



GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm beginning this month's note with a question to each member of this chapter: What will your legacy be?

This past week, we lost two people very special to me. My father, a career Army Civil Servant who began his career in 1947 earning about 60 cents an hour unloading ammunition from shipping containers into bunkers; and Mike Napoli, an exceptional acquisition cost estimator and pastor of a Mobile-area church. Each left a legacy through their families, friends, and coworkers. Dad taught me that real men did dishes & washed clothes alongside their wives. Mike taught young estimators and program managers that true professionals can make their points quite well without demeaning others or employing hysterical theatrics during meetings or briefings. They walked the talk of servant leadership and taught their children & coworkers to do so as well. They never sat on the bench.

Both of these men refused to use physical limitations as an excuse to stop serving others. Each endured long illnesses without complaining. Instead, they looked for new opportunities to support their wingmen in life. Mike mentored and encouraged others regardless of his health. Dad would shop with me for items to include in care packages for our deployed troops. "In God We Trust" wasn't just a slogan in their wallet. It was the cornerstone of their lives.

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President's Corner - continued

This ASMC chapter is committed to serving its members and our community. I ask you again to choose HOW you'll be involved, not IF you'll be involved in our efforts this year. At our next Executive Committee Meeting, agenda item #1 is status of the member draft. I gave a chapter roster to all the committee chairs last month. Some members are already assembling care packages and mowing lawns of deployed comptrollers. Several have volunteered to be mentors in our new chapter mentoring program.

Our 15 Sep luncheon will be a chapter "town hall" where we'll discuss our plans for this chapter year. You have a role to play in those plans and the coaches for each team will have their current rosters in hand. By the end of the luncheon, every member will belong to at least one chapter team or activity. Your role will respect your mission and family demands. If you've already chosen a team & made contact with your coach, great! If you haven't, you'll be hearing your "coach" by the end of September. If you demand to be benched, I'll respect that—but I hope to see you all on the field this year!!

What will your legacy be?

Ken Pickler

Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega

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

On-Going & Future Projects

- Ⓢ Belk Charity Sale (in Nov 09)
- Ⓢ Gift-wrapping at the Base Exchange (in 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 Autumn!



CDFM – Ron Millis

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. Seats are limited!

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

CDFM Module 4

The CDFM Module 4 (Acquisition Business Management) examination is again available for computer based testing at Base Education Centers and Prometrics Testing Centers. You must be enrolled in the CDFM program and request eligibility to take the 4th module. The exam is also available in paper format.

August Program – Tim Bozoki

Our August luncheon is “True Colors: Effectively Coping w/Office Personalities (What’s your color?)” - guest speaker: Capt Mary Wood, Clinical Social Worker, 96 Med Gp. 18 Aug, 11AM, Eglin O Club

It seeks to identify personality characteristics and enable supervisors to work within those characteristics of their staff to create a working environment conducive to utilizing the strengths of people in a collaborative approach. Much like a puzzle piece, people's personality characteristics enable them to be successful in areas compatible with their nature. For example, a person that has a nurturing, sympathetic nature would be a great person to have on a workplace committee dedicated to ensuring workplace satisfaction, but would not necessarily be the ideal person to write an Operating Instruction.

Objectives

- To enable participants to identify their own personalities styles and appreciate the characteristics of each
- To assist participants in the utilization of their own personality in their work, home, and personal life
- To apply the understanding of personality type theory to:
 - Improving communication
 - Building positive esteem
 - Appreciating differences
 - Building effective teams
- To discover the need for addressing all four personality styles in daily life in order to maximize personal success
- To recognize the diverse needs and stresses of the four personality types which may invite confusion, disruption and conflict if not addressed
- To learn strategies to build rapport with persons of all four personality styles
- To enjoy and have fun in this learning process

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.

TSP funds recover more slowly in August

By Alyssa Rosenberg arosenberg@govexec.com September 1, 2009

All 10 of the Thrift Savings Plan's investment funds posted smaller gains in August than they did in July, though they continued their recovery from last fall's losses.

The government securities, or G Fund, considered the TSP's most stable option, rose 0.28 percent in August as it did in July. The fund's value is up 1.93 percent since the beginning of January, and 3.13 percent, compared with the same time last year.

Some of the more volatile funds posted significant gains in August, and have grown substantially this year, but still have not recovered from major losses in late 2008. The I Fund, which invests in overseas companies, posted the highest gains in August, growing 4.87 percent. That fund has grown 22.69 percent since Jan. 1, but its value is still down 14.2 percent since the start of 2008.

Similarly, the S Fund, which invests in small- and mid-size companies and tracks the Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Index, again had the second-largest gains in August, rising 3.85 percent. The fund's value is up 21.71 percent in 2009, but down 19.78 percent compared with the previous year.

The C Fund, which invests in common stocks of large companies on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, had the third-largest August growth, rising 3.62 percent in value. The fund has risen 15.15 percent in 2009, though its value is down 18.18 percent since this time in 2008.

The F Fund, which invests in fixed-income bonds, has made the most significant gains during the past year, rising in value 8 percent since September 2008 and 4.64 percent since Jan. 1. In August, the fund's value grew 1.03 percent.

The life-cycle funds, designed to pursue aggressive gains early in an employee's career and shift to a more conservative mix of investments as employees near retirement, all made modest gains in August. The L 2040 Fund rose 3.41 percent; the L 2030 Fund grew 3.02 percent; the L 2020 Fund rose 2.57 percent; the L 2010 Fund grew by 1.3 percent; and the L Income Fund, for the workers who are closest to retirement, grew 1.07 percent.

All five life-cycle funds have grown compared with their value on Jan. 1, but only the L Income Fund's value is greater than it was a year ago. This year, the L 2040 Fund has risen 16.35 percent; the L 2030 Fund has grown 14.67 percent; the L 2020 Fund is up 12.61 percent; the L 2010 Fund has grown 6.70 percent; and the L Income Fund is up 5.72 percent.

During the past 12 months, the L 2040 Fund has declined 11.98 percent; the L 2030 Fund has fallen 9.61 percent; the L 2020 Fund's value is down 7.04 percent; the L 2010 Fund fell 2.05 percent; and the L Income Fund is up 0.66 percent.

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 apart 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 - supporting family members of wounded soldiers
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

ON-Going EVENTS:

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES - 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) around the house.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FISHER HOUSE (FHEC):

- 19 Sep 09, 0900-1400, Emerald Coast Health Fair, Santa Rosa Mall, featuring health and wellness organizations in our area. FHEC will have a booth and need volunteers.
- 24-26 Sept (Thurs-Sat, Navarre): Parrot Head PhunFest (Thurs-6-10 p.m., Fri-6-9 p.m. and 9:30-1 a.m., and Sat 12-10 p.m.)-visit website for updates, www.parrotheadsofpensacola.com/PHun/ (Parrot Heads are Jimmy Buffett fans!) FHEC will have a booth and need volunteers.
- 3-4 Oct (Fri/Sat): Fisher House Golf Tourney and Gala (Kelly Plantation, Destin)-sponsorships and team registrations needed!

SHELTER HOUSE: 19 Sep 09, 2d Annual Shelter House Yard Sale

Thanks to all who are (program) team leads and who have signed up to volunteer in the upcoming events. Your suggestions are always welcomed!

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Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events

UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –

Mark your calendars:

15 Sep 09: Informational Chapter Roundtable Discussions – Staying Abreast of Chapter Happenings
Eglin Enlisted Club, 1100

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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