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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had a great turn out at our August and September luncheons and I hope all of you will continue to try and work those monthly meetings – whether they be luncheons or audio sessions with National (planned for October) – into your busy schedules. Attending luncheons is a great way to be involved but there is another as well.

I offered a challenge to the luncheon attendees in September – come to the luncheons and other meetings here on base, but also volunteer for at least one community service or fund raising event this ASMC year. Just one. We have a cadre of folks who carry the banner for all of us at these events. I know many more who do make it to just one or so a year. We understand busy schedules in and out of work. But I also know – myself included! – many more who have not yet taken the opportunity to work a community service or fund raising event. There is a car wash in October; a planning meeting for Relay for Life will be held; the Community Services committee was looking for volunteers for the Destin Seafood Festival as well as a golf tournament to support Fisher House. You will continue to see a number of emails with other opportunities this year – please consider replying to just one of those calls for help!

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President's Column - Continued

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Your Executive Council just passed a budget for the year which includes a number of smaller fund raisers in order to support our goal for scholarships this year - \$8,000.00! So buy a slice of pizza, come help wrap the gifts, order some doughnuts – or volunteer to help the committee ensure success and have some fun while you are at it. Good way to meet folks as well. Who knows who you might meet – your future supervisor? A new friend? A mentor?

Last, you have someone who represents you – myself, Lynn Becker, Dave Herndon or Rebecca Ostrander. We want to hear from you if you have a concern, an idea, or just want to help – we look forward to hearing from you!

Leah Hodge

The Vice-President column...

This month's VP column is from Lynn Becker, Eglin VP.

It is finally here, fiscal year 2012; it feels like it could be a big year for "change." This year the budget cuts seem to really hit close to home. Everyone's heard the Air Force budget is being significantly cut and it will be cut even more next year and years to come. Some of us have already felt the impacts of these cuts in our work place and in our homes. This year may be the beginning of more "change" than we have experienced in many years. As FM'ers, we are going to be faced with the challenges these changes bring. Some people and organizations seem to thrive on change, while others fall apart completely. What is the difference? It's not just luck. Change is change, large or small, basic or complicated.

The question is how are we, the Gulf Coast Chapter members of the American Military Society of Comptrollers, going to manage this change? How can we make this time of change less stressful, less confusing and less frustrating? How can we minimize the fears? We must start now and we must be prepared. Many resources are available on this subject - the internet has many sites on dealing with change. Change management is covered in numerous books and publications. Employee assistance programs (EAP) have resources available to help us through life changes. Take advantage of these resources. Our chapter will sponsor a class on this topic in coming months. Take time to attend.

Listed below are just a few of the available resources mentioned above. Hope you have a happy, stress free, un-frustrated, and fearless 2012!

1. Federal Employee Assistance Program: www.foh4you.com 1-800-222-0364
2. Article: <http://ezinearticles.com/?How-To-Handle-Change-In-The-Work-Place---10-Steps-Towards-Success&id=970573>
3. Book: *Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life* by Spencer Johnson and Kenneth Blanchard

Programs – Jon Slingerland, Kaci Harris, Jenna Colon

November Luncheon Information:

We're working on getting a Health & Wellness Presentation from the Eglin Employee Assistance Program. More to come.

ASMC Programs Committee

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 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.* 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.

CDFM

The following chapter member was awarded CDFM-A: Donna Schulist (AAC/FMA).

The five day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course originally scheduled for 12-16 December 2011 has been rescheduled for 13-17 February 2012 . The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If your are interested in attending this course please register using the EDFMT Registration 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.

Date: 13-17 Feb 12

Location: Bldg 871 Rm 1, Eglin AFB

Time: 0800-1630 hrs

EDFMT Registration

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

Module 1

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-management-environment/>

Module 2

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cost-analysis/>

Module 3

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting-finance/>

If you have any questions contact Ron Millis at DSN 875-1896 or Lisa Gamon DSN 875-3465.

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.

Community Service

A big thanks goes to our volunteers who assisted ECCAC and Fisher House at this year's Destin Seafood Festival and those volunteers who assisted with Fisher House's Golf Gala and Golf Tournament. Your willingness to help makes these events a huge success!

UP-COMING EVENTS:

SHELTER HOUSE: There will be three events supporting Shelter House for the month of October and beginning of November. Purses with a Purpose will be October 7th and 8th at the Sandestin Outlet Mall, the Riedel Seminar will be October 20th at the Grand Sandestin, and Taste of the Beach will be November 4th and 5th at Seaside. POC: Brianna.Hoppel@eglin.af.mil

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Our chapter has an opportunity to help build the next Habitat for Humanity home in Fort Walton Beach! Construction is planned to begin in November, although specific dates have not been scheduled yet. If interested please forward name to Maika at Maika.Andrew@eglin.af.mil.

FISHER HOUSE: There are two volunteer events to include the Baytowne Beer Fest on October 22nd as well as An Evening of Giving sometime in November. POC: Nicole.smith@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

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: Patrick.Dewitt@eglin.af.mil

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Community Service

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PROGRAMS SUPPORTED:

1. Pyramid – provides daily living skills to nearly 100 Emerald Coast adults with disabilities through art programs
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. Give a Child a Christmas
10. Emerald Coast Children Advocacy

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

POCs: Brianna Hoppel, Brianna.hoppel@eglin.af.mil, 883-4787
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Nicole Smith, Nicole.smith@eglin.af.mil, 882-2001

GOLF TOURNAMENT

***** 2012 Golf Tournament *****

Ways and Means is looking for an out-going, energetic leader to take on the annual ASMC Golf Tournament this year! Usually held with the Regional Professional Development Seminar in the March timeframe, this event is both a fund-raiser for the chapter as well as just plain fun. So if you are a golfer, or not, please contact Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle or Leah Hodge and volunteer to take on this challenge.

Because of the variety of other activities going on this year, if we don't find a POC, it's likely we will not hold the tournament. So please consider this opportunity!

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega, Cleo Battle

There's a Carwash at Hooter's in Destin on Saturday, 15 October, 11:00am - 3:00Pm. Come out and let us clean your car (donation only) and have a cold drink on the veranda while you wait. We look forward to seeing you!

Future Events:

Belk Charity Sale (TBD)

Base Exchange Christmas Wrapping (Dec - TBD)

Pizza Sales (TBD)

Donut Sales (TBD)

The committee is looking for members and volunteers to help with our fundraising events. If you're interested please contact

jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil at 883-4787 or cleo.battle@eglin.af.mil at 883-0371. Your ideas are always welcome!

1st Annual Carwash Hooter's in Destin Saturday, 15 Oct, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

***Come out and join us!
We need a few more
folks with willing hands
and a smile. Call Cleo
Battle at 883-0371 or email
aurelia.battle@eglin.af.mil
to volunteer.***

***Don't
miss out
on the
fun!***

GSA issues revised per diem reimbursement

By Emily Long elong@govexec.com August 25, 2011

Federal employees on business travel will see changes in per diem reimbursements starting Oct. 1, according to the General Services Administration.

GSA establishes per diem rates for lodging and meal expenses in the continental United States. A standard per diem is applied in locations less commonly traveled by federal workers, while nonstandard areas frequently visited are granted individual rates based on the average daily industry rates. The standard lodging rate, which covers hotels in 2,600 counties nationwide, will remain at \$77, while the standard meal rate is \$46.

Lodging reimbursement, which can change based on season, will rise \$15 in the Washington area to \$226 in October 2011 and September 2012. From April to June 2012, the nightly per diem will increase \$13 to \$224. Hotel per diem rates in Chicago will rise 10 percent in October and November 2011 and in September 2012, up \$17 to \$190 per night. Boston will see a \$15 increase in October 2011 and September 2012.

Other major metropolitan areas will see small increases in 2012. Per diem rates in Los Angeles and San Diego will rise \$2; they will increase \$7 in Orlando, \$1 in Atlanta and \$6 in Las Vegas.

In fiscal 2012, Alexandria-Leesville-Natchitoches, La., for the first time will receive a nonstandard area designation. Montgomery, Ala.; Ocala, Fla.; Michigan City, Ind.; Benton Harbor, Mackinac Island and Mount Pleasant, Mich.; Jefferson City, Mo.; and Sheboygan, Wis., previously converted to the standard per diem, also will be given separate rates.

When GSA published fiscal 2011 per diem rates in August 2010, rates for lodging had decreased in 310 of the 378 nonstandard, mostly metropolitan areas across the country because of the economic recession. At that time, the reduced rates for nonstandard areas reflected a 5.73 percent drop in the cost of lodging from fiscal 2010, while the fiscal 2011 per diem rates reflected an overall decrease of 3.85 percent when compared with fiscal 2010 rates. But after a midyear review, GSA in April raised lodging per diems in several major metropolitan areas, including New York City and San Francisco.

According to GSA, if a per diem rate is insufficient to meet necessary expenses in any given location, agencies can request a review of that area.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

Nov (TBD): Health & Wellness Presentation from the Eglin Employee Assistance Program

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

National News

For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from the 2009 or 2010 PDI. You can access selected sessions online at

<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/online-education/extended-learning/>

Minneapolis hosted the national PDI this year. ASMC online has not yet posted the 2011 sessions - check the national website for more information.

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

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