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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter Members,


Wow! What a 2012 Professional Development Symposium! A combination of great planning and outstanding speakers and topics. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Hats off to Capt Tara Phlegar and her team for a great event. We will certainly take recommendation for improvements into consideration...especially long food lines...for next for next year.

We have a number of exciting luncheon speakers lined up for the next several months. Dr. Morin, SAF/FM, and Maj Gen Bolton, SAF/FMB, will be providing a tag team briefing on FY13 and Audit Readiness on Mar 15, 2012 at the Randolph Parr Club...you won't want to miss it. We are working on getting Mr. Roth, OSD Deputy Comptroller, for 18 April.

Jane Keller will be putting out more information on our upcoming community service opportunities. Habitat for Humanity will be starting construction on March 2 and we will be sponsoring a Birthday Celebration at the Boysville near Randolph on March 23. We will also be sponsoring a cabin for a day at the Roy Maas Youth Alternative on 21 April as well.

Thanks for your support and bring a friend to the chapter events.

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

FY2013 DoD Base Budget Request Totals \$525 Billion. The FY2013 DoD base budget request totals \$525 billion, \$5 billion dollars lower than the FY2012 enacted amount (\$531 billion). The budget also separately requests \$88 billion, down \$27 billion from the amount enacted for FY2012 (\$115 billion). The President presented a long-term DoD budget plan that cuts \$487 billion (over 10 years) from the plan submitted last year in order to meet the funding goals set by the Budget Control Act of 2011. That plan cuts the FY2013 budget by \$45 billion from that assumed last year and by \$259 billion and for the period FY2013-17. In a DoD press statement accompanying release of the budget, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said the budget plan will “keep America safe and maintain the strongest military in the world.” Acknowledging the severe budget constraints under which the budget was prepared, Panetta said “we are also redoubling our efforts to make better use of the taxpayer’s defense dollar and meet our fiscal responsibilities.” ([Read the full 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.

- President nominates Joseph Jordan to be government's procurement chief
- Proposed Senate bill would avert pending automatic budget cuts
- CBO reports federal employees’ earnings higher than in private sector
- House votes to extend federal civilian pay freeze for another year

ASMC - Grant Thornton LLP Annual Survey. ASMC and Grant Thornton LLP, have joined together again to conduct an online survey of Defense financial officials. The survey should take only a few minutes to complete. Questions include those surrounding issues facing the Defense financial community and relate to potential force draw-downs and significant reductions to the Defense budget. As always, ASMC and Grant Thornton do not attribute thoughts or quotations to any individual survey respondents. To encourage participation, the three ASMC chapters with the highest percentage response rates to this online survey 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 can be found at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/817862/2012-ASMC-Online-Questionnaire-for-Defense-Financial-Professionals>. **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 awards@asmconline.org 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!](#)

Virtual PDI Registration Now Open. Registration is now open for Virtual PDI, our online alternative for those who may be unable to attend PDI 2012 in person. The Virtual PDI program will allow you to participate in relevant training, and we 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. We'll respond as quickly as possible. Please note we add content to the FAQs document regularly, so please check it prior to sending us your question. [\(Editor's Note: The Chapter Executive Committee is looking into providing the Virtual PDI to Chapter members at a discounted group rate, so contact your Organizational VP or any other Chapter officer to let us know if you're interested in signing up.\)](#)

New Certification Renewal Requirement. Effective **1 January 2012**, ASMC's certification renewal process requires two of your 80 CPEs 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 \(funds\) training sessions for Chapter members at the installations 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.

- Interested in Federal Appropriations Law? Visit the ASMC Web site for the class schedule or host one yourself by emailing ArchwayTraining@asmconline.org.
- The FY12 Acquisition Business Management (Module 4) course schedule is available on the ASMC Web site or by emailing edfmamod4@asmconline.org.
- The FY12 EDFMTC schedule is available on our ASMC Web site. Register by clicking the link for the location of your choice. If your organization is not represented on this EDFMTC schedule and you would like to host a session, please contact one of our approved vendors to have the course delivered at your location. ***(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

February – Professional Development Symposium 2012. The Chapter held its annual PDS, on **7-8 February 2012** in the Education Service Center Region 20. The PDS was an educational/training event designed to enhance the skills and abilities of financial, resource management, and audit personnel to allow them to better meet the challenges of working in the 21st century. Information about the Chapter Awards presented at the PDS is provided on [pages 5-9](#), a PDS 2012 Recap is on [page 10](#), and a PDS 2012 Photo Gallery is on [pages 11-13](#) of this Alamo Gram.

March Meeting. *Dr. Jamie Morin*, SAF/FM, and *Maj Gen Edward Bolton*, SAF/FMB, will provide a tag team briefing on FY13 Budget and Audit Readiness on **15 March 2012** at the Randolph Parr Officers' Club. The luncheon will be hosted by *Teresa Vega*, AFCEE VP.

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

LOCAL NEWS

Chapter Executive Committee Members

ASMC 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.

The process is simple. Submit a short biography of introduction to your vice president between now and **16 March 2012**. Include your name, official address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, the office you are interested in and what you feel you can contribute to that office. The vice presidents should forward the consolidated packages to **Teresa Vega**, Elections Chairperson, by **23 March 2012**.

Ballots with nominations will be distributed to the installation VPs NLT **6 April 2012** for distribution to their members for voting. Totals will be due back to the Elections Chairperson by **13 April 2012**. 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 **1 July 2012** to **30 June 2013**.

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. 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.

CHAPTER AWARDS

BASE LEVEL AWARDS:

- ❖ **Accounting & Finance – Distinguished Award.** **Michael S. Valdez**, 802d Comptroller Squadron, 502d Air Base Wing. Michael distinguished himself for his work in managing and executing a \$256M budget, as well as overseeing \$10.5B in accounting transactions. Additionally he was responsible for collecting and posting over \$14M in reimbursements from mission partners, allowing for the upgrade of facilities, as well as providing MWR items for base personnel.
- ❖ **Accounting & Finance – Meritorious Award.** **Trevor Townsend**, 502d Air Base Wing. Trevor distinguished himself by identifying several million dollars in unpaid electrical bills associated with the transfer of Fort Sam Houston from the Army to the Air Force and was able to identify the root cause of the problem, fix the problem promptly, and get the bills paid; eliminating a potential bad public relations issue.
- ❖ **Auditing – Distinguished Award.** **Connie F. Ramsey**, Air Force Audit Agency. Connie distinguished herself by providing outstanding audit support to Sheppard AFB, for their



base civil engineering contract. Her work freed up \$5.4M in funds over the FYDP, as well as identifying a major safety issue.

- ❖ **Budget – Distinguished Award.** *Robert L. Young*, 47th Comptroller Squadron. Mr. Young distinguished himself by securing funding for two projects which eliminated an OSD force protection deficiency, as well as managing a program to prevent interest penalties which reduced penalties by nearly 2/3rds, allowing those fund to go to other high priority requirements.
- ❖ **Budget – Meritorious Award.** *Pete Anderson*, 502d Air Base Wing. Pete distinguished himself through his work establish funds control processes for the newly stood up Joint Base San Antonio while prioritizing funding authority to keep three installations moving during the FY's 11 and 12 CRAs. His analysis allowed the timely movement of authorities, and provided support for additional authority from SAF/FM when there was no history to support the requirements.
- ❖ **Comptroller – Distinguished Award.** *Terry L. Ross*, Comptroller, 502d Air Base Wing. Terry distinguished himself through his leadership and guidance in the establishment of the Joint Base San Antonio Financial Management teams. Under his leadership over 700 Army employees were successfully transferred to the Air Force pay system, 27,000 lines of accounting were updated, 21,000 travel accounts were transferred to new DTS and Government Travel Card structures and closed a disbursing office. Additionally, he successfully guided this new structure through the pitfalls of the FY11 CRA.
- ❖ **Comptroller – Meritorious Award.** *Debra A Durnell*, Comptroller, Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment. Debra distinguished herself through her leadership and guidance in the execution of AFCEE's funding program. Under her leadership, AFCEE executed in excess of \$500K, supporting 620 projects in 200 locations. Additionally they executed \$237M in the Air Force Military Family Housing program supporting the quality of life of our Airmen and women and their families.
- ❖ **Contractor Support – Distinguished Award.** *David Gotthardt*, Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment. David distinguished himself through his work on the execution and management of Environmental Restoration funding in excess of \$416M, keeping the program on track. Additionally David developed several reports to track obligations not yet entered in automated systems. These reports are now also used by other AFCEE teams.
- ❖ **Contractor Support – Meritorious Award.** *Jennifer McCubbin*, Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment. Jennifer distinguished herself through her work on the execution and management of more than \$250M in Environmental Restoration funding. Her efforts ensure projects were ready to go as sporadic funding became available.
- ❖ **Financial Systems – Distinguished Award.** *Robert Steffen*, 502d Air Base Wing. Robert distinguished himself by developing a status of funds database tool for the 502d Air Base Wing and an automated model to aid in developing an integrated prioritized spend plan for use at year-end.



- ❖ **Financial Systems – Meritorious Award.** ***Tonja Compell***, Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity. Tonja distinguished herself by her exceptional financial management skills managing the NAVMISSA Government Purchase Card program, Civilian Timekeeping Program, and Contract Monitoring. Her work was identified to other Navy Medicine commands as a Best Practice to emulate.
- ❖ **Intern/Trainee – Distinguished Award.** ***Shaneka S. Dotson***, Air Force Audit Agency. Shaneka distinguished herself through her audit of the Air Force's Emergency Family Member Travel program. Her work freed up nearly a third of a Million dollars for future use and identified steps to place better systems and controls on the program in the future.
- ❖ **Intern/Trainee – Meritorious Award.** ***Lila C. Davis***, Air Force Audit Agency. Lila distinguished herself through multiple audits for the Air Force Audit Agency. Lila's audits identified shortfalls in vaccine inventory safeguards, Tuition Assistance reimbursement issues, and validation of Air Force wide facilities demolition savings.
- ❖ **Resource Management – Meritorious Award.** ***Capt Leria M. Diaz***, 802d Comptroller Squadron, 502d Air Base Wing. Capt Diaz distinguished herself through her work in adapting established methods and procedures for the outstanding orders process. The new solutions developed turned around and corrected 17 deficiencies from a previous Staff Assistance Visit to receive laudatory comments while identifying more than 400 aged documents and freeing up more than \$6.2M for mission requirements.
- ❖ **Resource Management – Distinguished Award.** ***Jeffrey A. Schmidt***, 502d Air Base Wing. Jeffrey distinguished himself by working with the City of San Antonio to obtain a \$28M grant to improve the road network and access to Fort Sam Houston. Additionally he was the lead Resource Manager supporting the planning effort for AAFES Lifestyle center program, His work in identifying cost tail of this project and the cost sharing saved the Air Force in excess of \$9M.

MAJCOM AND ABOVE AWARDS:

- ❖ **Accounting and Finance – Distinguished Award.** ***Arturo Lomas***, AMEDD-CS, Army Medical Command. Arturo distinguished himself through his outstanding work identifying and reporting weaknesses and broken GFEBS business processes to ensure the continued movement towards auditability. Additionally, his reviews have resolved nearly \$950M in unliquidated obligations this year.
- ❖ **Accounting and Finance – Meritorious Award.** ***1st Lt Joseph P. Ciaravino***, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command. 1st Lt Ciaravino distinguished himself by pioneering a \$130M TDY-to-School initiative including developing and piloting a test for accounting operations on over 40,000 training orders. Additionally he evaluated the command's fall-in/fall-out issues and identified the root cause of the issues. His work identified \$7M available for MAJCOM priorities.



- ❖ **Acquisition and Cost Analysis – Distinguished Award.** *Mike Snell*, US Army North G8. Mike distinguished himself with his cost analysis for the Secretary of Defense Efficiencies and the DoD civilian manpower reductions. His work helped lead to a 15% reduction in service contracts across the ARNORTH program, and was critical to the development of the Commanding General's briefing to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.
- ❖ **Acquisition and Cost Analysis – Meritorious Award.** *Charles J. Phillips*, Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command. Charles distinguished himself by analyzing FY12 tuition rates for foreign students and identifying several errors. His work led to the restructuring of the FY12 rates and he developed and presented a briefing to the Defense Security Cooperation Agency leading to a change in FY12 and 13 tuition pricing.
- ❖ **Auditing – Distinguished Award.** *Tamara D. Lewis-Ibrahim*, Air Force Audit Agency. Tamara distinguished herself by performing an exceptional evaluation of Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard mobilization and demobilization processes. Her work identified nearly \$4M in unnecessary mobilization costs and future potential monetary benefits, as well as operational impacts which could eliminate nearly 16,000 future mobilization days.
- ❖ **Auditing – Meritorious Award.** *Mieke Melse*, Air Force Audit Agency. Mieke distinguished herself through her part in a value added audit of Air Force Real Property Outgrants. The impact of her work could provide almost \$20M in potential monetary benefits over the FYDP by providing increase receipts of Outgrant Lease funds and better distribution to 16 installations.
- ❖ **Budget – Distinguished Award.** *Robert B. Friend*, Air Force Intelligence, Reconnaissance, and Surveillance Agency. Bob distinguished himself with his work on the Military Intelligence Program, validating a \$193M budget, amidst budget cuts and the Continuing Resolution Authority, and resourcing Air Force ISR's top priorities. Additionally, he led the MIP UFR drill, validating 52 requirements for \$29M and gaining funding for \$17M of those projects.
- ❖ **Budget – Meritorious Award.** *Mary Jane Morales*, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command. Mary Jane distinguished herself by working policy issues, reviewing options, and securing \$3.6M in funding for Military Working Dogs kennels. Additionally she partnered with HQ Mission panels to assure funding for \$21.3M in facility projects in support of F-35 and F-16 aircraft transfers and new missions.
- ❖ **Financial Systems – Distinguished Award.** *Paul A. Goodrich*, US Army North G8. Paul distinguished himself through his work as the Lead Accountant for the General Funds Enterprise Business System during initial deployment. Paul was instrumental in ARNORTH's staying on track with the deployment and ahead of training and implementation issues.
- ❖ **Intern/Trainee – Distinguished Award.** *Courtney R. Chin*, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command. Courtney distinguished herself through multiple budget missions including tracking and managing \$25M in Overseas Contingency



funding, and the creation and management of an end of year open document tracker which prevented \$28M from cancelling and expiring.

- ❖ **Intern/Trainee – Meritorious Award.** *Charlotte M. Youngblood*, Army Medical Command. Charlotte distinguished herself serving as the lead analyst for the MEDCOM Performance Awards, distributing nearly \$8M to 30 organizations, and for serving as an integral part of a multi-directorate workgroup developing the inaugural MEDCOM Business Bowl Competition.
- ❖ **Resource Management – Distinguished Award.** *Brian C. Clearman*, Army Medical Command. Brian distinguished himself through his work in support of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center closure and the moves to Bethesda and Fort Belvoir. He coordinated and negotiated both cost and operational concerns with multiple service providers developing 8 memorandums of agreement affecting 3000 soldiers, 500 civilians and over \$100M in funding. Additionally, his work on the transfer of Fort Detrick to IMCOM resulted in the transfer of 600 personnel authorizations and more than \$80M.
- ❖ **Resource Management – Meritorious Award.** *Randall L. Brady*. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command. Randall distinguished himself for his programming, funding, and management of more than \$250M for AETC's Air Superiority panel and the flying training missions at Luke and Eglin AFB. Additionally he was responsible for ensuring the proper recording of more than \$33M in Foreign Military Sales reimbursements, freeing up funds for other Air Force must-pay bills.

OTHER AWARDS:

- ❖ **Corporate Member – Distinguished Award.** *P3 Solutions*. P3 Solutions is being recognized for their outstanding support to the Alamo City Chapter ASMC. The P3S representative has assisted with our Chapter PDS, a monthly chapter luncheon, and has committed to assisting with future PDS, by providing a speaker. Additionally, P3S is mentoring two small start-up companies, assisting in business growth in San Antonio.
- ❖ **Team – Distinguished Award. Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment – Military Construction (MILCON) Team.** Team Leader: *Vic Alba*. Team Members: *David Maltais, Win McCreary, Nancy Miles, Rene Ona, David Wheeler, Kay Heihn*, and *Marie Reeder*. The AFCEE MILCON Team distinguished themselves through their close monitoring of MILCON projects realizing over \$300 Million in gross bid savings, allowing them to fund an additional \$150 million in projects in theater.
- ❖ **Team – Meritorious Award – Army North Efficiencies Tiger Team.** Team Leader: *Pat Reynolds*. Team Members: *LTC Keith Czelusniak, Brad L. Ramey, Michael E. Pukansky, Andrea M. Powers, Michael V. Snell, Melissa G. Foxhall, Linda G. Spencer, Lawrence C. Ursell*, and *COL Richard M. Francey, Jr.* The ARNORTH Efficiencies Tiger Team conducted a prioritization of all the Command's functions and used this to identify 24 separate efficiencies which the command implemented to save over \$3M to be returned to the Army for use against critical requirements.



PDS 2012 RECAP

Alamo Stars in Action: This Year's PDS!

Capt Tara Phlegar, 2012 PDS Chair

I'm so excited to talk about this year's Professional Development Symposium. It was truly a remarkable success and learning experience for all those that attended. But I wanted to capture the hard work and constant dedication of the PDS committee and volunteers that made this event possible.

First, let me break down a few key statistics for you. This year, 335 people participated in the PDS! Out of this number, 42 were speakers, 2 were interpreters for the hearing impaired, and 14 were volunteer PDS committee chairs. There were also a number of volunteers that attended the event as speaker assistants and registration assistants. We received 114 critiques at the end of the event. The overall satisfaction rating was 4.59 out of 5, making it a 92% favorable rating!

There are too many highlights to cover in this article but a few of my favorites included Mr. Tim Derk speaking about his time as the San Antonio Spurs mascot and his remarkable battle overcoming the obstacles of a stroke (which you can buy his book on Amazon.com *wink*), Col Schiack's session on Resiliency and the effects it has on Leadership, and of course, Maj Gen (Retired) Flowers' talk on the current budgetary climate and the straight-to-the-point facts about the situation.

A very personal and heartfelt thanks go out to the PDS committee chairs that made this event possible. Without their hard work and continuous dedication this event would not have been such a fantastic success. A number of meetings, countless emails, and phone calls went into making the symposium a learning and enjoyable experience. I could not have done it without you!

* Terry Ross	Alamo City Chapter President
* Kathy Scott	Alamo City Chapter Secretary
* Maryann Casillas	Programs Co-Chair, Army
* Capt Mary Mangum	Programs Co-Chair, AF
* Brenda Flores	Programs Co-Chair, Audit
* Ada Fromuth	PDS Administration
* Linda Martinez	PDS Registration
* Teresa Vega	PDS Logistics
* Lisa Decker-Sanchez	PDS Exhibits
* Mike Snell	PDS Treasurer / Chapter Awards Chair
* Betty Ann Rosales	PDS Credit Cards
* Jane Keller	PDS Volunteers / General Advisor
* Ellen Hester	CDFM Testing / Catering / General Advisor

Thanks again for supporting this year's 2012 PDS. We hope to see you next year!!!

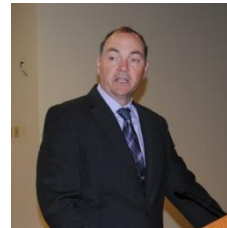


PDS 2012 PHOTO GALLERY

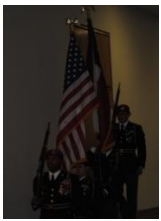
The Chapter's 2012 Professional Development Symposium was a huge success again this year, as we provided keynote presentations during the four general sessions, 49 breakout sessions, and 3 CDFM exam testing sessions to help further the personal and professional development of our PDS attendees. There were also lots of opportunities for the attendees to meet or reconnect with other attendees, thus greatly adding to the success of this PDS. We also wish to thank **P3S** and **Management Concepts Inc.** for helping sponsor our morning and afternoon snacks. The following photos provide a recap of the PDS activities.



Volunteers help out at the registration line



Chapter President Terry Ross presided over PDS 2012 with Rory Chapman as his MC.



Wagner HS Color Guard



P3S and Management Concepts helped sponsor our snacks both days



When not in training sessions, attendees congregated around the exhibits and snacks area.



Despite the long lunch lines, some attendees found time to get to know or to reconnect with other attendees before moving into the general session room to eat. On Wednesday, the attendees were also treated to entertainment from the Ukulele Ladies & Gents.



PDS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Left to right: Terry Ross thanked Lt Col Craig Harding for filling in as our opening Keynote Speaker on Tuesday, 7 February. Tim Derk received thanks from Larry Anderson for his keynote address at the Tuesday noon General Session, then he showed his Spurs Championship rings to Capt Tara Phlegar, our PDS 2012 Chair. Terry Ross thanked Debra Brand and Maj Gen (R) Alfred Flowers for their keynote presentations at the Wednesday morning and noon General Sessions.

CHAPTER AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Photo 1 - Terry Ross (Chapter President) presents the Audit Awards to Tamara Lewis-Ibrahim, Mieke Melse, and Jill Deuel (accepting for Connie Ramsey); Photo 2 – Terry Ross presents the Financial Systems Awards to Robert Steffen, Tonja Campbell, and Paul Goodrich; Photo 3 – Terry Ross presents the Intern/Trainee Awards to Charlotte Youngblood, Lila Davis, and Shaneka Dotson; Photo 4 – Terry Ross presents a Team Award to the AFCEE MILCON Team (Vic Alba, Marie Reeder, Kay Hein, David Wheeler, Rene Ona, Nancy Miles, Win McCreary, and David Maltais (Editor's apology if the names aren't in the right order); Photo 5 – Terry Ross presents a Team Award to the ARNORTH Efficiencies Tiger Team (Patrick Reynolds, Melissa Foxhall, and Mike Snell accepting).



Photo 1 – Terry Ross (on the right) presents the Base Level Accounting and Finance Awards to Trevor Townsend and Michael Valdez; Photo 2 – Terry Ross presents the Base Level Budget Award to Pete Anderson; Photo 3 – Terry Ross presents the Base Level Contractor Support Awards to Jennifer McCubbin and David Gotthardt; Photo 4 – Terry Ross presents the Base Level Resource Management Awards to Capt Leria Diaz and Jeffrey Schmidt; Photo 5 – Col. Paul Sinopoli (Chapter President Elect) presents the Corporate Member Award to Fred Witter (accepting for P3S).



Photo 1 – Terry Ross presents the MAJCOM and Above Accounting and Finance Awards to 1Lt Joseph Ciaravino and Arturo Lomas; Photo 2 – Terry Ross presents the MAJCOM and Above Budget Awards to Mary Jane Morales and Robert Friend; Photo 3 – Terry Ross presents the MAJCOM and Above Acquisition and Cost Analysis Awards to Lt Col Craig Harding (accepting for Charles Philips) and Mike Snell; Photo 4 – Terry Ross presents the MAJCOM and Above Resource Management Awards to Brian Clearman and Randall Brady; Photo 5 – Col. Sinopoli presents the Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller Awards to Terry Ross and Tony Cano (accepting for Debra Durnell).



PDS BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS



Breakout Session Speakers (Left to Right). **Row 1:** Oscar Garcia, John Herko, Jay Aronowitz, Eldon Hix, Robert Black, Dennis Davis, BJ Trivett, Lt Col Scott Thompson; **Row 2:** Chaplain, Col Stephen Schaick, Ernest Shelton, Col (R) Barbara Gilchrist, Terry Ross, Ed Fritz, Richard Strasser, Brad Ramey; **Row 3:** Kay Zurenko, Carolyn Lee, Pete Fountano, Kevin Lucas, Col Jeffry Knippel, Gaston Randolph, Phil Gaddy, Dave Weinberg; **Row 4:** James Watkins, Mike Petersen, Jeff Thiebert, Tammy Ross, Lisa German, CMSgt (R) Murray "Buzz" Connor, Pat Reynolds; **Row 5:** Mike Cerda, Kristyn Jones, Brad Tobler, Gary Bridges, Joe Offutt, Maj Joseph Topinka, Jason Johnson.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- ASMC is offering a **Federal Appropriations Law/3-day Purpose, Time, and Amount** course **16-18 April 2012** 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 <http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/federal-appropriations-law/#3day>.
- **Module 4 CDFM** training will be held in San Antonio **19-20 April 2012** at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Schertz, 5008 Corridor Loop Rd, Schertz TX. A registration form is available at www.asmconline.org. If you're interested in attending the course, you'll need to complete the form and e-mail or fax to: cdfmamod4@asmconline.org 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 <http://www.expo.gsa.gov/>.

CDFM CORNER

Joan Navarro, Certification Chair

- **CDFM Testing at PDS 2012.** We had 26 people sign up to take 45 CDFM exams at PDS 2012. Lisa Deyo, Assistant Director for Certifications, ASMC National Headquarters proctored three exam sessions (two on Tuesday, 7 February, and one on Wednesday, 8 February). Overall, the testing went well, and six individuals took and passed all three exams during the PDS to earn their CDFMs: **Atanacio Del Valle Reyes, Michael S. Ham, Miranda R. Hilton, Kenneth G. Kanik, William D. Lambert, and Kenneth W. Webster.** **Our CONGRATULATIONS to each of them!!!**
- **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 2011 and 30 June 2012 should forward documented evidence of the CDFM award through their organizational Vice President to the Chapter Certification Chair. If you have any questions, contact **Joan Navarro**, Chapter Certification Chair, at 536-3659.
- **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 18** of the Alamo Gram).* Please let your VP know if you'd like sample questions in future Alamo Grams.



<p>1. ____ permanently cancels budget authority and takes effect only if Congress passes a law approving them. (Module 1)</p> <p>a. Deferrals b. Offsetting collections c. Rescissions d. Supplementals</p>	<p>2. The House initiates tax bills, specifically in the Ways and Means Committee, while in the Senate, ____ has jurisdiction over tax laws. (Module 1)</p> <p>a. the Finance Committee b. the Budget Committee c. the Appropriations Committee d. the Ways and Means Committee</p>
<p>3. Which of the following is NOT a key planning document for the PPBS? (Module 2)</p> <p>a. Defense Planning Guidance b. Program Decision Memorandum c. Program Budget Decision d. Funding Authorization Document</p>	<p>4. Which Standard Deviation reflects that 95% of the sample represents the population? (Module 2)</p> <p>a. 1 Standard Deviation b. 2 Standard Deviation c. 3 Standard Deviation d. 4 Standard Deviation</p>
<p>5. The Statement of Budgetary Resources uses ____based measures. (Module 3)</p> <p>a. Accrual b. Disbursement c. Obligation d. Expense</p>	<p>6. Which of the following entries occur when an apportionment is reviewed and approved by OMB? (Module 3)</p> <p>a. Proprietary entry Only b. Budgetary Entry Only c. Both Proprietary & Budgetary Entries d. Neither Proprietary nor Budgetary Entries</p>

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



This month, we suspended our Organization Spotlight, so we could provide expended coverage for other Chapter activities, such as the recent PDS and our Chapter Achievement Award winners. Since we re-started our Organization Spotlights in April 2010, we've included articles about most of the organizations represented in our Chapter. If you've missed any of these articles, you can find them in the previous Alamo Grams located on the Chapter's web-site (<http://www.alamo-asmc.org/>). As we continue this series in March, we plan to spotlight any remaining organizations represented in the Chapter and revisit some that have been previously covered. We will also periodically include our Corporate Spotlights to highlight the Chapter's corporate partners.



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.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

- **Habitat for Humanity.** Join us at Coleman Ridge Development, Southwest San Antonio on **2 March 2012**, where we'll be assisting with the installation of felt paper and drip edge, windows, exterior doors, locks, and siding (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 210-590-7460, 210-573-6702, or jkeller@satx.rr.com.
- **Bexar County Family Services.** Once again, the Chapter is collecting for the Child Protective Services Prom Dress/Tuxedo Event. We will accept not only dresses and tuxedos, but anything and everything pertaining to prom. Turn in your donations to your organization Vice President or directly to the event POC, **Courtney Chin**, AETC VP by **23 March 2012**. Prom is a very important school social event. Let's help everyone have an opportunity to participate. Child Protective Services recommends the following items for the Prom Dress/Tuxedo Drive.
 - **For all** – hair cuts and styles, manicures, restaurant gift cards, limousine rentals
 - **For Girls** – new or slightly used prom/formal dresses, shoes, purses and jewelry
 - **For Boys** – shoes, tuxedo rental, dress shirts, ties and pants

Thanks for making Prom special for youth in Foster Care!!!

- **Boysville Birthday Bash.** Join with us from 6-8 pm on **23 March 2012** at Boysville off of 1604 in Converse to help the youth celebrate the March birthdays with gifts for each of the birthday youth and a pizza dinner for everyone. Watch for the event flyer for more details for this event. Our POC is Ada Fromuth, 902 CPTS VP.
- **Roy Maas Youth Alternative Adopt-a-Cabin.** **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 **Jane Keller**, Retiree/At-Large VP.
- **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**. Last year, our ASMC team had 11 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! Watch for the event flyer, which will have more information on registration procedures and Race information.

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

- **Chapter Book Drive.** This past fall, the Chapter collected over 500 new or gently used books (18 boxes), which were donated to various military related organizations in the local area. We received the notes from three of the activities we supported:
 - **From the Warrior and Family Support Center:** We received a Certificate of Appreciation for:
“... your generous contribution to the Fort Sam Houston Warrior and Family Support Center, established in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your willing assistance demonstrates your concern for our Warriors and their Families and exemplifies the spirit of America.”
 - **From the Lackland Fisher House:** We received a letter stating:
“On behalf of our Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for providing the Lackland Fisher House guest residents with 84 hard and soft cover books. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation of the giving of your precious time and gifts.
“There is no greater responsibility than caring for others and over the past nineteen years, the Lackland Fisher Houses have been able to do this only through the ongoing generosity of donors like you. Fisher House, Inc. and our residents appreciate your kind support in this regard.
“Your donation helps us “be there” for military families by alleviating some of the financial and emotional hardship during their medical crisis. Thank you for your continued support.”
- **From the Fort Sam Houston Fisher House:** We received a letter stating:
“The residents and staff of the Fisher Houses would like to thank you for your kind donation of 85 books and toiletries for the residents. We’re very grateful for your support of our wounded military and their families. Your gifts enable us to provide a level of care and comfort that otherwise would not be possible.
“A simple “thank you” seems so inadequate, but it comes from the hearts of a very grateful staff and the family members of BAMC patients who have a temporary home with us while their family member is receiving treatment at the hospital.
“We appreciate your interest in the Fisher Houses, dedicated to our greatest national treasure – our military men and women and their loved ones. We encourage your continued involvement. Our ability to support others in need is contingent on acts of kindness such as yours.”

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](mailto:Nida.Soriano@us.af.mil), 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: None reported.

Welcome Back: None reported.

Local Moves: None reported.

Farewells: None reported.

Promotions: None reported.

Retirements: None reported.

Congratulations: None reported.

Announcements: None reported.

In Memory: Our sincere condolences to CMSAF (Ret) Bob Gaylor on the passing of his wife Selma Gaylor on 26 January 2012. CMSAF Gaylor has been a good friend of our Chapter and has spoken at a number of our Chapter meetings and PDSes.

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2011-2012 CHAPTER OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS:

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VP 902 CPTS:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
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VP AFAA:	Brenda Flores	652-0448
VP ARNORTH:	Paul Goodrich	221-2850
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* - Area Code 830, DSN prefix 732

** - New Officer as of Feb 2012.

Answers to Sample CDFM Test Questions on Page 14-15:

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

