



ALAMO GRAM

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President's Message

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What a great day we had February 11 at our annual Professional Development Symposium. Ms. Ellen Hester, Air Force Audit Agency and her team did a superb job of putting together a professionally enriching program for the Stars of the Alamo City Chapter. Mr. John Cornett – Corporate Liaison (Booz Allen Hamilton) did a great job as our Master of Ceremonies. Other members of the PDS team were:

Ms. Andrea Powers - Registration
Mr. Mike Snell - Speakers
Ms. Patricia Tyus – Speaker Assistants
Ms. Charlene Houghton – Publicity
Ms. Ada Fromuth - Program
Ms. Jane Keller – Speakers
Ms. Betty Ann Rosales -- Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Laird – Logo

At the PDS we celebrated the Stars of our Chapter – our Annual Awards Presentation. Awardees were:

Base Level

Meritorious Achievement in Budgeting is Mr. Frank H. Remington, Joint Information Operations Warfare Center, San Antonio, TX.

Distinguished Achievement in Budgeting is Mr. J. Bert Dycus, Chief, Financial and Analysis and Accounting Liaison, 12th Comptroller Support Squadron, Randolph Air Force

Distinguished Achievement in Auditing is Mr. Johnny Rodriguez, Air Force Audit Agency, SCAOO Team Chief, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

Distinguished Achievement in Resource -Management is Technical Sergeant Kimberly K. Weiss, Air Force Office of Special Investigation, Region 4 Financial Manager, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.



Distinguished Achievement -- Intern / Trainee Major Michael C. Goodman, Chief Budget Operations, Air, Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base.

Major Command

Meritorious Achievement in Accounting / Finance -- Mr. Michael K. Johnson, Financial Systems Analyst, US Army Medical Command,

Distinguished Achievement in Accounting / Finance -- Ms. Terry L. Stansberry, Supervisory Accountant and Chief Accounting Operations, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Meritorious Achievement in Budgeting --Mr. Donald E. Brown, junior, Chief AETC Budget Integration Division, Air Education Training Command, Randolph air Force Base, Texas.

Distinguished Achievement in Budgeting -- Mr. David R. Ardner, Chief, Budget Execution, Assistant Chief of Staff Resource Management, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Meritorious Achievement Award for Analysis / Evaluation -- Ms. Andrea M. Powers, Program Analyst, Assistant Chief of Staff, G8, US Army North

Distinguished Achievement in Analysis / Evaluation -- Mr. Brian Clearman, Management analyst, US Army Medical command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Meritorious Achievement in Auditing Award -- Elaine M. "Daisy" Bradley, Audit Manager, United States Air Force Audit Agency, Brook City-Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Distinguished Achievement in Auditing -- Angela D. Crawford, Audit Manager, Personnel and Training Division, Support and Personnel Directorate, U.S. Air Force Audit Agency, Brook City-Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Meritorious Achievement in Contractor Support -- Melvin (Bud) Martinez, Program Analyst (Contractor) Program and Budget Division, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Distinguished Achievement in Contractor Support -- Mr. Arturo Rivas, Headquarters Air Education Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base.

Meritorious Achievement in Resource Management -- Maj Tina H. Nguyen, Chief, Funds Control and Headquarters Account Section, U.S. Air Force Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Distinguished Achievement in Resource Management -- Mr. Patrick M. Reynolds, Chief Program and Capabilities Division, Assistant Chief of Staff, G8, U.S. Army North, fort Sam Houston, Texas.



TEAM Awards

The award for Meritorious Team Achievement is presented to ARNORTH CCMRF– US Army North. Members of the team are:

Patrick Reynolds
Brad Ramey
Cynthia Harris
Larry Ursell
Melissa Foxhall
Michael Pukansky
Andrea Powers
Lawrence Anderson
Melissa Terry

The award for Distinguished Team Achievement is presented to Performance Based Adjustment Model (PBAM) Workgroup-US Army Medical Command.
Members of the team are:

COL Karl Kerchief
COL Kathy Harrington
COL Steven Braverman
LTC William LaChance
Vera L. Hanna
Michael O'Brien
Paulette Richards
Romona Bacon
Ron James
Richard Mever
Bruce Gidnev
Harold Cardenas
Evelyn Patterson
COL Daryl L. Spencer

Meritorious Achievement as Comptroller / Deputy Comptroller -- Colonel Marcus W. Cronk, Assistant Chief of Staff, Resource Management, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Distinguished Achievement as Comptroller of the Year -- Ms. Deborah L. Rush, Assistant Chief of Staff, G8, U.S. Army North, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The chapter turns its focus and energy to the upcoming National Professional Development Institute to be held in San Antonio. Registration should be open soon at www.asmcnline.org. Volunteers will continue to be needed, check with you VP for opportunities.

Patrick Reynolds
President
Alamo City Chapter, ASMC



National News

ASMC Selects New Executive Director

Mr. Alvin Tucker has been selected to replace the Honorable Robert Hale who was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer).

LinkedIn

LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries. ASMC has created a group on LinkedIn as a forum for discussion of ASMC matters. Discussion and membership will be moderated to a limited degree, and the opinions expressed on the group are those of the individual members and not of ASMC. You may find our group here

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=953357>

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Renew ASMC Membership Online – Join Online

Prospective new members of ASMC may now apply for membership online at the ASMC website. This method decreases the processing time by up to a week, so please encourage anyone you may be recruiting to apply online. Also, current members may renew online and update member information (new e-mail, address, job title, etc).

Congratulations to Micki Keim of USARSO who took the teleconference review for Module 1 & 2, within a week took the exam and passed both Module 1 & 2. She'll tell you taking the review sessions work. So if you want to get your CDFM, buy the new review manual, take the review sessions and exams and you'll be on your way to earning the CDFM certification.

Vaughn Caudill, CPA, CDFM



CDFM – Why Bother?

Many of you who attended our recent Professional Development Symposium may have seen a number of attendees wearing yellow “CDFM” ribbons with their name tags. Most of you have probably heard of the CDFM program, but may not realize what it really represents. Others might think it’s too complicated or too much effort, so WHY BOTHER?

A significant portion of the federal budget is devoted to the defense sector. As a result, the field of defense financial management is both demanding and complex covering a multitude of interrelated disciplines and intertwined with a highly developed body of codified fiscal law.

The Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Program established by ASMC provides formal recognition to those persons who clearly demonstrate proficiency in the core aspects of defense financial management. Individuals who receive their CDFMs are widely recognized throughout the Department of Defense for their expertise as professional financial managers.

The basic Certification recognizes professional knowledge and experience related to three mandatory Modules. **Module 1** addresses the General Resource Management Environment, and includes the Government and Defense Resource Management Environments, Manpower and Personnel Management, Management and Internal Controls, and Fiscal Law. **Module 2** addresses Budget and Cost Analysis, and includes Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution; Cost and Economic Analysis; Business Management Process Improvement; and Fiscal Law. **Module 3** addresses Accounting and Finance and includes Fiscal Law, Finance, Accounting, and Auditing.

An optional fourth Module has been added to offer a specialization in Acquisition. This module includes Goals, Strategy and the three Major DoD Decision Support Systems; Systems Engineering; Resource Management; Life Cycle Logistics; Human Systems Integration; Acquiring Information Technology; Technology Protection; Test and Evaluation; Decisions, Assessments, and Reports; and Special Management Activities (Emphasis on Earned Value Management).

To support members who obtain their Certification, the Alamo City Chapter periodically sponsors “brown bag lunch” study sessions, as well as audio-conferences provided by ASMC National to help members prepare for their CDFM examinations. The Chapter also provides a **CDFM Incentive Award of up to \$100** for chapter members receiving the basic CDFM during the Chapter’s fiscal year (1 July 2008 - 30 June 2009). Recognition certificates are also provided to individuals who complete the optional Module 4. To qualify for the awards, members must submit proof of eligibility through their organizational Vice President to the Chapter’s Certification Chair by early July 2009. This year’s goal is to have 20 new CDFMs within the Chapter.

For more information or questions about the CDFM Program or the Chapter’s Incentive Award, contact your organization Vice President or Joan Navarro, the Chapter’s Certification Chair, at 210-536-3311 (DSN 240) or at Joan.Navarro@brooks.af.mil.



Local News

RACE FOR THE CURE

The Race for the Cure raises money for vital breast cancer screening, treatment and education right here in San Antonio. Now more than ever many women will need your help. No donation or volunteer opportunity is too small to educate women about early detection or to provide a life-saving mammogram and volunteers are essential to making Race work!

Last year the ASMC Alamo City Chapter raised over \$1K in participation and contribution. Our goal this year is to raise the same if not more. Anything you can do is greatly appreciated.

Annie Faircloth volunteered to be ASMC Team Captain for this event. On-line registration ended on 6 Mar 2009, but pledges (donations) can be made for registered attendees at any time. To register for the race or make a pledge on behalf of one of our team members, go to <http://race.sakomen.org> and look for "ASMC Alamo City".

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Child Protective Services is in need of suitable prom dresses for their teen girls. All sizes are needed. Prom time is not far away, so let us try to help make the season special for these young ladies. Please bring your donation to the March executive meeting or there will be a box provided for at the March luncheon.

Also, don't forget to bring in those scraps of material that can be used to make quilts for CPS's "adopted" children. Needles and threads are also needed.

SUNSHINE PLAZA EVENT

Each month the Alamo Chapter assists the residents of Sunshine Plaza with household chores. In addition to lending a helping hand, we try to bring a bit of sunshine into the lives of the residents by visiting with them and by celebrating their birthdays with cake and punch. The next SSP event is scheduled for Sat, 21 Mar 2009 from 0900-1200 with St Patrick's Day theme. This event will be sponsored by AFSVA with Ms Ada Fromuth or Ms Joy Berberek as POCs.

Nida Soriano-Rosas/Jane Keller
Community Service Committee



Converse Animal Shelter Community Service Event
9634 Schaeffer Rd, Converse, TX 78109 (210)658-4821

April 4, 2009



Another opportunity to make a difference. The Converse Animal Shelter is asking for our help. This is adoption month and the shelter needs our help in washing dogs and brushing cats so that they look their best. The shelter is also asking that some of us volunteer to load the animals into the vans and then to meet at Petsmart in the Forum to assist them with the adoption paperwork. Please join us at the Converse Animal Shelter by 0900 so that we can accomplish all that needs to be done in time to get to Petsmart on schedule!

Family members are welcome but parents must supervise children under 15 at all times.

Charlene Houghton
Event POC

The PDI 2009 Philanthropy Committee

The PDI 2009 Philanthropy Committee is looking for items to put in our "Service Baskets". We hope to have a fantastic basket put together for every military service. The service baskets will be raffled off at the PDI and all proceeds will go to support the PDI 2009 Charity, The San Antonio Fisher Houses. If you have a service unique item which you would like to donate to a particular Service Basket please contact Joy Berberek at edjoyber@satx.rr.com NLT 15 May to make arrangements for pick up. We need your help and support to make these baskets the best ever! The funds we raise are so important to our San Antonio Fisher Houses at Lackland AFB and Ft Sam Houston, please consider donating an item or two!

Joy Berberek, Chairman
PDI 2009 Philanthropy Committee



ASMC Elections

Don't you wish things would change and ASMC would or should address things that "you're" interested in? Well, now 's the time to voice "your" opinion, and step up to the challenge. Help form ASMC into the organization "you" feel it should be. Get involved, run for an executive office. It only takes a few minutes to agree to be an active member of a 5-Star, dynamic, professional military organization with over 600 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.

We are looking for motivated self-starters to run for the following elected 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 27March 2009. 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 31 March 2009.

Ballots with nominations will be distributed to the installation VPs NLT 10 April for distribution to their members for voting. Totals will be due back to Chairperson by 28 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
Attn: Ms. Teresa Vega
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Brooks AFB TX 78235-5342
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Phone: 210-536-2067 Fax: 210-536-1647

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.

Be a team member, "Get Involved!" Send your name in today.

v/r
Teresa Vega
Elections Chair





“BUILDING THE STARS OF TOMMORROW”

This is your invitation to join us at PDI 2009 in the S.A. Convention Center on 26-29 May 09. The Alamo City Chapter will soon host this big extravaganza called PDI 2009. We will be expecting anywhere from 3,500-4,000 attendees.

We are asking for your assistance in allowing members in your office the opportunity to improve, strengthen or develop their professional skills. Members will be given the opportunity to demonstrate leadership abilities and build a professional network through participation in ASMC activities.

The PDI's 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 that will 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 of 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 the DOD leadership. You can choose from over 80 Workshop Sessions and Mini-Courses. You will participate in Service Day, (6) General Sessions and (4) Evening networking opportunities.

REGISTRATION FOR PDI 2009: To open in Mid-Feb 09 – WEBSITE: www.asmonline.org

SPECIAL EVENTS:

CHARITY RAFFLE: An event that provides ASMC attendees the opportunity to win unique Chapter sponsored items. ..Cost per ticket - \$1.00. Chapter's will register in advance to participate and are limited to (3) raffle items; with a minimum value of \$25.00 each. Chapters will keep the proceeds for their own local events/charities, or they could donate those proceeds to the PDI 2009 Charity.

Also anticipate Service Baskets (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines) , here too you will have the opportunity to win a Service Basket...ALL PROCEEDS will be given to the PDI 2009 Charity...S.A. Fisher Houses.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: PDI 2009 Charity is the S.A. Fisher Houses, (4) Ft Sam, (3) LAFB...PDI attendees sign up at the Special Events Table located in the Registration area for Tuesday, 26 May 09...those who volunteer get the opportunity to visit a S.A. Fisher House...you will be rolling up your sleeves and helping with Spring Cleaning: Re-Stocking the kitchen pantries, cleaning appliances, vacuuming/dusting, cleaning shutters/windows/screens and garden work



The S.A. Fisher Houses will also have representatives in the Registration area that can provide you with information and also would be glad to accept your donations.

5K FUN WALK/RUN: This event is scheduled for 26 May 09...All participants must register at the Special Events table in the PDI Registration area...this event will take place in the Texas Hill Country at Eisenhower Park.

VOLKSMARCH: This event is scheduled for 26 May 09...All participants must register at the Special Events table in the PDI Registration area...you will be walking through history seeing many of the S.A. Missions

HEALTH FAIR: Save your Blood – Expect the South Texas Blood/Tissue Center to be present on-site early in the week during PDI 2009...WHO BENEFITS...Wounded Warriors, Hospitals, others in need

VOLUNTEER: You will know who the PDI 2009 Volunteers are by the RED SHIRTS/BLACK SLACKS/SKIRTS.

Currently all PDI 2009 Committees are full, but you have another opportunity to **VOLUNTEER as an Assistant Instructor (AI).**

In the PDI 2009 Registration... Volunteers can apply to serve as an AI. As an AI (volunteer), member will be entitled to Register at the Volunteer Rate (\$260.00), they will receive a Volunteer Shirt...ALSO that member's (if selected by ASMC National) Chapter will receive a portion of the PDI 2009 profit.

AI Responsibilities:

Must have attended at least (1) PDI in the past five years

Liaison with Speaker for Workshop and other PDI needs prior to the PDI

Attend AI training conference call (date TBD) and volunteer training at PDI (Tues afternoon)

Assist in speaker ready room as needed

Introduction of Speaker(s) at PDI

Ensure workshop flows smoothly (problem solving, timeliness, chart flipping)

Collect critiques

Follow up with any issues after the PDI

As you can see we have several power packed days of Information/training/community service. For those that have never attended a PDI...here would be the place to go...as no one does a PDI better than your host, the Alamo City Chapter.

Join us in "Building the Stars of Tomorrow"; hope to see you there,

JULIE JOHNSTON
PDI 2009 CO-CHAIR

JIM HAMILTON



SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now!!

Don't let the deadline sneak up on you

Please read the qualification information below and submit your application early. 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 2009. 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!

