



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Pay It Forward!

This was Maj Gen "ChedBob" Chedister's theme at our 2007 Regional Professional Development Seminar luncheon. He asked us to find opportunities to do something meaningful for those who can't return the favor. He spoke of those who cared for him during his dramatic recovery from a near-fatal fall, but many of us immediately thought of how "ChedBob" had paid it forward to us via his many people-focused legacies such as the Alternate Work Schedule and the Air Armament Academy.

This month, we say farewell to a retiring chapter member who "paid it forward" in many ways during his FM career. I first met Paul Higgins in Jan 98, when I arrived here to begin my final active duty assignment. I knew of him because Irene Ward, my Phillips Lab teammate at Kirtland, was directing Automated Business Services System implementation there. Irene had worked closely with Paul, Leah Hodge, Joan Horn, and Libby Moseley to ensure that ABSS (formerly FEDS) was ready for AF-wide deployment. The rest is history. Paul and the ABSS team gave us phenomenal new capabilities.

Paul is a quiet professional who paid it forward to the rest of us. He was a primary architect of other systems and their application to the labs. JOCAS and AFCORP are part of his legacy. Paul served in countless key positions in our chapter over the years. No job was too small. When no one else could figure out how to reliably send luncheon announcements to

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300+ people, Paul did. This chapter, the Air Force, and the nation are stronger because of his faithful service and the many ways he paid it forward.

Last month, I asked, "What will your legacy be?" In answering that question, ask yourself how you will pay it forward this year. Mentor a new intern. Help keep our web site current. Buy a new bike for a needy kid at Christmas. Sign up when Capt Spaulding sends volunteer requests for charity events.

Pay it forward!

Ken Pickler

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please e-mail me.

Future Projects

- 🍁 Belk Charity Sale: 07 Nov 09
- 🍁 Gift-wrapping at the Base Exchange (Dec 09)
- 🍁 Air Show Concession Booth (Details Pending)

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects.

Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways and Mean Committee.

Please send your ideas for future fundraisers.

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

Blessings for a Beautiful Fall!

August Program – Tim Bozoki

Upcoming Luncheons:

Oct 22nd – We asked our three charities (Fisher House, Opportunity Inc and Shelter House) to come and talk about what they do and how our chapter can help them. So, there'll be three presentations (10-15 minutes each) at our Oct 2009 luncheon (at the Eglin Officer's Club at 11 am).

Dec 2nd – Col Charles Fulghum, AETC Comptroller, will be presenting our chapter a talk on "leadership" and provide a update on the F-35 stand down at Eglin. Place for the luncheon is TBD.

CDFM – Ron Millis

Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course

The Gulf Coast Community will be hosting the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) 19-23 April 2010 at Hurlburt AFB. The EDFMT Course is a five-day, intensive financial management review course taught in three modules. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If you would like to enroll in this course please use the following link. There are currently only 7 seats available in this class!

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>

Acquisition Business Management (CDFM Module 4) FY10 Course Schedule:

San Diego, CA, November 17 – 18, 2009

Norfolk, VA, December 15 – 16, 2009

Ft. Meade, MD, January 14 – 15, 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 the registration form available at the following link

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

The registration fee is \$375 per student for the 2 day course. Registrations must be received 30 days prior to course start dates.

If you have any questions contact Ron Millis at 882-4329.

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.

Obama prohibits feds from texting while driving

By Emily Long, Government Executive – 1 Oct 2009

Obama administration on Thursday issued an executive order banning federal employees from text messaging while driving on government business.

"This order sends a very clear signal to the American public that distracted driving is dangerous and unacceptable," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood in a statement. "It shows that the federal government is leading by example."

Released at the end of a two-day distracted driving summit in Washington, the order applies to federal employees operating government-owned vehicles or driving privately owned vehicles on government business. It also bans the use of government-supplied electronic equipment while driving. Federal contractors are encouraged to implement similar restrictions.

Agencies will be required to outline specific steps to implement the ban, including disciplinary actions for employees caught texting while driving. The order directs agencies to evaluate existing driving safety education and awareness programs and consider expanding these efforts in coordination with a stricter texting policy.

The General Services Administration and the Office of Personnel Management will assist the Transportation Department in guiding the order's implementation and enforcement in agencies.

Texting while driving is illegal in 18 states and the District of Columbia.

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

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 - 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:

SHELTER HOUSE: a big “thanks” to those that volunteered during the 2d Annual Shelter House Yard Sale, 19 Sep 09.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FISHER HOUSE (FHEC):

- 3-4 Oct (Fri/Sat): Fisher House Golf Tourney and Gala (Kelly Plantation, Destin)-sponsorships and team registrations needed!
- 17 Oct 09, Baytown Wharf Beer Festival, San Destin. There are still some open volunteer shifts available, if interested, please contact us.

ON-Going EVENTS:

- DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES – please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.
- 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: Capt Chris Spaulding, christopher.spaulding@hurlburt.af.mil, 884-2802 or Sheila Hale, sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil, 882-8707

Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

- 22 Oct 09: Local Charities (Shelter House, Fisher House, Opportunity Inc.), Eglin Officer's Club, 1100
- 2 Dec 09: Col Fulghum (AETC/FM) TBD

Please contact our new Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (x3-8764) or Deb 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>

ASMC recently launched The Challenge Fund

The Fund could award up to \$2M from the DoD FY10 Budget to implement winning idea(s). Submissions will be accepted through October 31, 2009 and must address one of the themes: building analytical skills; creating/promoting non-traditional learning; creating/ promoting life-long learning; promoting FM expeditionary workforce capabilities; encouraging a greater cost consciousness . Everyone is encouraged to participate. See <https://challengefund.ousdc.osd.mil>.

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

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