



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we prepare to exercise one of our most fundamental democratic rights this coming November 6th, I thought it might be useful to consider what that right means, and how it was earned. As Secretary of Defense Panetta said in his message on 4 October, "Every day, your efforts make this country safer and its people more secure. You have more than earned the right to vote. So please participate in the democratic process that sustains the blessings of liberty that we work so hard to protect."

The right to vote has been secured over many years, over many conflicts, beginning with the American Revolutionary War which began in 1775 and concluded in 1783. In this, the thirteen colonies of British America fought to break free of imperial rule. It is estimated that between 25,000 and 50,000 Americans died during active service. The first presidential election was conducted from 1788-1789, a result of the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1788. George Washington, who ran virtually unopposed, was elected for the first of his two terms as president, and John Adams became the first vice-president.

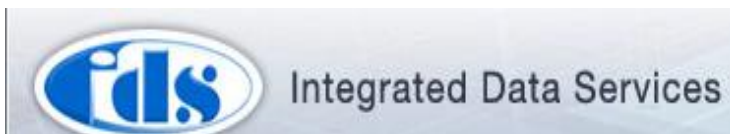
Over the years the constitution has been amended several times to ensure all were afforded equal rights to vote. The 15th Amendment ensured that race

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was no bar to vote and was ratified on the third of February, 1870, stating, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, previous condition of servitude." And, on the 18th of August, 1920, Women's Suffrage was ratified ensuring that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

November 6th is another great example of the many American freedoms we all enjoy. I hope to see you at the polls.

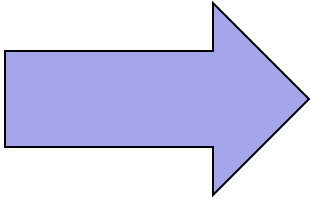
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Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF

Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President

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October Event



Wednesday 14 November Luncheon
11:30AM, Hurlburt Soundside Club
Fisher House and Children in Crisis

Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means

Chairs: George Joseph

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events
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 Mr George Joseph, george.joseph@eglin.af.mil, 883-3458

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.

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 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 me, 883-3809.

Community Service

SHELTER HOUSE/FISHER HOUSE FOOD DRIVES: We had a very nice turn out for our collection drives, including \$25 for the Shelter House and \$40 for the Fisher House. A huge "Thank You" to all that could participate. **(See photos on next page.)**

UP-COMING EVENTS:

FISHER HOUSE: Taste of the Beach, 3 Nov 2012 and Festival of Trees, 18 Nov 2012. POC: gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil.

EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER: We will be sponsoring the ASMC Toy Drive for ECCAC's annual Children's Party. A wish list and more to come....

RELAY FOR LIFE: It's time for the RFL team, Comptrollers for a Cause, to start planning for the April 19, 2013 event. We are looking for motivated volunteers to help with planning and executing fund raising events as well as participants in activities on the day of the event. If you plan to be a part of the team this year please visit http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=50004&pg=entry to sign up. Make sure you click the link to join an existing team so that you can choose Comptrollers for a Cause. There will be a Team Captains meeting on November 13 at Edge Elementary School at 6 PM. Everyone on the team is invited to attend these meetings and we hope to see you there. If you would like to help or need additional information, please contact Dedra Hickman at dedra.robinson@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

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

POCs: Roger Kendall, roger.kendall2@eglin.af.mil, 882-3812
Nicole Smith, nicole.smith.ctr@eglin.af.mil, 882-0254

SHELTER HOUSE/ FISHER HOUSE FOOD DRIVES

A big "Thank You" to all who contributed at the October luncheon. ASMC members were able to provide boxes of food and non-food items.



**Fisher House
donation**



**Shelter
House
donation**

Upcoming EDFM class

There will be an EDFMT class at Eglin from 28 Jan - 1 Feb 2013. The registration will open soon so keep a look out for the class. To register, go to <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt>.

Lisa Gamon, 883-3465

Feds won't miss a paycheck because of Sandy

By [Kellie Lunney, www.GovExec.com](http://www.GovExec.com), October 29, 2012

Hurricane Sandy is not disrupting federal payroll operations, according to the director of the National Finance Center, which is responsible for paying much of the federal workforce.

The New Orleans center just finished processing pay for the last two weeks, said John White, NFC director, and federal employees should receive their pay by electronic transfer Monday. Hurricane Sandy forced the federal government to close on Monday and affected millions of people living along the Atlantic seaboard. Airports, major public transportation systems and schools are shuttered. But the bad weather has not affected NFC's ability to process payroll for 650,000 federal workers, White said. A technician in New Orleans did not know of any disruptions and that the weather was "fine."

White also said the center will not have a problem disbursing feds' salaries for the next pay period scheduled in two weeks. The Agriculture Department runs the National Finance Center, which also has facilities in Denver, Colo., and St. Louis, Mo.

The National Finance Center has contingency plans in place for emergencies, given its location in hurricane-prone New Orleans. White said the center works with SunGard, a software and business continuity company to ensure payroll services are not disrupted and also conducts emergency drills twice a year. During Hurricane Isaac, which affected the U.S. Gulf Coast this past summer, NFC deployed personnel to another location to maintain service, White said.

Hurricane Sandy also so far has not affected the operations of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, which administers payroll to Defense Department employees, according to a DFAS spokesman. DFAS is based in Indianapolis, Ind., and has facilities in Columbus, Ohio; Cleveland; Rome, N.Y., and Limestone, Maine. "In the event of a natural disaster like Hurricane Sandy, DFAS has plans in place to ensure the pay process is not disrupted," said Tom LaRock, deputy director of corporate communications at DFAS. The service pays all Defense military and civilian personnel and retirees as well as major Defense contractors. DFAS processed pay for 6.6 million people in FY11. DFAS is also responsible for the payroll of the Executive Office of the President, the Environmental Protection Agency, the departments of Energy, Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, and the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

14 Nov Luncheon – Fisher House & Children in Crisis, 11:30 AM,
Hurlburt Soundside Club

Please contact our Program Chairs 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.asmonline.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 Locht (882-0057) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

National News

PDI 2012, the premier training event hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers, was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on May 30 – June 1, with a theme of Professionalism in Action.

Thanks to all who attended PDI 2012 in Anaheim, California. Photos from the week have now been posted on the [ASMC Facebook Page](#). Slides that have been made available to ASMC are available on the [program page](#) of this website. To reprint your receipt, please log in to your registration account at <https://secure2.rhq.com/asmc/pdi12/attupdate/index.cgi>.

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

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