



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I bet you are all thinking, "we haven't heard anything from that new ASMC president we elected, I wonder if anything is getting done." The answer is a firm "yes"! Your Executive Council is working hard to get several things accomplished this year.

In order to try to limit the amount of email you see from the chapter, Laura Gamble, Newsletter Chair, will be highlighting items in the newsletter that will be of interest to you. Please take a minute to read through the items highlighted so that you do not miss key events and to get the latest news. You may still see some emails from publicity making you aware of luncheons or key events as well as things that will not wait until the next monthly newsletter.

The IT team, headed up by Jason Guzzardo and Lynn Becker, are in the process of finding someone to update our web page. Some of the new features we are looking to incorporate are calendar updates for events, a mechanism to track requirements required for the 5-star chapter status and allow committee chairs to update their various pages. We hope to also upgrade the Regional PDS registration capability; this will allow for changes to be made and for the GPC Cardholder or individual cardholders to process payments via the web. This is a much needed update to our web page. We hope to have it up and running long before the RPDS kicks off.

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**RPDS planning is in full swing and looking for volunteers. Anyone who would like to serve on a RPDS committee this year let one of the RPDS co-chairs know; they are April Bennett, April Chapel and Leah Hodge. They are looking for fresh ideas from motivated individuals who can make it happen.**

**We are currently looking for nominations for the Making A Difference (MAD) award. The MAD award will be presented quarterly. Please remember that nominations should be someone who makes a difference in ASMC and the local community as well as in their job. The chapter would like to present the award at the Oct 21 luncheon event. So get your nominations in to me by Sep 30 covering the Jul-Sep timeframe so that the Executive Council will have time to vote.**

**I look forward to seeing everyone at the audio conference which is scheduled for Sep 21. The Honorable Robert Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), will update us on the impact of Secretary Gate's initiatives. There are two locations to hear the audio conference: Eglin Bldg 349 conference room 616 and Hurlburt Bldg 1 ACR conference room.**

**Thanks for all your support and remember if you have suggestions on improving your Gulf Coast Chapter don't hesitate to let me know.**

**Dedra Hickman, CDFM  
President, Gulf Coast Chapter**

### ***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.

## ***Executive Committee***

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Awards Committee	Ms Gayle Thomas	883-1686

## ***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.

New military members E1-E4 and civilian GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. \*New members only.\* Contact membership chairs Troy Brown 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,  
*Woxie & Troy*

## **Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega**

### **Ways & Means**

Chair Jennifer Denega

Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

### **Upcoming Event**

Belk Fall Charity Sale TBD (Oct/Nov 10)

### **Thank you again to all our volunteers!**

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

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Many Blessings for a Beautiful Fall!

## **CDFM – Ron Millis**

### **Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)**

The five day Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course will be offered at Eglin AFB 3-7 Jan 2011. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. If your personnel are interested in attending this course please have them register using the EDFMT Registration (available o/a 30 Aug 10) link below. There are 30 seats available for USAF personnel and shared between Eglin and Hurlburt Field. Attendees will be expected to complete CDFM certification within a reasonable timeframe after course completion.

Begin Date: 03 January 2011

End Date: 07 January 2011

Location: Eglin AFB, FL

Time: 0800-1630 Hrs

Location: Bldg 11 201B

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

Contact Ron Millis at 882-4329 for additional details.

## Community Service

Big thanks to those who volunteered at the Clean Coast, Music & Art Festival, Bob Hope Village and at the Armed Forces day. We have over 50 hours of community service for the month of August – great job!

### **UP-COMING events:**

#### FISHER HOUSE:

1. 18 Sep: **3d Annual Hope Rides Alone Family Reunion**, Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Okaloosa Island, 6-11pm.  
<http://www.saltandlightblog.com/hope-rides-alone-banquet/> Proceeds from this event will benefit Fisher House.
2. 19 Sep: **Destin Seafood Festival**, Destin, 1:30 – 4:00. Volunteers needed to sale tickets and soda. Proceeds from this event will benefit Fisher House.

#### SHELTER HOUSE:

9 Oct: **Purses with a Purpose**, 4:30 – 7:00, Silver Sands Factory Outlet. Purses with a Purpose is a purse auction where new and lightly used designer purses are auctioned off with all profits benefiting Shelter House and Ronald McDonald House.

21 Oct: **Carrabba's Italian Grill, Destin FL**. All proceeds for this event go towards sustaining the current programs we have at Shelter House to continue our mission of making all relationships violence-free! Tickets are \$55 per person. Space is limited so reserve your spot now! Call 243-1201 or [info@shelterhousenwfl.org](mailto:info@shelterhousenwfl.org).

All proceeds from this event will go to Shelter House.

#### BRILLIANT MINDS:

11 Sep: **Sentinels of Freedom Charity Poker Run**, starting at Helen Back Again, Navarre FL. Registration begins at 0800. Visit the Event Webpage / <http://brilliantminds.org/downloads/SOFPokerRun.pdf>  
All proceeds from this event will benefit Brilliant Minds!

10 Oct: **Dance the Catwalk: Where Fashion Meets the Dance Floor**, Emerald Coast Conf Ctr, Doors Open: 5 pm • Show: 6-8pm • After Party: 8:30 pm-Midnight. Visit the Event Webpage

<http://dancethecatwalk.eventbrite.com/>

Presented by Fred Astaire Dance Studios and D.E.F. Productions. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit Brilliant Minds!

## Community Service - continued

### **ON-GOING events:**

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

HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE: continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil

### **PROGRAMS supported:**

1. Brilliant Minds - medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, & 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 that enables family members to be close to a love one during stressful times.
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

Finally, help us keep track of your volunteer hours – email us. As always your suggestions welcomed!

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## ***Defense insourcing to continue at military services***

By Robert Brodsky [rbrodsky@govexec.com](mailto:rbrodsky@govexec.com) September 7, 2010

When Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced in August that the Pentagon was scaling back its insourcing initiative because it wasn't generating enough cost savings, many in the contracting universe let out a not-so-silent cheer. But the victory party might have been premature.

Military services have continued with previously announced plans to bring thousands of private sector positions back in-house. And those efforts are expected to pick up steam next year.

Department officials confirmed on Tuesday that the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps are exempt from a fiscal 2011 billet freeze, allowing them to continue with their insourcing plans. Other Defense agencies will see their ranks frozen. Unless contracted work is being inappropriately performed, or "compelling circumstances" for insourcing are provided, those jobs will remain with the private sector, they said.

"Insourcing was not canceled as a result of Secretary Gates' efficiency directives," said Thomas Hessel, a senior analyst in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness in an e-mail to Government Executive. "No insourcing programs were canceled. Insourcing is a statutorily required workforce-shaping tool/process to appropriately align work between private and public sectors."

Defense officials explained that the most significant policy change arising from Gates' speech is that insourcing will no longer result in an automatic or assumed federal position increase to replace contracted services.

As of June 30, over 16,500 new civilian positions have been established across the department as a result of insourcing contracted services. More than half of these positions were brought in-house because the work was determined to be inherently governmental, closely associated with inherently governmental, or otherwise exempt from private sector performance, he said.

"Moreover, on a case-by-case basis at the organizational level, DoD components are finding that they can generate savings or efficiencies through insourcing certain types of services or functions," Hessel wrote.

The initiative will add 12,000 new civilian positions in fiscal 2011, Hessel said. The Pentagon's insourcing efforts have caused growing confusion and consternation in private industry.

"This has not been a very transparent process," said John Palatiello, president of the Business Coalition for Fair Competition, an industry group that called on the Obama administration to impose an immediate moratorium on insourcing. "The companies that are involved have not been given a lot of information and they don't know what the rules and criteria are."

On Monday, the coalition sent a letter to Daniel Gordon, administrator of the

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Office of Federal Procurement Policy at the Office of Management and Budget, citing 17 examples of insourcing projects that have continued at Defense in areas such as meteorology services, library administration and anti-terrorism protection. In each instance, the coalition says the work does not meet the strict criteria for insourcing. The group wants Defense or OMB to issue new guidance on the criteria for canceling or moving forward with insourcing projects.

The coalition cited job conversions for the Army and the Air Force, and neither responded to requests for comment about their insourcing plans. The Navy confirmed on Monday that it plans to establish roughly 10,000 civilian positions by fiscal 2015 through insourcing contracted services. The jobs would be focused on acquisition, cybersecurity and financial management, department officials said.

"With guidance from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Department of the Navy is continuing to pursue insourcing," said Cmdr. Victor Chen, a Navy spokesman. "The recent announcement by the secretary of Defense did not cap or freeze the number of authorized and funded manpower billets in the [Navy]."

In 2009, Defense officials announced they would cut 33,000 service support contractors by 2015. The Pentagon had planned to replace those contractors during the next five years with 39,000 new full-time government employees, many coming from insourcing.

On Aug. 9, Gates said, "We weren't seeing the savings we had hoped from insourcing." He noted insourcing projects at nonmilitary departments that were already planned for fiscal 2010 would be allowed to continue, as well as conversions for acquisition support positions.

Several contractors who stand to lose projects to insourcing have hired attorneys and are planning to litigate their cases in court. In at least one case, the Air Force canceled an insourcing proposal when faced with potential court action. Several additional cases have been filed but not yet heard by the court, industry officials said. Elsewhere contractor employees whose jobs are on the line remain hopeful for a last-minute reprieve.



## **Programs – Ivonne Caridi-Anderson and Jon Slingerland**

*The Programs Committee has been hard at work and proud to report that we have a full schedule for the year ahead. We are looking forward to a great line-up of speakers.*

*September 21st will be our next event, which is an Audio Conference starting at 10:00 AM CDT.*

*SPEAKER: The Honorable Robert Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)*

*The Gulf Coast Chapter of ASMC and AFSOC FM are pleased to offer two locations to hear the Audio Conference in which The Honorable Bob Hale will explain the impact of Secretary Gates' initiatives on the financial management community.*

*Secretary Gates announced on August 9th a wide ranging plan to achieve the \$100 billion savings goal he called for in June to support force structure and proceed with modernization. To reach this goal, Gates said in a news conference that the Pentagon would shut down some high profile DoD organizations, reduce the number of senior military and civilian personnel, cut back on contracting, and make other overhead reductions.*

*These actions, if implemented, will result in the loss of thousands of civilian and contractor jobs. The Secretary said that the "department must start setting priorities, making real trade-offs, and separating appetites from real requirements."*

*EGLIN LOCATION: Bldg 349 Conference Room 616*

*HURLBURT LOCATION: Bldg 1 ACR Conference Room located on the first floor near the lobby.*

*Below is the A3 link to register for the audio conference:*

*<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=175647&TypeName=Class>*

*Then, October 21st, mark your calendars for our professional development luncheon.*

*SPEAKER: Mr. Bill Rone, SES AFSOC/FM*

*Mr. Rone will share information regarding the "FM Development Team Meeting" he attended at AFPC.*

*Below is the A3 to register for the Oct 21 event (be sure to indicate your menu option and take note of "pay-at-the-door" information):*

*<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/Reg/Register.asp?Filter=OO-ED-AA-A2&Eventid=189&Groupid=243&Class=173441&TypeName=Class>*

## **Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events**

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –**

Mark your calendars:

- 21 Sep10: Audio Conference: The Honorable Robert Hale, USD(C), will discuss the impact of Secretary Gates' initiatives. Eglin Bldg 349, #616; Hurlburt Bldg 1, ACR conference room
- 21 Oct 10: Mr. Bill Rone, AFSOC/FM, "FM Development Team Meetings." Hurlburt Soundside Club.

Please contact our Program Chairs, Ms Ivonne Caridi-Anderson (882-1929) or Mr Jon Slingerland (882-3301) 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.

## **National News**

For more details, see [www.asmconline.org](http://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>

PDI 2010 was held in Orlando FL June 1-4, with a theme of "Getting in Tune with Professionalism."

*Go on the national website to see more about the PDI or to view selected sessions for CPE.*

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

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