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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**YEEHAW!!!**

We did it folks. During the 2008 PDI, our chapter will receive the Meritorious Award for Category A-1, a 5- Star Chapter, and the 5-Star Community Services Award. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our executive committee members and to you, our members. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication.

It is also election time folks! I would like to thank our members who volunteered to run for office. I appreciate you stepping- up to take the challenge and I assure you that it will be a rewarding experience. We will announce election results and have the Installation of Officer Ceremony in early June. Please see you organization VP for more information.

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



## Current Meeting

US Army North hosted the May 2008 luncheon / general meeting of the Alamo City Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers. The luncheon, a picnic in the park, was held at the beautiful Joske Pavilion in Breckenridge Park. One of the oldest of San Antonio's city parks, Breckenridge Park is located just north of downtown San Antonio. The Joske Pavilion is nestled in the center of the park alongside the San Antonio River. The guest speaker for the event was Mr. George Allen, Deputy Chief of Staff, G8 (Resource Management) for United States Army South. USASRSO, headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, is the Army Service Component Command to United States Southern Command located in Miami Florida. USARSO provides army executive agency responsibilities for SOUTHCOM HQ. Its mission is to conduct Operations and Theater Security Cooperation to detect, deter and disrupt transnational threats in order to protect the United States of America and to enhance Hemispheric Security. Mr. Allen talked about the challenges USARSO faces in the current operating environment. Ms. Andrea Powers, the VP for ARNORTH organized the event.

## Future Meeting

Installation of new officers will be conducted at the next meeting. The next meeting/luncheon is scheduled for 11 June. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

## National News

Our own President, Annie Faircloth, has been recognized as "Chapter Leader of the Year" and will receive her award at the PDI Banquet.

## Community Service

As a part of our community service, our local chapter donates its time to the residents of Sunshine Plaza. Generally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, members of our chapter visit with the residents and assist them with light housekeeping. This can be a rewarding way to spend a Saturday morning. Please consider donating some of your time for this worthy cause. For more information on dates and times, look for Sunshine Plaza flyers that are sent out each month.



## **Resourcing ARNORTH – Challenging & Successful**

United States Army North (USARNORTH) was created in 2005 as the single Army Command responsible for Homeland Defense (HD) and Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA). Initial Operating Capability was achieved on 15 SEP 2005, with Full Operating Capability on 16 OCT 2006. We are the Army Service Component Command to US Northern Command. Our mission is to conduct Homeland Defense (HD), Civil Support (CS) operations, and Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) activities in order to protect the American people and our way of life. At the direction of USNORTHCOM, USARNORTH commands and controls deployed forces as a Joint Task Force (JTF) or Joint Force Land Component Command (JFLCC).

Resourcing this mission comes with many challenges. The Command was created quickly and initially resourced outside of normal program channels. This resulted in many resource shortfalls that Financial Management staff and the Department of Army (DA) have worked together to support this critical mission set within limited current-year resources. Since our baseline was not adequately established in the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) for FY08-13, this current-year resourcing struggle which began in FY05 will continue through FY09. In the FY10-15 POM our programming staff is working diligently with DA to establish a firm baseline resource level capable of supporting critical needs throughout the future year's defense program.

The challenges faced in resourcing ARNORTH day-to-day operations are further complicated when we respond to incidents where another federal agency has primary responsibility. In many of these cases, the support provided by the Department of Defense is reimbursable. Following Hurricane Katrina, DoD realized the processes and procedures in place to control reimbursable support were inadequate. As a result, a DoD-wide working group established a more formal process to accept, document, and distribute reimbursable budget authority. This reimbursable process, for all DoD entities, is initially managed by the ARNORTH Reimbursement Cell- a small group carved out of our G8 staff. For many small-scale events, the entire process is managed by ARNORTH.

The ARNORTH G8 staff, twenty-four people, has worked together to obtain necessary current-year resources, identify critical shortfalls, establish a realistic program baseline, and to develop and test a DoD-wide reimbursable process. To say the last three years have been busy is an understatement. We have been extremely successful; our success will not be measured in dollars but in how we are able to execute this critical mission when the Nation calls. Additional information about ARNORTH can be found at <http://www.arnorth.army.mil/>.

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