



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ASMC Members,

Our August luncheon was a great opportunity to recognize our Gulf Coast Chapter high school and college scholarship winners for 2013 and give out \$3,250 in scholarship funds! Ms. Leah Hodge, AFLCMC/EBF Chief Financial Officer, was our guest speaker, and she encouraged our scholarship winners to consider pursuing careers in the government after graduation. Leah also gave us insight into the LCMC challenges she's been tackling under sequestration and her vision to grow our financial managers through career broadening opportunities.

The latest edition of the Comptroller magazine had an article which caught my attention and highlighted the importance of teamwork. The message was that as financial managers we do not work in a vacuum and must be committed to collaboration and teamwork, especially during these challenging times of sequestration. The concept of teamwork is that we can accomplish much more working together than working alone – how true! True teamwork means putting aside our differences or personal agendas for the benefit of the organization and leveraging the strengths of each individual on the team to accomplish the mission.

With furlough days reduced and fiscal year close-out activities upon us, I know the FM community is extremely busy, but we hope you will join us for our September luncheon which will feature one of our fellow Eglin CFOs, Steve Herrera, who is now serving as the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Financial Operations (Financial Management), in D.C.

Again, congratulations to our scholarship winners and we look forward to seeing everyone at our September monthly luncheon.

Denise Wagner

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Membership

Membership - Co-Chairs, Lindsey Stephan & Ivonne Anderson

Membership is available to individuals who are actively employed in military comptrollership, as active duty or civilian personnel for DoD or USCG.

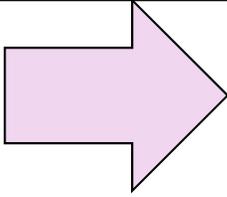
Associate membership is available for those who don't meet the qualifications but are currently employed in a defense related financial management field.

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.

August Luncheon



TENTATIVE
Monday, September 23
Location / Topic TBD
Speaker: Mr Steve Herrera

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)

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

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.

Obama Issues Plan for 1 Percent Pay Raise Next Year

By Tom Shoop, govexec.com, August 30, 2013

President Obama issued an alternative federal pay plan late Friday, setting an across-the-board increase for civilian federal employees of 1 percent in 2014, matching the amount he requested in his FY14 budget proposal. A separate plan requests a 1% boost in monthly basic pay rates for military service members.

In a letter to House and Senate leaders, Obama wrote, "Civilian federal employees have already made significant sacrifices as a result of a three-year pay freeze." Locality pay levels would remain at 2013 levels. Obama declared his pay proposal "will not materially affect the federal government's ability to attract and retain a well-qualified federal workforce."

The leader of the largest federal labor union praised the proposal, though without much enthusiasm. "Although 1% is a pitiful amount that doesn't begin to compensate for the furloughs and three years of frozen pay, it is a welcome development," said J. David Cox, president of the American Federation of Government Employees. "To call this raise inadequate is an understatement, but it is good news all the same," he added.

If the president had not informed Congress of his alternative pay plan for feds by the end of August, the increase mandated by the 1990 Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act would have kicked in. Under FEPCA, the raise would be determined by the change in the Employment Cost Index minus 0.5 percent. For 2014, that equals 1.3 percent.

Presidents largely have ignored the FEPCA formula in their federal pay raise proposals, preferring to offer their own figure. Congress created FEPCA, which provides an annual across-the-board salary boost and a locality pay adjustment for General Schedule employees, to close the public and private sector pay gap. The latest Federal Salary Council report concluded that federal employees are underpaid relative to private sector workers by approximately 34.6 percent.

The reality, however, is that Congress will end up determining whether federal employees receive a pay raise next year. So far, lawmakers have not shown much enthusiasm for ending the three-year freeze on federal employees, despite Obama's repeated calls to do so. None of the House FY14 spending bills to date contain funds for a civilian pay raise. The House has passed four of the 12 spending bills for fiscal 2014: Defense; Energy and Water Development; Homeland Security; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies. The Homeland Security and Military Construction-VA bills did not endorse a civilian pay raise, but didn't forbid it either.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars:

Sep 23 Mr Steve Herrera, location and topic TBD

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 to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.

Ways & Means – George Joseph

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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, 883-3458

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

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