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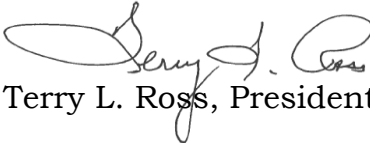


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members

We are just days away from the Chapter sponsored 2012 Professional Development Symposium. We have a great list of speakers and topics lined up and your participation will make this year a huge success. The National economic and the Department of Defense's financial environments make it even more important for those of us in the resource business to load our professional tool kit and share ideas to become more efficient and cost effective as we do our Nation's business. I know you are all extremely busy and some will be undergoing major inspections, but hopefully you can carve out some time for this professional development event. Additionally, stay tuned for some exciting and rewarding community service events currently in the final planning stages. Also, I am working the confirmation on a couple of top level speakers for our March and April ASMC luncheons. More to follow. We continue to need your help in providing us with information on published articles by chapter members and pictures from any of our ASMC events. Just send them to your VPs, and they can get them to the appropriate officers. My goal is to get as many of our photos as possible published in the Comptroller Magazine.

Sincerely,


Terry L. Ross, President

ASMC Mission Statement: To promote education, training and professional development in all aspects of military comptrollership.

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NATIONAL NEWS

FY2013 DoD budget will be \$22 billion lower than FY2012. The [FY2013 DOD base budget](#) request will total \$525 billion, down \$22 billion from the amount enacted by Congress for FY2012 (\$531 billion), according to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta. Panetta and GEN Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, [presented a preview of the FY2012 DoD budget](#) at the Pentagon yesterday. The FY2013 budget will be released on February 13. ([Read the full story](#))

See more **Defense Financial Highlights** on the ASMC website (www.asmconline.org), including the following. Due to the volume of late-breaking news from Washington, we encourage everyone to watch for updates frequently.

- DoD has momentum to achieve audit goals by 2017, Hale tells Congress
- President to nominate new DoD acquisition, policy, and personnel chiefs
- President proposes to combine some federal agencies
- President announces new military strategy
- President signs FY2012 Defense Authorization Act, with reservations

CDFM: Changes to Renewal Requirement. Effective January 1, 2012, the ASMC will require two of your 80 CPEs per renewal cycle be obtained through ethics training. This requirement will apply to both existing CDFMs and candidates. If ethics training is already included in your organization's professional development program, it can count toward this new requirement. ASMC members can take two ethics-related workshops from the PDI 2011 at no charge. Non-members can begin their membership to the ASMC [here](#) for only \$26 annually. Questions regarding the new certification renewal requirement should be directed to Lisa Deyo at deyo@asmconline.org or by calling (703) 549-0360, ext. 109.

Upcoming CDFM Audio Courses. ASMC HQ is offering intensive audio training, so mark your calendars now for the following sessions. If you're interested in attending one of the following audio-courses, please contact your organization VP or **Joan Navarro**, the Chapter Certification Chair. Each of the audio courses costs \$99 per line, but the Chapter will host (fund) these audio-courses at local bases, provided we get sufficient **member** interest (normally a minimum of 10 individuals per location) to warrant the cost of the training. Registration is now available for all sessions.

- **16 February 2012 – Discussion on the DoD Budget**, Mr. John Roth, Deputy Comptroller (Program/Budget)
- **12 April 2012 – Federal Retirement Benefits Update**, Speaker TBD

Save the date for PDI 2012! PDI 2012 will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center **May 29 – June 1**, with a theme of **Professionalism in Action**. The opening keynote speaker will be the Honorable Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). Registration for PDI and the hotel reservation system will open in early **February 2012**. Stay tuned to <http://pdi2012.org> for more information.



CHAPTER MEETINGS

December Social. Our Chapter Holiday Party was held at the Parr Officers' Club Sky Lounge at Randolph AFB on **13 December 2011** and was hosted by **Courtney Chin**, our AETC VP. There was tons of food buffet style, DJ Services, dancing, and door prizes. Although this event was free, we will gladly accepted games and toys for the **Child Protective Service's Rainbow Room** and cash donations for the **San Antonio Fisher Houses**.

January Meeting. The luncheon, hosted by **Paul Goodrich**, ARNORTH VP, was held at the Ft Sam Houston Golf Course Restaurant on **18 January 2012**. At the luncheon, COL Richard Francey, Jr., Chief of Staff, U. S. Army North, gave a presentation titled "This Ain't Your Father's Oldsmobile, Living in the Era of Efficiencies." COL Francey spoke about the current fiscal environment and how we need to change our philosophy to look for efficiencies in daily operations. He showed how ARNORTH approached this process as they reviewed their FY12 and future year funding.

February Meeting. Due to the Professional Development Symposium being held at the Education Service Center on **7-8 February 2012**, we will not have a normal luncheon meeting.

March Meeting. The luncheon will be hosted by **Teresa Vega**, AFCEE VP, with the date, time, and location to be determined. Watch future Alamo Grams for more information.

LOCAL NEWS

Chapter Executive Committee Members

2012 Professional Development Symposium (PDS)

The PDS is an annual educational/training event sponsored by the Alamo City Chapter of ASMC. It is designed to enhance the skills and abilities of financial, resource management, and audit personnel need to meet the challenges of working in the 21st century. The 2012 PDS will be held **7-8 February 2012** in the Education Service Center Region 20 on I-35 (near the Walters Street exit). Keynote speakers for the PDS include:

- The **Honorable Dr. Mary Sally Matiella**, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller
- **Tim Derk**, Experience Innovation Associate Manager, Spurs Sports and Entertainment
- **Debra Brand**, Financial Workforce Management Office, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
- **MG (Ret) Alfred Flowers**, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Budget).

A list of breakout sessions is available on [page 9](#) of this Alamo Gram.



ASMC Alamo City Chapter 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. 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 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!

We're looking for motivated self-starters to run for the following elective offices:

- * President-Elect
- * Secretary-Elect
- * Treasurer
- * General Counsel
- * Vice Presidents (representing individual installation/organizations)

The process is simple. Submit a short biography of introduction to your vice president between now and **16 March 2012**. 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 **Teresa Vega**, Elections Chairperson, by **23 March 2012**.

Ballots with nominations will be distributed to the installation VPs NLT **6 April 2012** for distribution to their members for voting. Totals will be due back to the Elections Chairperson by **13 April 2012**. Results will be announced to the Executive committee in May and to the general membership at the May luncheon. New officer induction will be done at the June Luncheon. Office runs from **1 July 2012** to **30 June 2013**.

Please contact **Teresa Vega**, 210-395-8498, Election Chair if you need additional info.

We're also looking for some appointed chair positions. Our Publicity Chair position is currently vacant, but if you're interested in any other position, please call any member of the Executive Committee or your organization Vice President for additional information.

First Call For Employee Scholarship Applications

It's time to prepare applications for our 2012 Comptroller Employee Scholarships. Please read the qualification information below and submit your application early.

The scholarships are lump sum payments of \$500 to two individuals for use in actual college expenses. Chapter members interested in these scholarships will need to submit the Chapter's employee scholarship application form, which is used to award scholarships to deserving employees (military, civilian, or corporate member) working in the financial management field who meet the following criteria. The applicant must:



- (a) Work in a comptroller related field (business, financial management, resource management, accounting, auditing, etc.).
- (b) Be enrolled in, or accepted by, a college or university in a financial management discipline.
- (c) Be pursuing, or plan on pursuing, undergraduate/graduate degree in a business/financial management related discipline.
- (d) Be a member of the Alamo Chapter.

Application packages should be scanned, saved as a .pdf document, and emailed to Pazeretsky@earthlink.net.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 30 May 2012. You can obtain applications from Bill Pazeretsky, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at 659-6242, your local Vice-Present, or from our Chapter web site.

Don't hesitate — submit your applications now!

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CDFM CORNER

Joan Navarro, Certification Chair

- **Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Examination Information.** The American Society of Military Comptrollers offers the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) program to all individuals desiring to demonstrate proficiency in the core aspects of defense financial management. The program is open to all civilian or military members of the Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, or employees of defense contractors and suppliers candidates who have met the qualifications below. To obtain certification, the candidate must:
 - Adhere to the ASMC Pledge of Professionalism
 - Have a high school diploma or equivalent
 - Successfully complete the required examination modules
 - Have completed the required years of financial management experience and submitted the required CDFM Experience Verification Form
 - Additionally, all candidates for the CDMF should submit a completed, “Verification of Financial Management Experience” form at the time of enrollment. The ASMC must receive the aforementioned form prior to issuing a candidate CDFM Certificate.
- **Sample CDFM Questions.** The following questions provide examples of potential test questions that might be included on the CDFM exams. *(The answers for the sample questions can be found on page 10 of the Alamo Gram).* Please let your VP know if you'd like sample questions in future Alamo Grams.



<p>1. The concept of "Pay as you go" requires that if legislation is passed which increases spending in direct (mandatory) programs, an offsetting _____ must be legislated as well. (Module 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Elimination b. Expenditure c. Reduction d. Revenue 	<p>2. _____ is the process that supports accrual accounting and attempts to show actual financial position and results of operations by accounting for assets, liabilities net position revenues and expenses. (Module 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Budgetary Accounting b. Sequestration c. Revolving Funds d. Proprietary Accounting
<p>3. _____ are the standards used to determine whether a program meets or exceeds expectations. (Module 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conditions b. Criteria c. Audit Report d. All of the Above 	<p>4. _____ is a bottom up cost analysis that is the most detailed of all of the techniques and the most costly. (Module 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Analogy approach b. Parametric approach c. Engineering approach d. Actual Cost approach
<p>5. Internal Controls over safeguarding assets should provide _____ regarding prevention or timely detection of wrongdoing. (Module 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Absolute assurance b. Reasonable assurance c. Uncertainty d. No assurance 	<p>6. The budgetary resources that are available for new obligations until the purposes for which were provided are carried out are called _____. (Module 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No-Year Authority b. Annual Authority c. Multi-Year Authority d. None of the Above

For more information or questions about the **Chapter's CDFM Program, Study Sessions, or Incentive Awards**, contact your organization Vice President or **Joan Navarro**, the Chapter Certification Chair, at 652-0433 (DSN 487) or at Joan.Navarro@us.af.mil.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ASMC is offering a **Federal Appropriations Law/3-day Purpose, Time, and Amount** course **16-18 April 2012** in San Antonio, TX. The course addresses the Three Pillars of Federal Appropriations Law and a Comprehensive review of Chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the GAO Redbook. This course covers the application of the bona fide needs rule, the Anti-deficiency act, the use of funds, and more... Additional information and application instructions are available at <http://www.asmcnline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/federal-appropriations-law/#3day>.



Module 4 CDFM training will be held in San Antonio **19-20 April 2012** at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Schertz, 5008 Corridor Loop Rd, Schertz TX. A registration form is available at www.asmconline.org. If you're interested in attending the course, you'll need to complete the form and e-mail or fax to: cdfmamod4@asmconline.org or 636-936-1677, in order to receive a reservation confirmation for this course.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Air Force Medical Operations Agency

(Sources: Wikipedia and AF Fact Sheet)



The Air Force Medical Operations Agency (AFMOA) oversees execution of the Air Force Surgeon General policies supporting Air Force expeditionary capabilities, healthcare operations, and national security strategy. It provides expert consultative leadership support to 75 military treatment facilities and eight major commands to ensure cost-effective, modern, and prevention-based healthcare continuum for 2.6 million beneficiaries worldwide. The AFMOA directs and supports the clinical currency of 43,131 healthcare professionals providing 6.6 million visits and 133,500 bed days. It provides clinical and population health data and analysis to AF/SG and MAJCOM surgeons. AFMOA, originally activated in 1992, the AFMOA is now located at Port San Antonio (formerly Kelly AFB). The agency partners with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Alamo City Chapter offers a wide variety of community service opportunities throughout the last calendar quarter of 2011. You are not expected to participate in all of the events, but we do hope that you will support at least one and perhaps several that enthruse you. Families and friends of ASMC members are also welcome to join us in any of our community service events.

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

➤ DECEMBER:

- **Sunshine Plaza Christmas Program.** Alamo Chapter's final event with Sunshine Plaza was the annual Holiday Party and gift delivery, held on **10 December 2011**. POCs for this event are **Teresa Vega** (AFCEE VP), **Nida Soriano-Rosas** (AFCEE-Community Service Chair), and **Jane Keller** (Retiree VP and Sunshine Plaza Coordinator).



- **The Annual HEB Christmas Feast of Sharing.** Once again, the Alamo City Chapter supported the 2011 HEB Christmas Feast of Sharing, which fed over 20K people on **17 December 2011**. If you participated and haven't done so already, please forward a copy of your registration confirmation to **Mike Snell** (the Chapter's POC) at mike.snell@us.army.mil so we may track your participation.
- **Alamo City Chapter's Annual Christmas Social – 13 December 2011.** The Child Protective Services (CPS) **Dare to Love/Rainbow Room** and the **Fisher Houses of San Antonio** were again supported at the Chapter's annual Holiday Social. Chapter members donated 242 gifts which were presented to Kathy Hill and Mary Lou Stelzig-Rendon to share with the children supported by CPS. Our money tree also collected **\$500** in donations to the Fisher Houses of San Antonio (at Fort Sam Houston and Lackland) to help provide for the families of wounded soldiers. **Joan Price**, our IMCOM VP was the POC for the Chapter's Christmas Social Charities was.



CPS Donations (L to R): Terry Ross, Chapter President; Kathy Hill and Mary Lou Stelzig-Rendon, CPS Representatives, and Courtney Chin, AETC VP.



Photo on the left: Captain Tara Phlegar (left) presents a check for \$250 to a representative of the Lackland Fisher Houses.

Photo on the right: Debbie Scott (right) presents a check for \$250 to Rebecca Skinner (left) from the Fort Sam Houston Fisher House.



A "Thank-You" message from Sara Richardson-Paniagua, Volunteer Coordinator Lackland Fisher House Inc. stated: "The donation will help the Lackland Fisher House to provide a caring and compassionate "home away from home" for family member of patients receiving treatment at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, San Antonio Military Medical Center or other medical facilities in the San Antonio Area at no cost."

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEEDS YOU: Do you feel overwhelmed? Please don't. We offer a variety of community service efforts and urge you to try each one at least once. Then please let your VP know which events you most enjoy supporting. We hope that through varying our community support, you will each find a niche that suits you so you can contribute too. Finally, if you have any suggestions for community service or if you would like to lead an event, please don't hesitate to e-mail **Nida Soriano**, our Community Service Chair, at Nida.Soriano-Rosas@us.af.mil or call her at 279-0925 or 395-3803. **Thank you!!**



PDS 2012 WORKSHOPS

1A Thought Leadership	6A The Power of 8's
1B The Future of Army Manpower	6B Federal Budget Exercise: Principles & Priorities
1C Social Security and You	6C Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA) Challenges
1D Congress... What Every FMer Should Know	6D Managing the Zero-Sum Game
1E Overview on CGFM Testing	6E U.S. Standard General Ledger
2A Remaining Relevant in Financial Management	7A Customer Service Excellence
2B <i>Ethics for Financial Managers*</i>	7B <i>Fiscal Law*</i>
2C Audit Readiness.	7C Management/Internal Controls
2D Balancing Efficiency and Effectiveness	7D Knowledge Management
2E Overview on CDFM Testing	7E Generational Leadership
3A What I've Learned... Looking Back	8A Red Wagon Leadership
3B <i>Interservice/Interagency Agreements*</i>	8B General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBs)
3C Joint Basing	8C Status of AF Financial Statement Audit Opinion
3D Resiliency and Leadership	8D AF Civilian Career Development
3E MS Office Tips & Tricks	8E Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS)
4A The Existence and Completeness (E&C) Work	9A The Power of 8's
4B Defense Support to Civil Authorities	9B Ethical Considerations for Government Employees
4C Colors – Key to Better Working Relationships	9C The Hows and Whys of Cash Flow Statements
4D PPBS Budget Systems	9D Benefits of Third Party Financing
4E Fraud and Waste in Federal Agencies	9E Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS)
5A Statement of Budgetary Resources (SBR) Audit	10A Preparing Military for Retirement
5B Commitment to Strategic Performance Excellence	10B Fiscal Law for Financial Managers
5C Schedule Auditing and Assessment	10C Throwing NPV Analysis Outside the Box (Toyota)
5D Environmental Program Budget	10D Environmental Efficiency
5E Setting up AFFSC / Federal to Civilian Transition	10E Thrift Savings Investments

** Revised Schedule – listed sessions replace originally announced sessions.*

ABOUT FACES

Various Executive Committee Members



Welcomes: None reported.

Welcome Back: None reported.

Local Moves: None reported.

Farewells: None reported.

Promotions: *Debra Durnell*, AFCEE, temporary promotion to GS-14 and appointment as AFCEE's new CFO (pulled her retirement papers)



Retirements: *John LaHue*, AFCEE, 31 December 2011, 35 years of service
Boyce Marting, AFCEE, 31 December 2011, 44 years of service
Judi Cannon, 502 ABW/J1R, 31 December 2011, 38 years of service
Mary Ann Calverley, AFAA/SP, 31 December 2011, 32 years of service
Ellen Hester, AFAA/SPH, 31 December 2011, 34 years of service
Algie Byrd, 502 CPTS, effective December 2012, 43 years of service
James Salter, AFAA/SP, effective 31 January 2012, 37 years of service
Mary Rodriguez, AFCEE, 31 January 2012

Congratulations: None reported.

Announcements: None reported.

2011-2012 CHAPTER OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS:

President:	Terry Ross	808-7545
Secretary:	Kathy Scott	295-2860
President-Elect:	Col Paul Sinopoli	652-2161
Secretary-Elect:	VACANT	
General Counsel:	Vaughn Caudill	808-7552
Treasurer:	Doug Ochodnicky	652-2752
VP 47 CPTS:	Maj Dimitri Martini	298-5330*
VP 502 ABW:	Paula Stampley	808-0107
VP 802 CPTS:	Karla Pena	671-9221
VP 902 CPTS:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
VP AETC/AFSAT:	Courtney Chin	652-5232
VP AFCEE:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
VP AF ISRA:	Capt Tara Phlegar	977-3468
VP AFSVA:	Sonsu Hubbell	395-7162
VP AFAA:	Brenda Flores	652-0448
VP ARNORTH:	Paul Goodrich	221-2850
VP ARSOUTH:	Dilia Applewhite	295-6014
VP IMCOM:	Joan Price	466-1666
VP MEDCOM:	Maria Zamarripa	295-2856
VP Retiree/At Large:	Jane Keller	573-6702

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Exec Officer:	Capt Michelle Kolcun	652-0225
Alt. Treasurer:	Celeste Carrola	925-7160
Auditor:	Diane Kampwerth	652-3509
Awards:	Mike Snell	221-2331
Budget:	Ernest Shelton	466-0827
Certification:	Joan Navarro	652-0433
Chapter Competition:	Bernard Davey	652-2717
Community Service:	Nida Soriano-Rosas	395-8303
Corporate:	Lisa Decker-Sanchez	395-8073
Elections:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
Historian:	Betty Ann Rosales	735-5299
Membership:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
Newsletter:	Ellen Hester	663-9425
PDI Liaison:	Joy Berbersek	724-9955
PDS Chair:	Capt Tara Phlegar	977-3468
Photography:	Lou Ann Trent	652-7916
Programs:	Leslie Amerson	652-5328
Publicity:	Jane Keller	573-6702
Scholarship:	Bill Pazeretsky	659-6242
Web-Master:	Mary Ann Casillas	295-2877

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Answers to Sample CDFM Test Questions on Page 5-6:

1 - c, 2 - d, 3 - b, 4 - c, 5 - b, 6 - a

