



ALAMO GRAM

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President's Message



Alamo City Chapter,

What a year! We have achieved more than I dreamed possible in Feb 2007 when Annie Faircloth approached me about serving. Thank you for that opportunity and the support to our professional organization. Together -- We made a difference!

To all those who serve(d) on the Executive Committee, I truly appreciate your energy and tireless efforts. To those who continue to serve, thanks for volunteering again.

As we look forward, I ask all of you to support Col Fulguhm and our new leaders. Bring 2 people to every event and before you know it we will need to rent the Convention Center for chapter events.

So, the year of our PDI passes, 5 star glory remains, we continue to serve a grateful Nation.

I am humbled to have served as your President. Thank you and May God bless you and the United States of America!

Respectfully,
Patrick Reynolds
Immediate Past President
Patrick M. Reynolds



National News

Civilian Expeditionary Workforce Audio Conference

Hold the date for an ASMC audio conference that will inform you about the DoD CEW initiative and provide you with CPE credits. The conference will be held on July 9, 2009 at 2 pm Eastern. Our presenter will be Ms. Marilee Fitzgerald, Principal Director, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy. She is responsible for the oversight and approval of the Department of Defense human resource policies and programs that affect over 700,000 employees worldwide. To learn more about CEW, visit its website at: <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/expeditionary>

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).

Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the recipients of our two \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors. The recipients are Leslie Marie Roberts and Rachel Marie Gutierrez. Leslie is a graduate of Samuel Clemens High School. She graduated number 1 in her class of 262 seniors. She will be attending Union University in Jackson, TN and will be pursuing a degree in Business Management. Rachel is a graduate of John Paul Stevens High School. She graduated number 2 in her class of 595 seniors. She will be attending St Mary's University here in San Antonio and will be pursuing a degree in Accounting. We will present these two outstanding students their checks at our July luncheon.

Congratulations!

Michael Pukansky and Vaughn Caudill have each been selected to receive our \$400.00 scholarships for our chapter scholarship program.



Member's News

Community Service Schedule for the 2009-2010 Official Year

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| 12 June 2009 | <u>Converse Animal Shelter's Adopt-a-Pet Program</u> 8:30-4:30 Come & Go Participation throughout the day. |
| 11 July 2009 | Team up for <u>Dare to Love's Annual Bowl-a-thon</u> Team captains provide a report of participating members And hours to POC Jane Keller (jkeller@satx.rr.com) |
| 15 Jul – 30 Aug | <u>Back to School</u> donation drive for <u>Dare to Love's</u> Rainbow Room; track shopping hours and report to VP. VPs: report to Jane Keller |
| 8 August 2009 | <u>Sunshine Plaza Summer Picnic</u> Wash windows for residents from 9:00 to 12:00 and Serve Hot Dogs, sides, drinks, dessert from 12 to 2:00 |
| Oct 09 (TBA) | <u>Habitat for Humanity Build</u> ; will be 10, 17, or 24 Oct depending on fall schedule of build activities. |
| 23-26 Nov 09 | (tentative) <u>Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner</u> ; Mike Snell and Andrea Powers are POCs |
| Dec 09 (TBA) | Chapter Christmas Party. A charity will be announced by the host organization with that VP as POC. |
| 12 Dec 09 | Sunshine Plaza Christmas Party; Nida Soriano-Rosas is POC Gift bags to residents, caroling and a Christmas luncheon. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| 14-18 Dec 09 | (tentative) Annual HEB <u>Feast of Sharing</u> ; POCS are Mike Snell and Andrea Powers |
| Jan 2010 | A second <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> build; date dependent Upon build schedule. |
| Feb 2010 | <u>PDS Charity</u> ; to be determined by PDS Chair |
| Feb 2010 | A second <u>Converse Animal Shelter Adopt-a-Pet</u> Program; date TBA |
| March 2010 | <u>Sunshine Plaza St. Patrick's Celebration</u> from 9:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. Specific date TBA |
| April 2010 | <u>Race for the Cure</u> – Annie Faircloth, POC <u>Any Baby Can</u> Donation Drive |
| May 2010 | Collection of <u>Prom Dresses</u> for Dare to Love's High School Students <u>Sunshine Plaza Sweat Equity</u> from 9:00 to 12:00 and cookout for residents from 12:00 to 2:00 |
| June 2010 | Converse Animal Shelter's Adopt-a-Pet Program |

Watch for fliers for each event. Bring family. Bring guests. Come as often as you can and for as long as you can. Remember, these community service events are opportunities for you to give back to your city. Let's do it with pride. We look forward to meeting you at future events.

Nida Soriano-Rosas and Jane Keller, Community Service, Alamo City Chapter, ASMC



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).

Join or Renew today to start reaping the benefits!

Current Meeting

At the last meeting of the chapter's executive committee, our outgoing president, Mr. Reynolds, thanked everyone for their hard work during the past year. The efforts of the executive committee and of those who support our various activities were easily apparent as the chapter was again named a Five-Star Chapter. Additionally, he thanked the PDI Chairs and Committee, and the Executive Committee and Chapter members for their outstanding work with this year's PDI. All comments heard at the PDI were very positive. The hard work showed - as this PDI had record attendance (4600+), as well as record charity donations (\$12,300 and rising). During the National Executive meeting on Thursday of PDI, Alamo City Chapter was recognized for our Community Service in 2008-2009. Mr. Reynolds noted that we could easily be the Chapter of the Year for 2010 if we ride the waves of support from PDI to get our members involved. Mr. Reynolds also asked that the Executive Committee members look back at the past year and provide some notes on what we as a chapter can do to help make Membership in ASMC and the Chapter be an even better thing. These notes can be used to help the new 2009-2010 Leadership in continuing and improving our efforts. Mr. Reynolds asked that we poll our members and determine which charities they would like to support - so we can meet the needs of our chapter members in helping provide service to the community.

Mike Snell, CDFM
Secretary, Alamo City Chapter ASMC

Future Meeting

The next chapter meeting/luncheon will be hosted by Brooks HSW. Details will be forthcoming.



A "SPECIAL" THANK YOU TO THE PDI 2009 CHAIRS/CO-CHAIRS AND THEIR VOLUNTEERS

As we rest our feet and reflect back over the past months and leading up to the week of PDI 2009...to be in the limelight...the Alamo City Chapter's PDI 2009 Volunteers showed the visiting ASMC Members/Guests our Team Spirit and TEXAS Hospitality...these 68 Volunteers showed enthusiasm, energy along with a can do attitude...you all can be proud as PDI 2009 is being hailed as the "BEST EVER"! Accolades have come in from all Branches of Service to include HQ ASMC National, Executive Director Al Tucker and ASMC National President (elect) Lt General Thiessen.

During PDI 2009 there were many record breaking events...Registration 4,697...Blood Drive Donation 100 pints...Community Service Project/Raffle (S.A. Fisher Houses) current Donations stand at \$12,333 with more donations anticipated. Allow us to recognize the PDI 2009 Committee Chair/Co-Chairs:

Administration: LuAnn Trent, Lorraine Jones...they ran the Command Center and at a moment's notice found the necessary volunteers for the task at hand...Purchased supplies, ordered signs for each Committee, hauled around carts and shipped the left over supplies to HQ ASMC National to be used at the next PDI...this Committee always came thru when we needed them; to include on the spur of the moment requests.

Philanthropy/Community Service Project/Raffle: Joy Berberек, Betty Ann Rosales...A total of 31 Chapters participated, bringing in a total of 66 items in this event...the Raffle Room was mobbed with on lookers and swarmed with ticket purchasers as members were totally amazed by the quality of items up for Raffle. Other selections to choose from included (5) Service Baskets brimming over with goodies.

Once the winner's names were posted, nothing but smiles came into the room as they collected their items...this also included the S.A. Fisher House Representatives who reaped the financial benefits from the Service Baskets...ladies; you have set the standard other PDIs must emulate in the future.

Hospitality: Maria Ortiz Rodriguez, Lety Cantu and Kathy Scott...Hats off to you and you're Volunteers who warmly welcomed the PDI attendees at the S.A. Airport and Hotels. At the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center you were forever present, whether it was in the information booths or ushering members into the morning/lunch time sessions...you had your act together...we counted on you and you didn't let us down.

Opening/Closing Ceremonies: Cynthia Robertson, Beverly Rose...you set the tone for a successful PDI. Who can forget the impressive and emotional Opening Ceremony, (8) "Stars of Freedom" being asked to stand in front of strangers, only to be rewarded and honored by standing ovations from their comrades. The talents of the MEDCOM Band, precision of the Honor Guard, the dedication of the Ft Sam Video Team and the vast array of entertainment shined beyond all expectations.

The local Community rallied in support of the Family Support Center and these (8) honored guests with various Gift Cards and an American Flag for each member.



We applaud you for a seamless and flawless Opening that can be rivaled by none.

Protocol: Ellen Hester, Theresa Von Staden...how do you take care of VIPs? It was easy for this Committee who didn't stop to catch their breath...never looked tired and the VIPs who registered had nothing but praise for their efforts...their motto was, take care of the people!

Special Events: Denise Perryman, Charlene Houghton and SMSgt Morris Jefferson...you made special arrangements for the 5K Fun Walk/Run in the Texas Hill Country Eisenhower Park and the 5K/10K Volksmarch allowing members to see a fantastic view of the Alamo City.

These events were such an appeal for both the Military and Civilians...you were challenged with logistics, insurance issues, coordinating with Parks and Recreations...it fell on your shoulders to bring this all together and you came thru with flying colors.

Net Café (Technology): Don Heath, Cyndi Heath... in excess of 3600 people visited your area...you answered the call for everything that was thrown your way; Security, Power Outages, left behind Passport/CAC Cards/eye glasses, and the never ending long hours.

Each morning members were greeted with a cheery spritz of Hand Sanitizer...as you smiled and said, "please try and limit yourselves to 10 minutes"... as member's exited you wished them to HAVE A GREAT DAY!

You took this all in stride...what a magnificent job...we salute and applaud you!

Transportation: Frank Remington, TSgt Vince Jervier...you dealt with glitches and didn't even flinch. You took care of VIPs, having to assume the role of escort for several hours. The MIL AIR folks had nothing but praise for your efforts.

You hauled, pulled and yanked items from one end of the Convention Center to the other... you moved supplies from Convention Center over to the Marriott River Center and back...you carried (6) flag poles/stands, weighing in at approximately 35 pounds each...miles and miles of traveling from the Airport to Hotels (only to drop off bags) and onto the Convention Center...aren't you tired yet?

Very impressive gentlemen...loved your dedication.

A Special "HATS OFF": John Smith "Voice of God"...an overwhelming proud 20 minutes as you went thru the Opening Ceremony script.

TSgt Jamie Guttadauro and TSgt Holly Sullivan...As the Fisher House escorts let us share with you the many THANK YOUs

Working alongside the service project volunteers Tuesday at the Lackland houses was rewarding in itself and the two days I spent at our convention center booth was really meaningful....Jerry Hardy, Past Fisher House President

Thank you for blessing the Fisher Houses of San Antonio for all you have done for Us...Julie Verschoyle, LAFB Fisher House Coordinator



Thanks for everything you and your team has done for the Fisher Houses in San Antonio. It was a pleasure meeting you...Executive Director Dwayne Hopkins,



LAFB Fisher Houses

Our heartfelt thanks for caring...Gracie, Ft Sam Fisher Houses
PDI 2009 has been laid in stone...the Alamo City Chapter has made its mark...what
a wonderful team you were.

JULIE JOHNSTON
PDI 2009 CO-CHAIR

JIM HAMILTON
PDI 2009 CO-CHAIR



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