensured both units were prepared for the Air Force Materiel Command's Capability Analysis and Risk Assessment. She superbly processed over 100 TDY orders/vouchers for 10 different squadrons using more than 20 different fund cites. Jill volunteers 5 hrs per week at Kenwood Elementary School & serves as a Second Grade Room Mother.

Pati Galvan and April Chapel nominated Dana Alexander for providing truly exceptional support to the 2010 Regional Professional Development Seminar co-sponsored by the ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter and the Emerald Coast Chapter of the National Contract Management Association. The consummate team player, she was instrumental in helping the ASMC co-chairs plan and execute a phenomenal professional development conference. Dana's selfless contributions facilitated the effective delivery of more than 30 workshops attended by more than 400 area financial management and contracting professionals. This is the first MAD award presented to someone outside the Gulf Coast Chapter, and reflects most favorably on the entire Air Armament Center contracting workforce.

Photos: Col White with Jill Brogan (left) and Dana Alexander (right).





## ***Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events***

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –**

Mark your calendars:

- 9 Jul 10: Gen Lorenz, AETC/CC, former SAF/FMB, leadership, Eglin Enlisted Club, 8AM
- 13 Jul 10: Install Officers and award scholarships, luncheon at Eglin Enlisted Club

Please contact our Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (882-3318) or Deborah Washington (883-1779), 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, Lynn Becker at 850- 882-4866 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## ***National News***

For more details, see [www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org).

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

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

PDI 2010 was held in Orlando FL June 1-4, with a theme of “Getting in Tune with Professionalism.”

*Go on the national website to see more about the PDI.*

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