

ASMC

GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015



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President's Corner



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Of all my years in AF financial management, this is probably only the fourth year that I have no real involvement with fiscal year end close-out. I'm so used to the "pedal to the metal" pace of this time of year that it feels so strange sitting on the sidelines. I hope this close-out is progressing well for all of you!

Whew! There is so much going on... what an exciting time to be a member of our financial management community. I am having a great time in my role as the Hurlburt VP and I look forward to the remainder of this year. Hopefully, you will feel free to share your best ideas with me as to how we can improve our already great chapter.

AFSOC was fortunate enough to have been bumped up in the DEAMS deployment schedule and will "go live" at the start of FY2016. Over the last few weeks I've been fortunate to sit in on the DEAMS deployment telecoms. I attended the Town Hall session hosted by the team from SAF/FM and even had the pleasure to attend a couple of the hands-on training sessions. Attending these sessions has caused me to pause and reflect over some of the many changes that I have been through since I started my own FM journey. I can remember as an airman taking contract folders from my desk file and manually matching up the contract, invoice and receiving report and then typing up the payment voucher. When automated payable systems came along

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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.



President's Corner



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it was so hard to see how doing something that took longer to accomplish would be an improvement. It's always difficult to envision how much cost savings or audit improvement automation provides when it feels so cumbersome up-front. I wasn't mature enough to think of the greater savings to be realized on all the sides of the equation.

The transition to DEAMS reminds me of those feelings I had way back then. Change is perpetual. So our willingness to learn and to be flexible, as well as our positive attitudes is what will carry us forward and ensure success. There will be years of refinement, working with programmers to make tweaks, just as every other AF financial system has gone through. It's always fun to talk about how much easier or better it was way back then. Let's face it; we lived in simpler times then. The more I keep trying to relate how I used to do something, the more frustrated I felt in those classes. Like many things in life, people have many different opinions about how to accomplish something and when the format doesn't always meet their expectation they tend to resist the change.

The take away for me was to just let it go. Let it all go! Those old processes don't exist anymore in those old formats. This new way of doing things requires a new mindset. I need to accept that some of the best opportunities in life are presented to us when we open up to change. It's not all doom and gloom. A brighter future lies ahead and it's up to us to adapt to change. Let's set new goals and go after them. There is a lot to be excited about in the year ahead and I look forward to managing the change together with you!

Rick Figueroa, Eglin VP



Community Service at the Fisher House



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The ASMC Community Service committee has scheduled bi-monthly dinners at our local Fisher House here on Eglin AFB. The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter started preparing meals in July, and is scheduled every other Tuesday through the month of September. Pictured to the right are ASMC members that prepared the meal for the guests on 25 August. From left to right is Debra McKenzie, TSgt Kimberly Holen and her 2 daughters, Gabi Geier-Dureitz, and Nancy DeMonbrun.



Pictured to the right is a thank-you note from Fisher House guests to the ASMC volunteers who served at the beginning of August. Way to go!

If anyone is interested in volunteering to provide a dinner with the Fisher House, you may call Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or she may be reached by email.

Dear Mercedes, Maika, Vanessa + David of the ASMC,
Thank you so much for preparing a delicious meal on Wednesday evening!

Your time, support and kindness is immensely appreciated!

You guys were a wonderful group full of positive energy! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Michele Lucas +

Lindsay Greene -

Your Wednesday volunteers 😊



Community Service



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The collection box at the Mini-PDI was successful! We collected 6 pairs pants/shorts, 15 shirts, plus socks, underwear, flip-flops, manicure sets, and 68 assorted mini-toiletries. The box was mailed to Landstuhl on 20 July. Thank you for your participation!

Laura Gamble, POC for Soldiers' Angels



MEMBERSHIP

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. To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 10).

Chair: Heather Long, 884-2806, heather.long.7@us.af.mil



Upcoming Events



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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

When: 23 Sep 2015 at 11:30am
Where: Luke's Place, Eglin AFB
Who: Ms Jeanette Duncan, Air Force Audit Agency
What: UAE Comptroller Deployment
Brown bag lunch

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Interested in preparing a meal for guests at our local Fisher House? This is a great opportunity to give to those who have served our country! See the feature on page 4.

FUNDRAISING – PIZZA SALE!

Mark your Calendars...see the Flyer on the following page!

When: 15 Sep 2015 at 11:00am
Where: Bldg 350 Lobby

** Drive thru car pick-up available **

ASMC Pizza Sale

15 SEP 2015

11AM - UNTIL SOLD OUT

BLDG 350, LOBBY

DRIVE THRU CAR PICKUP AVAILABLE

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**\$12 FOR PRE-ORDERED
WHOLE LARGE PIZZA**

\$5 FOR 2 SLICES

\$ 2.50 FOR 1 SLICE

**SUGGESTED DONATION
PEPPERONI, SAUSAGE, OR EXTRA
CHEESE**



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Education/CDFM



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Congratulations to our recent CDFM awardees: Ms. Sarah Carroll, Ms. Brittany Bohannon, and Ms. Mandy Chapman was awarded CDFM-A.

- 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/>
- EDFMT Course Details/Schedule:
<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course/>
 - Training information relating to the EDFMT course is available, if interested please contact Lisa Gamon, contact info provided below.
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

Education POC: Lisa Gamon, lisa.gamon.1@us.af.mil, 883-5336

CDFM POC: Edwina Freeman, edwina.freeman.1@us.af.mil, 883-5317



ASMC Networking



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ASMC's Got Talent – One of the best things about ASMC is networking with others and building new relationships. One group of hard working FMers took time to enjoy the camaraderie with a painting session after a hard week of work! Gracious Impressions by Shana Davis (Niceville) helped these ASMC members have a creative art piece to take home.

Pictured below (Left to right): Sandy Kilcrease, Andrea Archer, Dedra Hickman, Amy Tolar, Michelle Austin, and Pam Green.





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>.

ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: <http://www.asmcnline.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 2016 - held in Orlando, FL.

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- 2015 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on www.asmcnline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



Government Awards \$133M Contract to Protect 21.5M Victims of OPM Hack

by Eric Katz, Sep 1, execgov.com



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The Defense Department and Office of Personnel Management, in conjunction with the General Services Administration, on Tuesday awarded a \$133.3 million contract to Identity Theft Guard Solutions LLC to provide protection services to 21.5 million OPM hack victims.

The contract covers the first year of three years of ID theft protection OPM has promised; exercising additional option years on the contract will bring the total value to \$329.8 million.

Naval Sea Systems Command led the effort to select the vendor, which does business as ID Experts. The company won the first task order of a larger Blanket Purchase Agreement that preapproved three contractors -- including ID Experts -- to provide protection services in the event that agencies experience future data breaches. GSA expects those contracts to be worth \$500 million over the next five years.

In a major shift since an earlier hack at OPM exposed the personnel files of 4.2 million current and former federal employees, the Defense Department -- rather than the contractor -- will be responsible for notifying victims that their background investigation information was breached. The Pentagon will cover the vast majority of the contract cost.

Beth Cobert, acting OPM director, said on Tuesday those notifications will not go out until the "end of the month."

All the notifications will come from .gov or .mil email addresses. The notifications from the last hack were sent out by the contractor CSID, and the non-government address that showed up in feds' inboxes created security concerns among many of the victims.

NAVSEA said in the original contract it may take up to three months to send out all the notifications. Cobert said they will be sent out "as expeditiously as possible."

The contract award has already been delayed several times. The last notifications will go out four months from the time breach details were made public, five months from the time OPM became aware of the hack and 17 months since the hackers first infiltrated the data. Cobert blame the delays on the painstaking efforts the government took to identify all victims and protect their information going forward.

Regardless of whether impacted individuals proactively sign up for the protections, ID Experts will provide them with identity theft insurance and restoration services. Hack

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victims will have to sign up -- at no personal cost -- for the other services the government is offering to them.

As part of that suite of services for victims -- who includes former and current federal employees, contractors, applicants and family members -- ID Experts will provide identity theft monitoring for dependent minors of hack victims. NAVSEA estimated this could include up to 6.3 million children. Even if the dependents' names were not listed on the SF-86 form at the center of the breach, the family impacted by the breach could opt to enroll children in the services.

Nearly one in four victims of the initial hack involving OPM's personnel files of current and former federal employees enrolled in the services offered to them by CSID. If that ratio holds for the larger second hack, as GSA and OPM have speculated it could, ID Experts could be on the hook for providing protection services to nearly 7 million individuals.

Those services will include:

- Credit monitoring and the delivery of credit reports from all three nationwide credit agencies;
- Identity monitoring, including but not limited to "monitoring of the Internet and monitoring database sources including criminal records, arrest records, bookings, court records, pay day loan, bank accounts, check databases, sex offender, change of address, and Social Security number trace;"
- And identity restoration, to assist the individuals in getting back to where they were prior to the identity theft, with services including "counseling, investigation, and resolving identity theft issues."

ID Experts will also have to establish call centers that operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week for the first six months following the award. Subsequently and until the end of the contract -- through December 31, 2018 -- the call center must be open 5 a.m. through 5 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Saturday.

The call center was a major point of contention in the first breach, when CSID fielded numerous complaints from lawmakers and federal employee advocates that wait times were too long and customer service was poor. This contract will require ID Experts to have an automated response that allows callers to verify their identities using a touchtone device.

This story was updated to explain the contract's total value of \$329.8 million over three years.