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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you to all who supported and participated in the PDS. It was certainly a success as we received lots of kudos on the topics and location.

I would also like to thank our chapter members, family, and friends who have signed up to participate in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure on 29 March. On behalf of the team, thank you for your donations and we will certainly represent the chapter proudly!

It is that time of year that we solicit for chapter officers and committee members. Please step up and nominate yourselves for one of the chapter positions. Also, we would like to hear from our members who recently received their CDFM. Please let your vice president know and provide them with a copy of your award letter. Finally, we are requesting members who have published an article in a professional publication to provide a copy of the article to your vice president.

Don't forget to register for the PDI!

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



PDI 2009

The "OFFICIAL THEME" for PDI 2009 is: **BUILDING THE STARS OF TOMORROW**

WHY DID WE JOIN ASMC?

My reason was to improve, strengthen or develop professional skills, be given the opportunity to demonstrate leadership abilities and build a professional network through participation in ASMC activities.

The Alamo City Chapter will soon host a big extravaganza called PDI 2009. This event will be held in the S.A. Convention Center, where the expected members participating in this (3) day event could be in excess of 3,800.

The PDI program objective is to enhance skills and abilities that personnel in the financial and resource management community must possess to meet the challenges of working in the 21st century. 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.

For the majority of Financial Managers, continual training for our craft comes none too often. PDI 2009 can be your opportunity to hear briefings from DOD leadership. You can choose from more than 90 workshop sessions and mini-courses. You will participate in Service Day, (6) General Sessions and (4) evening networking opportunities.

We ask you to step forward and bring your skills to join other Chapter members volunteering for this event.

As a volunteer for PDI 2009, you will receive a reduced rate for attending the workshops and each member will receive a volunteer shirt.

Volunteer duties are not full time and you will be provided ample opportunities to attend the Training Sessions.

Provided to you are brief descriptions of each Committee where volunteers are needed...our goal is to recruit at least 125-150 Alamo Chapter members.

ADMINISTRATION: Includes Pre-PDI record keeping, maintaining the Command Center, Volunteer Lounge and General Admin functions. This function is responsible for the Command Center (telephones, message board, equip rentals, office supplies).

HOSPITALITY: Establish/Staff information tables/booth at Hotels, Airport, and Convention Center. Staff doors for luncheons/evening meal activities. Assist Programs Contractor with Assistant Instructors (AIs) for workshops/general sessions. Work in speaker ready room, distribute/collect critique forms.



OPENING/CLOSING CEREMONIES: Select/plan for Honor Guards, Band, Chaplain, Stage Decoration, Rehearsals, and National Anthem and prepare a 20 minute script.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Arrange for special optional events for registrants/guests, i.e. Volksmarch, 5K Run/Walk, Community Service activity.

TECHNOLOGY: Arrange for NetCafe setup with event planner. Provide technical support and control access and usage of Netcafe.

TRANSPORTATION: Coordinate VIP transportation with Protocol; arrange transportation with Chapters coming by Military Air. Prepare baggage tags for MIL Air members, interface with hired Bus Company. Arrange/schedule drivers for Airport trips.

We hope to hear from you and look forward to you joining the team for PDI 2009.

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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).

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.

Register Now for New Module 2 Audio Training

On April 30 and March 01 of 2008, ASMC will offer audio training for Module 2 of the CDFM. The training will take place in two four-hour blocks. The first will start at noon Eastern on April 30, 2008 and the second at noon Eastern on March 01, 2008. These sessions will include instruction that will be interspersed with Q&A sessions. Sessions will qualify for CPE credits. Participants should purchase or borrow a textbook published within the last several years. ASMC will charge \$50 a line for this 8-hour session. As many can participate on one line as you wish. If you are interested in participating in this audio training, you can register as an individual or you can contact your ASMC chapter leaders or your supervisor. Individuals, chapters, and organizations may all register for the training. For more information, and to register online, go to www.asmconline.org.

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).

Current Meeting

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.



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

Win a **\$200.00** Valero gift card!

Enter your name into the drawing by
Recruiting a New Member between
1 – 31 Mar 2008

Who Can Join? Civilian, military, and private sector employees of all ranks/grades who have an interest in military comptrollership.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the May 2008 luncheon.

Benefits of Membership: Leadership opportunities, job seeker services, CDFM training, community projects, car rental discounts, education financing, and the chance to enhance your professional skills!

Campaign Rules: You do not have to be present to win but must be a current ASMC member. Present a copy of the membership application to your Vice President for a ticket entry into the drawing. Your name is entered into the drawing for each new member recruited. Past members who are 6 months past their membership renewal date qualify as a new member recruit.

For more information: Contact your installation Vice President
or Yolanda Strong at 210-652-3102
e-mail yolanda.strong@randolph.af.mil



Future Meeting

The next luncheon/meeting is scheduled to take place on 26 March 2008 at the Randolph Officer's Club. This meeting will be hosted by HQ AETC/AFSAT. The speaker will be Mr. Jack Heiss and his topic will be "Tran-Texas Corridor Development."

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.

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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PDS 2008
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**Keynote Speakers:
The Honorable Mr Gibson and Mr Ford**



PDS 2008 Committee



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



Exhibits





Steve Morgan, Professional Motivational Speaker,
Presented: Four Phases of Attitude And and
Behavioral Magic Show



Col(R) Sidney Heetland,
Chief Financial Officer, Air Force Aid Society.
Presented: Federal Deficits & Their Impact on
YOU!

