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What Are You Thankful For?

As we prepare to celebrate another Thanksgiving, I want to share five ways I'm blessed this year:

- 1) A healthy family, including five children and two grandchildren—the newest born on 3 Nov 09!
- 2) I live and work in a town that respects and supports our Air Force and Sister Service missions
- 3) My wife and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary; we began dating when I was an AFROTC cadet
- 4) I'm surrounded by teammates I'm proud to be associated with, and delighted to serve alongside
- 5) I have the opportunity to join forces with you in helping make the world a better place

The timely updates and heartfelt thanks our chapter received from Fisher House, Shelter House, and Opportunity Inc. last month were a reminder of the impact this chapter can have on our community. We are making a difference, but the mission continues!

As you begin shopping for that Thanksgiving turkey and begin trimming that perfect Christmas tree, keep looking for opportunities to serve others. As I mentioned last month, pay it forward. And take the time to count your blessings and take note of what you're thankful for this year!

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Awards – Lewis Williams

The new ASMC Awards Online website is complete and nominations are now being accepted for individual awards. The new system requires you to first request to become a nominator - if you have your ASMC member number the system should validate you automatically. If it doesn't or you are not a member- one of our administrators will approve your request and you'll receive a confirmation email of your approval to nominate.

Once approved as a nominator you may begin accessing the various award categories and developing your award nominations. To access the web site visit: <http://awards.asmconline.org/>

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

Ways and Means Update:

- ✿ Welcome to our new Ways & Means Vice Committee Chair: Cleo Battle
- ✿ Belk Charity Sale
 - ✿ Raised \$100 (awaiting additional proceeds from Belk ticket sales)
 - ✿ Thank you Lucille Wilson for volunteering the day of the Sale

Future Events

- ✿ Gift-wrapping at the Base Exchange (Dec 09) – please e-mail me if you would like to help
- ✿ Air Show Concession Booth (Details Pending)

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please e-mail me. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Mean Committee.

You can reach me at jennifer.denega@eglin.af.mil or at 883-4787.

Blessings for a Beautiful Fall!

Programs – Tim Bozoki

Upcoming Luncheons:

(Not luncheon but...) 19 Nov 09, Mr Bill Rone (AFSOC/FM) will speak on FM Force Development, Special Tactics Training Auditorium, Hurlburt
Dec 2nd – Col Charles Fulghum, AETC Comptroller, will talk on “leadership” and provide a update on the F-35 stand down at Eglin, Warehouse Bistro, Hurburt

Membership

Co-Chairs, Troy Brown and Woxie Williams

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 persons who do not 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. If you are interested in joining, please contact Troy Brown at 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,
Woxie & Troy

CDFM – Ron Millis

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course

EDFMT Course at Hurlburt Fld AFB 19-23 April 2010.

There are still 5 seats available in this class. Register for the class at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>.

Acquisition Business Management (Module 4) FY10 Course Schedule

Norfolk, VA, December 15 – 16, 2009

Ft. Meade, MD, January 14 – 15, 2010

San Diego, CA, February 4 – 5, 2010

Washington, DC, March 18 – 19, 2010

San Antonio, TX, March 30 – 31, 2010

Denver, CO, April 13 – 14, 2010

Dayton, OH, May 18 – 19, 2010

Huntsville, AL, June 22 – 23, 2010

Washington, DC, July 13 – 14, 2010

You may now reserve a seat by registering for the class in the location of your choice with by completing the registration

(<http://www.asmconline.org/news/index.ep.html?ID=121>)form.

The registration fee is \$375 per student for the 2 day course. Registrations must be received 30 days prior to course start dates. To request and submit registration information: cdfmamod4@aol.com.

For a list of CDFM's awarded:

<http://asmcweb.adynamics.net/custom/cdfms/ListCdfmByChapter.cfm?code=EE&chapter=Gulf%20Coast>

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.

Community Service

Community Service Team Leads and Volunteers needed!

If you are interested in becoming a (program) team lead or volunteering and being a part of your local community, the Community Services committee is looking for you! Please take a look at the following programs and if any of the areas interest you - especially (Give Child a Christmas and Relay for Life), please contact us, we need your help!

PROGRAMS:

1. Brilliant Minds - medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, and Down Syndrome children
2. Habitat for Humanity - creating affordable housing opportunities
3. Relay for Life - fight against cancer
4. Fisher House – providing home away from home for sick or wounded military members and their families.
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. Helping Hand Committee
10. Give a Child a Christmas

Event Updates:

Community Services Luncheon: Fisher House, Shelter House and Opportunity Inc were the guest speakers for the October AMSC luncheon. We were able to get a better understanding of their needs and ideas on how each program could use our help. All three organizations were given a certificate and donation.

FISHER HOUSE: sends a big "thanks" to those that volunteered during Baytown Wharf Beer Festival, 17 Oct 09.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

No volunteer opportunities for November as of yet..... stay tuned.

ON-Going EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES – please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

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ON-Going EVENTS:

HELPING HAND COMMITTEE - continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house.

Thanks to all who are (program) team leads and who have signed up to volunteer in the upcoming events. Once you have volunteered for an event, please contact us. Your suggestions are always welcomed!

POCs:

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President signs bill repealing Defense personnel system

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By Alex M. Parker aparker@govexec.com October 28, 2009

President Obama on Wednesday signed the death warrant for the Pentagon's personnel system, the same day the Government Accountability Office issued a [report](#) urging the Defense Department to better address employee concerns with pay for performance when devising a new framework.

Along with the repeal of the National Security Personnel System, the fiscal 2010 [National Defense Authorization Act](#) approved by Obama mandates [several federal workplace reforms](#) including allowing workers in the Federal Employees Retirement System to allocate unused sick leave toward their retirement.

While the law eliminates NSPS specifically, it directs Defense to work with the Office of Personnel Management to implement a new performance management system at the department.

Meanwhile, in its report, GAO concluded that Defense had tried to address concerns about NSPS, but left some critical issues unresolved. The report -- completed in September 2009, before congressional repeal of the personnel system -- noted the possibility of NSPS' elimination and recommended that the Pentagon consider GAO's guidance in the creation of a new system.

GAO identified specific problems with NSPS, including an incomplete analysis of personnel decisions, which could adversely affect the program's evaluation; failure to ensure employee training is relevant and up-to-date; and a failure to provide a comprehensive review of the safeguards in place. The report also noted that while Defense tried to communicate improvements to workers, it did not sufficiently address employee perceptions of NSPS, which GAO described as "mixed."

The Pentagon generally agreed with GAO's recommendations.

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

19 Nov 09: Mr Bill Rone (AFSOC/FM) FM Force
Development, Special Tactics Training Auditorium,
Hurlburt Field

2 Dec 09: Col Fulghum (AETC/FM) Warehouse Bistro,
Hurlburt Field

Please contact our new Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (x3-8764) or Deborah Washington (x3-1779), 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, Lynn Becker at 850- 882-4866 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

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For more details, see www.asmconline.org.

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from recent PDIs. You can access selected sessions online at

<http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

Check out our Defense Financial Highlights at <http://asmc.typepad.com/viewpoint/> for up-to-date info on FERS sick leave, Continuing Resolutions, and the DoD Appropriations Bill. Our reporter Bob Shue will also answers your questions on these topics - just blog him the questions on the same site. He updates the ASMC blog every Friday.

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