



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had, in the words of one of my former wing commanders, a fiscally prudent and conservative (and successful!) closeout. Now that it's complete, we turn our attention to FY13.

The FY13 DoD Budget Request provides \$525.4B, a reduction of \$5.2B from the FY12 enacted level and reflects the Administration's efforts to make tough cuts and realize savings. According to the FY2013 Budget Request Overview, the major themes of this year's budget will be:

- More Disciplined Use of Resources
- Strategy-Driven Changes in Force Structure and Modernization
- Supporting the All-Volunteer Force
- Overseas Contingency Operations

The More Disciplined Use of Resources component of the FY13 proposal fits neatly the cultural change discussion we've been having recently. It acknowledges that the DoD will not be able to meet budget reductions simply through efficiencies. It will require the elimination of duplication, the tightening of personnel costs, enhancement of contract competition, and the reevaluation of modernization programs. It's a simple fact of life that some programs and missions will have to be eliminated that are not prioritized highly enough in the big "rack and stack" at the highest levels of the DoD. What's the takeaway for us as budgeteers and resource managers? There are many, such as:

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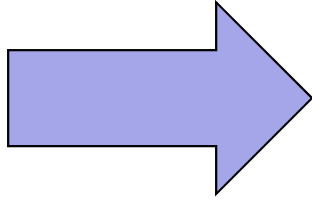
President's Column – Continued

- Reduce the cost of doing business by eliminating waste and unnecessary products and services
- Constantly be on the lookout for best practices that can be replicated in your agency
- Communicate successes in process improvement and cost reduction or elimination
- Educate leadership about what is no longer affordable

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: DoD financial managers are mission-critical to national security. The improvements we make today in how our agencies procure goods and services, manage its scarce resources, and account for its assets, may make the difference between the success or failure of our warfighters. We've never been more greatly relied upon or needed. And I look forward to making a difference with you this next fiscal year.

As always,
Scott Hollingsworth, Capt, USAF
Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter President
883-4040

October Event



Wednesday 17 October Luncheon
Still working details but probably 12:00 PM, Eglin
Bayview Club
Brig Gen Mark Brown, AFMC comptroller

Ways & Means – George Joseph

Ways & Means

Chairs: George Joseph

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events
Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.
Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee.
If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee...
Please contact Mr George Joseph, george.joseph@eglin.af.mil, 883-3458

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.

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 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.

If you have any questions, call me, 883-3809.

Community Service

We are looking for 1-2 additional members to support the Community Services Committee.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

EMERALD COAST CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER: Volunteers Needed for the Destin Seafood Festival October 5th at the Destin Harbor. Shifts are from 2:45-7 pm and 6:45-10 pm. We will either be selling drinks or selling drink tickets. We will be given a job closer to the event date. POC's: roger.kendall2@eglin.af.mil, nicole.smith.ctr@eglin.af.mil.

SHELTER HOUSE/FISHER HOUSE: We will be sponsoring a collection drive at the **next ASMC Monthly Luncheon (see next page)** for both, items of interest include: (Shelter House) Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Chicken, Evaporated Milk, Unsweetened Condensed Milk and School Snacks, (Fisher House) See attached list. Drop boxes will be at the luncheon. POC's: sara.bennett@eglin.af.mil, gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil.

NICEVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE: April/May 2013. **We are in need of a TEAM CAPTAIN.** This year's theme is Rocking out Cancer! The team captain will attend a monthly Niceville Relay for Life Committee team captains meeting and share information with members. Our Comptrollers for a Cause team will meet to brain storm and form committees to assist with fund-raising efforts, tent decorating, volunteer sign-ups, etc.

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

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

POCs: Roger Kendall, roger.kendall2@eglin.af.mil, 882-3812
Nicole Smith, nicole.smith.ctr@eglin.af.mil, 882-0254

For the October luncheon, the community service committee is collecting items for Shelter House and Fisher House.

Shelter House has requested Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Chicken, Evaporated Milk, Unsweetened Condensed Milk, and School Snacks. Fisher House provided the list below.



Fisher House wish list

Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc.

Needs List -- These are items needed daily to make our house the home it is to our military families. For the safety of our guests, all items must be new. Thank you!

Urgent Needs

Canned goods (soups, stews, Chef Boyardee)

Individual snack sized items – cookies, crackers, assorted Cans of soda

House supplies

Bleach (laundry)

Pancake/waffle mix

Toilet bowl cleaner

Coffee Filters

Drink mix (individual size)

Non stick bakeware

Linens for Pack-N-Play

Pack-N-Play

High Chair

White washcloths

Glass cleaner

Disinfectant spray (Lysol)

Clorox wipes

Drink packets (individual size such as Crystal Light)

Dinner Napkins/guest napkins (bathroom)

Disposable containers for leftovers

Canned tuna/chicken

Floor cleaner

Syrup

Cereal (individual size)

Serving bowls

pizza stone or pans

Serving utensils (spatula, spoons, forks)

Night lights (plug in, disposable)

Round Up (yard)

Brooms/dustpans

Dish towels/cloths

Tissues

Saran wrap/ aluminum foil

Office/Administrative

Copy paper

Items for gift baskets/raffles

Ink pens

Post its (any size)

Gift cards (Walmart or Target – used for supplies and guest needs)

Paper cutter

10' x 10' portable tent/canopy

Note pads

Obama makes pay freeze extension official

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By [Kellie Lunney](#), www.GovExec.com, October 1, 2012

President Obama has signed a six-month government spending measure that includes an extended pay freeze for federal employees and members of Congress.

As expected, lawmakers passed a \$1.047 trillion continuing resolution in September that funds the government through March 27, 2013. The stopgap spending measure ensures feds, already working under a two-year pay freeze, will not see a salary bump until April at the earliest. President Obama in August recommended a 0.5 percent pay raise for federal workers in 2013 but not until Congress passes a budget, effectively extending the freeze that took effect in January 2011. Individual employees still remain eligible for raises if they receive promotions, step increases or performance awards.

Federal employee unions have criticized the move to extend the across-the-board federal civilian salary freeze and are calling on the White House and Congress to make any pay raise approved next year retroactive to Jan. 1, 2013.

The continuing resolution is necessary to avoid a government shutdown on Sept. 30. It sets fiscal 2013 funding at the level mandated by the 2011 Budget Control Act, keeping spending at the current rate for agencies and federal programs with an across-the-board increase of 0.6 percent over the base rate for a total of \$1.047 trillion.

The CR provides \$88.5 billion in war-related funding, as well as additional money for wildfire suppression efforts at the Interior Department and Forest Service, and a funding boost for the Veteran Affairs Department to handle an increase in disability claims. The measure also gives Customs and Border Protection, part of the Homeland Security Department, some flexibility to shift funds internally to maintain current staffing levels for CBP officers and Border Patrol agents. The bill provides \$6.4 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund, the same amount as last year.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

17 Oct Luncheon – AFMC/FM BGen Mark Brown, tentative at 12:00 PM, Eglin Club

Please contact our Program Chairs 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.asmonline.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

PDI 2012, the premier training event hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers, was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on May 30 – June 1, with a theme of Professionalism in Action.

Thanks to all who attended PDI 2012 in Anaheim, California. Photos from the week have now been posted on the [ASMC Facebook Page](#). Slides that have been made available to ASMC are available on the [program page](#) of this website. To reprint your receipt, please log in to your registration account at <https://secure2.rhq.com/asmc/pdi12/attupdate/index.cgi>.

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

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