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President's Message

Happy (Calendar) New Year!

We ended 2017 with a wonderful Christmas Party at the JBSA Randolph Parr Club which included supporting two community service projects – Toys for Tots and the Local Food Bank. Thank you to all the participants who helped to make it a success.



But now it's January, 2018 and we have hit the ground running with ASMC Alamo City Chapter events. The PDS is scheduled for 29 – 30 January 2018 at the Education Services Center, Region 20. The PDS Committees have been hard at work putting together another excellent program which is one of

the best opportunities for our members to earn Continuing Professional Education credit and receive updates on emerging issues.

The PDS will be followed by the Business Case Analysis Course scheduled for 31 Jan – 2 Feb 2018. We would not be able to provide these training opportunities without your continued support.

Please follow us on our website and check the Alamo Gram for more upcoming events. We look forward to see you there.

Until next time, regards

Rita R. Sams





ASMC Publications & Other News Sources

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ARMED FORCES COMPTROLLER

FALL 2017

The articles in current issue...Read for knowledge, read for CPE's.

- ♦ PGE 6—INTERVIEW OF THE HONORABLE DAVID L. NORQUIEST.
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Washington Post:

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CDFM News:



Ever wonder about CDFM... Wonder no more and make it a reality. Start off with Module 1 and progress to Modules 2, and 3. The CDFM examination covers a broad spectrum of FM in 12 core competencies. Module 4, which is optional, covers 10 competencies with a focus on acquisition.

Check this [link](#) for a great explanation of program and how to achieve CDFM in an "Eight Week Study Plan."

2018 EDFMT COURSES ONLINE

THE FY18 CENTRALLY-FUNDED EDFMT COURSE SCHEDULE IS ON THE ASMC WEBSITE! CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE (AND OTHER CDFM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!) AT [HTTP://BIT.LY/ASMCTRAINING](http://bit.ly/asmctraining).

REFERENCE ASMC NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 2017

Issues Scheduling a Pearson VUE Exam?

Most Common Issues

Are you currently enrolled in the CDFM Program? You MUST be enrolled to take an exam. – [Verify your CDFM enrollment](#) by logging on to your ASMC account and clicking on "Update Profile"

Have you purchased an exam on the ASMC website? [Purchase a Pearson VUE exam](#).

Account Information issues

- Your **9 digit Pearson VUE candidate ID** is your ASMC Member ID with leading zeros. – For example, 654321 becomes 000654321.
- The Pearson VUE system requires a **10-digit phone number**. A number other than exactly 10 digits will cause an error. – "(703)123-4567" or "703-123-4567" are valid, but "1-703-123-5678" and "703-123-4567 x123" are not. If you need to **update your profile** information, [log in to your ASMC account and click on "Update Profile"](#). Profile change updates are sent to Pearson VUE daily.
- Do not provide more than **one email address** in the email address field in your account. (The automated systems reject email addresses with semi colons, spaces, etc. This would prevent the exam authorization from transferring to the Pearson VUE system.)

ASMC Headquarters: 703-549-0360 or 800-462-5637 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Eastern)
Ask for a staff member from the Certification Department.

Pearson VUE Customer Service: United States/Canada 888-572-2276 (Mon-Fri, 7am-7pm)



CDFM Pilot Testing



Dear Chapter Contacts **ASMC NEEDS CDFM and CDFM-A PILOT TESTERS,**

ASMC is in the final stages of updating the CDFM exams. To date, subject matter experts have helped us update the exam blueprints, weigh the competency areas, review existing exam items (questions), write many new exam items, and finalize pilot exams.

We need active CDFMs and CDFM-As to field test the pilot exams, so we can determine which questions to include on the updated exam!

Who can take the pilot exams?

Active CDFMs and CDFM-As can take the Module 1, 2, and 3 pilot exams. Only CDFM-As can take the Module 4 Pilot Exam.

What can testers expect?

There is a paper-and-pencil pilot exam for each module (Module 1-Resource Management Environment, Module 2-Budget and Cost Analysis, Module 3-Accounting and Finance, Module 4-Acquisition Business Management). Each pilot exam has 100 multiple-choice items and typically takes 1-1.5 hours to complete. No study preparation is necessary—we are asking all pilot testers to take the exams cold turkey. To finish the process, complete an emailed post-test survey to provide feedback on the exam(s) you decided to take. Pilot testing has no impact on certification status.

What will testers receive in return?

After the emailed post-test survey is completed, testers will receive an electronic certificate with 3 CPE for each qualifying pilot exam completed. Additionally, testers will have the satisfaction of actively supporting ASMC's Certification Program in keeping the CDFM exams current and relevant.

When and where will the pilot testing take place?

For groups of more than 10 test takers, a proctor can be made available on a date and location that is suitable for ASMC and the testers. For individual testers in the DC metro area, pilot exams can be taken at the ASMC Office in Old Town, Alexandria.

When will the new exams roll out?

We do not yet have a solid timeline. However, with the support of our Certified Defense Financial Managers, we project that new exams could be published around March 2018. We are currently updating the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training course textbook, as well, which will be released before the updated exams. The update of Module 4 – Acquisition exam and textbook will follow on a later timeline to be determined after the Department issues the update to its DODI 5000.02 regulation. ASMC HQ will officially announce the effective dates for use of the updated exams at least 60 days in advance.



Happening Around the Alamo & Upcoming Events

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Jan 29 - 30, 2018 PDS, Region 20

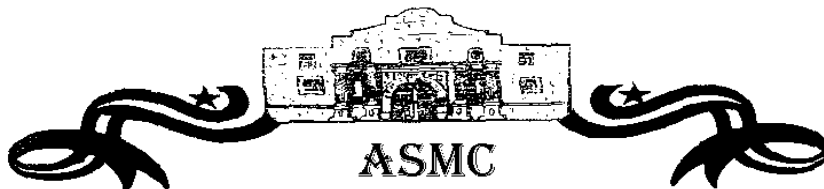
February 14, HOSTED BY: AFSAT AND HQ AETC
TOPIC: "The 5th Pillar: International Training and U.S. National

May 30-Jun 1—ASMC National 2018 PDI in Denver, Colorado!



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year 2018	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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ALAMO CITY CHAPTER
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**LOCATION: EL TROPICANO RIVERWALK HOTEL
110 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SA TX 78205**

DATE: Wednesday, 14 FEBRUARY 2018

HOSTED BY: AFSAT AND HQ AETC

TOPIC: "The 5th Pillar: International Training and U.S. National Security"

SOCIAL: 11:00 AM LUNCH 11:30 AM

MENU SELECTIONS

<u>RED Ticket – Grilled Churrasco</u> <u>Steak:</u> <u>\$23.00</u> With Chimichurri Sauce, Fresh Garden Salad, Herb Roasted New Potatoes and Sautéed Zucchini	<u>BLUE Ticket-Monterey Chicken:</u> <u>\$23.00</u> Served with Cilantro Rice. Topped with pico de gallo, Monterey Jack Cheese and crispy tortilla chips	<u>GREEN Ticket – Gluten Free Pasta with Roasted Vegetables</u> <u>\$23.00</u> Linguini, topped with Sliced Grilled Veggies, served with Tomato Basil Sauce, Fresh Garden Green Salad and Garlic Bread sticks
All meals include: *Mixed Green Salad with black beans, tomatoes, roasted corn, tortilla strips and choice of Chipotle Ranch or Italian Vinaigrette. Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter, Coffee and Tea. Carrot Cake Tax and gratuity included in the price.		

Alamo City Chapter Organization VICE-PRESIDENTS

Vice Presidents—**Please** remember that reservations must be paid when taken. The chapter is obligated to pay all reservations in the Final head count. **Make Check's payable to ALAMO CITY ASMC CHAPTER.**

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Alamo City Chapter Holiday Party



The Alamo City Chapter had our holiday party! We hope everyone had a great time enjoying each others company. To all a great holiday and Happy New Year!





ASMC Executive Committee Agenda

Location: AFAA RNAAO Conference Room, Bldg. 745

Phone: 1-877-958-7410 Access Code 8799717#

Time: 11:30-12:30

10 January 2018

I. Opening Remarks - Ms. Rita Sams

II. Old Business – Open positions - Secretary Elect.

III. New Business –Financial Report(s), Approval of December Meeting Minutes, Upcoming Luncheons/Events February - April, Reminders, Chapter equipment storage update and PDS status.

IV. Officer, Committee Chair & VP Reports

Officer Reports (Voting Members):

President - Ms. Rita Sams -

Secretary - Jenny Luvisi -

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Secretary Elect - **Vacant**

General Council - Dr. John Torres

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Committee Chair Reports (Voting Members in Red):

a. Auditor – Cynthia Flemming –

b. Awards - Michael Snell –

c. Budget – Donald (Don) Brocker –

d. Chapter Competition - Bernard Davey –

e. Chapter website: Christie Jenkins –

f. Community Service - Toby Proctor –

g. Corporate Liaison – Josh Cherkinsky –

h. Certifications - Joan Navarro –

i. Elections – Louise Kefelian –



- n. Programs** - Vaughn Caudill –
- o. Publicity** - Leslie Amerson –
- p. Publicity/Alamo Gram** - Louise Kefelian -
- q. Scholarship** - Cheryl Geary -
- r. Webmaster** - Christie Jenkins, contractor with Grant Thornton –

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- q. Navy Liaison - LTJG Mark Strutton -



V. Next meeting - 7 February 2018, 1130-1230, AFAA/JBSA Randolph - see details above

VI. Closing Comments

VII. Motion to Adjourn



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Alamo City Chapter Member
Scholarships

Our Comptroller Employee Scholarships are lump sum payments of \$500 given to two Chapter members (military, civilian, or corporate) to cover college expenses. To qualify for these scholarships, you must:

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

Any questions for scholarship contact **Ms. Kelly Rivers**, Kelly.j.rivero.civ@mail.mil, 221-1195

10 Must See Movies for Financial Management Professionals (Reference Investopedia, June 2017)

10. **The Big Short**—Based on the nonfiction book *The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine* by Michael Lewis, this movie follows a few savvy X as they become aware of the housing bubble that triggered the financial crisis in 2007-2008, before anyone else.

9. **Barbarians at the Gates**—A largely forgotten 1993 TV movie centered on the leveraged buyout (LBO) of RJR Nabisco. While the movie does take some creative liberties in portraying this real-life event, audiences will be shocked and amused at the incompetence and greed of Nabisco's CEO, F. Ross Johnson and the behind-the-scenes negotiations and skullduggery around this famous LBO.

8. **American Psycho**—A violent and thought-provoking thriller set in the back drop of finance, Christian Bale plays a wealthy investment banker with a dark secret. While there is very little actual finance in this movie,

7. **Glengarry Glen Ross**—An acclaimed big screen adaptation of a David Mamet play, this infinitely quotable movie focuses on a team of downtrodden real estate salesmen whose morals have been utterly eroded after years of working for their unscrupulous company. This movie showcases the greed and underhanded tactics that sales positions may be exposed to, as well as the pressure exerted on sales people by their superiors.

6. **Rogue Trader**—This movie tells the story of Nick Leeson, a trader who single-handedly caused the insolvency of Barings Bank, the world's second oldest merchant bank. A rising star on the Singapore trading floor, Leeson blew up as quickly as he rose, hiding enormous losses from his superiors in carefully hidden accounts, eventually leading to the mother of all failed trades on a short straddle position on the Nikkei, which ends up experiencing a large sigma move.

5. **Trading Places**- This modern day take on *The Prince and Pauper* features Eddie Murphy as a streetwise con artist who gets tricked into becoming the manager of a commodities trading firm, while unwittingly replacing his successor, a blueblooded executive played by Dan Aykroyd. Although actual trading takes a backseat to the characters transitioning into their new circumstances, the final 15 minutes of the movie has a very accurate depiction of a frenzied trading session in the orange juice futures pits.

4. **The Wolf of Wall Street**—If you haven't seen this Scorsese-helmed biopic chronicling the rise and fall of famous stock scammer, Jordan Belfort, then you are missing out on some of the best performances of Leonardo DiCaprio and Jonah Hill's careers. Just like *Barbarians' pump and dump*, *The Wolf of Wall Street* is based on real life events (though again with a large parsing of dramatics), around the infamous Stratton Oakmont, an over-the-counter brokerage firm, and a pump and dump scheme that helped IPO several large public companies during the late 80s and 90s. See also: Is Belfort's "Wolf" *The Real Wall Street*?

3. **Boiler Room**—While *Barbarians at the Gates* takes place in the glitz and glamor of a corporate boardroom, *Boiler Room* is set in the absolute lowest rung of the financial ladder: the pump and dump scheme. While *Boiler Room* is a work of fiction, pump and dump firms are very real, as are the pain and suffering they inflict upon their victims. *Boiler Room* serves as a warning for those starting to invest in the stock market, to stick to transparent, solid companies based on sound fundamentals, and to always follow the adage: "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

2. **Margin Call**- Perhaps the most financially accurate movie on the list, *Margin Call* takes place over the span of 24 hours in the life of a Wall Street firm on the brink of disaster (modeled closely after some of the large bulge brackets). *Margin Call* does little to hide its contempt for the reckless risk taking by some of the largest banks in the run up to the 2008 financial crisis, such as trading complex derivative instruments they themselves barely understood.

1. **Wall Street**- Surprise, surprise: the number one finance movie very professional must see is the Oliver Stone classic that got thousands of college graduates to utter the immortal phrase "Blue Horseshoe loves Anacott Steel" as they rushed to their Series 7s. Originally crafted to show the excess and hedonism associated with finance, *Wall Street* still wields incredible power as a recruiting tool for traders, brokers, analysts and bankers nearly 30 years after it was made. Though the movie serves to warn us about the dangers of insider trading, let's face it, who wouldn't want to be Bud Fox or even Gordon Gekko (legitimately of course) and indulge a bit in our greedy side; after all, as Gekko would say, "Greed is good."



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