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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Financial/Resource Management Professionals,

It has been my honor to serve as your President this past year. I have been blessed beyond measure to have a great team of dedicated ASMC members on the leadership team. They have helped guide and direct the professional education and community service pursuits of the Alamo City Chapter of ASMC.

I was humbled to be able to represent you at the ASMC PDI. The Alamo City Chapter received the Distinguished Award for Chapter Competition for being "*the best of the best*" Chapters in ASMC. Each activity you do as an ASMC member contributed to that award.

As we turn another page on the Alamo City Chapter, I am excited about our future. DoD FM Certification, a steady budget for at least one year, and the opportunities we have to give back to our community and each other abound. Take advantage of these activities as they come along. As the honor code at the San Antonio Academy states, "Be Honest; Be Kind; Be the Best You Can Be!" If you do those three things, you will more than measure up to our ASMC Code of Professionalism.

Thanks to COL Flowers and all those who stepped up to serve in 2014-15.

Good luck, safe travels, great audit, and God Bless,

Patrick Reynolds
President, Alamo City Chapter

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

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NATIONAL NEWS

SHORT NOTICE – ASMC Annual Survey. We need your input on issues facing the defense financial management community! Your opinions in response to the survey questions will be absolutely anonymous.

- ASMC, in partnership with Grant Thornton LLP, is conducting an annual online survey of defense financial managers. This survey will take only a few minutes to complete and asks respondents about issues facing the financial management community, such as budget/cost management, audit readiness, and workforce development.
- Within each of our chapter size categories (A1, A, B, and C) the ASMC chapter that achieves the highest percentage response rate to this survey will receive a \$200 cash award. These awards will be based on the number of responses received per chapter divided by the total paid membership of a chapter as of May 31, 2014.
- You must access the survey not later than **June 30, 2014!** **Please be sure to enter our chapter's name (Alamo City Chapter) when you fill out the survey.** Aggregated results of this survey will be published and made available on the ASMC website.
- Thank you for your participation!

DoD issues annual acquisition performance report: The Department of Defense (DoD) released its annual performance review of the DoD acquisition system, which “provides a review of the efficiency of incentives in improving costs and performance as well as updating earlier analyses with more recent data,” according to a press release issued at the pentagon. The report provides background material on acquisition budgets and trends, analyzes performance outcomes by commodity type, military department, and by prime contractor, and discusses insights and lessons learned. ([Read the full story...](#))

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

- [House committee approves FY2015 Coast Guard appropriations](#)
- [Senate confirms Mike McCord for DoD Comptroller post](#)
- [House Appropriations Committee approves FY2015 DoD spending bill](#)
- [CRS updates defense acquisition process overview](#)

Upcoming Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Course – Centrally Funded. The Air Force is sponsoring a centrally funded EDFMT course in San Antonio TX from **14-18 July 2014**. Individuals who want to be considered for this course must submit an application via the EDFMT registration system. Once their supervisor has approved the application, the quota manager for their service/agency will either approve (if the service/agency has a quota), disapprove (if the applicant does not meet requirements), or place the applicant on a waiting list (if the service/agency has no quotas or if the service/agency quotas are already used). Five (5) business days prior to the start date, any unused quotas are released to the other services and those on the wait list are then confirmed in the



order in which they appear on the wait list. For more information, go to the EDFMT website (<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/student/stulogon.asp?targetpage=/edfmt/registration/occlist.asp?>).

PDI AWARDS PHOTOS

The following photos show representatives of the Alamo City and other Chapters (and others) accepting National ASMC Awards (*photos 1-4*) and individuals accepting ASA/FM Awards (*photo 5*) during the recent Professional Development Institute.



CHAPTER MEETINGS

June Meeting. The monthly luncheon was hosted by **Teresa Vega**, AFCEC VP at the Pico de Gallo restaurant on **18 June 2014**. Following a brief motivational message from **Pat Reynolds**, our outgoing Chapter President, our outgoing officers were recognized for their hard work and the incoming officers were formally installed for the upcoming Chapter year (July 2014 – June 2015).



*Photo on left:
Outgoing Chapter Officers*

*Photo on right:
Incoming Chapter Officers*



July Meeting. The luncheon is tentatively scheduled for **15 July 2014** at La Margarita Restaurant, with the City Manager as our potential luncheon speaker. **Corrine Zurita**, the AFISRA VP will host the luncheon. Watch for more information the luncheon flyer.

August Meeting. The luncheon is scheduled to be hosted by ARNORTH. Watch for more information in the July Alamo Gram and the luncheon flyer.

LOCAL NEWS

Chapter Executive Committee Members

Chapter Election Results. Congratulations to the following members who were elected to serve as Chapter Officers for the next Chapter Year (July 2014 – June 2015):

President	COL Derrick W. Flowers	AFCEC	Teresa Vega
Secretary	Don Brocker	AFISR Agency	Corrine Zurita
President Elect	Vaughn Caudill	AFMOA	Tanya Williams
Secretary Elect	TBD	AFPC/SV	Rene Benjamin
General Counsel	Patrick Reynolds	ARNORTH	Joanne McCauley
Treasurer	Kathy Harris	ARSOUTH	Paul Minarovic
47 CPTS	Maj Paul Sorter	IMCOM	Geoffry Tweed
502 CPTS (& OL-B)	Ada Fromuth	MEDCOM	Kathy Harris
502 CPTS, OL-A	German Ortizzulaga	Galveston COE	Patricia McDonald
AETC/AFSAT	Arturo Rivas	Retirees/At-Large	Debbie Rush
AFAA	Jennifer McGonnell-Luvisi		

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Air Force Audit Agency will be posting job openings for auditors (GS-0511) in the near future using **USAJOBS**. The openings will be for GS-7 target GS-12 in Dayton, Ohio and San Antonio, Texas. AFAA requires a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline but with at least 24 hours total in accounting, including business law courses. The announcement may have a short timeline for submissions (2-3 weeks), so encourage your qualified graduates to get their USAJOBS resume ready as soon as possible. For more info, contact **Jenny Luvisi**, AFAA VP.

CDFM CORNER

Joan Navarro, Certification Chair

Last Chance for the 2013-2014 CDFM Incentive Awards. The Chapter has an Incentive Award of up to **\$100** for Chapter members who obtain their CDFM certifications. Members who complete their CDFMs between **1 July 2013** and **30 June 2014** should forward documented evidence of their CDFM award through their organizational Vice President to the Chapter Certification Chair not later than Thursday, **3 July 2014**. If you're new to the area, don't forget to transfer your membership to the Alamo City Chapter, as these Incentive Awards are only offered to members of the Alamo City Chapter. Also, if you've passed all



three modules for the basic CDFM and haven't received your designation as a CDFM, make sure you've submitted your **"Verification of Financial Management Experience"** form to National (and that they've received it). If you have any questions, contact **Joan Navarro**, Chapter Certification Chair, at 652-0430 or joan.navarro@us.af.mil.

Sample CDFM Questions. The following questions provide examples of potential test questions that might be included on the CDFM exams. *(The answers for these sample questions can be found on [page 9](#) of this Alamo Gram).* We'd also like to include questions for Module 4, if we can get any from our members or other readers.

<p>1. The SecDef must receive a signed statement of material weaknesses from each principle DoD component by _____. (Module 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 15 Dec of each year b. 15 Nov of each year c. 15 Sep of each year d. 15 Oct of each year 	<p>2. _____ are the organization, policies, and procedures used to reasonably ensure that certain events take place. (Module 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Management Controls b. Budget Functions c. Management Directives d. none of the above
<p>3. What are the three main objectives of Commercial Activities A-76? (Module 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I Achieve economy and enhance productivity II Identifies customers so that resources can be aligned with requirements III Rely on the commercial sector IV Retain inherently governmental functions in house <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I, II, and III b. I, II, and IV c. I, III, and IV d. II, III, and IV 	<p>4. What are the two requirements for realignment of funds to unfunded requirements? (Module 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I Anticipated II Unanticipated III Higher priority than anticipated unfunded requirement IV Higher priority than funded requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I and II b. II and IV c. III and IV d. II and III
<p>5. The _____ is the board/entity established to create generally accepted accounting principles for federal financial reporting entities. (Module 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants b. Office of the Management and Budget c. Governmental Accounting Standards Board d. Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board 	<p>6. Which report discloses the financial results of activities, including revenues and other financing sources, and operating expenses? (Module 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Standard Form 221 (Report on Operations) b. Standard Form 220 (Report on Financial Position) c. DD Form 1329 (Statement of Transactions) d. Standard Form 1219 (Statement of Accountability)



CDFM Program Information. For more information or questions about the **Chapter's CDFM Program, Study Sessions, or Incentive Awards**, contact your organization Vice President or **Joan Navarro**, our Chapter Certification Chair, Joan.Navarro@us.af.mil or (210) 652-0430.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND ("THE FIRST COMMAND")

By: Col Paul L. J. Sinopoli, former Alamo-City Chapter President
(Reprinted from the December 2012 Alamo Gram)



With the realignment of Air Training Command and Air University, Air Education and Training Command was established July 1, 1993 and headquartered at Randolph AFB. Home to Air Force Basic Military Training and various accession programs, AETC is first to touch the life of virtually every Air Force member...hence, "First Command." Comprised of the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces, and the Air University, AETC hosts 12 major installations including Joint Base San Antonio forged by joining Lackland, Randolph, and Fort Sam Houston under one installation commander and resulting in the largest joint base in the DOD.

Having assigned personnel approaching 75,000, each year AETC recruits 30,000 new Air Force members, conducts 3,200 courses to graduate 500,000 students, and monthly flies over 39,000 hours in 1,380 various assigned aircraft. Clearly, AETC is a very large and complex enterprise requiring a significant amount of money and services to complete its assigned Mission: Develop America's Airmen today... for tomorrow. Of course, money is where financial management steps in.

Including payroll, operations, medical, military construction and BRAC, AETC accounted for over \$8.4 billion in FY10. The team managing those billions makes up the HQ FM staff composed of the Financial Operations Division and the Financial Analysis Division. On staff are nearly 70 analysts and experts who work closely with resource managers and financial services personnel numbering nearly 800 at our major installations, geographically-separated units and colleagues across the headquarters' staff. And it's at those many organizations where AETC's operational budget is executed, vendors are paid, dollars are accurately accounted, and members receive payroll and travel pay service and support.

AETC is an exciting and vibrant enterprise delivering unrivaled Air, Space and Cyberspace education and training. Within AETC/FM we work every day to Make Things Better!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Joanne McCauley, Community Service Chair

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 hope you'll 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/UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- **Fan Drive.** The Chapter will be collecting new 20-inch electric box fans for low income seniors in the local area from **1 July - 3 September 2014**. As we go into summer more and more are affected by lack of air conditioning, and these fans can provide respite. Organization VPs are encouraged to deliver the fans to the Fire Department periodically throughout the hot summer months (taking photos for the Alamo Gram, of course), to get the fans to the seniors as soon as possible. Immediately following the Executive Committee Meeting on **4 September 2014**, all remaining fans will be donated to the Kirby Volunteer Fire Department for distribution to low income, needy senior citizens in the local area. If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your checks (any amount) payable to "Project Cool c/o Catholic Charities" and pass them to your VP. These will be consolidated and mailed to the Catholic Charities of San Antonio. Our POC for this event is **Beverly Johnson**.
- **Back to School Drive.** In **July & August**, the Alamo City Chapter will collect school supplies for disadvantaged children supported by Child Protective Services (CPS) through the Dare to Love Rainbow Room. CPS supports over 6,000 children in need of assistance through the Dare to Love Program. We sometimes take so much for granted, but we've 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. Having their needs met 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, as shown below. Our POC for this event is **Brenda Pargas**, brenda.pargas@us.af.mil.

Backpacks (any kind)

Rulers

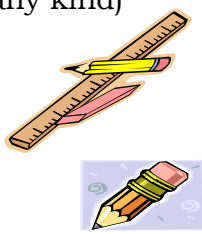
Folders

Pens

Pencils

Erasers

Pencil Bag/Box



Colored Pencils

Crayons

Sharpeners

Washable markers

Spiral Notebooks

3-Ring Binders

Loose Leaf Paper



Construction paper

Scissors (blunt are best)

Calculators

Highlighters

Dividers

Glue



- **Alzheimers' Walk.** In **September**, we plan to have a team participate in the Alzheimers' Walk. The **Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's®** is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions. Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease, the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. Together, our team hopes to make a real difference in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Our POC for this event is **Nida Soriano-Rosas** (nida.soriano-rosas@us.af.mil).



- **Diabetes Walk.** On **19 October 2014**, we're planning to have a team participate again in the **Diabetes Walk**, sponsored by the South Central Texas Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The **Walk** will be held at the UT Health Science Center, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, SATX beginning at 7:30 am. 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 the **ASMC Alamo City Chapter Team** or donate on behalf of the Team or any of its members, go to www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk/Chapter-SouthCentralTexas4656?team_id=152234&pg=team&fr_id=3980 Let's help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. **Kay Zurenko** (kay.zurenko@us.af.mil) will be the POC for the **Diabetes Walk**, provided we have sufficient interest to support this event.

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY:

- **Boysville Birthday Bash.** The Alamo City Chapter sponsored a birthday party at Boysville on Friday, **20 June 2014**. Boysville provides a safe, structured and family-like home for boys and girls (generally 5-18 years old) who come from homes in crisis. The party included pizza, a birthday cake, drinks, presents for 11 children celebrating their birthday in June, and games/activities (including Musical Chairs) with the children. The 11 Chapter Members who attended the Boysville Birthday Bash really enjoyed spending time with these children. What a great opportunity to give back. Way to serve, ASMC!!! Our POC for this event was **Jaime Klein** (jaime.klein@us.af.mil). Please send her an e-mail if you are interested in volunteering. *(Editor's note: Names weren't provided with the photo, but I'll be glad to run it again in a future issue if we can get names for all of the faces.)*



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 would like to host an event, contact **Joanne McCauley** (Community Service Chair, 210-221-2656), the VP for your organization, or any Executive Committee Member. **Thank you!!**

ABOUT FACES *Various Executive Committee Members*



Welcomes: **Lt Col Steven A Strain**, Commander, 502 CPTS, from SAF/FM
Chris Rattan, 502 CPTS Budget Analyst

New to 502 CPTS from the FM Tech School at Keesler AFB MS:
A1C Dominic Clayton (17 April), **A1C Elena Jovanov** (9 May), and
A1C James Dimitrov (30 June)

Welcome Back: **SrA Chase**, 502 CPTS, returned from Deployment



Local Moves: None reported.

Farewells: **Lt Col Ryan Mahoney**, Commander 502 CPTS, to SAF/FM (17 June)
SSgt Andrew Smart, 502 CPTS, to Seymour Johnson AFB SC (8 July)
SSgt Jared Vanwey, 502 CPTS, to Arnold AFB TN (31 July)
Ethel Fawn, 502 CPTS, moved to another GS position (31 May)
502 CPTS separations: **SrA Daniel Holden** (31 July) & **SSgt Jamail Garland** (31 July)

Promotions: None reported.

Retirements: **Beatrice (Bea) Gonzales** retired from AFCEC on 1 June after 33 years
Rosalinda Cuellar, 502 CPTS after 41 years of civil service
Priscilla Martinez, 502 CPTS (31 May)
MSgt Larry Smith and **SSgt Tucker** 502 CPTS

Congratulations: **SSgt Mena**, the newest Deputy Disbursing Officer for 502 CPTS

Announcements: None reported.

2013-2014 CHAPTER OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS:

President:	Pat Reynolds	221-0620
Secretary:	Mike Snell	221-2331
President-Elect:	Col David Dunning	295-2864
Secretary-Elect:	Donald (Don) Broucker	295-2876
General Counsel:	Vaughn Caudill	808-7552
Treasurer:	Doug Ochodnick	395-7581
VP 47 CPTS:	Maj Paul Sorter	298-5330*
VP 502 ABW:	Shurma Lee	221-3904
VP 502 CPTS OL-A:	MSgt Christina Gamez	(depl. **)
VP 502 CPTS OL-B:	Ada Fromuth	652-0224
VP AETC/AFSAT:	Capt Kurt Schmidbauer	652-3197
VP AFAA:	Jenny Luvisi	652-0478
VP AFCEC:	Teresa Vega	395-8810
VP AFISRA:	Corrine Zurita	977-2570
VP AFMOA:	Tanya Williams	395-9236
VP AFPC/SV:	Michelle Lester	395-7576
VP ARNORTH:	Joanne McCauley	221-2656
VP ARSOUTH:	Dilia Applewhite	295-6014
VP Galveston COE:	Patricia McDonald	766-3122**
VP IMCOM:	Geoffrey Tweed	466-0784
VP MEDCOM:	Kathy Harris	295-2881
VP Retiree/At Large:	Debbie Rush	655-0577

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Exec Officer:	Karl Devlin	221-0762
Alt. Treasurer:	Celeste Carrola	925-7160
Auditor:	Debbie Rush	655-0577
Awards:	Mike Snell	221-2331
Budget:	Kathy Scott	295-2860
Certification:	Joan Navarro	652-0433
Chapter Competition:	Bernard Davey	652-2717
Community Service:	Joanne McCauley	221-2656
Corporate Liaison:	Teresa Meshako	395-7536
Elections:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
Historian:	Betty Ann Rosales	422-9017
Membership:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
Navy Liaison:	LCDR Mary Graves-Harewood	859-1458
Newsletter:	Ellen Hester	663-9425
PDI Liaison:	Joy Berberck	724-9955
PDS Chair:	CPT Rob Fazio	221-0232
Photographer:	Betty Ann Rosales	422-9017
Programs:	Paula Stampley	395-8472
Publicity:	Leslie Amerson	652-5238
Scholarship:	Bill Pazeretsky	659-6242
Web-Master:	Mary Ann Casillas	295-2877

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** - Area Code 409

*** - Acting VP due to the 802 CPTS VP's deployment: **SSgt Ashley Fregoso**, 210-671-9213

Answers to Sample CDFM Test Questions on Page 5:

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

