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Upcoming Events



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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

When: 12 Sep 2017
Where: Hurlburt Field Chapel
What: Maj Stuart Churchill, AFSOC 1 SOCPTS/CC

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

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/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.

- 3 Oct 17
- 17 Oct 17
- 7 Nov 17
- 5 Dec 17



Thanks to the FM PAQ's for providing dinner to Fisher House guests this month!





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.



Is a Government Shutdown Inevitable?

By Russell Berman, 24 Aug 17, govexec.com



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Republican leaders don't want a government shutdown. Democrats don't either, at least not officially.

And yet come this fall, or perhaps just in time for Christmas, federal agencies might once again send their nonessential employees home and national parks and museums might close their doors—all because of President Trump's insistence that Congress fork over about \$1.6 billion in seed money for his long-promised southern border wall.

Washington has been warily girding for a wall brawl for months, ever since Trump reluctantly signed a spending bill without the funding in May after Republicans made clear they were unwilling to fight for the project so early in his presidency. And on Tuesday night, in the middle of his defiant, rambling speech in Phoenix, Trump scratched a line in the Arizona clay that just about everyone knew was coming. "Believe me," he said, "if we have to close down our government, we're building that wall."

If Trump had his party fully behind him, you'd expect to see a cavalcade of Republicans running to the cameras the next day, each vowing to do battle on the president's behalf. But that's not what happened on Wednesday.

"I don't think anyone's interested in having a shutdown. I don't think it's in our interest to do so," House Speaker Paul Ryan told reporters in Oregon, where he was stumping for the legislative agenda item he prizes far more than the wall: tax reform. Another senior House Republican, Representative Tom Cole of Oklahoma, told CNN it would be "a mistake" to shut down the government and a reflection of political "dysfunction" on the part of a party entrusted with control of both Congress and the White House.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, whose relationship with Trump has, according to The New York Times, disintegrated in recent weeks, issued a bland statement saying that he and the president were still working to advance "their shared goals." He listed half a dozen of them, but a border wall didn't make the cut.

With Republicans offering little cover to the president, Democrats dug in even deeper. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi characterized a border wall as "immoral" and accused Trump of threatening to "purposefully hurt American communities to force American taxpayers to fund an immoral, ineffective and expensive border wall." Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer has even more leverage, since Republicans would need the support of at least eight Democrats to overcome a filibuster of a spending bill that included money for the wall. "If the president pursues this path, against the wishes of both Republicans and Democrats, as well as the majority of the American people, he will be heading towards a government shutdown which nobody will like and which won't accomplish anything," Schumer said.

House Republicans last month passed an appropriations bill that included \$1.6 billion toward construction of the border wall, but that measure is seen as a non-starter in the Senate, and not just among Democrats. Republicans like Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona, a recent Trump target, have said they'd only support the project if Mexico paid for it as the president repeatedly promised on the campaign trail.

Wall funding would be part of an omnibus appropriations bill, but Congress might not get around to writing one until the end of the year, just before lawmakers head home for the holidays. The House and Senate must pass a spending bill by September 30 to avoid a shutdown. Republican leaders don't want a government shutdown, but Ryan on Wednesday all but guaranteed that measure would be a stopgap bill known as a



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continuing resolution and as such, unlikely to include money for the border wall. “We’re going to need more time to complete our appropriations process, particularly in the Senate,” Ryan said. The speaker said he supported funding for “a physical barrier” along the border, but he expressed little urgency in approving the money quickly.

Even fervent supporters of the project in the House were unwilling to predict the showdown Trump is looking for. “I don’t think anybody wants to shut down government, and I don’t think leadership has the appetite to shut down government,” Representative Andy Biggs of Arizona told me on Wednesday after attending the president’s speech in Phoenix. “I do believe that my constituency expects me to fight for funding for that border fence with the strongest leverage and tools that I have available,” he added.

Biggs is a freshman lawmaker who represents an Arizona district that does not include the border, but he grew up in the southern part of the state and said a wall was “essential in my world.” He’s also a member of the House Freedom Caucus, which has in recent days ramped up its push for the border wall in line with Trump’s request. Still, Biggs said he didn’t yet know what he would do if Ryan asked for his vote on a spending bill that did not include wall funding, if the consequence of failure was a government shutdown. “It’s hard for me to say that I would foreclose funding for certain military obligations and certain essential and necessary services,” he told me. “I’m taking a wait-and-see attitude on that.”

The question is, how much patience does the president have left? Trump has already swallowed one defeat on the border wall, and his evident frustration with both parties in Congress is growing by the day. His souring relationship with Republicans on Capitol Hill raises a possibility that would previously have been unthinkable: If the Republican-led House and Senate sent him legislation at the deadline without his border wall money, would he veto it and cause a shutdown?

“I don’t know where he’s at,” Biggs said. “The scenario you describe I can see happening quite easily. It’s disturbing to me, quite frankly.” Democrats were at a similar loss for predictions on Wednesday. “We’ll get ourselves into trouble if we try to read the president’s mind,” a senior Democratic congressional aide told me. “He’s broken pledges and flip-flopped before.” But, the aide added, “He’s also done insane things before.”

Having already notched a win on the issue this spring, Democrats believe they have the political advantage. Republicans are divided on the wall and many aren’t prioritizing it as much as Trump. And both parties believe Republicans would take the blame for a shutdown that occurred entirely on their watch, especially after polls showed that voters faulted the GOP for the last shutdown under divided government in 2013. Democrats have also shown little interest in a deal that the White House reportedly is considering, in which Trump would back protections for Dreamers in exchange for Democratic support for a host of immigration restrictions and the border wall. The president has also demonstrated a penchant for bluffing, having taking a hard line on the wall earlier this year only to back down—though not before tweeting in May that the government “needs a good ‘shutdown’ in September to fix mess!”

With Congress’s September agenda already filling up—they must raise the debt ceiling and reauthorize several expiring programs—Republicans could implore Trump to keep the government open and put off the border-wall battle for a few more months. But for a president still searching for a legislative trophy, this is a fight that can be delayed only so long, as both parties are beginning to recognize. “It’s the mess that the fall will be,” Biggs said with a knowing chuckle.