

# ASMC

## GULF COAST CHAPTER

### NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2014



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# President's Corner



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I love this time of year! The weather is cooler so I can open up my house and let the fresh air in, AND, it is the start of the Holiday Season...just yesterday it was the start of summer...don't know where the time goes. Take time this month to reflect on all the wonderful blessings you have been given and be thankful. Sometimes it is all too easy to focus on the negative (job stresses, family stresses) and we miss the simple joys. So, right now as you are reading this, pause and reflect on the positive...it will change your outlook.

Speaking of the simple joys, the programs committee has done a wonderful job with our luncheon speakers. Not only do we have wonderful speakers, it is a wonderful opportunity to network. Come by sometime and bring a friend.

A big thanks to all who donated items and to Ron Millis and Roger Kendall who braved the parking lot sale. We raised \$137 for scholarships.

Until next month...don't forget that all food items consumed on Thanksgiving Day are free calories...enjoy.

- 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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## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

When: 19 Nov 2014 at 11am  
Where: Hickory River BBQ, Mary Esther Cutoff  
Who: Hurlburt Unit User - TBD  
What: DEAMS

## ASMC to Adopt a Family

Exciting news - ASMC will be Adopting a Family again this year! We plan to adopt a family of at least four, possibly five members. **Please bring donations to the November luncheon** and our committee will go out shopping for these families. Please help make a family's Christmas a memorable one for them this year. POCs are Kaci Harris, Jenna Colon, and Jessi Pitts. - Thank you so much!

## VOLUNTEER EVENTS

- Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center 30A Thanksgiving 10K and 1 Mile Fun Run Nov 27th at Rosemary Beach
- 24th Annual Seeing Red Wine Festival Grand Tasting - November 8th, 12-4pm: Downtown Seaside

For details, please contact Robert Turpin [robert.turpin.1.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:robert.turpin.1.ctr@us.af.mil) or 882-4331 or Deb Privette [deborah.privette@us.af.mil](mailto:deborah.privette@us.af.mil) or 883-5376

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## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

When: 9 December 2014, 1130  
Where: Luke's Place  
What: Menu and Entertainment TBD

## WAYS AND MEANS - FUNDRAISING

When: Time Slot TBD  
What: BX Gift Wrapping

An announcement will be sent out to the ASMC Community with more information and available time slots.

A BIG Thank You to those who volunteered time and donations for the Eglin Parking Lot Sale on 25 October. ASMC was able to raise \$137 in just a few hours, and the volunteers felt relieved to get those items out of their house! The few items that did not sell were also donated to Goodwill to help others in need.



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# Education



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The Education Committee will be soliciting chapter members, college students and high school seniors for 2014-2015 scholarship awards in the upcoming months. 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 9).

**Chair: Lindsey Stephan**, 883-1609, [lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil](mailto:lindsey.stephan@us.af.mil)



# CDFM



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In the published Sep 2014 newsletter the chapter provided information on core competences required to achieve proficiency for CDFM Module 1 , Resource Management Environment, to include (1) Government Resource Management Environment (30%), (2) Manpower Management (20%), (3) Personnel Management (15%), (4) Management Responsibility for Internal Control (15%) and (5) Fiscal Law (20%). Take a few minutes to review the sample questions below. You may be surprised by how many you answer correctly based upon your day-to-day knowledge working within the DoD and USAF.

## **Module 1 Sample Study Answers: (from October's Newsletter Questions)**

1. Pocket Veto
2. 38%
3. Appropriation Acts
4. Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
5. Federal Agencies
6. Individual Income Taxes
7. Treasury Warrant
8. Apportionment
9. Authorization Legislation
10. Force Structure

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11. Inherently Governmental
12. Emergency Essential (E-E) Civilian position
13. Annually
14. Written
15. Collaborating
16. Avoiding
17. Assets
18. Five
19. Reasonable Assurance
20. Material Weakness

**Module 1  
Sample Study  
Questions  
were posted  
in October's  
Newsletter**

To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/> and search by chapter.

We currently have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available. We are also expecting an Enhanced Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) course summer 2015.

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# Community Service



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## 5 FACTS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:

1. Research demonstrates that volunteering leads to better health and that older volunteers are the most likely to receive physical and mental health benefits from their volunteer activities.
2. Adults who began volunteering as youth are twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not volunteer when they were younger.
3. Non-volunteers say that they are more likely to serve if a trusted friend asks them to serve.
4. Citizens who participate in one area of civic engagement, like volunteering, are more likely to get involved in groups, contact public officials, or work with neighbors.
5. Volunteers have a better chance of finding a job after being out of work than non-volunteers.

Source: UWGNH.org

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For details, please contact Robert Turpin at [robert.turpin.1.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:robert.turpin.1.ctr@us.af.mil) or 882-4331.

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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.



# *What to Expect From Procurement in 2015*

*by Dan Warn, Oct 31, 2014, govexec.com*



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Government procurement accounts for [\\$7 trillion](#) in spending, annually. In light of this, it's no wonder taxpayers are demanding better services and more insight into where all their money is going. But what does this look like, and what can procurement officials do about it?

When it comes to spending in 2015, obtaining a consolidated view of spending, gaining visibility into your procurement activities, and streamlining the process to reduce costs and best match your organization's needs should all be at the top of your priority list.

The public sector needs to innovate to meet the need for transparency and deliver value beyond awarding contracts. Transformation is in order.

There's a new model for public procurement excellence that can address all of these issues and bring transparency, efficiency and cost savings. Both technology and the people who adopt it, are driving the success.

And with a new year here, it's time to act.

The federal procurement process historically suffers from a lack of transparency and efficiency. There's a huge need to understand the basics: who agencies are doing business with, what they are spending their money on, and how much. Dirty, inconsistent data is plaguing the ability to get a clear view of spending.

In May, President Barack Obama signed the [Digital Accountability and Transparency Act](#). The DATA Act is the nation's first legislative mandate for data transparency. It requires the Treasury Department and the White House Office of Management and Budget to transform U.S. federal spending from disconnected documents into open, standardized data, and to publish that data online.

Subsequently, [GAO reported in June](#) that USASpending.gov is missing at least [\\$619 billion from 302 federal programs](#), and the data that does exist is "wildly" inaccurate. In fact, [only 2 percent to 7 percent of spending data](#) on USASpending.gov is fully consistent with agencies' records.

"That's a problem," Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee said in [USA Today](#). "We live in a world in which information drives decisions. And given the budget constraints that our government faces, we need reliable information on how and where our money is being spent."

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*It's impossible to make confident and informed purchasing decisions when access to reliable information is limited. Luckily, there are procurement technologies available to help improve visibility into spending by establishing a consolidated view of purchases and streamlining processes.*

*By automating procurement processes, you can move the entire award and bidding process online. Doing so helps procurement teams create a transparent bidding process and establish visibility into contract awards and procurement activities for buyers, suppliers and taxpayers. Much of the visibility also comes from the audit trails that these systems can create. Having this 360-degree view provides a central location for purchasing history, improving collaboration, control and compliance among everyone involved. Understanding this flow of information translates to informed negotiations and business decisions.*

*When multiple government agencies can use a common system, additional benefits unfold. Agencies can work together with increased negotiation power for volume-based discounts and improve operations efficiency. Using a simpler, automated system also boosts vendor participation in bids—often unearthing surprising cost savings.*

*These systems also reduce errors and cumbersome manual tasks, allowing the purchasing team to focus on more strategic work such as relationship management, restructuring the value chain and building internal capability—ultimately delivering more value to stakeholders.*

*The first step needed for transformation is to get leadership and user support for change. When both buyers and suppliers can see that their lives are made simpler with these new processes and tools, adoption happens much faster.*

*To start the process, stakeholders must understand why this change is necessary, how the process will work, and how these new systems and tools will make their lives better. Creating a tiered rollout process is key. It allows employees to move at a comfortable pace and master the new sourcing technology process. Employees are more open to change when they know they have a support system in place.*

*Fiscal 2015 is here. Are you ready for public sector procurement transformation?*