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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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By now all of you should have heard about the PDS next week and I hope to see you there. I would like to say a special thanks to Capt John Coates, PDS Committee Chairperson, along the committee members; Ms Ellen Hester, Ms Jane Keller, and Ms Ada Fromuth. Your hard work and dedication to this effort is greatly appreciated.

Annie L. Faircloth, CIA, CDFM
President Alamo City Chapter, ASMC



National News

Free On-Line CPE from Previous National Professional Development Institutes (PDIs)

There are 17 sessions from PDI 2007 and about 50 from PDIs 2005-2006 that offer CPE credit (generally 1.5 hours CPE each). Instructions on how to access the free CPE for the PDIs on the National ASMC web-site are included below. The CPE is based on viewing presentations from the National PDI and taking a brief test. Certificates are provided for this training, and can be recalled on-line, if needed.

Start at the National ASMC web-site (<http://www.asmcconline.org/>) or any of the links below

Select "Professional Development" (<http://www.asmcconline.org/development/>)

Select "Extended Learning" (<http://www.asmcconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>)

For PDI 2007 presentations:

- Click on "PDI Online" to go to http://live.blueskybroadcast.com/bsb/client/CL_DEFAULT.asp?Client=70
- Click on "Register" to create an account or "Sign In" once you create an account (you create your own user ID and password)
- Click the plus sign ("+") next to "PDI 2007" and then "Workshops" to open the full menu and click on Thursday, Friday, Service Day, or Opening Ceremony to view options (CPE is only available for selected presentations on Thursday and Friday)
- Scroll through the list to select the presentation(s) you want to see. The screen identifies which presentations have tests available for CPE.
- You may be prompted to install Adobe Flash Player 8.0 if you don't have it already (you might need help from your computer folks).
- After viewing the presentation, take the test.
- If you pass the test, you can print a CPE certificate (generally 1.5 CPEs per presentation).
- Your results (assessments) and certificates are also maintained under your user Profile and can be recalled later, if needed.

For PDI 2005-2006 presentations:

- Click on "Virtual Library" (near the bottom of the page) to go to <http://www.blueskypresents.com/storefront/storeFront.asp?cat=4482&sh=1&optSrch=1>
- Click on "Register" to create an account or "Sign In" once you create an account (your email address is your user ID, you create your own password).
- Scroll through the list to select the presentation(s) you want to see. The screen identifies which presentations offer CPE.
- After viewing the presentation, take the test.
- If you pass the test, you can print a CPE certificate (generally 1.5 CPEs per presentation).
- Your results and certificates are also maintained under "Certificates" for PDIs 2005-2006 and can be recalled later, if needed.

You can now earn free CPE credits by listening to or watching workshops and Service Day sessions from the highly successful PDI 2007. You can go to www.asmcconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml and



choose from video or audio versions of the presentations. When you complete a session, you may either self-certify for CPE credit or take a short test and get a CPE certificate.

Career Central (Electronic Job Board)

The ASMC National website now has an electronic job board. Those of you looking for a job in defense financial management or those searching for a new employee can now go to ASMC's new Career Central for help. Federal agencies and companies can post job openings and individuals seeking employment can post resumes. Those wishing to take advantage of this member benefit can go to the ASMC website (www.asmonline.org). Just access Career Central and enter the membership identification number (CC1107 for all ASMC members).

PDI 2008

PDI 2008 will be held in Orlando, Florida on May 27-30 at the Marriott World Center. Registration will begin mid February.

ASMC BLOG

For current information on the goings on in the DOD go to the ASMC National website and click on "Blog."

ASMC Benefit University of Phoenix Online offers
25% discount to ASMC members and their families.

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).

Renew today to start reaping the benefits!

For questions, contact your vice-president or Yolanda Strong at 210-652-3102 (DSN 487).





PDS 2008

A Proud Heritage - 60 Years of Excellence



Alamo City Chapter American Society of Military Comptrollers Professional Development Symposium 19 and 20 February 2008

The Professional Development Symposium is an annual educational/training event sponsored by the Alamo City Chapter of ASMC. It is designed to enhance the skills and abilities financial and resource management personnel need to meet the challenges of working in the 21st century. The Alamo City Chapter includes members from Randolph, Lackland, Laughlin AFB, Brooks City-Base, and Ft Sam Houston.

Location: PDS 2008 will be held at the Education Service Center (ESC) Region 20, located at 1314 Hines Avenue, San Antonio TX 78208. ESC Region 20 is located a few blocks east of Walters Street between I-35 and Ft Sam Houston.
Please park in the North parking lot and enter through the North end of the Facility.

- **From the ATT Center Parkway Exit:** Take the I-35 South Access Road, turn right on to Hines Avenue, which ends at the ESC parking area.
- **From the Walters Street Exit:** Go North on Walters Street and turn right on Carson (first light), which dead ends at the ESC facility. Turn left to enter the parking area.

Dress: Air Force – any blues combination
Army – any greens combination
Civilians – business casual

Community Service Activity:

The **Dare to Love** and **Rainbow Room** will have a table to collect donations. This year they are in desperate need of new shoes for elementary age children (primarily athletic/tennis shoes). They are also looking for Prom clothing and accessories (male or female). In addition, they can always use baby clothes and diapers, as well as cash donations.

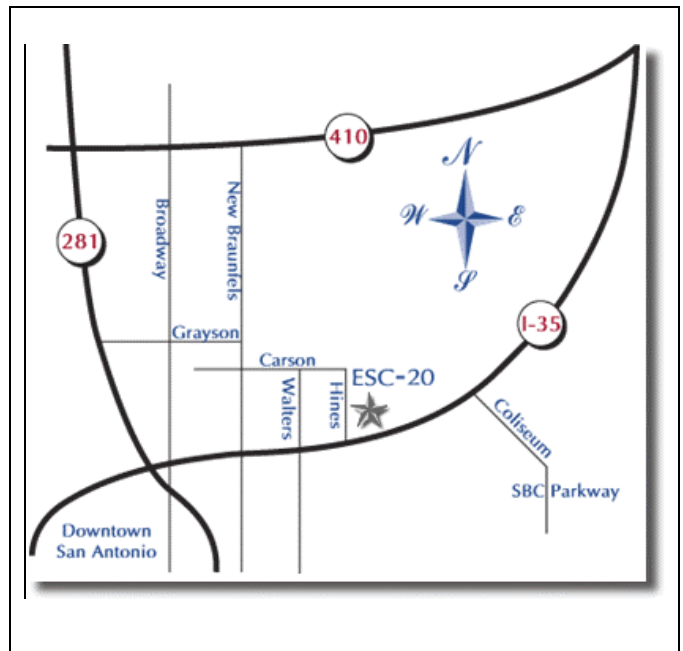
Dare to Love is a non-profit organization with a mission to enrich the lives of abused and neglected children referred to Child Protective Services (CPS) with gifts, hope and love. The Rainbow Room is an emergency supply store stocked with diapers, formula, clothing, shoes, school supplies, personal grooming items, and household cleaning supplies. Everything is given free of charge to the children through their Child Protective Services' caseworkers. In 2006, they distributed 44,653 new items to 4,513 children or caretakers.

Souvenir Sales: On-Site Sales: ASMC 60th Anniversary Pinettes – \$4.00 and ASMC Cups – \$5.00
Orders will be taken for ASMC 60th Anniversary Polo Shirts (blue or red) – \$17.50

Emergency Phone Numbers: 210-573-6702 and 910-273-2783

Doors open at 7:00 am. Please be in place for the morning general sessions by 8:15 am.

The Education Service Center is a Smoke-Free Facility



Current Meeting



2007 Christmas Party !

Here are some snap shots from our Christmas party.

We raised \$740.00 for San Antonio Fisher Houses at Ft. Sam and Lackland.



Everybody had a great time!

Here is a snapshot of the band, Psychedelic Juke Box (6-pc band).



Here is a picture of HQ AFSVA Vice President, Joy Berberk. HQ AFSVA hosted this year's Christmas party.



Local News

ASMC Elections

Interested in being an active member of a 5-Star, dynamic, professional military organization with over 800 members? If so, the Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers wants you.

We are looking for motivated self-starters to run for the following elective offices:

- President-Elect
- Secretary-Elect
- Treasurer
- General Counsel
- Vice President (representing individual installation/organizations)

The process is simple. Submit a short biography of introduction to your vice president between now and 21 March 2008. Include your name, official address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, the office you are interested in and what you feel you can contribute to that office. The vice presidents should forward the consolidated packages to the below address by 28 March 2008.

Ballots with nominations will be distributed to the installation VPs NLT 7 April for distribution to their members for voting. Totals will be due back to Chairperson by 24 April. Results will be announced to the Executive committee in May and to the general membership at the May luncheon. New officer induction will be at the June Luncheon. Office runs from 1 July to 30 June.

Elections Committee Chairperson: 77th AESG/PSF
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Duties of ASMC Officers:

President: Shall be Chief Executive of the Chapter and shall preside at meetings of the general membership and the Executive Committee. Shall exercise general supervisory control over all officers of the Chapter. Shall appoint special officers and chairpersons of standing and special committees. Shall serve as ex-officio of all committees. Shall execute such papers as may require his/her signature. Shall enforce the bylaws, policies, and directives of the Chapter.

President-Elect: Shall serve for one year as a member of the Executive Committee, chairing the total awards program and shall automatically accede to the office of President for a term of one year.

Vice Presidents: Shall act as advisors to the President and are representatives of their installation or organization. Responsible for formulation and submittal of research papers, manuscripts, and speeches prepared and given by their members.

Secretary: Shall record the proceedings of the meetings, maintain all of the Chapter's documents and papers, be responsible for notifying officers and members of all meetings, and shall perform duties required by the President, other chapter officers, and members to keep them informed of Chapter affairs.

Secretary-Elect: Shall serve for one year, as a member of the Executive Committee as special assistant to the President-elect and then shall automatically accede to the Office of Secretary for a term of one year.

Treasurer: Shall receive and deposit all monies of the Chapter, pay its debts whereas approved and within the amended budget, maintain its books of account, and make appropriate reports on the Chapter's financial conditions and operation to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will deposit and maintain all monies in local financial institutions consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Assistant Treasurer: Shall act in the absence of the Treasurer.

General Counsel: Shall advise the Chapter and Officers in legal matters pertaining to the Chapter and maintain current bylaws and standing rules.



Susan B. Komen Race For the Cure

Our president, Annie Faircloth, registered as team captain for our Alamo City Chapter to participate in the San Antonio Susan B. Komen Race For the Cure on 29 March. If you are interested in joining our team, please go to www.sakomen.org and look for ASMC Alamo City Chapter.

Scholarships

Scholarship Committee

With the start of a new year, it is time to start preparing your application for our chapter scholarships for the 2008. Please read the qualification information below and submit your application early. We made major changes to the qualifications this year. They will allow more members to apply than in previous years. 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 2008. 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!



Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Award

The Alamo City Chapter is awarding its new CDFM members up to **\$100!!** The purpose of this award is to promote professional development and to congratulate our members for a job well done. You qualify if you pass all three CDFM exams between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 (Module 4 is optional). Proof of certification must be provided to your vice-president as early as possible, but **NO LATER THAN 7 July 08**.

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

- 1) a copy of your CDFM certificate
- 2) a copy of the congratulatory letter or e-mail from the National ASMC certification program
- 3) a copy of the pass notification provided by the testing facility (must include name, exam title, and date passed)

Awards will be presented at the July 2008 luncheon. Awards will only be granted to those qualifying during the current program year, July 2007 to June 2008. Awards will not be granted to qualifying individuals who do not notify their chapter vice president by the awards cut off date of **7 July 2007**.

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 08 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 will result in forfeiture of the award.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Joan Navarro (210-536-3659) or your chapter vice president.

Yolanda Strong
Membership Chair
210-652-3102



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Community Service



Charles Faircloth, daughter Nikki Brown, and Annie Faircloth, Alamo City Chapter President work setting up refreshments for the residents at the February Valentine Event. This event had 12 members, 3 students, and one spouse participating.



Jane Keller, SSP Coordinator, (center) with Joanie and Katheryne Soriano-Rosas. Joanie and Katheryne have been coming to Sunshine Plaza with their mother, Nida. They have made friends with the residents while earning community service credits for their school programs.

Ms. Mary Dillworth is now a resident of Normandy Terrace S.E., 841 Rice Rd., San Antonio TX 78220. She is doing well although not moving around as much as she should. Cards are encouraged.

The next Sunshine Plaza event will be on 8 March and 37CPTS will host this event. They are planning to serve hot dogs to the residents and organize "Shamrock Bingo" so come join the fun. Contact Ms. Teresa VonStraden if you have any questions or would like a flier of this event. maria.vonstaden@lackland.af.mil or 671-2760.

Jane Keller/Nida Soriano-Rosas
Community Service
Alamo City Chapter, ASMC

