



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Have you ever heard the saying 'you are on an interview every day'? It's true and ASMC is one way you can network with other FMers and show them you can take on a project or volunteer to assist and be organized, carry through and deliver! Unless you are at the end of your career – and are sure of it! – what you do every day counts towards your professional goals. While your work experiences count the most in interviews or on resumes, don't forget a well-done ASMC event or participation in one of those events can favorably reflect your abilities as well!

The announcement for our November luncheon is out. We'll hear from representatives of Fisher House and Shelter House, two of the local charities we assist throughout the year. So be thankful, share some requested and needed goods and enjoy the company of fellow FMers at the Hurlburt Soundside Club on 15 Nov! Watch for information for our Christmas get together – planned for Tues, 6 Dec – so put the date on your calendar now.

Congratulations are due Mr Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM, for earning the USSOCOM Outstanding Civilian Service Medal. This is the top award presented to a civilian by the USSOCOM Commander. Mr. Rone is the first AFSOC civilian to receive this award so we congratulate him and thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

Last but not least, we have been sending out a lot of emails this year to ensure you
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all know of our Community Services activities and Ways and Means events, and of course, our Programs! Some folks don't like a lot of email. Some don't read one big email with a lot of information. We are trying to find a happy medium to make everyone happy but the reality is in order to meet the goal of getting people involved in the chapter activities, the only sure way to get the word out is via email. What we are going to do is try and send out only one email per week per committee. The title of the email will include what it is and the date so you can quickly determine interest and availability – and delete or act on it! However, if we get a short notice opportunity for a Community Services event, we might break the rule. Thanks for listening.

Leah Hodge

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle

A big thanks goes out to our volunteers who helped make the carwash at Hooter's in Destin a success! We raised \$200 to support our charities and had lots of fun doing it. It was a beautiful day!

UP-COMING EVENTS:

BELK CHARITY SALE: We will be selling tickets at the Belk Charity Sale at the Destin Commons 8:00-10:00 am on Sat, Nov 5. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit one of our worthy charities. To volunteer please contact aurelia.battle@eglin.af.mil. If not, come out anyway. 100 Belk gift cards valued anywhere from \$5.00 to \$1,000 will be given away in-store only. No purchase is necessary, so please tell your friends and family about this opportunity to shop some good sales and support ASMC.

EGLIN BASE EXCHANGE GIFTWRAP: We're gearing up for the holiday season, and with it comes an opportunity to play Santa's elves by wrapping gifts at the base exchange. Please keep your eyes and ears open for Dates and Times TBD.

The committee is always looking for members and volunteers to help with our fundraising events. POCs are aurelia.battle@eglin.af.mil (883-0371) and jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil (883-4787). **Your ideas are always welcome!**

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 – Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris, Jenna Colon

November Luncheon Information:

Tuesday November 15, 11 AM, Hurlburt Soundside. Walk-through buffet for \$11.95 per person.

Guest speakers will be from two of our Chapter Charities: Fisher House and Shelter House. Please join us and bring items from their wish lists (see slide in this newsletter).

ASMC Programs Committee

ASMC National Telecon

Save-the-date:

Thursday, December 8 2011 1:00pm CT

ASMC National Telecon: Update on Deficit Reduction Proposals for DoD, Mr. Bob Shue

Eglin ASMC Members: meet Bldg 349, 215

Hurlburt ASMC Members: meet Bldg 1, Chindit Conf Room, 3rd floor

Look for registration to come out soon!

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 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 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.

CDFM

ASMC National Headquarters will offer CDFM Module reviews through a two day, eight hour audio session. If you are interested in any of these classes please let me know ASAP. Study guides are not provided but can be purchased through ASMC.

Nov 15-16, 2011

Module 2 - Budget and Cost

December 13-14, 2011

Module 3 - Accounting and Finance

Text Books <http://www.asmconline.org/publications/text-books/>

The five day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course originally scheduled for 12-16 December 2011 has been rescheduled for 13-17 Feb 2012 . 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 attending this course please register using the EDFMT Registration link below. There are 30 seats available for USAF personnel and shared between Eglin and Hurlburt Field. Attendees will be expected to complete CDFM certification within a reasonable timeframe after course completion.

Date: 13-17 Feb 12

Location: Bldg 871 Rm 1, Eglin AFB

Time: 0800-1630 hrs

EDFMT Registration

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>

Module 1

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-management-environment/>

Module 2

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cost-analysis/>

Module 3

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting-finance/>

If you have any questions contact Ron Millis at 875-1896 or Lisa Gamon 875-3465

Community Service

A big thanks goes to our volunteers who assisted Fisher House at this year's Beer Festival in Baytowne. Your willingness to help makes these events a huge success! We are still taking donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drives to support Shelter House and Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, and we will be collecting "Wish List" items at the next ASMC luncheon for the two charities attending.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Our chapter has an opportunity to help build the next Habitat for Humanity home in Fort Walton Beach! Construction is planned to begin in November, although specific dates have not been scheduled yet. Habitat will also be providing a Thanksgiving Dinner at Harbor Docks. If interested in assisting with either of these, please forward name to Maika at Maika.Andrew@eglin.af.mil.

PET WELFARE ANIMAL SHELTER (EGLIN): The shelter is seeking volunteers to help with grounds maintenance and clean-up. It would be fantastic for our chapter to be able to commit to one Saturday each quarter (9:00 am to 1:00 pm) or more frequently if needed. Dates will be November or December timeframe. If interested, please forward name to Maika at Maika.Andrew@eglin.af.mil.

ON-GOING EVENTS:

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

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy
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

Community Service

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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. Give a Child a Christmas
10. Pyramid – provides daily living skills to nearly 100 Emerald Coast adults with disabilities through art programs

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

POCs: Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-4787
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Awards

EXTRA! EXTRA! What time is it? It is time to reward the hard work of our financial managers throughout Eglin and Hurlburt. I know we have some outstanding performers for 2011 and it is time to recognize them for their tireless efforts. Commanders and supervisors as you construct those 1206s for our Air Force awards please consider taking the time to tailor that information and submit your outstanding FMer for one of our chapter awards.

The Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Award nominations for 2011 are due to Maj Yolanda Glenn NLT13 Jan 2012. Awards will be presented at the Regional PDS on 8 March 2012. Please see the attached nomination form and instructions. You do not need to be a supervisor to nominate someone for an award. Categories are Accounting and Finance, Acquisition/Cost Analysis, Auditing, Budgeting, Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller, Contractor Support, Financial Systems, Intern/Trainee, Resource Management, Team Achievement (Small: 2-10; Large: 11-20).

ASMC National Awards program also has several upcoming deadlines. Nominations for the Essay Contest are due 31 Jan 2012; National Scholarship Program nominations are due 31 March 2012; Members Continuing Education Grant nominations are due 31 March 2012, and nominations for Chapter Competition Program are due 31 March 2011. All nominations must be submitted through the National ASMC Awards Online website at <http://awards.asmc.org>. Contact Maj Glenn at 884-4940 or by email at yolanda.glenn@hurlburt.af.mil with your questions.

Schwartz Presents AF Cross, Silver Star

Air Force News by Rachel Arroyo

Two Air Force Special Operations Command combat controllers were presented military decorations here Oct. 27 by the Air Force chief of staff for exhibiting extraordinary heroism in combat.

Staff Sgt. Robert Gutierrez Jr. was presented the Air Force Cross and Tech. Sgt. Ismael Villegas was presented the Silver Star by Gen. Norton Schwartz in a joint ceremony. The Air Force Cross is the service's highest award and is second only to the Medal of Honor. The Silver Star is awarded for valor, to include risk of life during engagement with the enemy.

Both Airmen received their awards for gallant actions during combat operations in 2009 that directly contributed to saving the lives of their teammates and decimating enemy forces. Gutierrez and Villegas were both assigned to the 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Field, N.C., when they deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009, although the two medals are not related to the same operation. Freedom Hangar was a sea of berets as more than 1,000 gathered to watch Schwartz present the Airmen their awards. The general credited the two combat controllers for not only being courageous, but for also being humble in recognition. "With the modesty that is characteristic of the quiet professional, these two joint terminal attack controllers would hardly hesitate to claim that, during the incidents for which they are being decorated today, they were merely performing as they were trained," Schwartz said. "And they are accepting the honors on behalf of the entire team that worked with them."

Gutierrez and Villegas attribute their exceptional performance on the battlefield to training they received at AFSOC.

"You don't have a lot of time to think about yourself," Villegas said. "Your training allows you to do your job so you can overcome any obstacle and ultimately bring brothers on the battlefield home safely."

Gutierrez, now an instructor at the Special Tactics Training Squadron located here, is the second living recipient of the Air Force Cross. Like Gutierrez, the last five recipients of the medal have all been AFSOC Airmen. Gutierrez accepted the Air Force Cross on behalf of all of his fellow Airmen in combat. "It is for every Airman who is fighting," he said. "This is a representation of them and their sacrifice. I just get the honor of wearing (the medal) for them."

Gutierrez received the Air Force Cross for actions during a four-hour battle in Herat Province, Afghanistan, in October 2009. The team was ambushed during a high-risk night raid to capture the number two Taliban leader in the region. The team leader was shot in the leg, and the remaining ten-man team was trapped in a building with no escape route. Assigned as the joint terminal attack controller to an Army Special Forces detachment, Gutierrez's job was to call in air support for his teammates.

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During the firefight, he was shot in the chest and suffered a collapsed lung. Still, Gutierrez continued to return fire while calling in precision strafing runs from an A-10 Thunderbolt II nearby. Though bleeding out and struggling to inhale enough oxygen to breathe, let alone speak into his radio, death was not on his mind, he said.

"Your time is in front of you. You're not thinking of that," he said. "I was thinking, 'I am going to do everything I can to get the mission done before I bleed out.'"

Following the first strafing run, the team medic re-inflated Gutierrez's lung with a needle decompression, which allowed him to direct two more strafing runs within 30 feet of enemy forces, decimating the enemy and allowing the team to escape.

For Villegas, learning he would receive the Silver Star came as a surprise to the Del Rio, Texas, native.

"I didn't expect this. I was told I was nominated, and it was an honor. But to receive it ... it's the biggest honor I can have," he said. "This is for my guys. They put their lives on the line each day. I'm taking this on behalf of all of those guys out there."

In September 2009, Villegas was clearing a road of improvised explosive devices near Bagh Khosak, Afghanistan, when his team was ambushed. Villegas ran 200 feet across an open minefield to achieve a better position from which he could return fire with his personal weapon while calling in air support. As the only JTAC assigned to an Army Special Forces team, Villegas directed precision firepower from artillery, as well as fixed- and rotary-wing assets, to kill 32 enemy insurgents during the 16-hour firefight and save the lives of his teammates.

While there were many heroes in the crowd wearing the Air Force uniform, Schwartz also pointed out the unsung family members who sacrifice for their Airman so they may serve their country.

"Your quiet, understated sacrifice gives deep personal meaning to your loved ones' service," Schwartz said to the families of Gutierrez and Villegas. "You have my personal thanks and the appreciation of a grateful nation, and certainly the appreciation of the U.S. Air Force." Demetria Saucedo, Villegas' mother, said it is days like these that make the sacrifice worthwhile. "It was a lot of sleepless nights while he was gone, but today is a good day," Saucedo said. "I am so proud of my son."



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***Professional Development
Luncheon Presents***

Chapter Charities

Fisher and Shelter House

"Wish List" Collection Items (attached)

***Tuesday, 15 Nov 2011 at 11:00
Hurlburt Club (Sound Side)
Walk-through Buffet \$11.95
POC: Ms Lisa Bickham 884-1727***

Registration via A3 web site:

***[https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-
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A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=282245&TypeName=Class](https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=282245&TypeName=Class)
POCs: Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris or Jenna Colon***



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Shelter House Wish List:

*Paper towels, toilet paper
Large size diapers (sizes 4 & 5)
Wipes
Cleaning products
Clorox
Bathroom cleaner
Floor cleaner
Mops (the old fashioned string mops, not the sponge mops)
Hand soap
Hand sanitizer
Bath soap
Ethnic hair care products
Dishwasher soap
Dish washing soap
Laundry detergent*

Fisher House Wish List:

*Bottled water and cans of soda
Monetary donation*

A stylized illustration of a sunset over water. The sky is filled with warm, glowing colors like yellow, orange, and red, with a large sun partially obscured by clouds. The water below reflects these colors in soft, wavy patterns.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

Nov 15: Chapter Charities – bring an item from their wish lists, please!

Please contact our Program Chairs Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris, or Jenna Colon 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

For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

The ASMC Online Learning Center currently offers recorded sessions from the past two PDIs as well as access to quarterly ASMC Journals and a short exam associated with them. PDI workshops and the Journal exams offer Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit and a certificate to validate user participation.

<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/online-education/pdi-online/>

Some of the PDI 2011 workshops and the keynote speaker address (Hon Robert Hale, DoD Comptroller) may be accessed from this website, too.

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

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