

# ALAMO GRAM

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All,

We are excited about the upcoming trip to Orlando for the 2010 Professional Development Institute. Your ASMC is an amazing organization as they literally changed venues within 24 hours and have completely redone everything. Orlando will be a lot of fun and the line-up of speakers is fantastic. While you are enjoying your time in Orlando, please remember the folks in Nashville as they recover from the devastation caused by the historic flooding. As one who has experienced that myself, I can certainly understand all they are going through.

As Memorial Day approaches, please also keep our veterans and fallen soldiers, sailors, airman, and marines in mind. They have paid the ultimate price for freedom. Also please remember our folks deployed overseas and their families who are sacrificing so much for our country.

Finally, June is a big month for ASMC, as we will be installing new officers for 2010-11. Please join us for the luncheon as we thank those who have served this past year and welcome our new officers.

Remember ASMC is here for you and the more you put into the organization the more you get out of it.

Thanks again for all you do.

Charles H. ("Chip") Fulghum, Colonel, USAF  
President

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Chapter web-site: <http://www.alamo-asmc.org/>



# NATIONAL NEWS

## DoD asks Congress to simplify travel regulations

DoD needs Congress' help to reengineer travel laws, policies, and processes in order to make defense travel simpler. Testifying before the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Legislation, David Fisher (Director, Business Transformation Agency) and Pamela Mitchell (Director, Defense Travel Management Office) told members that the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) and Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) have, over time, become "unwieldy documents that can be confusing, and occasionally contradictory." For more info, go to <http://asmc.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04MDcxNDcmeD0xJnU9MTAyMTMyNDU1MiZsaT0zMTEwNTcy/index.html>.

**More Industry News.** (Read these [Financial News Highlights](#) and more on the ASMC website.)

- GAO finds poor management of manufacturing risks leads to weapons cost growth
- Aspiring SES candidates identify positive and negative aspects of their interest
- Congress introduces legislation to overhaul defense acquisition
- GAO studies military and private sector pay comparisons
- Congress told funds for bigger military pay raise would be better-spent on bonuses
- Senate Budget Committee approves FY2011 Budget Resolution
- Plan to convert NSPS employees to other pay plans is on schedule

## PDI Information

In early May, ASMC National learned of the devastating floods in the Middle Tennessee that left more than ten feet of flood waters in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. Because of the amazing dedication and support of the PDI team, ASMC had to move the entire PDI program from Nashville, Tennessee to Orlando, Florida. More than 4000 attendees are registered to attend PDI 2010. Additional information about the PDI is available on the National ASMC web-site (<http://www.asmonline.org/pdi-2/pdi-2010>).

## Member Benefits.

Becker Professional Education. Becker is providing discounts to ASMC members for their CPA Exam Review (full four-part course), the Stalla Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) Review System (regular or enhanced), and agency sponsored direct bill CPE Distance Learning unlimited use subscription program. However, these discounts cannot be combined with discounts offered to other organizations. For more information on these discounts, [visit the Becker CPA Exam Review website](#).

# CHAPTER MEETINGS

**April Meeting.** HQ AFISR/FM hosted the luncheon on 29 April 2010 at the Randolph AFB Parr Club. Mr. Chip von Heiland, AFISR Agency A3T, Force Development and Training, Senior Language Authority, gave a presentation on *Executing Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) Funding in Direct Support of ISR Missions*. The presentation will address the importance of Comptrollers to the overall AF mission, in particular our efforts in ISR Transformation and the war effort (OIF/OEF).



**May Meeting.** AFCEE and 311 HSW hosted the May luncheon on 25 May 2010 at the Little Red Barn restaurant. Lt Col James Romasz, Chief, Contingency MILCON & Minor Construction Branch, AFCEE/CXM, gave a presentation on *AFCEE's Activities in the AOR*. Lt Col Romasz presented program highlights, what we're doing there, cultural and other issues encountered as well as the budgetary/funding side of things. He identified locations and operations in Iraq, and Afghanistan and detailed construction, culture, and experience challenges taking place in the AOR since 2004. He identified the role AFCEE plays in re-building areas impoverished by different conflicts and the adversities faced by all in completing projects in an area of little resource and experience. He talked of project management and the funds necessary to accomplish this joint venture.

**June Meeting.** The 802d Comptroller Squadron will host the June luncheon, which will focus on the installation of officers for the upcoming fiscal year (July 2010 – June 2011). The date and location will be announced at a later date. Watch for flyers for this upcoming luncheon.

## LOCAL NEWS

### *Various Chapter Executive Committee Members*

#### **Awards and Recognition.**

Congratulations to the following San Antonio area award winners, who will receive their awards at the 2010 PDI in Orlando (*Chapter members denoted in blue*):

- Maria (Cris) Brown, Air and Space Operations Division, Support and Personnel Audits, Air Force Audit Agency, will receive the ASMC National award (Distinguished level) for Auditing.
- *Jeff Moon*, HQ, USA MEDCOM, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff Resource Management, will receive the ASMC National award (Meritorious level) for Education, Training, and Career Development.
- William (Bill) Horton and *Kathleen Harman*, HQ, USA Medical Command, Finance & Accounting Division, will receive individual Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) awards, Financial Management Initiative category (HQ and Major Command) for their work in the Reduction of Aged and Abnormal Reimbursable Accounting Conditions.
- *Colonel Marcus Cronk*, Mr. Art Lomas, and *Jeff Moon* from Headquarters, US Army Medical Command, are recipients of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) 2009 Resource Management awards as “Best in Army.” *Colonel Cronk* was recognized as Comptroller of the Year; Art Lomas for Accounting and Finance achievements, and *Jeff Moon* for Education, Training and Career Development achievements.

Congratulations also to Janie Cardenas, 502 CPTS, for her selection as the U.S. Army Garrison (Ft Sam Houston) Civilian Employee of the Quarter Winners for the 2nd Quarter, FY 2010 (Band I Category).

**Journal Article.** Tony Ames, Deputy Assistant Auditor General for Support and Personnel Audits, Air Force Audit Agency (and member of the ASMC Alamo-City Chapter) wrote an article entitled “Auditing: It's not just about the dollars...” for the Winter 2010 issue of ASMC's Armed Forces Comptroller magazine.



**Election Results (Teresa Vega, Elections Committee Chair).** Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the coming fiscal year (July 2010-June 2011), who will be installed during the June Chapter Luncheon:

- President – Colonel Marcus Cronk
- Secretary – Kathy Scott
- President-Elect – Colonel Terry Ross
- Secretary-Elect – TBD (Vacant)
- General Counsel – Vaughn Caudill
- Treasurer – Doug Ochodnický
- VP for 311 HSW – Betty Ann Rosales
- VP for AFCEE – Teresa Vega
- VP for IMCOM – Mary Ann Casillas
- VP for U.S. Army North – Michael Pukansky
- VP for MEDCOM – Deborah Horton
- VP for U.S. Army South – Dilla Applewhite
- VP for AF ISR Agency – MSgt Derek Jones
- VP for 802 CPTS – Capt Kevin Watts
- VP for 47 CPTS – Maj Shenendoah Hoefflerle
- VP for 902 CPTS – Ada Fromuth
- VP for HQ AETC (& AFSAT) – Linda Martinez
- VP for AFSVA – TBD (Vacant)
- VP for AFAA Randolph – Angela Crawford
- VP for AFAA Brooks – Brenda Flores

**Help Wanted!! Executive Committee Openings.** The elections are over for next year's Chapter Executive Committee; however, there are still opportunities to get involved and serve the Chapter as one of our appointed officers (Committee Chairs), since a number of these positions will also be turning over this year. If interested, please contact any member of the Executive Committee and let them know you're like to step up for the challenge. Help form ASMC into the organization "you" feel it should be. It only takes a few minutes to agree to be an active member of a 5-Star, dynamic, professional military organization with over 700 members. The benefits are great, the networking is fantastic and you can honestly say "you" helped mold the future. So, if you're willing to go the extra mile, willing to be a wingman, willing to lead, mentor and have good old fashioned fun, *the Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers wants you!!!*

**Chapter Comptroller Employee Scholarships (Bill Pazeretsky, Scholarship Committee Chairperson).**

We are coming down to the wire again on our member scholarships – lump sum awards of \$400 paid to two deserving members (military, civilian, or corporate) for use in actual college expenses. Scholarship qualifications are described below.

- Nominees must work in a comptroller related field (accounting, auditing, business, financial management, resource management, etc.).
- Nominees must be enrolled in a college or university, or accepted for enrollment with a college or university.
- Nominees must be pursuing, or plan on pursuing, undergraduate/graduate degree in a business/financial management related discipline.
- Nominees must be a current member of the Alamo City Chapter –AMSC.

**The deadline is 31 May 10 and so far we have not received any applications.** Please make a push through your organizations for candidates. The selection panel will meet in June and we will award the scholarships at the July luncheon. If we don't get any applications, we will return the funds to the Chapter. Information and applications can be obtained from our web site or from Bill Pazeretsky at 536-4180 or 659-6242.

**CDFM Incentive Awards (Joan Navarro, Certification Committee Chair).** The Chapter has an incentive award of up to \$100 for Chapter members who obtain their CDFM certifications. Members who complete their CDFMs between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 should forward documented evidence of the CDFM award through their organizational Vice President to the Chapter Certification Chair. If you have any questions, contact Joan Navarro at 536-3659.



# ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



## AIR FORCE SERVICES AGENCY

The Air Force Services Agency (AFSVA), with headquarters in San Antonio, TX, is a field operating agency of Headquarters U.S. Air Force Services, Washington, D.C. It was formed 1 October 1992 during the reorganization of Morale, Welfare, & Recreation and Services functions.

The agency manages Air Force central nonappropriated funds (NAFs) and operates central systems for field support such as banking, investments, purchasing, data flow, insurance benefits programs, and the personnel system for NAF employees. AFSVA supports the bases, major commands and Air Staff by providing technical assistance, fielding new initiatives, developing procedures and managing selected central support functions to ensure successful Services programs. The agency's responsibilities include developing and disseminating procedures to implement policy, preparing responses to high-level inquiries, providing technical assistance to the field, and developing new programs that support major command and installation activities.

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## ON-LINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

*Charlene Houghton*

### Managers' Internal Control (MIC) Program

Internal management controls are more than tools to improve effective and efficient financial management; they encompass every aspect of DoD operations. Internal management controls ultimately, affect our primary mission helping the warfighters who defend the Nation.

Managers' Internal Control (MIC) Program – Through the efforts of several MAJCOM subject matter experts this MICP training was made possible with support from SAF/FMPW's management and training development contractors.

The FM Distributed Learning Center (DLC) has just launched two new training courses for the MIC Program; the MIC Program Assessable Unit Manager's course and the MIC Program Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) course. Please take the time to complete both courses and encourage others to take these courses. Training is located on the FM DLC at the following link – <https://fm.csd.disa.mil/kc/login.asp>. In order to take these courses, go to the course list, click on Other Development Resources and select MICP AUM or MICP RM.

*As Team Lead for this project, Charlene worked with representatives from five MAJCOMS and SAF/FMPW to develop this on-line Air Force MIC training.*



# LETTER TO RETIREES

(AND MEMBERS PLANNING TO RETIRE)

Jane Keller, Retiree Liaison

Are you a retiree? Or are you considering retirement soon? If so, is your contact information up to date with ASMC National? Does it include a phone number and an e-mail address?

I owe all retirees an apology for not keeping you better informed of activities/decisions/opportunities available through your membership in Alamo City Chapter, ASMC. I promise to improve while serving you over the next year. However, I really need your help to do so. If you answered yes to either of the first two questions and no to either of the last two questions above, please take action NOW to correct any erroneous or missing information. I will be most happy to assist you in doing so. I can be contacted at cell phone 210-573-6702 or via e-mail at [jkeller@satx.rr.com](mailto:jkeller@satx.rr.com).

Mass mailing of the chapter's newsletters can be very costly and time-consuming. These publications are posted to the chapter website <http://www.alamo-asmc.org/>. If you have computer access, please check the website regularly for current events and publications. If you do not have computer access and want to have information snail mailed to you, please let me know. I will NOT mailing chapter newsletters, luncheon fliers, or community service events unless specifically requested BY YOU...and then mailings will discontinue if you do not participate in any events. I will not spend chapter funds without a payback to the chapter.

Thank you so very much to everyone who is on my e-mail group listing. Please be sure to let me know if your e-mail address changes. I often send a message out and get several rejects for "bad" addresses. So if you haven't heard from me in several months and want to stay in the loop, please call me and check that I have your current information.

Regards  
Jane Keller, Retiree Liaison  
Alamo City Chapter, ASMC

PS: When my husband was young, his uncles had a rule implemented with all vacations: the first to complain took over the duty. Enough said?

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Nida Soriano-Rosas, Community Service Chair

- **Child Protective Service:** The Child Protective Services (CPS) held their annual appreciation reception at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr 28 in the CPS building. Ellen Hester represented the Alamo City Chapter at this event. Quote from Kathy Hill, CPS Outreach Program Coordinator: "Our workers and children are thrilled with all you do for them. We don't tell you enough! From our children and staff THANK YOU for your hard work and thoughtfulness."
- **Upcoming Events:** Flyers will be sent out for future community service events. Coming up are events to help the residents of Sunshine Plaza with chores that they are unable to do and the SSP Fan Drive. For the children of the CPS, the Back to School/School Supplies Drive is also coming up in the summer. This drive will raise funds, backpacks and school supplies for the abused and neglected children of the CPS as they get ready to enter the new school year 2010-2011.



- **Race For The Cure:** More than 30 members, family members and guests of the Alamo Chapter registered and/or participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure of Breast Cancer at the Alamo Dome on 1 May 2010. The team raised over \$700.00 towards research, vital screening, treatment, education and awareness of the breast cancer. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way. The pictures below show some of the Alamo City Chapter's team members for the Komen Race.



- **Community Service Needs Leaders:** If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to lead any specific community service event, please contact the Chapter's Community Service Chairperson, Nida Soriano-Rosas at (210) 395-8303 or e-mail [nida.soriano-rosas@us.af.mil](mailto:nida.soriano-rosas@us.af.mil).

## ABOUT FACES

*Various Executive Committee Members*



### Hails:

- Amn Andrew Smart, 902 CPTS, Customer Service
- Krystal Bennett, 902 CPTS, Civilian Pay
- Norma Newberry, 902 CPTS, Budget
- Alfonso Toledo, 902 CPTS, TDY-to-Schools
- Brenda Yracheta, 902 CPTS, TDY-to-Schools

### Departures:

- David Silvey, 77th AESG to Wright Patterson AFB, OH, 12 July
- Nick Baker, 902 CPTS to Warner Robins, GA

### Local Moves:

- Sean Wilson, 77th AESG, to 311 ABG, 1 Aug
- David Billings, 902 CPTS to AFSAT
- Cecilio Coronado, 902 CPTS to AFSAT



### **Deployments:**

- SSgt Herevia, 902 CPTS to Iraq (January)
- 1 Lt Poirier, 902 CPTS to Afghanistan (February)
- MSgt Howard, 902 CPTS to Iraq (March)
- TSgt Gutierrez, 902 CPTS to Afghanistan (May)

### **Retirements:**

- Bill Pazeretsky, 77th AESG, 31 July
- Melissa Meadows, 77th AESG, 31 July
- June Stewart, 311 ABG, 30 July.

### **Places to Go, People to Meet:**

The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) has almost completed its move to building 171, Port San Antonio (Kelly USA) late February thru April. The few AFCEE-ites still located in Bldg 532, Brooks City Base, are scheduled to migrate to Building 171 in the coming months.

***Final Farewell. It's with great sorrow that we bit a final farewell to Miss Mary, one of our friends at the Sunshine Plaza, who passed away on 19 May. She would have turned 102 years old in June. Funeral Services will be this Friday, 28 May at 10:00 a.m., at the Palestine Baptist Church, 915 N. Elmendorf, San Antonio TX 78207 (Tel: 210-434-2279). The family has indicated there will not be a Wake, but there will be a viewing Thursday evening at the Carter-Taylor-Williams Mortuary, 601 N. Center (at the corner with Hackberry) (Tel: 210-227-7311). All cards and flowers can be directed here. We'll all miss her greatly!!!***



*Jane Keller with Miss Mary at an ASMC Sponsored SSP Christmas Party*

