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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



PDS IS COMING!!!

There are lots of things going on this month. First, the PDS registration packages are due 31 January. Your PDS committee members worked really hard to provide an array of topics and top-notch speakers. Also, Chapter Awards nominations are due by the 17th. Award selections will be made the end of the month and presented at the PDS. Finally, audio training for Module 3 of the CDFM will take place in two 4-hour blocks, January 29 and 30 starting at 1100 CST. We've reserved two locations for these training blocks: Randolph AFB and Brooks City-Base. As always, we will also have the chapter monthly luncheon and community service event. Please contact your organization VP for more details.

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.asmc.org/>) or any of the links below

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

Select "Extended Learning" (<http://www.asmc.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.asmconline.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.asmconline.org). Just access Career Central and enter the membership identification number (CC1107 for all ASMC members).

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

Current Meeting

The December meeting was hosted by Air Force Services Agency and held in conjunction with the Christmas party. Joy Berberек did a wonderful job of planning the party! There was wonderful food, great entertainment (Psychedelic Juke Box 6-pc band) and even a Christmas tree decorating contest! Our thanks to the staff of the Randolph Officers' Club for making this a most enjoyable evening!

PDS Change

The brand new SAF/FM, The Honorable Mr. Gibson, will be our keynote speaker instead of Mr. Vonglis on Wednesday.



[Future Meeting](#)

Registration Packages are with your Vice
President...Register NOW
for the Alamo City Chapter,
American Society of Military Comptrollers'

“Heritage of Excellence”

Professional Development Symposium

19 and 20 February 2008

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

at the

Education Service Center Region 20

1314 Hines Avenue

San Antonio, Texas 78208-1899

ON LINE CDFM testing will be available on Tuesday, 19

February ONLY. There will be one morning test session and one afternoon test session. Each session is limited to 12 attendees and seats will be on a first registered, first allocated basis. If you plan to test, please do your registration with ASMC National on line now and complete the CDFM section of your PDS registration form.

AFPC is offering current and prospective **AIR FORCE** personnel *career counseling* sessions both days on a first sign-up basis. Individuals must be pre-registered so the counselors can have briefs prepared in advance. Sessions will last 20 minutes. Individuals are welcome to step into a breakout session for the remainder of that period. If you want career counseling, be sure to complete that section of your PDS registration form.

Contact your organization Vice President for a registration package or if you have any questions.

NOTICE: This training facility is SMOKE FREE, centrally located just outside Ft Sam Houston along I-35, with lots of parking.



Community Service

Kathy Scott, MEDCOM VP, hosted the October Halloween Bash at Sunshine Plaza. She was assisted by 7 members and 4 guests who cleaned for 11 residents and then helped residents color pumpkins and play “Pumpkin Bingo.” Below left is a picture of Kathy helping Ann Patterson show off her winning pumpkin (the little one in the back). Her prize was the larger one. Since Ann makes LOTS of fruit breads, I’m willing to bet both of those pumpkins turned into pumpkin bread!



Seated in the right picture are Ariannia and Andrew Mathew enjoying hot chocolate after the Christmas sing-along held Dec 15th. At the far end of the table is a poster of resident pictures taken over the years. Kay Heihn put the poster together and the residents really enjoyed “looking back.”

Outdoor caroling to the residents was scheduled to start at 4:00 for the Christmas Program. Fifteen members and 7 guests supported this event. We had approximately 20 residents show up in the community center to enjoy singing with us. So the sing-along was held indoors while chapter volunteers delivered gift bags to the remaining residents. The surprised look of real pleasure on the faces of the residents was so gratifying. Whoever said it was better to give than receive was so “on the mark!” Special little birthday gifts were delivered to the five December ladies. The look on Ms. Robinson’s face when she was handed her birthday gift was so priceless. I think it’s the first one she’s received in YEARS.

A special THANK YOU to everyone who donated items to the gift bags. Your reward was in the faces of all those residents. Those in the community center reminded me of children looking to see what was in their stockings on Christmas morning. They emptied the bags and then sorted, ooohhh’d, and aaaahhh’d.

The next SSP event is scheduled for February 09th. Watch for the flier, circle the date, then please bring your buckets, paper towels, and favorite cleaning products and join us.

Jane Keller, Sunshine Plaza Coordinator



Local News

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!



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).



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