

ALAMO GRAM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter Members,

Summer is a great time in San Antonio! Actually, Fall, Winter, and Spring are pretty darned awesome, too. Heck, anytime is a great time in San Antonio, and I'm just blessed to have good health and a wonderful family with whom to enjoy life here. But as we spend time on vacation or in summer-fun activities, let's always be mindful of safety and taking proper precautions. Whether lathering on the sunscreen, hydrating properly for the heat, or ensuring an adequate supply of functional life-preservers while boating, we should always practice a little operational risk management -- might just be the difference between fun and fatal. In the Air Force, we observe the Critical Days of Summer (CDS), which marks the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day, historically associated with an increased number of preventable accidents and fatalities. Tragically, in the first four weeks of these CDS the Air Force lost six Airmen in motorcycle, ATV, and kayaking mishaps. Although I don't know the particulars of each mishap, my gut tells me each was probably preventable if the Airmen had tended to a few important precautions. Always be sure your vehicle and equipment are in a safe and serviceable condition. Get plenty of rest before participating in activities, and ensure you're properly trained and equipped. And never consume drugs or alcohol before driving a car, boat, ATV, motorcycle, etc. Again, Summer is loads of fun. Special time with family, friends, and a variety of activities to enjoy. Be smart, observe safe practices, and use common sense ... I look forward to hearing about the happy memories you create this Summer.

PAUL L. J. SINOPOLI, CDFM
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NATIONAL NEWS

DoD and defense industry officials warn of security risks and job losses if sequestration occurs. Department of Defense and defense industry leaders have stepped up their warnings about the security and economic consequences of the \$55 billion in automatic cuts to the DoD budget set to go into effect in early January 2013. Another \$55 billion in cuts to non-defense budgets would also occur in January. Total budget reductions if Congress does not act to approve an alternative to sequestration, would be over the next nine years would be \$1 trillion. ([Read the rest of the 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 Inspector General says achievement of auditability goals at risk](#)
- [OMB directs agencies to ensure small business subcontractors are paid promptly](#)
- [OPM reports telework program making progress, but participation lagging](#)
- [Morin named Acting AF Under Secretary](#)
- [Phased retirement for federal employees approved by Congress](#)
- [House committee proposes 30% cut to federal travel and restrictions on conference participation](#)
- [Congress presses Administration for sequestration details](#)
- [Military compensation report recommends changes to combat and career incentive pays](#)

ASMC – Grant Thornton LLP Annual Survey. The results from our 2012 Grant Thornton survey are now available. The report, titled "[Step Up to the Plate](#)," was distributed at last week's PDI and is also [available online](#). More than 700 individuals participated in the survey, the 10th such survey since 2003.

Virtual PDI. We currently have more than 1,000 registrants for [Virtual PDI](#), and with the conclusion of PDI 2012 in Anaheim, the opportunity remains to register for the program! All the presentations are now available, and registrants have a year to view the programs and earn CPE. You also have a year to register. Don't miss the chance to earn CPE online at your own pace - register for [Virtual PDI](#) today!

ASMC Online Learning Center. The ASMC Online Learning Center currently offers recorded sessions from the past two PDIs as well as access to quarterly ASMC Journals and a short exam associated with them. PDI workshops and the Journal exams offer Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit and a certificate to validate user participation. The Online Learning Center is only available to ASMC members. For more information, go to the [ASMC website](#), log in, and click on "Online Learning Center."



CHAPTER MEETINGS

June Meeting. The June luncheon was held on Wednesday, **12 June 2012**, at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center (former NCO Club). The luncheon, hosted by **Paula Stampley**, 502 ABW/CPTS VP, featured the installation of the 2012-2013 Chapter Officers. *(Photo of new officers includes: **Row 1:** Ada Fromuth, Teresa Vega, Capt Anita Logan, Jennifer McGonnell-Luvisi; **Row 2:** Col. Paul L. J. Sinopoli, Mary Ann Casillas, Linda Martinez (hidden), Dilia Applewhite, Jill Deuel, Paula Stampley, Ellen Hester; **Row 3:** Joan Price, Kathy Scott (hidden), Vaughn Caudill, Karl Devlin, Michelle Lester and Michael Snell.)*



July Meeting. The July luncheon was held Thursday, **12 July 2012**, at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course, and hosted by **Delia Applewhite**, Army South VP. At the luncheon, **Ken Kitchen** spoke on **“Innovative Retirement Strategies, Income You Cannot Outlive.”** Mr. Kitchen is the host of “Safe Money” radio shows in San Antonio, on KKYX and WOAI on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The **Chapter’s 2012 High School Scholarships** were presented at this luncheon. Information for our Scholarship winners is available in the “Local News” section below ([page 4](#)). *Pictured below left to right are: Mr. Kitchen giving his presentation; Mr. Kitchen receiving a Chapter coin from Col. Sinopoli (Chapter President); Scholarship winners Benjamin Goodwin and Kellee Greenwood; and attendees enjoying their meals.*



August Meeting. The monthly luncheon will be held on **16 August 2012** at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. At the luncheon a representative of the San Antonio Spurs will speak on **“The Business Side of the Spurs Sports Organization.”** The **Chapter Member Scholarships** and **CDFM Incentive Awards** will also be presented at this luncheon. The Organizational VPs must submit their organizations’ reservations and list of distinguished visitors to the luncheon host **Amber Hodge**, MEDCOM VP, by **10 August 2012**.

September Meeting. The luncheon will be held on **20 September 2012** and hosted by **Jane Keller**, Retiree VP (location to be determined). At the luncheon, **Col Thomas Carter**, AFISRA/FM, will speak about his recent deployment experiences.

LOCAL NEWS

Chapter Executive Committee Members

ASMC Membership Profiles. With over 800 members, it’s quite challenging to identify the members each VP is responsible for supporting. To help streamline this process, we’re asking all chapter members to update



their ASMC member profiles. To do this, go to the **ASMC Member Portal** (<http://imis.asmcconline.org/net/Login.aspx>) and log in. Once you've logged in, go to the Membership Tab on the National Web-site and select "**Edit Profile.**" Then enter one of the following as your "**Duty Station**" (if your organization isn't listed, use your base/installation followed by your organizational designation).

Duty Station Listing

Ft Sam Houston – 502 ABW	Lackland – AFMOA
Ft Sam Houston – ARSOUTH	Lackland – AFRPA
Ft Sam Houston – ARNORTH	Lackland – AFSVA
Ft Sam Houston – BAMC	Laughlin – 47 CPTS
Ft Sam Houston – IMCOM	Randolph – 902 CPTS
Ft Sam Houston – MCCS	Randolph – AETC
Ft Sam Houston – MCHQ	Randolph – AFSAT
Ft Sam Houston – METC	Randolph – AFAA
Lackland – 802 CPTS	San Antonio – NAVMISSA
Lackland – AFCEE	AC – Retiree
Lackland – AFESC	AC – At Large
Lackland – AFISRA	AC – Pvt Sec (<i>Corporate Members</i>)

Profile Information for Member Number

Prefix:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Suffix:

Organization:

Email Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

Fax:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Country:

Career Field:
Hold <CTRL> when you mouse click to select more than one item in Career Field.

Duty Station:

Service Affiliation:
 Air Force Army OSD
 Defense Agencies Navy Private Sector
 Marine Corps Coast Guard Other

If your service affiliation is "Other Fed Agency", please specify:

Pay Grade/Band or Equivalent:

Civilian Job Series, Military Occupation Specialty, or Corporate Title:

ASMC – Alamo City Chapter "duty station" begins with a post/base followed by an organization designation as shown on the left (if your organization isn't included on the list, please use the same format with your current organization designation).

Chapter High School Scholarships. The 2012 Alamo City Chapter Graduating High School Senior Scholarships were presented to **Benjamin Godwin** and **Kellee Greenwood** at the Chapter's **August Luncheon**. (Photos below show Col Sinopoli, Chapter President, presenting the scholarships to these individuals.)



Benjamin Godwin is a graduate from Ronald Reagan High School. Ben is the son of retired Lt. Col Peter and Carolyn Godwin. He was in the top 15% of his class of 598 graduating seniors. He had a GPA of 100+ and an ACT score of 28 (equivalent to a SAT score of 1864). Outside of the classroom he participated in JV and Varsity Soccer, was a member of the Underclassmen, National and Spanish Honor Societies, and earned awards in the Ronald Reagan Technology

Student Association. Outside of school he volunteered with the San Antonio Food Bank and Vacation Bible School, was a member of Fellowship of San Antonio Youth Group and was in Winner's Circle. Ben plans on attending Texas A&M, College Station pursuing a degree in business management.



Kellee Greenwood is a graduate from Karen Wagner High School. Kellee is accompanied by her Grandparents Wayne and Rose Harris her uncle Samuel. She graduated 17th out of class of 545 graduating seniors. She had a GPA 95+ and a SAT of 1540. Outside of the classroom she was a member of the SLAM Poetry Team, Senior Class President, Wagner Student Body Representative, where she was elected to the Judson ISD Student Advisory Board and a member of



the National Honor Society. Outside of school she was the director of a youth group choir and she was the president of United Communities of San Antonio. Kellee plans on attending University of Texas, Austin pursuing a degree in business management.

CDFM CORNER

Joan Navarro, Certification Chair

- **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 9](#) of the Alamo Gram).* Please let your VP know if you'd like sample questions in future Alamo Grams. We'd also like to include questions for Module 4, if we can get any from our members or other readers.

<p>1. ___ are temporary withholdings that take effect immediately unless overturned by an act of Congress. (Module 1)</p> <p>a. rescissions b. deferrals c. federal funds d. charge backs</p>	<p>2. A/An _____ results from orders placed, contracts awarded/signed services received or similar transactions. This is the legal reservation of funds. (Module 1)</p> <p>a. reservation b. outlay c. expenditure d. obligation</p>
<p>3. Selling prices established in the budget are stabilized or fixed during execution. (Module 2)</p> <p>a. Reimbursements b. Military Interdepartmental Purchase Requests c. Defense Working Capital Fund d. Project Order</p>	<p>4. Monies not appropriated by Congress that are generated primarily from the sale of goods and services are known as what? (Module 2)</p> <p>a. DBOF b. WCF c. Reimbursements d. Non-Appropriated Funds</p>
<p>5. What is a measure of the entities ability to meet its current obligations? (Module 3)</p> <p>a. Current Ratio b. Quick Ratio c. P/E Ratio d. Reimbursement Ratio</p>	<p>6. The current assets divided by the current liabilities is known as (Module 3)</p> <p>a. Current Ratio b. Quick Ratio c. P/E Ratio d. Reimbursement Ratio</p>

- **Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) Examination Information.** ASMC offers the CDFM program for individuals who 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 who have met the required qualifications. To obtain the certification, the candidate must adhere to the ASMC Pledge of Professionalism, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and successfully complete the required examination modules. In



addition, the candidate must have completed a minimum number of years of financial management experience based on their academic background and submit a “Verification of Financial Management Experience” form to the ASMC National Certification Program Manager before they can be awarded a CDFM Certificate.

- 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.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Army Audit Agency (AAA) Today

(Extracted from: <http://www.hqda.army.mil/AAAWEB/history.htm>)



AAA is the only internal audit organization in the Army. AAA's mission is to serve America's Army by providing objective and independent auditing services. AAA helps the Army make informed decisions, resolve issues, use resources effectively and efficiently, and satisfy statutory and fiduciary responsibilities.

To accomplish this mission, the AAA does comprehensive, independent and objective assessments of an Army entity, function, program or activity in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. All audit organizations in the government are bound by these standards which are issued by the Comptroller General. In accordance with these standards, the AAA does three basic types of audits:

Performance Audits. This is by far the largest portion of AAA's workload. These audits focus on program effectiveness—audits that measure the extent to which a program is achieving its goals and objectives—and economy and efficiency—audits that determine whether an entity is acquiring, protecting and using its resources in the most productive manner to achieve program objectives.

Financial Audits. These audits are primarily concerned with providing reasonable assurance about whether financial statements are presented fairly. The AAA provides financial audit support to the Army in support of its annual financial statements—General Fund, Working Capital Fund and Civil Works. This includes ensuring financial controls and financial systems will allow the Army to produce reliable financial data.

Attestation Engagements. These audits are a review of a specific assertion made by an Army activity. These include asserting to the accuracy of the A-76 studies, correction of material weaknesses, and accuracy of performance measures or other data such as the data supporting the Army's recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. These audits are generally requested by an Army organization that needs to assert to the accuracy of data being provided to a higher level or outside organization.

AAA uses a strategic audit planning process that ties its audit plan to the Army's Strategic Readiness System. The process involves the review of the Army's corporate documents (The Army Plan, Army Campaign Plan, Transformation Roadmap, etc.) along with extensive communication with Army leadership to identify key Army issues that would benefit from audit. Examples of issues AAA is answering include:



- Are estimated Base Realignment and Closure savings supported, realistic and achievable?
- Is the Elimination of Chemical Weapons Program achieving its mission of destroying the nation's stockpile of unitary munitions within established cost and schedule milestones?
- Is the Army applying a “risk management approach (which includes a systemic, analytical process) to determine the likelihood that a threat will negatively impact physical assets, individuals or operations and identifying the actions needed to reduce risks?

AAA designs a series of audits to answer these issues and provide the Army leadership with timely information to achieve its strategic readiness goals.

To accomplish its mission, the AAA is functionally aligned. It is headed up by The Auditor General of the Army and the Principal Deputy. The Agency has three Deputy Auditors General, each of whom is in charge of specific aspects of Agency operations (Acquisition and Logistics Audits, Forces and Financial Audits, and Policy and Operations Management). The Agency is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, and has 22 field offices – 19 in the Continental United States (including Fort Sam Houston) and 3 overseas (in the Republic of Korea, Hawaii, and Germany).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Alamo City Chapter offers a wide variety of community service opportunities throughout the year. You are not expected to participate in all of the events, but we do hope 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.

CURRENT COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

- **Annual “Dare to Love” School Supply Drive.** Once again, the Alamo City Chapter is holding School Supply Drive to support disadvantaged children supported by Child Protective Services (CPS) through the Dare to Love Rainbow Room. We sometimes take so much for granted, but we have heard story after story in previous years about children under the care of the CPS, who for the first time, had backpacks and supplies like the other kids in their class. These children have to grow up with the reality that their parents couldn't or wouldn't care for them, but having their needs met even by an anonymous donor like the ASMC Alamo Chapter lets them know someone cares. Let us send these underprivileged children to school with the essentials to help them focus on learning in school, such as:

Backpacks (any kind)	Pencil Bag/Box	Construction paper
Spiral Notebooks	Crayons	Scissors (blunt are best)
3-Ring Binders	Sharpener	Dividers
Loose Leaf Paper	Pencils	Folders
Rulers	Washable markers	Highlighters
Pens	Calculators	Glue
Colored Pencils	Erasers	



Supplies will be collected through **30 July 2012** by your organization VP for delivery to CPS on **3 August 2012**. POCs for donations are **Paula Stampley** (Fort Sam, 808-0107), **Ada Fromuth** (Randolph, 652-0224), and **SSgt Katica Kight** (Lackland, 671-9244).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

- **Walk to End Alzheimers.** The Alamo Chapter, ASMC, is sponsoring a team to participate in the **Walk to End Alzheimers** at the AT&T Center on **22 September 2012**. Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. It's easy to join the team or donate online using the [Alamo ASMC Team link](#). If you can't join the team, please consider making a donation to any of our team members (using the same link), especially for any team member who has not yet raised a minimum of \$100 and earned a t-shirt for participating at the event. Together, our team hopes to make a real difference in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Our Alzheimer Walk Team Captain is Jane Keller (jkeller@satx.rr.com).
- **Walk to Cure Diabetes.** The ASMC Alamo City Chapter is also sponsoring a team to participate in the **Walk to Cure Diabetes**, sponsored by the South Central Texas Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), on **21 October 2012**, at the Alamo Dome. The Walk to Cure Diabetes is the largest national fundraising event to help JDRF raise funds to accelerate progress toward the most promising opportunities to cure, treat and prevent Type 1 Diabetes. To join or donate on behalf of the ASMC Alamo City Chapter team or its members, go to www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk-TX/Chapter-SouthCentralTexas4656?fr_id=1923&pg=entry. Let's help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Our Diabetes Walk Team Captain is Kay Zurenko (Kay.Zurenko@us.af.mil).

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 activities or if you would like to host one of our events, please don't hesitate to e-mail **Jane Keller**, our Community Service Chair, at jkeller@satx.rr.com or call her at 573-6702 or 590-7460. **Thank you!!**

ABOUT FACES

Various Executive Committee Members



Welcomes: David Butler (21 Nov 2011) and Mark Tew (11 June 2012), IMCOM G8 Budget (both from the IMCOM Fellows Program)

Welcome Back: None reported.

Local Moves: None reported.

Farewells: None reported.

Promotions: None reported.



Retirements: Sandy Wojs, Army Environmental Command, IMAE-R, 31 March 2012

Congratulations: None reported.

Announcements: None reported.

2012-2013 CHAPTER OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS:

President:	Col Paul Sinopoli	652-2161
Secretary:	Nicole Morrow	652-3610
President-Elect:	VACANT**	
Secretary-Elect:	VACANT**	
General Counsel:	Vaughn Caudill	808-7552
Treasurer:	Doug Ochodnick	395-7581
VP 47 CPTS:	Maj Dimitri Martini	298-5330*
VP 502 ABW:	Robin Fairclough	221-3006
VP 802 CPTS:	MSgt Brian Tilton	671-2166
VP 902 CPTS:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
VP AETC/AFSAT:	Capt Anita Logan	652-5232
VP AFCEE:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
VP AF ISRA:	John Smith	977-4254
VP AFSVA:	Michelle Lester	395-7576
VP AFAA:	Jenny Luvisi	652-0478
VP ARNORTH:	Karl Devlin	221-0762
VP ARSOUTH:	Dilia Applewhite	295-6014
VP IMCOM:	Joan Price	466-1666
VP MEDCOM:	Amber Hodge	295-2856
VP Retiree/At Large:	Jane Keller	573-6702

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Exec Officer:	VACANT**	
Alt. Treasurer:	Celeste Carrola	925-7461
Auditor:	Jill Deuel	652-5068
Awards:	Mike Snell	221-2331
Budget:	Kathy Scott	295-2860
Certification:	Joan Navarro	652-0433
Chapter Competition:	Bernard Davey	652-2717
Community Service:	Jane Keller	573-6702
Corporate Liaison:	VACANT**	
Elections:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
Historian:	Betty Ann Rosales	735-5299
Membership:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
Navy Liaison:	Joseph Wright	808-0612
Newsletter:	Ellen Hester	663-9425
PDI Liaison:	Joy Berberck	724-9955
PDS Chair:	Capt Tara Phlegar	977-3468
Photography:	Betty Ann Rosales	735-5299
Programs:	Linda Martinez	652-2622
Publicity:	VACANT**	
Scholarship:	Bill Pazeretsky	659-6242
Web-Master:	Mary Ann Casillas	295-2877

* - Area Code 830, DSN prefix 732.

** - Volunteers needed for next year.

Answers to Sample CDFM Test Questions on [Page 5](#):

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

