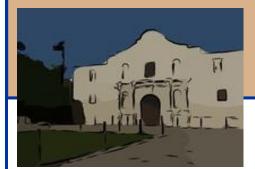
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter Members,

If you are reading this "it's a good sign." Ellen does a great job putting together a super newsletter full of pertinent and valuable information. Please share it with co-workers and friends. We had a great March luncheon with Dr. Jamie Morin, the AF "Comptroller," as our guest speaker. Great insight into what is happening in regards to the budget and audit readiness at the Pentagon. We hope to have an OSD speaker in April. If you know of key leaders in financial management or audit from any of the Services or OSD visiting the San Antonio area, let me know and we can work the schedule to get them to speak at one of our luncheons. Registration for the National PDI is in full swing, so if you plan on attending it's time to sign up. Also, thanks for those who participated in the March Boysville community outreach and don't forget to sign up for the Roy Maas Youth Alternative sponsorship event in April. These are opportunities to give back to those who need our help and to team with your fellow chapter members . . . we always have a good time. Last but not least, it's time to fill the nominations for officers on the ballot and elect the 2012-2013 slate of officers. There are also a number of key appointment positions available, so please let one of the current officers know if you are willing to step up to the plate.

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

Coast Guard Commandant tells Congress FY2013 budget balances current operations and future investment needs. Coast Guard Commandant ADM Robert Papp told a congressional committee his top budget priority is to rebuild the Coast Guard and provide "our hard working Coast Guardsman with the tools they need to do their job." In his testimony before the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, ADM Papp described the successes the Coast Guard has achieved and the challenges that remain. He said the Coast Guard has taken actions since 9/11 that have mitigated risks to US ports and inland waterways. "We've invested in more small boats, more capable aircraft and more personnel top operate them," he told the committee. In addition, he said the Coast Guard has unified field operations, enhanced inspection and compliance programs, and "built-out a highly effective deployable specialized force capability." (*Read the rest of the story....*)

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

- <u>DoD witness urges Congress to approve two more BRAC rounds</u>
- Senate approves provision to allow phased retirement for federal employees
- Air Force identifies military manpower reductions to meet force structure requirements
- GAO finds DoD program duplication and missed savings opportunities

ASMC - Grant Thorton LLP Annual Survey. ASMC and Grant Thornton LLP are conducting an online survey of Defense financial officials through 31 March 2012. The survey should take only a few minutes to complete. Questions address issues facing the Defense financial community and relate to potential force draw-downs and significant reductions to the Defense budget. Thoughts or quotations will not be attributed to any individual survey respondent. The three ASMC chapters with the highest percentage response rates will receive a cash award (1st place – \$300, 2nd place – \$200, 3rd place – \$100). An additional \$200 cash award will be given to the ASMC chapter with the highest number of responses. The survey is available at <a href="www.surveygizmo.com/s3/817862/2012-ASMC-Online-Questionnaire-for-Defense-Finanical-Professionals">www.surveygizmo.com/s3/817862/2012-ASMC-Online-Questionnaire-for-Defense-Finanical-Professionals</a>. Please identify yourself as a member of the Alamo City Chapter when you take the survey. Aggregated results of the survey will be made available at the PDI and on the ASMC Web site shortly thereafter.

**Awards Deadlines.** The ASMC Awards Online site remains open for submissions to the programs listed below. Questions may be sent to <u>awards@asmconline.org</u> or any of the National Awards Committee Members. Deadline Reminder:

- National Scholarship Program: March 31
- Members Continuing Education Grant: March 31
- Chapter Competition Program: April 10
- Chapter Leadership Award: April 10
- Corporate Member of the Year: April 10



**PDI Registration is Open.** PDI 2012, the premier training event hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers, will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center *May 30 – June 1*, with a theme of Professionalism in Action. The keynote speaker at Wednesday's opening session will be the Honorable Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and CFO; and the Honorable Sean O'Keefe, former Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Office Management and Budget and former Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) will be speaking at Friday's luncheon. This year's event will include more than 150 educational sessions and the ability to earn up to 24 CPE, with an additional opportunity for CPE at the Pre-PDI sessions on Monday and Tuesday preceding PDI. Workshops will cover topics such as budget and cost, acquisition, audit readiness and ethics. A full draft listing of session topics is available under **Program Information**. The member registration rate until May 1 is \$545, and housing rates will range from \$125 to \$145 per room night. **Registration and housing are now open!** 

<u>Virtual PDI Registration Now Open.</u> Registration is now open for Virtual PDI, an online alternative for those who may be unable to attend PDI 2012 in person. The Virtual PDI program will allow registrants to participate in relevant training, and will provide access to selected breakout and general sessions during the three-day event. Virtual PDI registrants will also have on-demand access throughout the year to 40-plus PDI workshops for CPE credit. If you have additional questions about the Virtual PDI option or PDI 2012 in Anaheim, please submit them through the Virtual PDI Support submission form. Please note content is added to the FAQs document regularly, so please check it prior to sending in your question. (<u>Editor's Note</u>: The Chapter Executive Committee is looking into providing the Virtual PDI to Chapter members at a discounted group rate, so contact your Organizational VP if you're interested in signing up.)

**New Certification Renewal Requirement.** Effective *1 January 2012*, ASMC's certification renewal process requires two of your 80 CPEs to be obtained from ethics training. The requirement applies to existing and candidate CDFMs. If ethics training is a part of your organization's professional development program, it can be applied toward this requirement. Existing CDFMs should note that if your CDFM is up for renewal this year, you will have until *31 December 2012* to obtain their ethics training, but they will only need one ethics-related CPE. You can renew with 79 CPEs as long as the one ethics CPE is obtained by *31 December 2012*. CDFMs will still need to renew by the date posted on their CDFM certificate.

**Upcoming Audio Training.** ASMC is sponsoring a **Federal Retirement Benefits Update** audio-conference at 1:00 local time (CST) on **12 April 2012**. The speaker will be Bob Braunstein, who will present an update on proposed changes to the Federal Retirement System, reduced spending and workforce reduction plans, early retirement opportunities to support new spending targets and determining who qualifies for early retirement. **Register Online**. **(Editor's Note:** The Chapter normally sponsors (funds) one training session for Chapter members at each installation supported by the Chapter, provided at least five **members** sign up for the training. Please let your Organization VP or any other Chapter officer to let us know if you're interested in attending this training.)



#### Other Training Opportunities.

- ➤ April 16 -18: Fiscal Law Purpose, Time & Amount; San Antonio, TX
- > April 19 20: Acquisition Business Management (CDFM Module 4); San Antonio, TX
- ➤ Interested in Federal Appropriations Law? Visit the ASMC Web site for the class schedule or host one yourself by emailing <u>ArchwayTraining@asmconline.org</u>.
- ➤ The FY12 Acquisition Business Management (Module 4) course schedule is available on the ASMC Web site or by emailing <a href="mailto:cdfmamod4@asmconline.org">cdfmamod4@asmconline.org</a>.
- ➤ The FY12 EDFMTC schedule is available on our ASMC Web site. Register by clicking the link for the location of your choice. (Editor's Note: The Chapter Executive Committee is looking into scheduling an EDFMT class for Chapter members, so contact your Organizational VP or any other Chapter officer to let us know if you're interested in signing up.)
- ➤ A list of known chapter training events may be found on the National ASMC Web site.

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

March Meeting. Dr. Jamie Morin, SAF/FM, provided a briefing on FY13 Budget and Audit Readiness during the 15 March 2012 Chapter luncheon at the Randolph Parr Officers' Club. Teresa Vega, AFCEE VP, was the luncheon host. (Left: Dr. Morin giving his presentation; Right: Dr. Morin receives thanks from Terry Ross, Chapter President.)





**April Meeting.** We are working on getting **Mr. John Roth**, OSD Deputy Comptroller, to speak at our next luncheon, which is tentatively scheduled for **18 April 2012**. The luncheon host will be **Ada Fromuth**, 902 CPTS VP. Watch for more information in the March Alamo Gram and the April luncheon flyer.

<u>May Meeting</u>. The May luncheon will be hosted by MSgt Brian Tilton, 802 CPTS VP. Watch for more information in the April Alamo Gram and the fliers for the luncheon.

# LOCAL NEWS

Chapter Executive Committee Members

#### 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 Chapter's elective offices: **President-Elect**, **Secretary-Elect**, **Treasurer**, **General Counsel**, and **Vice Presidents** for local organizations and our retiree/at large membership.

Ballots for the election will be provided to the installation VPs around <u>6 April 2012</u> for distribution to their members for voting. Totals will be due back to the Elections Chairperson by <u>13 April 2012</u>. 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 <u>1 July 2012</u> to <u>30 June 2013</u>.

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

We're also looking for some appointed chair positions for next year. Our current projected vacancies are identified in *green with a triple asterisk (\*\*\*)* in the *Chapter Officer* list on <u>page 13</u> (additional projected vacancies, if any, will be identified in future Alamo Grams). If you're interested in helping with any of the positions, please contact any member of the Executive Committee or your organization Vice President for more information.

## Alamo City Chapter Member Scholarships.

Our Comptroller Employee Scholarships are lump sum payments of \$500 given to two individuals to use for actual college expenses. Chapter members interested in these scholarships should 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. Applicants 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 <a href="Pazeretsky@earthlink.net">Pazeretsky@earthlink.net</a>.

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

<u>Don't hesitate — submit your applications now!</u>



#### Awards and Recognition

The Alamo City Chapter members are fortunate once again to receive recognition as winners of Assistant Secretary of the Army (FM&C) awards, as shown below. These awards will be presented during Army Day (30 May 2012) at the National ASMC Professional Development Institute in Anaheim CA.

- Neil R. Ginnetti Award Col Marcus W. Cronk, MEDCOM
- Outstanding Resource Management Team Award (Above ACOM) ARNORTH Efficiencies Tiger Team, Lead: Patrick M. Reynolds
- Author of the Year (Above ACOM) Jeffrey P. Moon, MEDCOM
- Budgeting Civilian (Above ACOM) Melissa G. Foxhall, ARNORTH
- Cost Analysis Civilian (Above ACOM) Donald Brocker, MEDCOM
- Cost Analysis Military (Above ACOM) LTC Robert Griffith MEDCOM
- Cost Savings Initiatives Civilian (Above ACOM) Brian C. Clearman, MEDCOM
- Education, Training, and Career Development (Above ACOM) Leatha (Jeanie) McCleary, MEDCOM
- Outstanding Intern Awards (Above ACOM) Charlotte (Sherry) M. Youngblood, MEDCOM

#### PDS 2012 Awards Photo Correction.

Our apologies for not listing the individuals in one of our Team Award photos in the *February Alamo Gram* in the correct order. The caption should have read: *Terry Ross presents a Team Award to the AFCEE MILCON Team (Vic Alba, Team Lead; Marie Reeder, Ctr; Kay Heihn, Ctr; Win McCreary; David Maltais; Nancy Miles; Dave Wheeler; and Rene Ona)* 



#### PDI 2012 Scholarships

The Chapter is offering the following scholarships to support participation in this year's National ASMC Professional Development Institute. If you're interested in these scholarships or would like more information about them, contact your organizational VP or any of the Chapter Executive Committee members.

- Full scholarships to cover PDI expenses for the senior Chapter leaders if attendance isn't funded by their respective organizations. (Any funds not required may be used to offer additional partial scholarships for Chapter members as described below.)
- Six partial scholarships for Chapter members to cover the normal PDI registration fees (excludes late registrations fees, travel, and per diem) in order to help defray the registration costs of attending the National ASMC Professional Development Institute in Anaheim for members whose organizations will not fund them to attend. Selection criteria include demonstrated participation in chapter activities, membership in good



standing (dues current), achievement of CDFM status, and support from the member's organization leadership. Nominations for the partial scholarships are due by *5 April* **2012**. The selection will be made by the Chapter President and two other Chapter Executive Officers not nominated for the scholarships.

• Partial registration for up to 50 members in good standing (dues current) to participate in the Virtual PDI (the Chapter will pay \$75, with the member paying \$50). National's intent in providing a Virtual PDI is to provide 24 hour availability anywhere. To aid your decision making, go to <a href="http://virtualpdi.org/support">http://virtualpdi.org/support</a> to view computer requirements. These scholarships will be provided on a first-come-first-served basis, with a deadline of 16 April 2012 (no expansions or extensions). To be considered, you must provide your registration request a check for \$50 made out to "ASMC Alamo City Chapter" to your organization VP.

## **Certified Defense Financial Management (CDFM) Training**

The Chapter is considering a number of options for providing CDFM training for our *Chapter members*, such as sponsoring a local EDFMT course, holding one-day CDFM workshops (like the sessions we had on Saturdays last year), sponsoring the audio-conferences provided by National ASMC, or coordinating brown-bag lunch training sessions. These options aren't mutually exclusive, but we need to determine which of the options have sufficient interest to pursue further. We're currently in the preliminary discussion phase and need to work out a number of issues, such as funding arrangements (Chapter vs organization vs member), if needed. Please let your organization VP know if you'd be interested in participating in any of the CDFM training options we're considering or if you have any additional options you'd like us to consider. Keep in mind that you would need support from your organization to participate in any of the training activities held during duty time.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Federal Appropriations Law/3-day: Purpose, Time, and Amount course is being offered by ASMC <u>16-18 April 2012</u> 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 <a href="http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/federal-appropriations-law/#3day">http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/federal-appropriations-law/#3day</a>.
- ➤ **Module 4 CDFM** training is also being offered by ASMC <u>19-20 April 2012</u> in San Antonio at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Schertz, 5008 Corridor Loop Rd, Schertz TX on. The registration form is available at <u>www.asmconline.org</u>. If you're interested in attending the course, you'll need to complete the form and e-mail or fax to: <u>cdfmamod4@asmconline.org</u> or 636-936-1677, in order to receive a reservation confirmation for this course.
- > The General Services Administration (GSA) Training Conference and Expo 2012 will take place 15-17 May 2012, at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio,



Texas. As GSA's signature training conference and exposition, this event is specially designed to benefit federal, state, and local government employees and military members who make or influence procurement decisions. For more information, about this event, go to <a href="http://www.expo.gsa.gov/">http://www.expo.gsa.gov/</a>.

## CDFM CORNER

Joan Navarro, Certification Chair

• <u>Sample CDFM Questions</u>. 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 13* 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.

<ol> <li>The budget process has three main phases: (Module 1)</li> <li>a. estimation, formulation, execution b. estimation, enactment, execution c. formulation, execution, review d. formulation, enactment, execution</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>2. Decision-makers must consider the effects of and technical assumptions on budget estimates. (Module 1)</li> <li>a. employment</li> <li>b. economic activity</li> <li>c. trade levels</li> <li>d. business activity</li> </ul>
3. Which cost estimating methods is known as the statistical method? (Module 2)	4. What are requests for funds in addition to amounts already appropriated? (Module 2)
<ul><li>a. Engineering Approach</li><li>b. Analytical Approach</li><li>c. Parametric Approach</li><li>d. Analogy Approach</li></ul>	<ul><li>a. Deferrals</li><li>b. Recissions</li><li>c. Supplemental</li><li>d. Apportionments</li></ul>
5. An over obligation or over expenditure is a violation of which part of the anti deficiency act? (Module 3)	6. Which of the following is not a section of the Statement of Budgetary Resources? (Module 3)
<ul><li>a. 31 USC 1341</li><li>b. 31 USC 1342</li><li>c. 31 USC 1517</li><li>d. 31 USC 1351</li></ul>	<ul><li>a. Budgetary Resources</li><li>b. Net Costs of Operation</li><li>c. Outlays</li><li>d. Status of Resources</li></ul>

• <u>Certification Reimbursement Programs</u>. In addition to our Incentive Award for Chapter Members who obtain their CDFMs. Each of the services has programs to reimburse personnel for expenses incurred (registration and testing fees) in obtaining these certifications. The programs are generally first-come-first-served and are based on fund



availability. The following is a list of links to web-sites that provide additional information about these certification reimbursement programs.

- DoD Policy Civilian Certifications
- Army Reimbursement policy memorandum, Army Requirements for Reimbursement
- <u>Air Force reimbursement policy</u> (AF civilians contact: <u>saf.fmew.cert@pentagon.af.mil</u> for reimbursement)
- Navy reimbursement policy (updated Oct 2010)
- Defense Finance and Accounting Service reimbursement policy
- GI Bill reimbursement policy

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 SPOTLIGHTS



# UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (AMEDD)



On 27 July 2012 the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) will celebrated its 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The AMEDD consists of active and reserve medical forces working as a professional team to achieve the ultimate mission of providing health care services and support to the soldier and his/her family.

The Army Surgeon General is dual-hatted as the Commanding General of the United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) and The Surgeon General (TSG). As Commanding General of the MEDCOM, the CG commands fixed hospitals and other AMEDD commands and agencies. In the role of TSG she serves as the medical expert on the Army staff, advising the Secretary of the Army, Army Chief of Staff, and other Army leaders and providing guidance to field units. This dual-hatted role unites in one leader's hands the duty to develop policy and budgets as TSG and the power to execute them as the MEDCOM Commander.

Medical contingency operations are managed by theater commanders and the fixed medical facilities are managed by the MEDCOM. The MEDCOM is operationally separated into a headquarters, five regional medical commands and five major subordinate commands. Headquarters' responsibilities are in Washington DC and at Ft Sam Houston TX; the staff operates under a "one staff" concept. This concept eliminates duplicative efforts and streamlines collaboration on policy and operational issues.



In any successful enterprise there are mission, vision, and goals statements. Army Medicine uses a balance score card concept to express its mission, vision, and strategic theme. It is a strategy management tool that allows organizations to focus and align their organization to their strategy. This multilayered strategy map is used throughout the enterprise from headquarters management elements down to hospital departments, research organizations, and training departments to depict their contribution to the enterprise strategic theme.

In MEDCOM's multi-hospital system, it is everyone's responsibility to make efficient use of enterprise assets. There are approximately 70 thousand dedicated professionals in eight Corps that comprise the generating force of the AMEDD: Medical, Enlisted, Army Nurse, Dental, Veterinary, Medical Service, Medical Specialist, and Civilian. In a typical day this force manages over one thousand occupied beds, over 25 thousand dental procedures, over 5 thousand immunizations, over 42 thousands clinic visits, over 13 thousand radiology procedures, over 55 thousand pharmacy prescriptions, over 50 thousand laboratory procedures, and approximately 150 thousand supply transactions.

To run the enterprise business, Chief Financial Officers at all echelons are responsible for budget preparation, justification, and execution. In fiscal year 2011 MEDCOM's funding was \$12.2 billion dollars. The Defense Healthcare Program appropriation provided ninety-three percent of the funding and the remaining seven percent came from multiple Army appropriations. Together these appropriations provide funding for operations and maintenance, military pay, research and development, procurement, repair and maintenance, and smaller accounts.

Army Medicine shares its medical achievements, innovation, and leadership perspectives through several publications. *The Scope* is an annual synopsis of the AMEDD. The *Army Medical Department Journal* is a quarterly professional publication about healthcare delivery, research, combat experiences, and military and training doctrine development. *The Mercury* is Army Medicine's monthly electronic newspaper. Finally, *Stand-To* a one page email providing relevant Army information of the day.

Serving to Heal....Honored to Serve

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND GETTING TO KNOW THE ACSRM

Provided by: Ms. Amy Krush, U.S. Army Medical Command Intern

The Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) is located on Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. We are the equivalent of a corporate headquarters for the Army's healthcare system. We operate about 450 medical facilities worldwide, employ about 70,000 people, and have an annual operating budget of approximately \$12 Billion. The mission of the U.S. Army Medical Command, Assistant Chief of Staff for Resource Management (ASCRM), is to predict, secure, allocate, and account for the resources of the Army Medical Department. We do everything from financial management in support of our headquarters' operations to strategic management of the entire Army Medical Department.



The ACSRM consists of five important functions. The Health Financial Policy Division, located at the Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG), provides liaison with Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Department of Defense (DOD) Health Affairs, and the Army Budget Office (ABO). The Program and Budget Division provides the distribution, execution, and accounting of funds within the MEDCOM, as well as prepares input for the President's Budget (PB) and Program Objective Memorandum (POM) submissions. The Management Division assists MEDCOM organizations with efficient methods and models to accomplish their mission. The Finance and Accounting Division manages funds control, prior year funds, and interest penalty systems. The Medical Expense and Performance Reporting System (MEPRS) Division provides management and data quality oversight for the DOD.

How are we doing with our resources? The MEDCOM, ACSRM has clear strategic directions and objectives, employs a data driven decision making process, fosters a cost culture, and utilizes a performance based resource allocation process to incentivize positive outcomes. The results of this are workload growth at our Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) every quarter since 2006, the best quality of healthcare, and efficient and productive delivery of care. In fact, the Army has the lowest cost per disposition, 17 percent below the Service average, and the lowest cost per visit, 13 percent below the Service average.

With the recent directed Department of Defense budget cuts, lowering costs is vital. MEDCOM, ACSRM constantly strives to find efficiencies and to improve resource management without sacrificing the well being and the health of our soldiers and their families. The MEDCOM mission is unique and challenging, and our success is only a result of a total team effort across the Army Medical Department, as well as with our sister Services, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and civilian healthcare organizations across the United States.

The MEDCOM, ACSRM consists of respected professionals trusted by commanders to fully resource approved plans, provide financial stewardship through transparency, and facilitate a sustainable cost for the Army Medical Department. Together we work with the rest of the Medical Command to fulfill the MEDCOM motto, "Serving to Heal...Honored to Serve."

## 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 enthuse you. Families and friends of ASMC members are also welcome to join us in any of our community service events.

#### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:**

• <u>Habitat for Humanity</u>. Join us at Coleman Ridge Development, Southwest San Antonio on *31 March 2012*, where we'll be assisting with caulk and touchup, paint interior trim, install fence posts, start final punch list, clean house, pre-landscaping (specific tasks are subject to change based on work progress). Directions, a map, and rules/special instructions have been provided to each of the Chapter Vice Presidents and other Executive Officers. Please read the "Typical Construction Day" handout so you can understand all of the rules. If you have questions or need additional info, call or email the Chapter's POC, *Jane Keller* (Retiree/At Large VP) at 590-7460, 573-6702, or *jkeller@satx.rr.com*.



- Roy Maas Youth Alternative Adopt-a-Cabin. We will be sponsoring activities for the residents of one of the Roy Maas cabins on 21 April 2012, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Watch for the event flyer for more info on this event. POCs are Terry Ross, Chapter President and Teri Akers.
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. It's time to start warming up for this year's Race for the Cure, which is scheduled for Saturday, 12 May 2012, at the Alamo Dome. Last year, our "ASMC Alamo City Chapter" team had 11 members and raised donations totaling \$790 from 20 individuals. Let's see if we can do better this year both in the number of volunteers and the amount of the pledges! To register for the Race or donate on behalf of any of our Team Members, go to <a href="http://sanantonio.lnfo-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/SAT SanAntonioAffiliate?fr">http://sanantonio.lnfo-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/SAT SanAntonioAffiliate?fr</a> id=2385&pg=ent ry. Watch for the event flyer, which will have more Race information and registration procedures. This year's Team Captains are Annie Faircloth (AFAA, 652-0418) and Ellen Hester (retiree, 663-9425).

#### RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

• **Boysville Birthday Bash.** Chapter members and guests went to Boysville off of 1604 in Converse on **23 March 2012** to help the youth celebrate the March birthdays with gifts for each of the birthday youth and a pizza dinner for everyone. During this event, the Chapter earned 44 member hours and 11.25 guest hours for a total of 55.25 hours of community service. Our POC was



Ada Fromuth, 902 CPTS VP. <u>Front Row (L to R)</u>: MSgt Andrea Howard, 902 CPTS; Delia Applewhite, USARSOUTH; Jane Keller, Retiree; Sarah Fourney, Boysville Representative; Ellen Hester, Retiree; Ada Fromuth, 902 CPTS. <u>Back Row (L to R)</u>: Tayondra Howard, Dependent Guest; Mike Snell, US ARNORTH; Aliyah Warren, Dependent Guest; Melinda Morrell, Retiree; John Morrell, Retiree; Dennis Hanselman, Guest and Retired Army; John Fromuth, Retired; and MSgt Brian Tilton, 802 CPTS.

• **Bexar County Family Services.** The Chapter collected about 30 dresses and tuxedo shirts/pants, as well as some jewelry and shoes to help students go to their proms for the annual Child Protective Services (CPS) Prom Dress/Tuxedo Event. Prom is a very important high school social event, so it was great to help these students have an opportunity to participate. The event POC was **Courtney Chin**, AETC VP. **Thanks for making Prom special for youth in Foster Care!!!** 

**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!!** 



## ABOUT FACES

### Various Executive Committee Members



**Welcomes:** Maj Gen (R) Alfred Flowers joined the Chapter effective 1 January 2012

**Welcome Back:** None reported.

**Local Moves: Chip Atkinson** to Region Chief, AFAA/SPR

**Farewells:** None reported.

**Promotions: Dean Tomlinson** to Associate Director, AFAA/SPO

**Retirements: Brenda Flores**, AFAA/SPE, effective 30 April 2012

Gary Caples, AFAA/SPE, effective 30 April 2012 Dale Brunmeier, AFAA/SPP, effective 30 April 2012 Gwen Logan, AFAA/SPR, effective 30 April 2012

<u>Congratulations</u>: None reported. <u>Announcements</u>: None reported.

## 2011-2012 CHAPTER OFFICERS

#### **ELECTED OFFICERS:**

#### **APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

President:	Terry Ross	808-7545	Exec Officer:	Capt Michelle Kolcun	652-0225
Secretary:	Kathy Scott	295-2860	Alt. Treasurer:	Celeste Carrola	925-7160
President-Elect:	Col Paul Sinopoli	652-2161	Auditor:***	Diane Kampwerth	652-3509
Secretary-Elect:	VACANT		Awards:	Mike Snell	221-2331
General Counsel:	Vaughn Caudill	808-7552	Budget:	Ernest Shelton	466-0827
Treasurer:	Doug Ochodnicky	652-2752	Certification:	Joan Navarro	652-0433
VP 47 CPTS:	Maj Dimitri Martini	298-5330*	Chapter Competition:	Bernard Davey	652-2717
VP 502 ABW:	Paula Stampley	808-0107	Community Service:	Nida Soriano-Rosas	395-8303
VP 802 CPTS:	MSgt Brian Tilton**	671-2166	Corporate:***	Lisa Decker-Sanchez	395-8073
VP 902 CPTS:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408	Elections:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
VP AETC/AFSAT:	Courtney Chin	652-3610	Historian:	Betty Ann Rosales	735-5299
VP AFCEE:	Teresa Vega	395-8498	Membership:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
VP AF ISRA:	Capt Tara Phlegar	977-3468	Newsletter:	Ellen Hester	663-9425
VP AFSVA:	Sonsu Hubbell	395-7162	PDI Liaison:	Joy Berberek	724-9955
VP AFAA:	Brenda Flores	652-0448	PDS Chair:	Capt Tara Phlegar	977-3468
VP ARNORTH:	Paul Goodrich	221-2850	Photography:	Lou Ann Trent	652-7916
VP ARSOUTH:	Dilia Applewhite	295-6014	Programs:***	Leslie Amerson	652-5328
VP IMCOM:	Joan Price	466-1666	Publicity:***	Jane Keller	573-6702
VP MEDCOM:	Maria Zamarripa	295-2856	Scholarship:	Bill Pazeretsky	659-6242
VP Retiree/At Large:	Jane Keller	573-6702	Web-Master:	Mary Ann Casillas	295-2877

\* - Area Code 830, DSN prefix 732

\*\* - New Officer as of Feb 2012.

\*\*\* - Volunteer needed for next year.

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

