



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DAN GENEST

Wow, what a great start to the new year for our ASMC Chapter. I can tell you that we have an Executive Committee that is fired up, has some terrific new ideas and is ready to do some great things for the chapter this year. I want to thank everyone that came out to the recent State of the Chapter address, it was a good turnout and the feedback has been positive. For those who could not attend, you can check out the slides with some of our new ideas, at www.gulfcoastasmc.org. We have a lot going on this year and the volunteer opportunities are plentiful so if you've been looking for ways to get more involved with the chapter or if you're new and are not sure who to contact, the last few slides show a list of volunteer opportunities and the POC's for each.

If you've been to the last two luncheons, you have heard me say that I truly value and welcome your feedback. At the State of the Chapter address, I went so far as to hand out index cards and leave pens on each table so people could jot down feedback or questions and hand them in at the end of the luncheon. It is in this format that I received the humorous list of feedback items below from Capt Rob Irvine...it made me laugh so I thought I'd share!

- 1) I was not greeted with a smile.
- 2) President Genest had a piece of spinach in his teeth.
- 3) No beer...what is this, Russia?
- 4) Too much ASMC-related stuff.
- 5) Football was not mentioned enough.
- 6) My chair was uncomfortable.
- 7) My tablemates twisted, pulled, and hurt my feelings.
- 8) My ranch dressing was not ranchy enough.

I hope to see everyone at our next luncheon on 16 Sept.

--Dan

Daniel C. Genest, Capt, USAF

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Ed.- to find briefing mentioned above, open website, under About Us, click on "view State of the Chapter Briefing"

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Executive Committee

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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.

Membership – Woxie Williams, Troy Brown

Gulf Coast Chapter is providing an incentive to all new members. When you join, your first luncheon is paid for by the Chapter! This is only for brand-new ASMC members, not for returning members who've let their membership lapse.

Community Service – Vanessa Fuentes

The Community Service committee is investigating a couple of ways to help others during the upcoming holiday season.

We'd like to participate in the "Give a Child a Christmas" program.

We might also sponsor a family for the holidays.

Details will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

Programs – Leah Hodge & Tammy Robbins

Our year is off to a great start. We held our first RPDS Programs Meeting 21 Aug and have been gathering ideas from chapter members for luncheons and the RPDS. We're already working a great line up of programs for our 6 Mar 09 RPDS – please make note of the date!

Our next Luncheon will be on 16 Sept, subject is Estate Planning and location is Eglin Enlisted Club. Register through A3.

Our upcoming 21 Oct meeting will be the ASMC National audio-conference, subject fiscal law update – watch for details.

CDFM Study Group

Another round of study groups will begin soon, giving you the opportunity to gain the knowledge and techniques for being successful in your journey towards certification.

The facilitators are great resources that are more than willing to help you complete the process. Contact Ron Millis @ 882-0936 for details.

Ron Millis
CDFM chair

Ways & Means
Ms. Jennifer Denega

Events

On-Going Project

Care Package Project

This year the Chapter will fund all care package supplies

Current Plan: one/quarter per deployed FM Troop (and an extra at the holidays)

Care Package Assemblers needed

Please contact Jennifer Denega if you would like to volunteer

jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil or at 883-4787

New for this Year

We will resume participation in the following events:

Belk Charity Sales (Nov 08 & Spring 09)

Gift-wrapping at Eglin BX (Dec 08)

More information to follow (as we need volunteers for these events)

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Means Committee.

Many Blessings for a beautiful Fall Season!

Jennifer Denega, Gulf Coast Chapter, ASMC Ways and Means Chairperson



Trying to Find an Article!!!

This is YOUR newsletter. I am always on the lookout for any submissions for the newsletter. Have you written a paper or report that others might find interesting? Have you recently attended a class or attained a certification that is unusual?

We have a number of different financial management specialties within our membership and always need to share our expertise.

If you think you can contribute, please contact me by phone or email.
Thanks..... Laura Gamble, Newsletter Publisher

Education Committee

I would like to recognize the team of ASMC members that helped on this years' scholarship awards:

Scholarship Publicity Chairperson: Ms. Verna McBride

Scholarship Evaluation Team: Annette Beard, Sandra Telemaque, Rebecca Ostrander, Ken Kennedy, Nanette Simmons, Sharon Pedersen, Pati Brown, Susan Reidel, Laurie Smith, Mary Ann Brocketto, Laura Gamble, and Patti Galvan

The evaluation team had its work cut out for them as they had to wade through 17 scholarship applications. The process is tedious but rewarding as it gives our chapter a chance to recognize the most deserving applicants. Verna McBride did an outstanding job in getting the word out to the colleges in our region, and this was reflected in the numerous applications that we received.

Thanks to the entire chapter membership in supporting our outstanding scholarship program. Again this year we were able to award \$7,000 in total scholarship dollars: three \$1,000 scholarships and six \$500 scholarships from the chapter, and a \$1000 national scholarship. Since 1996, our chapter has awarded \$46,500 in scholarships! Thanks to each and every one of you!

John Dininger, Education Chairperson
883-3542

Photo & Profiles of Winners begin on next page.

2008 Scholarship Recipients

The Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC awarded \$7000 in annual scholarships for 2008, including a \$1000 national scholarship. Recipients of these scholarships are pictured from left to right: John Dininger (education chairperson), Whitney Schmieder (national scholarship), Haley Likens, Heather Riley, Jennifer Elkins, Wilma Adams, Jason Guzzardo, and Travis Pepler (for his son, Jeremy Pepler). Also receiving scholarships but not pictured: Laura Stockbridge, Manami Koblentz and Jennifer Santos.



Meet the 2008 Scholarship Recipients!

Our first \$500 scholarship recipient is Haley Likens from Niceville Florida. Haley is a full time student at the University of Florida where she maintains a 3.93 grade point average in pursuit of an economics degree. She is an active Gator and plays saxophone in the university's marching band as well as serving as a sector director in the student investment club. Haley aspires to become a lawyer and to work in the field of economic development.

Our next \$500 recipient is Jason Guzzardo from Shalimar Florida. Jason is a full time civil service employee in the 96th Comptroller Squadron's JOCAS office. He attends the University of West Florida and is pursuing a computer information systems degree where he maintains a 3.96 grade point average. He volunteers at his church by providing audio/visual support for all church services. Jason plans to make Air Force civil service a career.

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Our next \$500 recipient is Jeremy Peppler from Niceville Florida. Jeremy is a full time student at Florida State University and is pursuing a business and English degree where he maintains a 3.38 grade point average. Jeremy is active in Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization. His long term goal is to work in the executive operations and financial management of television and motion picture development.

Our next \$500 recipient is Jennifer Santos from Milton Florida. Jennifer is a full time student at the University of West Florida and is pursuing an accounting degree where she maintains a 3.74 grade point average. She is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business students and scholars. Jennifer served as an officer in the North Bay rotary club where their community involvement included providing dictionaries to 3rd grade students and donating car seats to families that couldn't afford them. After graduation, she hopes to gain employment at a public accounting firm and pass the CPA exam.

Our next \$500 recipient is Jennifer Elkins from Pensacola Florida. Jennifer is a full time student at the University of West Florida and is pursuing an accounting degree where she maintains a 3.92 grade point average. She's an active member of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors fraternity, and serves on multiple committees. She also works part time as an audit intern for the Escambia County school district. After graduating this December, she will begin working at a local accounting firm and will also begin coursework to obtain her CPA.

Our final \$500 recipient is Manami Koblentz from Fort Walton Beach Florida. Manami is a full time student at the University of West Florida and is pursuing an accounting degree where she maintains a 3.96 grade point average. She's an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society, where she volunteered for numerous community service projects. She's also served as a volunteer tax preparer at Hurlburt Field. After attaining her bachelors' degree, Manami would like to become employed with civil service and continue to pursue educational opportunities to obtain her CPA.

Our first \$1000 recipient is Laura Stockbridge from Shalimar, Florida. Laura is a full time student at the University of Central Florida and is pursuing an international economics degree where she maintains a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Laura is active in the Burnett Honors Congress at UCF where she serves as director of the social committee. She also volunteers with the local Junior Achievement organization where she teaches 4th grade students the basics of community and economics. After graduating with her bachelor's degree she wants to pursue a master's degree in economics which will lead to a career in government orchestrating international trade agreements.

Our next \$1000 recipient is Wilma Adams from Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Wilma is a full time student at Okaloosa Walton College and is pursuing a project management and acquisitions degree where she maintains a 3.63 grade point average. She works full time as a shift supervisor at Starbucks Coffee. She is active in the Fort Walton Beach Jaycees, where she served as the executive secretary in 2003, vice president in 2006,

Meet the 2008 Scholarship Recipients! - continued

and presently serves as their disaster relief team coordinator. She has volunteered for Relay for Life, Americorp, and the Fort Walton Beach High School Touchdown Club. After obtaining her bachelors' degree, Wilma plans on acquiring a job in the government contracting field.

Our final \$1000 recipient is Heather Riley from Milton Florida. Heather is a full time student at the University of West Florida and is pursuing an accounting degree where she maintains a 3.94 grade point average. Heather also works part time at a local accounting firm. She is a Sunday school teacher to 7th and 8th grade girls at the first Baptist Church in Milton. She is an active member of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors fraternity, where she serves as a tutor. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, Heather plans on attending graduate school to pursue a master's in accounting, gaining employment with a public accounting firm and obtaining her CPA.

In addition to our chapter scholarship awards to undergraduates, the chapter is also awarding a scholarship on behalf of the national ASMC organization. These scholarships are given to outstanding high school seniors who are pursuing degrees in financial management. Each local chapter is able to submit two applications per year. The \$1000 scholarship recipient from our chapter is Whitney Schmieder. Whitney recently graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School where she maintained a 4.8 grade point average and was ranked # 2 in her class of 437. Whitney has been accepted to the University of Florida where she plans to pursue a degree in accounting and financial management. Whitney was both her senior and sophomore class president at Fort Walton Beach High school. She also served as president of the BETA honors club, the secretary of the Student Council and the Viking Ladies Service Club, as well as Treasurer for the Key Club. She was also recognized as the FCAT math high scorer in Okaloosa County from Senator Gaetz, and the list of outstanding accomplishments goes on and on. After graduating from college, Whitney plans to pursue a profession with a major accounting firm or the United States government.

Big congratulations to all our scholarship winners!

Member Spotlight

Patrick DeWitt (Pat)

Duty Assignment/Title: 96
CPTS/Squadron Superintendent... I
have been assigned to Eglin for 2 yrs

Duties: Enlisted Force Management,
Advise CC on organizational core
competencies

Previous assignment or duties:
Langley AFB, Osan AFB, DFAS-
Orlando, Charleston AFB

Hobbies: Golf (hacker), watching all
sports, reading and yard work



LaTanya Bryant

Duty Assignment/Title: Chief,
Resources Division, 46th TW/XPR,
Eglin AFB, FL. I have been assigned
to Eglin (my only duty station) since
Jun 1993

Duties: Serve as chief financial officer
for the 46th TW Wing and also
manage the Personnel/Manpower
functions of the 46th TW

Previous assignment or duties:
1993 - 2000 various budget analyst
duties in the Test Wing; 2000-2003
Chief, Budget Operations
(AAC/FMAO); 2003 - 2004 Financial
Management Chief, Range SPO

Hobbies: Reading; youth sports
program (supportive mom); children's
church teacher



Member Spotlight

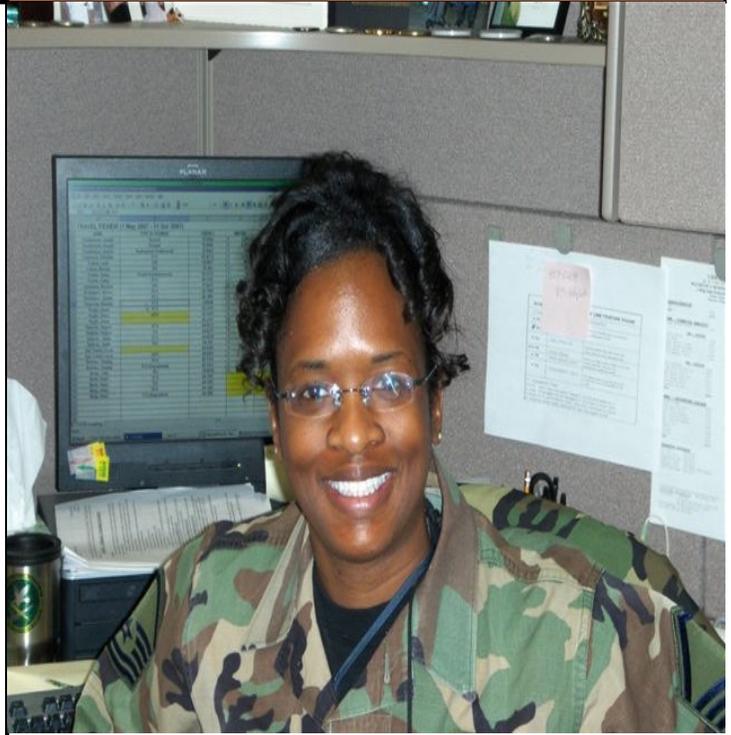
MSgt Nanette L. Simmons

Duty Assignment/Title: 1 SOCPTS / Quality Assurance Manager / Assigned to Hurlburt Field for 1 year

Duties: Independently conducts internal reviews to assess organizational performance

Previous assignment or duties: Maxwell AFB, Alabama, Yokota AB, Japan, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, Geilenkirchen NATO AB, Germany, Lackland AFB, Texas, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, Korea

Hobbies: Listening to music, reading, watching and playing basketball, traveling, watching movies, surfing the Internet



Vanessa Fuentes (nickname Van)

Duty Assignment/Title: 96 CPTS/FMAO, Chief of FMA Operation Team, I have been at Eglin for 7 years this is my second time, the first time I was here for 9 years

Duties: Policy, BRAC, Economic Analysis, Reimbursements, Funds Control, OBAN Manager, Supervisor, Support Agreements, and Staff Budget Analyst for Civil Engineering

Previous assignment or duties: 96 CPTS/FMAW Lead of the Integration Team

Hobbies: Doll making, Oil Painting, Acrylic Painting, Scrap Booking, Quilting, and Knitting



2008 RPDS - Blankets of Hope

The Blankets we signed at the 2008 RPDS are finished and being sent to Blankets of Hope. Here are some photos.



Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

16 SEP 08 @ Eglin Enlisted Club

Estate Planning – speaker is Mr Mark Fisher, Attorney-at-Law

21 OCT 08: Audio Conference – watch email for details.

Please contact our Program Chairs, Leah Hodge (x2-3615) or Tammy Robbins (x5-4335), 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, Doug Craighead at 850- 882-5296 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

National News

For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

PDI Online is available for sessions from PDI 2008 in Orlando. A DVD with most of the sessions is available. Review slides and complete an assessment to earn CPEs.

Fiscal Law Audio Conference will be 21 October 2008 at 2PM eastern, 1PM central. CPE credits will be awarded, and online registration will be coming soon. The conference will be led by Mr. Keith M. Dunn, currently the Counsel to the Navy Surgeon General. He is the Department of Navy's senior lecturer in fiscal law. Mr. Dunn holds degrees from Furman University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the George Washington University, and Baltimore Hebrew University.

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