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President's Message

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant holiday. It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past six months. We were able to accomplish a lot of things in 2007 and none of it could have been done without your support. As we enter 2008 we still have a lot of exciting things planned. Most importantly, 2008 marks the 60th anniversary for ASMC. National Headquarters has planned different activities for the upcoming year to celebrate and we are soliciting any ideas for opportunities for us to commemorate this anniversary at the chapter level. Please let me know if you have any ideas.

As stated previously, we have a lot of things planned for 2008 so please attend the meetings, read the newsletters and meeting minutes to see how you can get involved, and support your ASMC chapter. As always your suggestions on guest speakers, activities and events are always welcome and appreciated.

Nicole Ford
President, ASMC-Razorback Chapter

Chapter Officers

President: Ms Nicole Ford
Vice President: 1Lt Suzanne Overstreet
Treasurer: Ms Misty Bowers
Secretary: Cpt Joseph Nicholas/ Jan Turney (Alt.)

Chapter website: <http://www.orgsites.com/ar/asmc-razorback/index.html>





National ASMC News

Pay ASMC Dues Online ... and Update Member Info - If you have received an invoice for ASMC dues in the past few months, you can now pay online and update your member information online (new e-mail, address, job title, etc). Just go to the ASMC web site (<http://www.asmconline.org/>) and click on "join now/renew online". Please read the instructions on how to determine your default username and password.

PDI 2008 will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Marriott World Center on May 27-30. The PDI focus is on education and training, with more than 20 hours of educational sessions and speakers, and the ability to earn up to 26 CPE. These sessions will provide updates to emerging issues and help you transform today for tomorrow's success. Explore trends, develop tactics to tackle your organization's challenges, learn how to master the impossible, and create new ways to think about the future.

Members' News

Happy Birthday!  to the following members with birthdays in January and February

-  19 January – Janet Clinton
-  27 January – James Culpepper
-  9 February – Alisha Rowland
-  23 February – Rebecca Neal


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Current Meeting

December Meeting. This month's guest speaker was Ms Patricia Pope, Community Readiness Consultant and Accredited Financial Counselor, with the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at LRAFB. She discussed the importance of building wealth before retirement and then using that wealth during retirement. Our President, Nicole Ford, presented Ms Pope with a certificate of appreciation for being a guest speaker at our December meeting (pictured below).



Nicole Ford (left) and Patricia Pope (right)

Food Pantry.  The chapter would like to thank the following people for contributing items for the Family Support Center's Food Pantry:

- Mr Brian Augsburger – 314 CPTS
- Ms Misty Bowers – AFAA
- Ms Pam Bowman – 314 CPTS
- Ms Susie Champion – 314 CPTS
- Ms Nicole Ford – AFAA
- Ms Donna Mattingly – AFAA
- Ms Rebecca Neal – AFAA
- Ms Jan Turney – AFAA



Chapter Holiday Social. Chapter members and guests enjoyed the holiday social at Murry's Dinner Theater December 7th. Good food, excellent entertainment, and outstanding company

contributed to everyone having a wonderful evening. See pictures below.



Upcoming Events



January Meeting



Date: 15 January 2008 Time: 1130

Location: Whole Hog Café (Sherwood) – Please RSVP no later than 10 January 2008

Guest Speaker: Mr. Len Kaus, Midwest Area Audit Office Chief, Scott AFB IL

February Meeting



Date: 12 February 2008 Time: 1100

Location: TBA

Guest Speaker: TBA

Crossroads Café. The Crossroads Café is chaplain sponsored organization on LRAFB for Airmen E1 to E5 to relax, socialize and unwind in a positive, alcohol-free environment. Last year our chapter agreed to sponsor a dinner night at the Café. Well our time has come and we have “Super Bowl Sunday”(3 February 2008). We will provide pizza, chips, drinks and desserts. We are asking the members to donate the chips, drinks and desserts. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

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Scholarship Program. We're still looking for volunteers to work on the scholarship committee. Packages need to be sent out as soon as possible so that we can notify the scholarship recipient before May 1. Please contact Nicole at DSN 731-6141 or 501-987-6141 if you are interested.



Bowl for Charity. Central Arkansas Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake event will take place February 1st, 8th, 22nd & 23rd. The chapter would like to participate in this charity event with at least one team (if not more). If you are interested in participating on a team please contact one of the officers. You only have to select one date from the dates listed above. More information will be forthcoming.

Featured Article

Military Personnel & Families Fighting Back Against Identity Theft (reprinted from the Federal Trade Commission website)
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/idtheft/idth02.pdf>

Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.

1. Shred financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
2. Protect your Social Security number. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check. Give it out only if absolutely necessary or ask to use another identifier.
3. Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
4. Safeguard your military ID. Keep it with you or locked up at all times.
5. Never lend your credit cards or account information to anyone else.
6. Do not click on links sent in unsolicited e-mails; instead, type in a Web address you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware, and anti-virus software

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to protect your home computer, and keep them up to date. Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for more information.

7. Don't use an obvious password like your birth date, your mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
8. Keep your personal information in a secure place, especially if you live in barracks or with roommates.
9. Don't let mail pile up unattended if you can't collect it. Use a mail stop or P.O. Box, or have someone you trust hold your mail while you are away.

ASMC Membership Benefits

- Leadership opportunities
- Monthly luncheons
- Subscription to the Armed Forces Comptroller magazine
- Community involvement
- Networking

Membership Applications can be found at the following website:

<http://www.orgsites.com/ar/asmc-razorback/pgg2.php3>