



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

ASMC Members,

We had a phenomenal turn-out for our September luncheon to hear Steve Herrera, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Financial Operations (Financial Management), speak on life as an FMer at the Pentagon. His stories of 12-14 hour work days in the "Engine Room" made me very thankful for my 10 hour work days. Steve gave us insight into the crazy pace of the Pentagon, the quick turn-around suspenses, and the challenges brought on by sequestration. Steve also gave a pitch for FM folks who would like to experience life at the Pentagon; there are opportunities for three month tours during surge periods. Our own ASMC member, Bill Lannaman, took advantage of this invitation and can give you all the details.

In the latest edition of the Comptroller magazine, Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), discusses preparing our FM workforce for the demands of today's dynamic fiscal environment through the implementation of the DoD FM Certification Program. Implementation began in December 2012 with Air Force Special Operations Command leading the pilot effort. Air Force target for full implementation across all major commands is scheduled for July 2014. If you want additional information on the FM Certification program, please check out these two websites: FM Online <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/> and FM MyLearn <https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/FMmyLearn/Default.aspx>

We will not be conducting a regular ASMC luncheon this month. Instead, the month of October will be focused on a Gulf Coast Chapter Membership Drive. We will conduct membership drives at both Eglin and Hurlburt. Eglin's membership drive will be in conjunction with the FM Oktoberfest on Thursday, 17 October. All new members who sign up will receive an ASMC coin and pin. Please consider inviting someone to join our ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter and become a new member!

Denise Wagner

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## ***Executive Committee***

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## ***Membership***

*Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Caridi-Anderson*

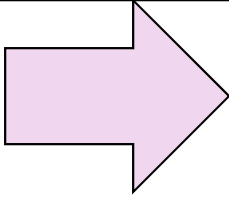
Membership is available to individuals who are actively employed in military comptrollership, as active duty or civilian personnel for DoD or USCG. Associate membership is available for those who don't meet the qualifications but are currently employed in a defense related financial management field.

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 Lindsey at 883-1609.

## October Luncheon



*Separate membership drives at Eglin & Hurlburt. Eglin's membership drive will be held in conjunction with the 17 Oct Oktoberfest.*

## Ways & Means – George Joseph

### **Ways & Means**

Chair: George Joseph

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for upcoming fundraising events.

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Ways & Means projects; your suggestions are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, contact Mr George Joseph, [george.joseph@eglin.af.mil](mailto:george.joseph@eglin.af.mil), 883-3458

## House Unanimously Approves Back Pay For Furloughed Feds

*By Kellie Lunney, Govexec.com, October 5, 2013*

On Saturday, the House passed legislation that will give furloughed federal workers back pay when the government reopens. The Senate is expected to approve the Federal Employee Retroactive Pay Fairness Act and could take up the bill as early as Saturday.

In a rare instance of bipartisanship, House lawmakers unanimously agreed to reimburse federal employees forced to take unpaid leave due to the government shutdown for time missed, “as soon as practicable.”

President Obama on Friday announced his support for the legislation and will sign it into law when it reaches him.

Federal employee unions praised the passage of the bill but also implored Congress to reopen government. “NARFE is pleased that the House was able to come together to pass this bill, which will help to minimize the collateral damage inflicted on federal workers during the shutdown,” said Joseph A. Beaudoin, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, in a statement. “Many of these employees have already endured unpaid furloughs due to sequestration and over 1,000 days of a federal pay freeze. That said, now it is time to reopen the government. Federal employees are proud of the work they do on behalf of this country. Congress must let them continue to do it.”

Excepted federal employees required to work during the shutdown are guaranteed back pay by statute. The remaining 900,000 federal employees who are currently furloughed, however, need congressional action to receive pay for the duration of the shutdown. In previous government shutdowns, Congress has always approved retroactive pay for the federal workforce, and employee groups and unions have repeatedly called on Congress to again ensure compensation. But prospects for back pay were less certain this time around, given the fiscal climate.

A discharge petition can be filed after seven legislative days from the introduction of the resolution. If a majority of House members sign the discharge petition, a floor vote on a government funding bill could happen as early as October 14.

## **Community Service**

### ON-GOING EVENTS:

Fisher House of the Emerald Coast depends upon donations to continue the work of supporting our military families. Many items can be donated to the Fisher House so that they do not need to be purchased. Please email for current "Needs List" POC: Gabriella Geier-DuReitz ([gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil](mailto:gabriella.geier-dureitz@eglin.af.mil))

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES: Items requested include reading materials (sports, fitness/health, and car/motorcycle magazines), snacks (nuts, crackers, and cookies etc.), toiletries (travel size, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, and foot powder/spray etc.) and 3 in 1 laundry/dryer sheets. Continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed. POC: [patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil](mailto:patrick.dewitt@eglin.af.mil)

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

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## **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.

## **CDFM**

Thinking of getting your CDFM certification? Wondering what information you need to know for the different module tests? We have study guides available to help!

Contact Lisa Gamon at 3-2890.

## **Quarterly Award Winners**

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter would like to extend warm congratulations to three of our Chapter's very own for their recent base-level 2nd Quarter Awards! Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishments!

From left to right:

Cat III: Ms. Jennifer Denega, AFLCMC/EBB, Eglin AFB

CGO: 2Lt Samuel Oh, 96CPTS/FM, Eglin AFB

Cat I: Mr. Christopher Anderson, 96CPTS/FMA, Eglin AFB



### ***MAD Awards – recognize your fellow ASMC members***

Reminder: Submit MAD Award nominations to Eglin ASMC Gulf Coast, [aac.asmcgulfcoast@eglin.af.mil](mailto:aac.asmcgulfcoast@eglin.af.mil), by Wednesday, 9 Oct 2013.

Nominations should include a short write-up (200 words or less) on what the ASMC member has done; a minimum of one bullet for workplace accomplishment and one bullet for community contribution.

You do not need to be a supervisor to submit a nomination. So take this opportunity to recognize your peers!

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

**UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON** – Mark your calendars:

*Separate membership drives at Eglin & Hurlburt.*

*Eglin's membership drive will be held in conjunction with the 17 Oct Oktoberfest.*

Please contact our Program Chairs Tom Walker or Joe Proctor 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***

National PDI 2013 was cancelled due to Sequestration.

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, such as the recent Sequestration webinar, PDI 2011 and PDI 2012 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on [www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org) to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.

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

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