



# **ALAMO GRAM**

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## **President's Message**

Alamo City ASMC Members,

CONGRATULATIONS -- we are a National 5-Star Chapter again. Your efforts at continuing to Shoot for the Stars and support the many activities of our chapter are evident in this accomplishment. Not only are we a 5-Star Chapter, we will also be recognized at our PDI for our Community Service accomplishments. Many thanks to all of those who make these accomplishments happen. Like other Chapter Presidents before me, I am humbled by your support, professionalism and generosity.

Your PDI is one week away as I write this note. If you have volunteered as part of the National PDI Committee as a Chair / Co-Chair --- THANK YOU for all you have done. If you are a red shirt for next week, thank you also for stepping up to serve. Let's show the world of defense financial managers all of the best the Alamo City has to offer!

Alamo City Chapter -- Where the Stars Shine!

Patrick Reynolds  
President



## Member's News

“Congratulation to Colonel Chip Fulghum on his election as the President-elect of the Alamo City Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Colonel Fulghum replaces Vaughn Caudill as President-Elect and will become the Alamo City Chapter President In July 2009

### **COLONEL CHIP FULGHUM**

Colonel Chip Fulghum is the Director, Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He is responsible for providing the financial resources and services required to recruit and assess Air Force personnel and provide them military, technical and flying training to replenish Air Force combat capability. As such, he has oversight of a budget of over \$8 billion, pay services for over 100,000 personnel at 13 major bases. Colonel Fulghum received his commission from The Citadel. His comptroller assignments include three years in non-appropriated funds, three years in cost, ten years in budget, two years as commander and four years as a comptroller.



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### **Alamo Chapter welcomes new VP for AETC**

Linda Martinez has stepped up to fill the position of VP for AETC. She is with the Chief Support Operations Section, HQ AETC, Randolph AFB. She started there in Feb 2009. She has 25 years in Financial Management. Ms. Martinez served as the VP for AFPC (when they had one). She was the Chief of Financial Management, HQ AFPC/DPIEAA for 8 years. As the Chief she was responsible for overall execution of the Central Salary Account, Centrally Managed Training Account for the Career Field Teams, and the Centrally Managed Civilian PCS program ~\$172M program. She has worked base level finance and was a Resource Advisor and Budget Analyst at Brooks AFB.



## **Former Alamo Chapter President, Col. Fred Witter retires**

Col. Fred Witter was the Chapter President in 2004-2005. Col. Witter will remain an ASMC member and we are sure to see him at future ASMC events. We wish him all the best!

Jennifer E. Burdett  
Editor

## **Community Service**

The ASMC Alamo City Chapter is into its second month under the new competition year and we are looking for activities that will draw your interest and participation. The chapter plans to continue its monthly visits to Sunshine Plaza Apartments. This sweat equity event allows our members to spend time with senior residents who seldom have visitors and it also allows our members to help our community by helping those in need. Many of the residents find it difficult to do such simple things as pushing a vacuum cleaner and our help is much needed and much appreciated. Several of our Alamo City Chapter members have built a rapport with a number of the residents. By sharing share your time and expending a little sweat, you can too! The people we visit look forward to our visits (many love to have members just stop in and chat for a few minutes) and really enjoy the bingo games and refreshments that are shared in the community center. And as stated before, they are also very appreciative of the small chores that we do for them such as cleaning the ceiling fans, scrubbing the bathroom, vacuuming the floor, or just taking out their garbage for them. So, if you haven't given three hours to this effort just once, try it. You will go home feeling very special.

On 4 Apr 2009 the Chapter had 31 members participate in the Race for the Cure of Breast Cancer at the Alamo Dome. The team raised over \$1,000.00 towards research, vital breast cancer screening, treatment and education right here in San Antonio. Special thanks to Annie Faircloth who graciously volunteered as Team Captain for this event.

What else can we do to support our community? Lots of suggestions have been made and several were tried over the past year with small degrees of success such as the drive for Christmas Toys for Child Protective Services' Dare To Love program, supporting the Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner and the HEB Christmas Feast of Sharing. We also initiated a program of support to the Converse Animal Shelter one Saturday each month. Since participation was low, the chapter voted to continue support but on a quarterly basis. Dare to Love and the local Fisher Houses were adopted as the PDS Charities. We collected fans and donated them to approximately 50% of the Sunshine Plaza residents last summer. All were GREATLY appreciated.

Please let your vice president know what community service events you would be interested in supporting and, if there is sufficient support, we will add them to the agenda for this year. Please make community service a routine part of your life. We look forward to meeting you at future events.

Nida Soriano-Rosas, Community Service Chair  
Jane Keller, SSP Coordinator



## National News

### LinkedIn

LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries. ASMC has created a group on LinkedIn as a forum for discussion of ASMC matters. Discussion and membership will be moderated to a limited degree, and the opinions expressed on the group are those of the individual members and not of ASMC. You may find our group here <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=953357>  
<<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=953357>>

### Renew ASMC Membership Online – Join Online

Prospective new members of ASMC may now apply for membership online at the ASMC website. This method decreases the processing time by up to a week, so please encourage anyone you may be recruiting to apply online. Also, current members may renew online and update member information (new e-mail, address, job title, etc).

## Current Meeting

### May Meeting/Luncheon

The Speaker at the May meeting/luncheon was Thomas W. Fritzsche, CPA. He is a DCAA Financial Liaison Advisor. He spoke on MEDCOM Health Care Acquisition Activity and how DCAA fits into the acquisition process; he described recent external reviews by GAO and DODIG and described changes in the acquisition process recommended by the Defense Business Board. He also explained recent changes in DCAA policies and practices.

## Future Meeting

See you at PDI!

# Great Job!

**Volunteer of the Year  
and recipient of the  
President's Awards**

**Denise Perryman!**



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## Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Award

The Alamo City Chapter offers an incentive award of up to **\$100** for Chapter members who receive their CDFM designation. The purpose of this award is to promote professional development and to congratulate our members for a job well done. A recognition certificate is also provided to Chapter members who complete the Optional Module 4 (Acquisition) and receive the CDFM-A designation.

To qualify for the awards, Chapter members must be awarded the CDFM (or CDFM-A) designation between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 and provide proof of the certification through their Vice President to the Chapter's Certification Chair, as early as possible, but **NOT LATER THAN 2 July 2009**. The Vice Presidents are responsible for verifying the individual's membership status.

Proof of certification may be provided in one of the 3 forms below:

- a copy of your CDFM (or CDFM-A) certificate
- a copy of the congratulatory letter or e-mail from the National ASMC certification program
- a copy of the pass notification provided by the testing facility (must include name, exam title, and date passed) for Modules 1-3, and/or the optional Module 4, if appropriate.

Awards will be presented at the July 2009 luncheon. Qualifying recipients unable to attend the July meeting are responsible for providing a valid mailing address to their chapter vice president no later than one week following the July 09 meeting and their check will be mailed to them. Barring unforeseen circumstances, (i.e....emergency leave, short notice deployment, etc.) failure to provide an address in the time required may result in forfeiture of the award.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Joan Navarro (Chapter Certification Chair, 210-536-3659), your Chapter Vice President, or any member of the Chapter Executive Committee.

## Membership Benefits

Have you renewed your ASMC membership? There are many benefits of being an ASMC member and you don't want to miss out!

### Benefits of Membership Include:

- Discount for the upcoming Professional Development Symposium (PDS) Registration
- Car rental discounts through Hertz, National, and Alamo
- Membership to Pentagon Federal Credit Union
- Tuition discount for University of Phoenix Online

The list of benefits continues with opportunities to improve your leadership skills, training sessions that enhance your professional skills and a discount on registration for the National Professional Development Institute (PDI).

Join or Renew today to start reaping the benefits!



## SCHOLARSHIPS

# TWO \$400 SCHOLARSHIPS

**30 May 2009**

**Don't let the deadline sneak up on you!!!!**

Please read the qualification information below and submit your application early. The selection panel will meet in June and we will award the scholarships at the July luncheon.

**COMPTROLLER EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIPS** - Lump sum awards of \$400 paid to two individuals for use in actual college expenses.

1. The Chapter will use its own application form to award two scholarships to deserving employees (military, civilian or corporate member). The application will be on our web site or available from the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

2. Criteria:

(a) Person must work in a comptroller related field (business/financial management/resource management/accounting).

(b) Person must be enrolled in a college or university, or accepted for enrollment with a college or university.

(c) Person must be pursuing, or plan on pursuing, undergraduate/graduate degree in a business/financial management related discipline.

(d) Person must be a current member of the Alamo City Chapter –AMSC.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 30 May 2009. You can obtain applications from our web site or from Bill Pazeretsky, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, 536-4180 or 659-6242.

**Do not hesitate—submit your applications now!**

