



## ALAMO GRAM

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### President's Message



We just completed the 2010 Alamocity Chapter PDS 2010....Forging our Future. It was an excellent 2 days with over 200 folks attending. Despite the last minute challenges brought on by the weather on the east coast, we had seminars on a variety of topics ranging from how to deal with difficult people to investments. We are still going through the feedback forms but the initial feedback was positive. Events like PDS don't just happen. It takes a lot of hard work from folks who already have full-time jobs. Ellen Hester and her entire team did a great job putting this event together. We deeply appreciate the countless hours spent getting it ready to go. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for an event well-done.

Next year will be even better!

Events like PDS are extremely valuable for our workforce and their professional development. Supervisors should be commended for allowing their people the time, our most precious commodity, to attend the event. Continuing to develop our people should be job one, but often it is just seen as something that is nice to have. Let me share with you my own personal story that I believe illustrates the point. We've been pushing professional development very hard over the last year and half in our organization. We are committed to investing in our people. Recently I was walking around the site upstairs and saw someone taking some Computer Based Training. Subconsciously the first thought that entered by head was she must not have enough to do today if she's got time to train. Immediately I caught myself in that thought process and literally smacked myself on the back of the head and told myself you know better. How many of us view training in that way? In the operational community within the AF it's just the opposite...they spend most of their day training, preparing and working to get better. Clearly we don't have that luxury but how much are we investing in our people to make them better? If you don't know, maybe you should. Events like PDS are great tools to expose our folks to new ideas and facilitate learning and professional development. But it only works if you take it back



and use it. I challenge each of you to do the following...apply one thing you learned at PDS...better yet apply it and share it with someone. That way you are not only using it, but making a difference with someone else.

Thanks again to everyone who worked so hard to make PDS 2010 a success. Next year let's shoot for an even better event and set a goal of 300 folks attending.

Thank you for all you do! Together we can make ASMC even better!

**Chip Fulghum**  
**President**

## **National News**

### **ASMC National has a new look!**

Check out their website at [asmconline.org](http://asmconline.org)

### **Monthly CDFM Audio Training**

ASMC National is holding monthly intensive review sessions of select modules of the CDFM exam over audio lines. For each module, there will be two four-hour sessions on consecutive days; each session starts at 12 noon Eastern. There is a charge of \$99 per line for each module; as many can participate on one line as you wish. Go to the ASMC home page for more information including information about the textbook to be used and how to register online. The schedule, including EDFMTC instructors, is as follows:

- Module 3: March 24 – 25, 2010, Milo Hall, CDFM-A

If you're not able to make the session(s) you need, the same intensive 8-hour module training at the 2010 PDI in Nashville. See you there!

### **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).

### **PDI 2010**

PDI 2010 will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel on June 1-4 with a theme of Getting in Tune to Professionalism. Registration for the event and for room reservations will begin in late February 2010



## **Member's News**

### **Alamo-ASMC.org**

Remember to visit our website. Mary Ann Casillas is doing a great job of keeping the website up to date with all of the information you need to keep current on ASMC happenings.

### **EDFM Books**

The Alamo Chapter now has two EDFM books available to members who want to study for CDFM certification. If you are interested in obtaining a book, please contact Leslie Amerson, AETC/FMAOP.

### **Habitat for Humanity Oct 2009**

Members of the ASMC Alamo Chapter turned their financial and computers skills for hammers, brooms, paint brushes, buckets of paint, saws, nails, ladders and hard hats as they helped Habitat for Humanity build future homes for low income families. On Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 0745 to 1530 twenty four financial managers and guests nailed and painted walls, measured and cut wood materials, swept floors, installed roofs, framed windows and worked on a storage shed for the future home of Maria Eleana & Pedro Garcia located at 2606 Palo Alto Street, San Antonio TX.

It was an amazing experience working alongside fellow financial managers who even without the necessary building skills gathered to build a home for the less fortunates and had fun doing it! I volunteered my time to make a difference in my community but it feels like I benefited more by gaining another skill that I can use to improve my own home.

On behalf of the ASMC Alamo Chapter I want to extend my appreciation to LT Matuszak and MSgt Sonderman from 37th CPTS for leading this event. Thanks to the following members who donated their time towards this great cause:

37th CPTS: Manuel Mela, Juan Torres, Leonardo Vnecos

311 ABG/FM: Betty Ann Rosales, Bea Tulley

HQ AFCEE/OSF: Nida Soriano-Rosas

AFAA: Meike Wheeler, Sanne Strijker, Melvin Soderlund, Melissa Soderlund

342 TRS: Ryan Bell

DOD MWD VET Svc: Michael Goff

Retiree: Jane Keller

AFSVA/SVTR: Alan Mick

ARNORTH: Andrea Powers

AETC: Leslie Amerson

59 LSQ: Cassandra Mela

MFCC: Edwin Ortiz

Navy Federal Credit Union: Jennifer Saldana

Others: Virgil Garrett, Gilles brother, participants from John Jay AF ROTC and everyone who are not mentioned

For those of you who missed this event and interested in helping, you will have other opportunities in the future. We will plan another community service event with Habitat for Humanity in the spring of 2010. Watch out for flyers.

**Nida Soriano-Rosas**

**Community Service Chair**



# Working hard for Habitat for Humanity!



## A Thank You from Child Protective Services

Thanks so much for all the wonderful gifts!!!! Please convey our heartfelt thanks to the Colonel and all of ASMC's members that always come through for our children.



## **Another Thank You from Child Protective Services!**

Ms. Kathy Hill, Region 8 CPS Community Initiatives Specialist, passed along her thanks for including Dare To Love's Rainbow Room in our PDS 2010 Charities. She reported collecting more than \$500 in cash as well as a variety of baby items. You may all take pride in being recognized as "a strong source of support for children who have gone through so much in their short lives." All of the workers at Child Protective Services appreciate your proving once again that "the military always comes through!" God Bless each and every one of you who opened your pocketbooks to these needy children.

Funds were also collected for the Fisher Houses of San Antonio. These funds will be distributed by our chapter treasurer and I am sure they will be greatly appreciated by the organizations. Thank you to those who gave generously to that charity as well. Bless you.

**Nida Soriano-Rosas, Community Services Chair**

## **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. 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 are looking for motivated self-starters to run for the following elective 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 19 March 2010. 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 26 March 2010.

Ballots with nominations will be distributed to the installation VPs NLT 7 April for distribution to their members for voting. Totals will be due back to Chairperson by 16 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:

77<sup>th</sup> AESG/PSF  
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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.



## Current Meeting

The Alamo Chapter hosted its annual PDS in February.

## Future Meeting

The March meeting/luncheon which is hosted by 902 CPTS is scheduled for 23 March. Colonel Terry Ross, Comptroller, 502 ABW, will be speaking about joint basing from the FM perspective.

## WELCOME!

Welcome Tekeyiah Richardson and Linda Krumm to HQs IMCOM, Manpower Division

There are lots and lots of folks arriving weekly at HQs IMCOM from all over. We want to do a general welcome to HQ IMCOM since the organization is moving here due to BRAC.

## ABOUT FACES



Farewell and Best Wishes to:

John Soares left AFCEE, Brooks City Base to accept a position with Army at Ft Sam

Walter Kennedy left 77th AESG, Brooks City Base accepted a position at 311  
Air Base Group, Brooks City Base

Melissa Meadows 77th AESG, Brooks City Base accepted a position At AFCEE, Brooks City Base

Denise Perry 77th AESG, Brooks City Base accepted a position at AFCEE, Brooks City Base

Rene Ona, scheduled to leave 77th AESG, Brooks City Base 28 Feb 10, accepted  
Position at AFCEE, Brooks City Base

Teresa Vega scheduled to leave 77th AESG, Brooks City Base 28 Feb 10, accepted a position  
at AFCEE, Brooks City Base

Gwendolyn Sewell moved from AFCEE to Randolph AFB

Dave Waechter retired Jan 2010

