



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

During the recent 2012 AETC Symposium, the Commander of AETC, General Edward A. Rice Jr., stated, "In the future we will have the resources we need to accomplish the mission. But not in the way we have in the past. And we will not have a single penny to waste."

In AETC there is a strategic imperative afoot called a "Culture of Cost Consciousness." It is precisely what Colonel Fiquett spoke about to us when he was here in August. Referred to as C3, it is being driven down from the highest general officer in AETC, to the youngest Airman and Civilian. The crux of the charge is for each member of the AETC team to save \$3.00 a day. It is expected that this could save the command as much as \$180M per year.

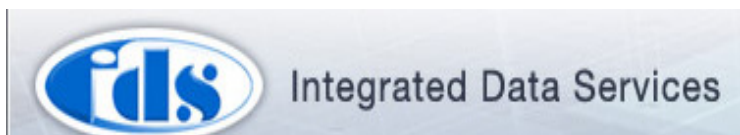
Our Gulf Coast ASMC chapter has membership from commands as diverse as AETC, AFMC, ACC, and AFSOC. While there are likely other representations of C3 or something like it in all of our fellow commands, the requirement for the culture to change is interesting to me. This is the first time I can remember a strategic leader prioritizing the budget as his number one concern. In fact, while General Rice was on Eglin a few weeks ago, a small group of personnel was invited to have lunch with him. The General's first question to our group was, "Have you heard of C3?" He spoke to us for an hour and spent 75% of his time on money matters.

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Last Month's Exec Committee Listing

The Executive Committee listing in August newsletter was almost completely red, indicating "old" names, as I didn't have new names. Below: 2012-13 committee members.

Executive Committee

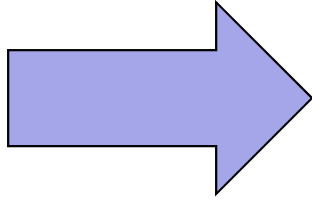
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	Mr Roger Kendall	882-3812
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President's Column – Continued

Expect budget issues and concerns to only grow more contentious as time goes on, as the American people expect reduction in the public debt. DoD financial managers will continue to be an important national security resource as these challenges are called for, and ultimately met. In order for us to do so, our culture must change. Are you ready?

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

September Event



Tuesday 12 Sept Luncheon
"The Future of EVM"
12:00 PM, Eglin Bayview Club
Mr Bryan Whitesell

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: Will be participating in the Destin Seafood Festival, more information will be sent out in a separate email as it becomes available.

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

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: Roger Kendall, roger.kendall2@eglin.af.mil, 882-3812
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By [Kellie Lunney](#) - August 28, 2012

A draft version of the Republican Party's policy platform calls for restructuring federal pay and benefits and shrinking the government workforce. While federal workers are praised for their dedication and implementing difficult tasks, the platform says the government is too bloated and federal pay and benefits are out of whack with the private sector. It proposes cutting the federal workforce by at least 10 percent through attrition and adjusting federal compensation to reflect private sector pay and benefits.

The platform said the federal government has grown by at least 140,000 workers during the Obama administration and the number of employees earning at least \$150,000 has doubled. According to OPM, in September 2008, there were 1.9 million government employees, but 2.1 million in March 2012. The government workforce increased after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in part because of the creation of the Homeland Security Department.

The document reflects what Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney has said regarding the government workforce: he wants to tie the pay and benefits of federal workers to compensation packages in the private sector, which he says would save \$47 billion annually. "I don't think government workers should be paid a better deal than taxpayers who are paying for them," Romney told Fortune magazine.

The draft document from the GOP also called for overhauling the Postal Service, specifically mentioning the agency's underfunded pension system and the need to explore a greater role for the private sector in mail processing. In addition, the platform called the Transportation Security Administration "a massive bureaucracy of 65,000 employees who seem to be accountable to no one for the way they treat travelers" and recommended the private sector take over airport screening "wherever feasible."

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

12 Sept Luncheon – The Future of EVM, 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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***Professional Development
Luncheon***

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***Wednesday, 12 Sep 2012 at 12:00
Eglin Bayview Club
Pay as you go "Buffet Line"***

Registration via A3 website:

<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=348307&TypeName=Class>

POCs: Tom Walker, Joe Proctor, Amy Phan, Mary Mikos