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GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



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Gulf Coast Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! Fiscal Year 2017 is in the record books and I for one am looking forward to a better Fiscal Year 2018. I'm optimistic anyway. Not that FY17 was all bad. The AFSOC and Hurlburt community did a phenomenal job resourcing the warfighter in FY17. I'm absolutely awed by the dedication and intensity with which our community worked this year and results we achieved. We started the year with high expectations based on promises of the new administration to fix and grow the Department of Defense. What we got was one of the longest Continuing Resolutions in history and intense pressure to obligate when we finally got our annual program. Add to that the near daily issues we've had with Air Force systems and networks and the daily churn of training, personnel transitions, reorganizations, etc. It was a very challenging year indeed. All this could make one reasonably question why we do this? A colleague of mine recently suggested I look into a book titled "Start with Why" by Simon Sinek. Simon Sinek suggests people focus too much on the "what" and "how" of a particular task or challenge in their lives, but fail to focus on the "why" they do it in the first place. It is a simple concept that seems right on the mark to me. To that end, I have the following vignette to offer.

SSgt Richard Hunter was awarded the Air Force Cross this week at a ceremony at Hurlburt officiated by the Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Heather Wilson. In November of last year, SSgt Hunter, the Army Special Forces team he was embedded with, and their Afghan partners were ambushed by heavy machine gun fire as they entered a village. They quickly found themselves trapped by a locked metal gate and four members of the team were injured. SSgt Hunter charged forward under a barrage of enemy fire to shield the wounded with his body while

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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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calling in suppressing fire from AC-130 Gunship and AH-64 aircraft. He coordinated close air support strikes and deconflicted airspace which repelled the enemies' advance and allowed medics to treat and move casualties. Hunter then initiated the launch of the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) and casualty evacuation helicopter before joining two teammates to clear adjacent buildings and find temporary refuge from the enemy. In the middle of the chaos, Hunter heard someone call for help. Peering over a wall, he saw a member of his team with serious injuries lying exposed, pinned down, and unable to move. Hunter led a fire team back into the kill zone at great risk to their lives to recover their wounded teammate. During this recovery, he directed airstrikes with a radio in one hand while dragging the rescued team member 30 meters to safety with his other hand. After the QRF arrived, the team maneuvered to an open field for helicopter evacuation and were again ambushed. Hunter directed overhead fires to eliminate the threat while helping to load the wounded. In all, SSgt Hunter controlled 31 AC-130 and AH-64 danger close engagements that eliminated 27 enemy forces while saving 57 lives, with the closest precision strike NINE feet away.

I can't speak to Hunter's "why", but I'm humbled to serve Airmen like him. He provides me with my "why." As I type this, my Outlook email is unable to get past the opening screen. That is okay though because I have plenty of tasks that don't require email. I can easily adapt and overcome. I'm optimistic because I have my "why." My challenges certainly pale in comparison to his. Our role in supporting the men and women downrange is an awesome responsibility. Airmen like SSgt Hunter need our help ensuring they have the tools and the training to face challenges they endure to protect our freedom. From the smart munitions and systems that allow danger close engagements, to the training ranges they hone their skills on, to the confidence we give them that their pay, travel, and other financial services will be efficiently and effectively delivered—financial management is the Force Multiplier enabling Airmen to accomplish their incredible missions. I hope you take this opportunity to reflect on your "why." My "why" empowers me and allows me to be optimistic that FY18 will be an amazing year!

Regards,

Jeff DeCocker

ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter, President

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Upcoming Events



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OCTOBER LUNCHEON

When: 11 Oct 2017

Where: Luke's Place, Eglin AFB

What: Mrs. Maika Andrew, EBD – Shadow Program

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

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

When: 16 Nov 2017

Where: Sounside, Hurlburt

What: Brig Gen James D. Peccia III, AFMC Dir., Fin Mgmt & Comptroller

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

WAYS AND MEANS

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Membership

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Hello ASMC Members,

As a member of our Chapter, we encourage you to help us strengthen and grow. We depend on your help to invite co-workers and friends to invest in their careers by becoming ASMC members to take advantage of leadership, networking, and career development opportunities.

At the same time, it helps the Chapter meet the goals for membership growth. In turn, we would like to recognize recruitment efforts:

If at least 1 new member lists you as their recruiter, you will receive an ASMC logo gift from the Chapter (while supplies last).

Membership Dues are \$40 a year; or \$114 for 3 years discounted rate.

To Join on line: <https://imis.asmconline.org/net/enroll.aspx?jointype=m>

For Membership assistance, contact Committee: Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, Kathi Marshall, Co-Chairs; or Nicolle Allen.

As a reminder, **Five Types of Membership** are Available:

- 1. Active:** Open to Active Duty, DoD Civilians, or US Coast Guard who are actively employed in military comptrollership.
- 2. Life:** For those who have been Active, Associate, or individual Corporate Designee Members (excluding Corporations) for 20 consecutive years in good standing. In addition, those who joined prior to 1979 and who became designated Life Members prior to 1 October 1998.
- 3. Associate:** For those currently employed in fields related to military comptrollership field and who do not meet 'Active' or 'Life' qualifications.
- 4. Honorary:** Must be approved by the National Executive Committee and has no fee. It may be granted to those who make significant contributions to military comptrollership, not eligible or otherwise expected to join.
- 5. Corporate:** Available for private sector companies with an interest in military comptrollership field. Pricing and benefits found here:
<http://www.asmconline.org/membership/corporate-membership/>

Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, 882-9768



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.

- **17 Oct 17**
- **7 Nov 17**
- **5 Dec 17**

If anyone is interested in volunteering to provide a dinner with the Fisher House, you may call Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893, email maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil or Mercedes Suarez at 882-0114.



EBD FM TEAM!





Education/CDFM



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- 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 2017 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:

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.



Senate Approves Budget Plan, Setting Up Fight Over Fed Benefit Cuts

By Erich Wagner, 19 Oct 17, govexec.com



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The Senate voted 51-49 Thursday night to approve its fiscal 2018 budget resolution, following a lengthy session of debate on proposed amendments.

The legislation (H. Con. Res. 71) as approved by the Senate Budget Committee, sets the stage for Republican efforts to reform the federal tax code, and it orders the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to slash \$1 billion in spending over the next decade. But it does not recommend any cuts to federal employee benefits as part of those savings.

The House version of the budget plan approved earlier this month, however, calls for much steeper cuts to government spending, including a provision instructing the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to find \$32 billion in savings over the next 10 years.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., offered an amendment that, among other things, would have required the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to come up with \$16.9 billion over the next decade, but that measure was voted down, 4-94.

Although the House budget does not specify where committee members must cut spending, a number of options have been offered by the White House and recommended by Republican lawmakers in a report accompanying the House resolution. President Trump's fiscal 2018 budget proposal included a 6 percentage point increase in employee contributions to the Federal Employees Retirement System phased in over the next six years, elimination of the FERS subsidy for feds who retire before Social Security kicks in at age 62, and the elimination of cost of living increases for FERS retirees and a 0.5 percentage point reduction in COLAs for Civil Service Retirement System retirees.

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Other possible cuts could come in the form of changing the formula used to calculate pension payments from the average of the highest three years of salary to the highest five years.

The House budget resolution also advocates reducing the rate of return for the Thrift Savings Plan's G Fund, which is made up of government securities, to make it more indicative of its "low investment risk profile." And it proposes restricting the annual increases in government contributions to Federal Employees Health Benefits Program premiums to the rate of inflation.

All of these proposals have drawn the ire of groups representing current and former feds. Jessica Klement, legislative director of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, has described cuts to federal compensation in the budget as "paying for middle class tax cuts on the backs of middle class federal employees and retirees."

And officials with the independent Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, which administers the Thrift Savings Plan, a 401(k)-style retirement savings program for federal workers, said a reduction in the G Fund's statutory rate of return would make the fund "virtually worthless."

Representatives from both chambers must now meet to iron out the differences between their resolutions before a unified version goes back to each body for a final vote. The instructions to the oversight committee on cuts will be among the differences to be resolved.