



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

Happy New Year Gulf Coast Chapter. For all those still involved in the closeout activities on Sept 30 a big sigh of relief is in order. I would personally like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Department of Defense mission which is vital in securing the American way of life. Each and every individual involved plays an important role in maintaining our freedom, so Thank you!

The AAC October Fest on Oct 14 was a huge success as was the TW Fish Fry on Oct 15. Thanks to all for the hard work that went into the preparation for these two events and if you missed the October Fest I am sure there are some pictures floating around of me getting a pie-in-the face. Hopefully Laura Gamble hasn't gotten her hands on any of these because I would hate for them to make their way into our Newsletter.

The programs committee has a couple of events lined up that you will not want to miss.

- On November 16 Col Thomas C. Carter, Director Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Agency Financial Management, will enlighten you on the particulars associated with the ISR funding mission, one of our most critical operations related to meeting the Air Force mission.
- Dec 2 we will host our annual Holiday Luncheon.

Please don't forget that the chapter sends chapter-funded care packages

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### ***President's Column - Continued***

to ALL deployed FM'ers from the Gulf Coast area. If you have, or know of, any deployed FM'ers in your work area, please contact Sheila Hale, Brianna Hoppel, or Maika Andrew from the community service committee so we can send them a package. They will need a deployed address, dates of the deployment, and preferably a list of items that the member would like to receive.

As always remember, if you have feedback or suggestions on ways to improve our chapter please let me or your Executive Council members know. Volunteer opportunities are still available so make this your moment to get involved.

Dedra  
Dedra Hickman, CDFM  
President, Gulf Coast Chapter

### ***Membership***

*Co-Chairs, Troy Brown and Woxie Williams*

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.\* Contact membership chairs Troy Brown 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,  
*Woxie & Troy*

### ***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.

## ***Executive Committee***

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Awards Committee		

## ***Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega***

### **Ways & Means**

Chair      Jennifer Denega                      Vice-Chair      Cleo Battle

Upcoming Event: Belk Fall Charity Sale - TBD (Oct/Nov 10)

Thanks to all our volunteers!

We are looking for fresh and exciting fundraising ideas. No idea is too big or too small to be considered, so please send us all that you may have.

If you are interested in being a part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

Jennifer      [jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil)                      883-4787

Cleo              [cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil](mailto:cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil)                      883-0371

## **Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland**

October 21<sup>st</sup> is our next luncheon.

Topics will be “Fisher House” and “Air Force Audit Agency.”

Below is the A3 link to register for the Oct 21 event (be sure to indicate your menu option and take note of "pay-at-the-door" information):

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=173441&TypeName=Class>

On November 16<sup>th</sup> Col Thomas C. Carter, Director Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Agency Financial Management, will discuss the ISR funding mission.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will host our annual Holiday Luncheon. More details to follow on these.

## **CDFM – Ron Millis**

### **Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)**

The five day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course will be offered at Eglin AFB 3-7 Jan 2011. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If your personnel are interested in attending this course please have them register using the EDFMT Registration (available o/a 30 Aug 10) 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.

Begin Date: 03 January 2011

End Date: 07 January 2011

Location: Eglin AFB, FL

Time: 0800-1630 Hrs

Location: Bldg 11 201B

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

Contact Ron Millis at 882-4329 for additional details.

## Community Service

Big thanks to those who volunteered at the Destin Seafood Festival and Purses with a Purpose. The chapter continues to increase their volunteer hours – great job!

### **UPCOMING events:**

**21 Oct: Carrabba's Italian Grill, Destin FL.** All proceeds for this event go towards sustaining the current programs we have at Shelter House to continue our mission of making all relationships violence-free! Tickets are \$55 per person. Space is limited so reserve your spot now! Call 243-1201 or [info@shelterhousenwfl.org](mailto:info@shelterhousenwfl.org). All proceeds from this event will go to Shelter House.

**23 Oct: FISHER HOUSE: Baytowne Warf Beer Festival.** Big thanks to those who volunteered. Come out to support the event, more information located at: <http://www.baytownewarfbeerfestival.com>.

**5 Nov: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Hard Hats for Habitat Drive,** Friday, 8:00 – 6:00 pm, volunteers are needed to raise funds to help affordable housing by walking the path (similar to the boot drive hosted by the local fire department). Thirty-minute training is required before volunteering, 22 Oct 10. Split shifts available. POC: [Christy@habitatfwb.org](mailto:Christy@habitatfwb.org)

**25 Nov: Harbor Docks Thanksgiving Dinner,** volunteers needed 22/23 & 25 November to help assist Charles Morgan, owner of Harbor Docs open the door to provide free Thanksgiving dinner to the locals. Volunteers will be assisting wait staff and cooking the meal. Also, children as young as 6 can help assist with this event. POC: [Christy@habitatfwb.org](mailto:Christy@habitatfwb.org)

**SHELTER HOUSE:** Supplies needed: diapers (size 5 & 6), toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, laundry detergent, cheese, milk, meat, & monetary donations. Their requirements have increased as they have 22 women and children ages 4 months to 44 years old in their 24 bed facility.

**6 Nov: Belk Charity Sale at Destin Commons,** Saturday, 6-10pm. For more information: <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?lir=middcjab&et=1103786388568&s=672&e=001Qifgqe0Q0NVbTnr3gpnUGCS2RT6ecjii8PSGuwvazGwgTlyKG58zZ3l3WV1RbZkR5nGQF8FKsKU8PDonfpmn3nJx1AsSX-A-PnLiW7scNXPF6Rg3f0XIRO7TCfe12wIZudC8R-cdn7P6QQ5gyAcegw==>

## Community Service

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### BRILLIANT MINDS:

Are requesting “slightly” used hand bags to be donated for upcoming fund raiser. POC: Nancy Rothe, 850-450-8942, nancyrothe@cox.net

### **ON-GOING events:**

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES - please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE: continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil

### **PROGRAMS supported:**

1. Brilliant Minds - medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, & Down Syndrome children
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.
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. Helping Hand Committee
10. Give a Child a Christmas

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

### **POCs:**

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## ***New Post poll finds negativity toward federal workers***

*By [Lisa Rein and Ed O'Keefe](#)  
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More than half of Americans say they think that federal workers are overpaid for the work they do, and more than a third think they are less qualified than those working in the private sector, according to a Washington Post poll. Half say the men and women who keep the government running do not work as hard as employees at private companies.

The critical views of federal workers echo the anti-Washington sentiment roiling the midterm elections, as some Americans lose confidence in their government to solve the country's problems. Of those who have interacted with a federal agency employee, three in four report that the experience was positive. Younger Americans are more likely to give federal civil servants positive reviews.

The strong sentiments give ammunition to both defenders and critics of the country's 1.9 million-member federal workforce in a debate on Capitol Hill and on the campaign trail over the size and value of the federal bureaucracy.

The survey shows public views of federal workers deeply split along party lines, with Republicans the most apt to see a pay disconnect between government and the private sector.

In the survey, 52 percent of Americans think federal civil servants are paid too much, a view held by nearly two in three Republicans and about seven in 10 conservatives. Far fewer Democrats, independents, liberals and moderates hold this opinion. Overall, one in 10 of those polled say federal workers should be better compensated.

Three-quarters of those surveyed say they think federal workers are paid more and get better benefits than their non-government counterparts, an increase of seven percentage points from a 1982 poll, when the country also struggled in a recession.

Republicans hoping to take over Congress in the midterm elections next month have been tapping into these sentiments on the campaign trail. They have portrayed civil servants as proxies for a government the party views as unwieldy, debt-ridden, and an intrusion into Americans' everyday lives.

Government personnel officials say they are refining the way they determine the salaries of a workforce that performs thousands of jobs, from park rangers earning \$21 an hour in Monticello, Utah, to NASA scientists who make \$123,758 at the agency's suburban Washington headquarters.

## ***New Post poll finds negativity toward federal workers – cont'd***

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It's a highly educated, largely unionized group whose pay is based on experience and what similar jobs in the private sector fetch. The government says it is hard to compare average public and private salaries, since so many jobs outside government are in low-paying service industries, whereas government workers tend to be more skilled.

President Obama, speaking to a group of black columnists on Friday, said the workforce will be "part of the overall conversation" when his administration takes up the federal budget next year. He said that he will not rule out furloughs and that agencies might need to shrink by keeping vacancies open. He has asked agencies to develop plans for cutting budgets by 5 percent.

But he added: "When I look at what our big budget-busters are, they tend to be things that most Americans think are really important, like Social Security, Medicare, defense, veterans affairs."

Federal unions, Congressional Democrats, and administration officials have characterized criticism of "faceless bureaucrats" as scapegoating.

John Gage, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest government union, acknowledged that the criticism of civil servants might stem partly from high U.S. unemployment.

"But this whole idea of 'I know somebody who doesn't work hard' - well, get the hell out of here," he said. "Honest to God, you can say the same thing in any industry."

The survey of 1,002 adults suggests that the administration faces a big challenge in turning around negative views, particularly in a potentially GOP-controlled Congress. GOP leaders have vowed to freeze proposed pay raises, furlough the civil service, fire workers who owe federal taxes and even shut down the government.

The poll was conducted by telephone from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3 and included interviews with 1,002 randomly selected adults. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.



## ***Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events***

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –**

Mark your calendars:

21 Oct 10: “The Fisher House” and “Air Force Audit Agency .”  
Hurlburt Soundside Club.

16 Nov 10: Col Carter, AFISR

2 Dec 10: Christmas Party

Please contact our Program Chairs, Ms Ivonne Caridi-Anderson (882-1929) or Mr Jon Slingerland (882-3301) 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 webmaster, Lynn Becker at 850- 882-4866 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## ***National News***

For more details, see [www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org).

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<http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

PDI 2010 was held in Orlando FL June 1-4, with a theme of “Getting in Tune with Professionalism.”

*Go on the national website to see more about the PDI or to view selected sessions for CPE.*

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and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>***

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