



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

**DAN GENEST**

In his absence, President Dan Genest asked me to share a few of the exciting things that are happening in our Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC.

Recently 32 members had the opportunity to participate in a class for the Certified Defense Financial Manager Acquisition Module right here at Eglin AFB. The chapter-sponsored class was taught by John Matherne and then members were offered the opportunity to test at completion of the course.

The Belk's Charity Sale is right around the corner, November 15, at Destin Commons, Santa Rosa Mall, and all Pensacola locations. Proceeds from the sale are used to support the Gulf Coast Chapter charity efforts and it is a great time to get the rest of your Christmas shopping done.

Mark your calendars now for the ASMC Christmas party. This year's party will be held on Dec 17 from 1100 to 1230 in Bldg 615. This will be a great time to see old friends and network with colleagues. We will be collecting canned and dry goods to provide assistance to two local families during this holiday season. So make sure you attend this event and help ASMC make the holidays a little brighter for some of those in our community.

As we enter into the holiday season let's keep in mind our deployed troops who will not be able to share the holidays with family and friends. Don't forget the chapter is sending chapter funded care packages to ALL deployed FM'ers from the Gulf Coast area. If you know of any deployed FM'ers please contact Jennifer Denega so we can send them a package.

Hope to see you all at the Teleworking professional Development luncheon on November 18 at the Eglin Enlisted Club.

Dedra Hickman, VP Tenants

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### **Executive Committee**

President	Capt Dan Genest	884-2804
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Hurlburt Enl Advisor	SSgt Shane Slade	884-2988
Awards Committee	Mr Lewis Williams	883-0204

### **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.

### **Programs – Leah Hodge & Tammy Robbins**

- 1) Programs have several items on the calendar on the ASMC website! You can go to that calendar to get a preview of planned events with details to follow.
- 2) November meeting will be presentation on Teleworking and will be held 18 Nov at the Eglin Enlisted Club; December 17<sup>th</sup> is the date to reserve for our Christmas event – it will be a pot luck with meats provided!
- 3) We've about completed a great line up of programs for our 6 Mar 09 RPDS – please make note of the date!

## **Community Service – Vanessa Fuentes**

1) We are going to participate in Give a Child a Christmas. Event will be held on 13 Dec 08 at Eglin AFB. There are two shifts 0545-1430 and 0800-1700 - a total of 160 children will be participating in this event. Children will be provided with Breakfast and Lunch; each child will be escorted. Each child will have \$100 shopping spree at the Base Exchange on Eglin, a visit from Santa, plus 3 gifts, sports, arts and crafts activities, and movies for the day. If you are interested in being an escort please let me know via email: [Vanessa.fuentes@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Vanessa.fuentes@eglin.af.mil)

2) We have adopted two families for the holidays. Drop off boxes have been placed in bldg 260 POC Vanessa Fuentes, bldg 349 POC Karen Williams, and bldg 1 at Hurlburt Field POC CMSgt Karen Fish. Please try to have your donation dropped by 15 Dec 08. Also we are going to have dry/canned food collection at the ASMC Christmas Party on 17 Dec 08. If you are going to plan to attend the Christmas Party please bring two canned goods or dry food to the event. For any questions, please call me at 882-9841 or email [Vanessa.fuentes@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Vanessa.fuentes@eglin.af.mil)

## **Ways & Means**

### **Ways and Means Projects**

*Belk Charity Sale -- 15 Nov 08*

*Tickets: \$5*

*Time: 0600-1000*

*Tickets good at the Destin Commons, Santa Rosa Mall, and Pensacola Belk locations*

*Gift-Wrapping at the Eglin BX*

*Dates forthcoming (will know on 12 Nov 08)*

*Thank you to all who volunteered for our Ways and Means Projects.*

*Please contact Jennifer Denega if you would like to volunteer:*

*[jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil) or call at 883-4787*

*Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee.*

*Many Blessings for a beautiful Holiday*



## ***The Business Model***

By Brian Friel , Government Executive/National Journal

If nothing else, the travails on Wall Street show the limits of the mantra of running government like a business. During the past decade, financial firms pushed products such as adjustable-rate mortgages, derivatives and mortgage-backed securities that proved too risky for the market to bear.

The 1990s mantra that the government is too risk-averse, that it should adopt businesslike practices that encourage innovation, comes to mind. Clearly, that mantra can be taken too far, especially when the risk that is encouraged is focused on short-term gain rather than long-term growth.

Many lessons will be gleaned as business analysts dissect the faltering economy in the next few months. But one lesson already is clear, for both federal managers and the nation's financial titans: More than ever, everything is connected.

As Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and other political leaders attempted to deal with the increasingly troubled economy, they argued that the decline of the housing market that started in 2007 crossed over into the financial sector, which subsequently crippled the credit market, which furthered the financial sector decline, which could stifle the entire economy.

The economy is one giant system of systems with complex interconnections among all of them. Problems can travel easily across those connections from system to system. As those problems multiply, solutions become more difficult because the law of unintended consequences is so powerful in complex systems.

That fact seems obvious when you look at the snowballing financial crisis. The government's intervention in Bear Stearns, followed by the bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the nonbailout of Lehman Bros., then the intervention in AIG, followed by the call for a \$700 billion asset purchase program run by the government shows how each attempt by Paulson to solve the economy's problems got run over by the snowball. Forces beyond Paulson's control already were working their way through the system of systems. Unintended consequences lurked around every corner.

The government is, of course, one system in the economy's system of systems. Its revenues represent roughly one-fifth of the nation's gross domestic product. The system of government is extremely complex since it is subject not only to the rules of the economy but also to the rules of politics. Just witness the difficulty Congress and the executive branch had in crafting ways to deal with the economic crisis.

Federal managers are all too familiar with the frustration inherent in a complex system in which problems far away from their own operations - in Congress, for example - can have profound effects on their ability to do their jobs. Many will be struggling to operate their offices during the next six months at the same funding levels as last year, not because of anything they did but because Congress and the White House did not come up with new appropriations bills for nonsecurity-related agencies.

All this is a reminder that risk courses through both the economic system of systems and the government system. Instead of running government like a business, should business be run like government? Maybe the truth lies somewhere in the middle, where a healthy willingness to experiment is tempered by a realistic dose of long-range thinking about the good of not just one's own agency or business, but also of the country as a whole.

## Membership – Woxie Williams, Troy Brown

### Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC welcomes new members:

Stephen T. Scruggs

James P. Counsman

Alberta Palmer

Sharon M. Pajk

Jacqueline B. Moriarty

Romonda R. Lee

## Job Listing

**Title:** Financial/Business Analyst

**Skills:** DoD Acquisition and Budgeting, financial management

**Date:** 2008-10-22

**Location:** Eglin AFB, FL

**Pay rate:** Negotiable

**Length:** Full-Time

### **Job description:**

IDS is currently searching for a Business Analyst with experience in DoD or government financial management processes, government financial and accounting systems, acquisition and budgeting processes and relational databases to provide support and training on-site to a government customer. Position acts as a financial and technical consultant for a DoD program management and financial management software. Will provide expertise in government finance; assist customers in properly structuring financial data; perform reconciliation between several systems; perform daily review of forecasts and accounting data; and otherwise support a government financial office.

### **Job Qualifications:**

This position requires a minimum of 5 years of government acquisition, finance or financial management, program management or related experience. A bachelor's degree in business management, engineering, computer science, mathematics, economics or other related discipline is required, or 4 additional years of equivalent technical training or work/military experience. **Candidates MUST have or be able to obtain a SECRET clearance.**

Company offers full-benefits package including health, dental, vision and 401K plans.

EOE M/F/D/V

E-Mail Resume to:

[jobs@get-integrated.com](mailto:jobs@get-integrated.com)

Reference code: IDS-FL-BA

**\*\*U.S. citizenship and/or green card is required; H1-B visas and other visas are not being sponsored. Relocation expenses are NOT offered except when noted. All jobs are employer paid; no fees to candidates. Third parties or agencies inquiries re not being accepted.\*\***



## CDFM Group

The CDFM-A class held at Eglin the week of 3 Nov was a SUCCESS! Good information and expertly presented. All 32 folks scheduled to attend the CDFM-A Course tested. We should have the results by next Monday (17 Nov).

**Ron Millis, CDFM chair**, 882-4538 or [ronald.millis@eglin.af.mil](mailto:ronald.millis@eglin.af.mil)

## Member Spotlight

### **AMY J. PHAN**

**Duty Assignment/Title:** 96 CPTS/Budget Analyst. Assigned at Eglin 5 years.

**Duties:** Budget Analyst for 96 CEG and 96 CG, ABW Team Lead for FMAS

**Previous assignment:** Patrick AFB, FL, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Tinker AFB, OK... Active duty AF 92-97

**Hobbies:** Youth sports (in support of my sons), water sports and reading.



### **Bill Sullivan**

**Duty Assignment/Title:** Command Budget Analyst, HQ AFSOC/FMAO at Hurlburt Field

**Duties:** Analyst for Cannon AFB, AFSOC/A7, AFSOC/A1, MFH, MILCON

**Previous assignment or duties:** Eglin AFB, USAF Academy and Lajes Field

**Hobbies:** Golf, Softball, Running -- anything outdoors and anything involving my family



## Member Spotlight

### ***Pamela A. Green (Pam)***

**Duty Assignment:** 96 CPTS/System Administrator (Contractor). Assigned 96CPTS for 10 years

**Duties:** System Administrator for WAWF & ABSS, Instructs WAWF & ABSS A3 Courses, Loads computer software, Troubleshoots computer software problems and TASO for financial systems/ISSO for 96 CPTS

**Previous assignment:** ASCIET (now JFIIT) and 46TW/OG

**Hobbies:** Traveling, Cross-stitch and Reading



### ***Mara Fair Costabile***

**Duty Assignment/Title:** 695ARSS/FM AMRAAM Financial Manager...I've been assigned to Eglin 4 yrs

**Duties:** Financial manager of Advance Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM), ACAT IC joint program with Procurement and Contractor Logistic Support (CLS) funding in excess of \$200M

**Previous assignment/duties:** Nov 06 – Aug 07, Financial Management Specialist, 728ARSG-GS-12 and Jul 04 – Nov 06, Financial Analyst and Financial Specialist, AAC/XR- Capt/GS-12

**Hobbies:** Swim, Bike and Run, aka Triathlons; anything outdoors in the sun with my daughter and husband!



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

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –**

Mark your calendars:

- 18 NOV 08: Luncheon “Teleworking” – Eglin Enlisted Club
- 17 DEC 08: Christmas Party/Luncheon - watch for details
- 14 JAN 09: HQ ASMC visitor (TBD)
- xx FEB 09: Auditing (date TBD)
- 6 MAR 09: RPDS

Please contact our Program Chairs, Leah Hodge (x2-3615) or Tammy Robbins (x5-4335), 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, Doug Craighead at 850- 882-5296 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).

Leadership Skills Audio Conference. On January 28, 2009 at 2 pm Eastern ASMC will hold an audio conference that will help you develop your leadership skills and earn you CPE credits.

PDI 2008 Online is available for sessions from PDI 2008 in Orlando. A DVD of a large number of PDI 2008 workshops is also available for order. Chapter Leader Audio Training

ASMC chapter leaders will participate in an audio conference on November 20, 2008, starting at 2 pm Eastern. Topics include planning training at mini/regional PDIs and other events, promoting awards and recognition, effective board transition, and tips for offering a successful CDFM program. It's an interactive Q&A session and will last no more than 60 minutes. Contact Dan Genest if you want to participate.

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

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