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GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2015



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President's Corner



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ASMC Gulf Coast Members,

And another fiscal year cycle is under way! In our office we are heading full speed into fall with Fall Program Reviews, Program Management Reviews, Cost Estimate Reviews, Non-Advocate Cost Assessments, PEM parades, and POM submissions! Whew. Thank you to Justin Neece from the Air Force Cost Analysis Agency and all who joined us for lunch at Clemenza's, it was timely to learn about AFCAA and its role in the POM process. If you missed the brief or were there and would like a copy of the presentation, please email me and I will get a copy to you!

Thankfully, in addition to all of our FM duties this season, we also get to look forward to the upcoming Holiday Season. This means for most of us celebrating with family and friends, and indulging in sweets and treats and good home cooking! Hopefully it also means reflection, a time when appreciation and gratitude is found and expressed for even small things we can be thankful for. Take a moment to find time to volunteer in your community and for the organizations you are involved in. Look for a volunteer sign-up sheet at the November luncheon (details page 4), and see page 5 for community service opportunities.

Back to the sweets and treats, I love a good homemade apple pie as much as anyone and I plan on having my fair share! What better way to allow for such indulgences than to balance it out with some good old fashioned working out

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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.

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*(Not to mention all of the other great benefits – improving productivity and decreasing stress both at work and at home during the busy Holiday Season!) ASMC in fact is hosting its first ever **5K Walk/Run** starting at Schooners in Bluewater Bay on **December 12th**, and I'm planning on running/walking. That means I should really start training, so here is an open call to anyone who would like to join me - I plan to start regularly "training" for this on Tuesday Nov 3. (all levels welcome, beginner's especially!) Email me for details or with questions, would love to see you out there and get to know more of you!*

(If participating in the Walk/Run isn't your thing, check out the volunteer opportunities at the event as well, we will need help with registration and water stations!)

Rachael Peoples

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, VP-Tenant

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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: Heather Long, 884-2806, heather.long.7@us.af.mil

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Upcoming Events



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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

When: 18 Nov 2015 at 11:30am
Where: Pepitos, FWB
Who: Col Charlesworth
What: Budget–National, DoD, AF, Local Implications

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

DECEMBER – HOLIDAY PARTY

When: 17 Dec 2015 at 11:30am
Where: Luke's Place, Eglin AFB
Who: Mr Steve Herrera
What: Games, Free lunch, and Fun!

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

RFL Needs YOU!

Some of you may remember last year the Life size battleship game the Comptrollers for a Cause set up for the Relay for Life ASMC booth. For those of you that might not have heard, Relay for Life or RFL for short, is a worldwide phenomenon started in May of 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt raising almost \$5B to fight cancer. **We're still looking for a chair** for this worthy cause. If you're interested please contact myself or any of the ASMC Board members. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ray Graber, 882-8097

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Interested in preparing a meal for guests at our local Fisher House? This is a great opportunity to give to those who have served our country! Check out the feature on page 6. ASMC is still looking for volunteers for the month of Oct from 5-7 pm. Please contact Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or by email at maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil.

WAYS and MEANS

We are soliciting members' interest in upcoming volunteer opportunities at future luncheons. Be sure to provide your contact info, interest, and availability on our sign-up clipboard. Near future opportunities include:

- Grocery bagging here at Eglin (bagging shifts are as few as 2 hrs)
- BX gift wrapping in Nov/Dec
- 5K Walk/Run at Schooners in Bluewater Bay – Dec 12th (see flyer next page)
- Open auction at the annual ASMC Christmas party
- Annual ASMC golf course fundraiser – Apr 8th, 2016 @ 1200.

We invite you to submit other fundraising ideas.

POCs:

Mika Gellinger, 882-8650

Jennifer Miller, 882-0283



ASMC 1st Holiday 5K Fun Run/Walk



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Holiday 5K Fun Run/Walk Event

12 December 2015 @ 0900

L. J. Schooners at Bluewater Bay in Niceville

\$ 35 entry fee - includes race t-shirt!

\$150 for team of 5

Be sure to dress up in your favorite holiday attire (ugly sweaters included)!

**All proceeds go to Scholarships for local high school & college students*



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Community Service at the Fisher House



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The ASMC Community Service committee has scheduled bi-monthly dinners at our local Fisher House here on Eglin AFB. The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter started preparing meals in July, and is scheduled every other Tuesday. Pictured to the right are ASMC members that prepared the meal for the guests 20 October. Top left is SMSgt Julio Nimbley, top right is David Herndon, bottom photo (from left to right) are David Herndon, Terry Stinson, Maika Andrew, and SMSgt Julio Nimbley.



If anyone is interested in volunteering to provide a dinner with the Fisher House, you may call Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or she may be reached by email.

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Education/CDFM



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- 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.
- CDFM Reimbursement: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/cdfm.html> (New rules and form dated 13 May 2015)
- Purchasing a CDFM Test Module: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/testing-resources/>
- Forgot your CDFM Candidate number: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/get-my-candidate-id/>
- EDFMT Course Details/Schedule: <http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course/>
 - Training information relating to the EDFMT course is available, if interested please contact Lisa Gamon, contact info provided below.
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

Education POC: Lisa Gamon, lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil, 883-5336

CDFM POC: Edwina Freeman, edwina.freeman.1@us.af.mil, 883-5317



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, 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.asmconline.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) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2016 - held in Orlando, FL.

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, PDI 2011- 2015 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on www.asmconline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



Budget Deal Passes, but Shutdown Threat Still Looms

by Eric Katz, Oct.30th, execgov.com



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The Senate on Friday passed a budget framework to set spending levels for the next two years, but lawmakers have yet to complete their work for funding federal agencies.

The bipartisan deal, which passed with near unanimous support from Democrats but only a minority of Republicans in both chambers, raises sequester caps by \$80 billion over fiscal years 2016 and 2017. While the deal sets the top-line spending levels, Congress must still write and pass line-by-line appropriations to establish funding levels for each agency.

Lawmakers normally would pass 12 individual bills to fund each area of the federal government, but the Dec. 11 deadline virtually assures that Congress will instead approve a sweeping, all-inclusive omnibus measure. President Obama expressed optimism the budget deal, which his administration negotiated directly with congressional leadership, would avoid the fiscal showdowns that have plagued the funding process and left agencies in the lurch in recent years.

“It locks in two years of funding and should help break the cycle of shutdowns and manufactured crises that have harmed our economy,” Obama said.

The Republican-led Appropriations Committees in both chambers made progress on spending bills prior to the recent budget agreement, but those were based on spending levels below even sequester caps and stood no chance of approval from Senate Democrats or the Obama White House. The president and congressional minority complained the Republican-backed funding bills would drastically shortchange federal agencies and prohibit

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them from properly carrying out their missions.

With sequester caps lifted, Obama called on Congress to advance clean appropriations bills without “poison” riders, such as a provision to defund Planned Parenthood.

“This bill will allow for certainty in the budget process for the next two years -- something that has been greatly lacking in this recent era of government shutdown showdowns,” Rogers said. “With this stability, Congress can make thoughtful, responsible decisions on how to fund federal agencies and programs, and avoid the unnecessary waste and harm that comes from lurching, unpredictable budget cycles.”

He added his committee will now begin the “hard work of negotiating and craft” an omnibus bill.

“As always, we will go line by line through agency budgets and make decisions to ensure the best possible use of every taxpayer dollar,” Rogers said. “I look forward to this essential and important work, and to the completion of the Appropriations process before the December 11 deadline.”

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he will use his existing, unpassed spending bills “as the basis for negotiations with our House counterparts.”

“Our final work product should responsibly provide the highest level of support to meet our national security needs, invest in national priorities like medical and scientific research and adopt much-needed oversight measures to rein in government overreach,” Cochran said.



Info from Becker Professional Education



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Becker is adding new courses constantly and many of them apply to the Government. They have both Yellow book and Green Book courses as well as soft skills that everyone needs. Below is information on CPA and CPE courses:

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