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GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016



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President's Corner



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Hello ASMC Members!

I hope your new fiscal year is off to a great start. The fourth quarter was packed with challenges and long hours for many of you. The folks in the comptroller squadrons were receiving money late into the evening of 30 Sep and certifying documents in the early hours of 1 Oct and into the weekend. Others were busy balancing accounts and ensuring their contracts would award on 1 Oct, preventing any stop-work situations. During that stressful time of year, many of you were juggling long hours at the office with family and volunteer commitments. I hope you all have taken a much-needed breather!

By now, you are probably aware that the National Executive Committee has voted to increase our dues effective 1 January. While they have attempted to keep fees low over the last several years, their expenses have gone up and the resulting rate increase might be a bit alarming in comparison. I admit it took me a minute to process the rate hike myself. I'm a budget geek to the core and had to question the value. It was easy enough though. As I look back at the years I am truly happy to be a part of a pretty great organization. Of course I value the training that helps keep my certifications current and the networking that helps when I need a question answered or when I'm looking to fill a vacancy, but more than that it is seeing the volunteers that keep our chapter

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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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thriving. Just yesterday, we received a simple request to send a few items overseas – not sure what exactly, but someone would need to figure it out, shop, and ship. I shot out an email, received an immediate reply and can consider it done. Seriously. These people really care about this chapter and the people in it. So rather than ask myself if I'm getting my money's worth out of ASMC, I found myself asking if I'm investing enough into the chapter. I really do hope to add more to the chapter than I've taken. If that means money, okay, but I hope it means I've been a part of something bigger that has benefited the FM community and the communities we support. I hope to see you at the next luncheon!

Kathy Davis
ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, President

Hello ASMC Members!

Christmas is coming to The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center and we would like ASMC to participate in the Adopt-a-Family program again this year since it was so successful last year. Generous contributions helped over 300 children have a very Merry Christmas last year. With your support, we can do it again in 2016. We have a great opportunity to make an impact on one family's Christmas. If you would like to help with the shopping year's program or would like to make monetary donations this year please contact Rob Turpin. There is no better gift at Christmas than to give to children and families in need.

Thanks to everyone who participated last year, and if you're interested, please contact Rob Turpin at 883-5332 or by email.



Upcoming Events



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NOV LUNCHEON

When: 17 Nov 16 @ 1130

Where: Tradewinds, Valparaiso

What: Col Suttlemyre, 33 OG/CC, F-35 Programmatic

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

DEC LUNCHEON

When: 6 Dec 16 @ 1130

Where: Luke's Place, Eglin

What: Marilyn Leggett, Health and Wellness/New Years Resolutions

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

WAYS AND MEANS

Welcome to **AmazonSmile!**

Thank you for supporting Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC Armament Div Corp Acct.

Remember, always start at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2139423> and Amazon will donate **0.5%** of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Upcoming Events:

- Commissary bagging – 16 Nov 16
- Chick-fil-a Sandwich fundraiser - Nov 16
- Gift Wrapping at the BX – Dec 16
- Annual ASMC Holiday Luncheon – Solicitations

POCs: SSgt Crystal Brown, 882-0865, crystal.brown.10@us.af.mil

Mika Gellinger, 882-8650, mika.gellinger@us.af.mil

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Membership



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By now you must have received notice from ASMC National that dues will increase for the first time in 11 years, effective 1 January 2017.

NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW or JOIN at the CURRENT RATE through 31 Dec 2016.

Current Rates

3 Yrs. \$75.00

1 Yr. \$26.00

New Rates (Effective 1 Jan 17)

3 Yrs. \$114.00

1 Yr. \$40.00

Current members (as of 5 Oct 16) may **renew** 1 or 3 years at the current rate.

Non-Members may **join** now at the current rates for 1 or 3 years prior to 1 January 2017.

Why Join ASMC...? What are the benefits?

Besides getting to network with those in the Financial Management, Auditing, Accounting, or Cost Analysis career fields at Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field, 7SFG, and members in over 140 other chapters worldwide, there are many other benefits.

- Gain insight on information, current trends and developments in financial management of the Department of Defense and U.S. Coast Guard through various educational opportunities, like monthly training luncheons, on-line educational opportunities, or through newsletters.
- Earn CPEs for attending monthly luncheons with FM-related topics and other training opportunities.
- Receive a quarterly subscription to the “Armed Forces Comptroller,” and the monthly “Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter” to stay informed.
- Contribute articles for the monthly chapter newsletter or the Armed Forces Comptroller.
- If interested in becoming a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM), receive discounts on enrollment, training textbooks, and recertification. Plus, CDFM is one of the DoD-approved Test-Based Certifications recommended for the DoD FM Certification Program Levels 2 & 3.
- Get college credit for taking the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC), recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE) with a 3 credit hour recommendation. For more information visit <http://www.asmcnline.org/educationtraining/get-college-credit-2/>
- Opportunities for leadership roles within the Chapter Executive Council and Committees.
- Serve community alongside other ASMC members through numerous volunteer opportunities in areas of your interest and enjoyment, on base and out in the local area.
- Have the privilege to be considered in the pool to attend National PDI.
- Opportunity to be recognized at Chapter awards, as well as National awards program.
- Explore other benefits and discounts from partners such as: GEICO, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, University of Phoenix Online, and Becker Professional Education.

For more information on ASMC membership benefits visit

<http://www.asmcnline.org/membership/benefits/> or contact Membership Chair, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson.

- Be mentored, and mentor someone. Continue to grow with us!!!

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Community Service



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Fisher House:

Below are the next set of dates our ASMC chapter has committed to serve dinner at the Fisher House. A small team of volunteers (can be 3 or 4) prepares and serves a meal for the Fisher House guests. We volunteer a couple of hours, from 1700 to 1900 approximately. Maika Andrew coordinates with FH on guest count, menu or anything else that arises. This is a great way to give back to our community and can be a great team building activity.



- **24 Jan 17 - (your team)**
- **7 Feb 17 – (your team)**
- **28 Feb 17 – (your team)**
- **13 Mar 17 – (your team)**

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 at maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil.

Relay for Life

The "Comptrollers for a Cause" Team has been created on the Relay for Life website and accepting team members. There is no entry fee required upon signing up, but a \$10 donation would definitely help the cause. I will be having a Relay for Life Team meeting on 6 December at Einstein's Bagel at the Mini-Mall from 1130-1230. Anyone interested in participating on the Relay for Life Team is welcome to attend. We will be discussing to formation of Committees and our way forward in preparation for May 2017.

We are looking for volunteers to attend the Niceville Christmas Parade. The parade will be December 3rd at 1000. Team members will be passing out candy and it will count for some much needed SPIRIT POINTS!!

POC: SSgt Scott Clark, 882-1892



Education/CDFM



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- 2017 Scholarship info will be published in January!
- 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/>
- EDMFT: Eglin ASMC will not host the EDFMT Course this year as we were unsuccessful in meeting the mandatory requirement (25 student minimum) for our May 2016 class. For those interested in taking the EDFMT course this year, you may register at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>. Please contact Edwina Freeman at information provided below if you have any questions.
- 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>. Be sure to look at the Facebook Page for the latest Giveaway!!



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 2017 - held in San Diego, CA.

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- 2016 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.



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:

Becker's CPA and CPE courses are aligned to fulfill DoD FM Certification competencies.



Becker Professional Education is proud to announce that select Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses offered by Becker are now aligned with the Department of Defense (DoD) Financial Management (FM) certification program.

DoD FM employees may take advantage of Becker courses to earn credits toward their level one, two, or three requirements for certification. Those interested can choose to enroll in the four-part CPA Exam Review course or select individual CPA Exam Review parts or CPE courses to earn credit towards their competencies. Becker's CPA Exam Review and CPE courses align with 15 of the 17 DoD FM competencies*.

Prepare for the CPA Exam while meeting the DoD FM competencies.

Over the past 50 years, Becker has helped over 400,000 candidates successfully prepare for the CPA Exam. Federal Government employees can take advantage of the following pricing:

- Enroll in one CPA Exam Review part: \$910 (list price \$1,120)
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- Enroll in all four CPA Exam Review parts: \$1,930 (list price \$3,360)
- 0% Financing is also available. For more information, visit becker.com/financing.

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Earn CPE credits while meeting the DoD FM competencies.

Now DoD FM employees can obtain their CET credits through Becker's comprehensive online CPE course catalog. Our courses cover pertinent topics that address issues critical to today's accounting professionals, plus:

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- Becker's CPE course catalog includes a comprehensive list of relevant Government CPE courses.
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For more details and pricing: Visit becker.com/dodfm or call 877.BPE.8238

*These courses have been aligned by the DoD, Office of the Under Secretary of Comptroller, to the DoD approved Financial Management and Leadership competencies for the specific area of study. The DoD course alignments serve neither as an advertisement, endorsement, or a recommendation of any privately developed and maintained courses for continuing education.

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