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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Team ASMC,

Sequestration: (1) removal or separation; banishment or exile. Hmmmm, that doesn't sound so good and might explain why our office has become the Publisher's Clearing House of virtually every TDY for which any one of our 64,000 AETC members is considering for approval. Agreed, that's potentially an inconceivable amount of work that ultimately ends up on the 3-star's desk -- you and I both know he has more important things to do. Still, HHQ direction is clear -- significantly less money to do the important things our Nation requires -- so priorities must be set and decisions made. Though to the untrained eye it might appear we're "making it up as we go," I'm comforted by the tremendous amount of teamwork and collaboration occurring at all levels and thankful for the all-star teams leading AF, DA and DoN budget -- quiet warriors toiling perilously close to the crucible yet performing super-human feats with the analysis you provide so our most senior leaders have crucial information to engage the Congress and respond smartly to media queries. Make no mistake, the work you're doing to support DOD is critically important now more than ever. So, whether you're broadly pondering the Department's overall \$46B mark, impacts to your Service, or more personally how your division will manage in light of the new fiscal reality, the fact remains times have and will continue to change. The time for hand-wringing has long passed, now's the time for action, and I know you will continue to excel...thank you for what you do every day! Sequestration: (2) a withdrawal into seclusion; retirement. Hmmmm, that doesn't sound so bad...but maybe Jimmy Kimmel's solution is best -- *Let's pardon the sequester and send it to Portugal!*

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NATIONAL NEWS

March 4, 2013

From the Executive Director, ASMC:

As you may recall, in my previous message concerning status of the ASMC National Professional Development Institute (PDI), I mentioned we were still planning to conduct the PDI in late May, due to the possibility that the sequestration issue would be resolved positively enough to enable the Department of Defense and the United States Coast Guard to fund training that is very important to the professional development of defense financial managers and contributes to their effectiveness in managing defense resources.

As you know, sequester of funds is now in effect, with passing of the March 1, 2013 deadline without an agreement, and the President having signed the sequester order. Clearly, now with sequestration in effect, we will not be able to conduct the National PDI at the end of May. However, over the next several weeks, it is possible that some type of positive resolution of sequestered funds could occur. Thus, we are in discussions with the Colorado Convention Center to conduct the PDI in Denver in August. Postponement of the PDI until August provides the additional time needed to resolve the current uncertainty of federal funding and also (if positive resolution occurs) to determine whether or not the DoD and the USCG have sufficient funds to support the contribution to defense financial management professional development that the PDI provides.

I will continue to closely monitor resolution of the sequestered funds situation and will provide a further update in late March, if not earlier. If sequestration remains in effect for a significant period of time, we will have to cancel the PDI altogether. However, as an optimist, I expect some resolution of sequestered funds over the next few weeks. Whether or not that resolution will enable consideration of funding of training below the "mission-critical" level remains to be seen.

Al Runnels
ASMC Executive Director

Federal procurement office requires agencies to improve their assessment of contractor performance. Federal agencies have been directed to set "aggressive performance targets" to improve collection and use of information about contractor performance. In a [memo](#) to agency Chief Acquisition Officers (CAOs) and Senior Procurement Executives (SPEs) Joseph Jordan, head of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), underscored the importance of collecting and using information on contractor performance and integrity. Assessing government contractors' performance "is critical to informing source selection and award decisions and ensuring the government builds relationships with high-performing suppliers," he said. ([Read the full story...](#))

See [Defense Financial Highlights](#) and [Top News from Around the Web](#) on the ASMC website (www.asmconline.org), including the following. Due to the volume of late-breaking news from Washington, we encourage everyone to watch for updates frequently.



- [DoD reduces furlough days from 22 to 14](#)
- [Mr. Hale's slide deck – Sequestration and CR from the ASMC/AGA webinar](#)
- [OMB directs agencies to use a shared service approach to modernizing financial systems](#)
- [DoD announces delay in furlough notifications](#)
- [Congress passes FY2013 CR; averts government shutdown](#)
- [DoD Comptroller testifies on cost savings](#)
- [OMB orders agencies to "freeze" federal real estate footprint](#)
- [Furloughs could start April 26 for DoD civilian employees](#)
- [Survey on issues facing the financial management community now available](#)
- [House-passed FY2013 appropriations bill separately funds DoD and VA; CR for other agencies](#)
- [The Defense Audit Readiness News – March 2013](#)

DoD FM Certification Program Newsletter. ASMC posted the first [DoD FM Certification Program Newsletter](#) to the National ASMC Web site. In addition to posting updated information via their FM Online Web site, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) plans to issue quarterly newsletters providing the latest information about requirements, content and status of the program. ASMC is a strong proponent of demonstrating your professional credibility and excellence through credentials. Since the DoD FM Certification Program "recommends" defense financial managers have a certification for level two and "strongly recommends" a certification as part of level three, ASMC believes the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) program well complements the DoD FM Certification Program. The newsletter explains the eligibility requirements and benefits of the DoD FM Certification Program, along with quarterly trending statistics.

Local Training Opportunities (see ASMC Training Website).

- The Air Force is hosting two ***Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Courses*** (EDFMTCs) in San Antonio. The first will be held **29 April – 3 May 2013**, and the second will be **17-21 June 2013**. The EDFMTC is a five-day, intensive financial management review course taught in three modules. The course is provided by the Department of Defense and is licensed and copyrighted by the ASMC. ***NOTE: ASMC cannot place you in one of the DoD centrally funded EDFMTC sessions, individuals interested in these sessions will need to work with the designated service POCs.***
- ASMC is sponsoring a ***Module 4 - Acquisition Business Management Course*** on **2-3 May 2013** at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Schertz. This course provides a two-day comprehensive overview of the rules governing the acquisition of major defense systems from the Program Manager's perspective. It incorporates the concepts and rules outlined in the Defense Acquisition Guidebook, as well as DoDI 500.02. The course is designed for DoD financial management personnel as well as those working the Acquisition field. The course may be used as a preparatory tool for the optional CDFM with Acquisition Specialty (CDFM-A). It may also be taken to increase personal knowledge in the subject matter. If you're interested in attending, send completed ***Registration Form*** (and \$375 registration fee) to ***Rich Arns***, CDFM-A Module Instructor.



CHAPTER MEETINGS

March Meeting. Our Chapter luncheon was held at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Restaurant on **21 March 2013**. The speaker for the luncheon was **Will Garrett**, Vice President for Economic Development, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Garrett discussed initiatives and collaborative efforts between the Chamber of Commerce and local military activities. Additional information regarding the luncheon will be provided in the event flyer. The luncheon was hosted by **Mike Snell**, who filled in for **Karl Devlin**, ARNORTH VP. *(Editor's Note: Photos were not submitted for inclusion in this month's Alamo Gram, but will be included in the April Alamo Gram if they become available.)*

April Meeting. The Chapter luncheon will be held on 23 April 2013 at the Lackland Gateway Club. At the luncheon, **Glenda Scheiner**, SES, CDFM-A; Director, Human Capital and Resource Management; Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) will provide a presentation on the **Defense Financial Manager Certification Program**. The luncheon will be hosted by **Teresa Vega**, AFCEC VP. For more information, check out the event flyer.

May Meeting. The monthly luncheon will be hosted by the **Ada Fromuth**, 802 CPTS VP. The speaker is tentatively scheduled to be a representative of the Texas State Comptroller's Office. Watch for more information in future Alamo Grams and the event flyer.

June Meeting. This meeting will feature the **Installation of Chapter Officers for 2013-2014**, and will be hosted by **John Smith**, AFISRA VP.

LOCAL NEWS

Chapter Executive Committee Members

Help Wanted. We continue to have a vacancy in our **Publicity Chair** position, and would greatly appreciate any volunteers for this position. For our next Chapter Fiscal Year (July 2013-June 2014) we will also need a member to run for the **Retiree/At-Large VP** position and a volunteer for the appointed **Corporate Liaison** position. It is only through our volunteer leadership on the Chapter Executive Committee that we can fully support our Chapter members.

Chapter Officers for 2013-2014. It's that time of year again, and we're soliciting volunteers to serve on next year's Executive Board. If you're interested in running for one of the elected positions, contact **Teresa Vega**, Chapter Elections Chair. If you're interested in serving in one of the appointed positions, contact **Mike Snell**, Secretary Elect.



CDFM CORNER

Joan Navarro, Certification Chair

Certification Reimbursement Programs. 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 and/or maintaining these certifications. The programs are generally first-come-first-served, based on fund availability. For information and links to these reimbursement programs, go to the [CDFM Policies website](#).

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 8](#) 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.

1. The document that preceded the US Constitution and was used as a basis for foundation of the US Government was _____. (Module 1) a. The Articles of Confederation b. The Articles of Independence c. The Gettysburg Address d. The Preamble	2. The _____ power of the United States rests with one Supreme Court and in such inferior Courts as Congress may ordain from time to time. (Module 1) a. Executive b. Judicial c. Legislative d. Appropriation
3. Which of the following require funds that are unused at the end of the fiscal year to be deobligated? (Module 2) a. Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request b. Contract c. Project Order d. Economy Act Order	4. What is a radical redesign of key business processes that involves examination of the fundamental process itself? (Module 2) a. Balanced Scorecard b. Electronic College of Process Innovation c. Business Process Innovation or Reengineering d. Benchmarking
5. An obligation and expenditure of funds required to be sequestered is a violation of which part of the anti deficiency act? (Module 3) a. 31 USC 1341 b. 31 USC 1342 c. 31 USC 1517 d. 31 USC 1351	6. Over-obligation or over expenditure of an allotment or sub allotment is a violation of which part of the anti deficiency act? (Module 3) a. 31 USC 1341 b. 31 USC 1342 c. 31 USC 1517 d. 31 USC 1351

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**, the Chapter Certification Chair, Joan.Navarro@us.af.mil.



ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Air Force Medical Operations Agency

Source: [Wikipedia](#)



The **Air Force Medical Operations Agency (AFMOA)** oversees execution of the [Air Force Surgeon General](#) (AF/SG) policies supporting Air Force expeditionary capabilities, healthcare operations, and national security strategy. It provides expert consultative leadership support to 75 military treatment facilities and eight major commands to ensure cost-effective, modern, and prevention-based healthcare continuum for 2.6 million beneficiaries worldwide. The AFMOA directs and supports the clinical currency of 43,131 healthcare professionals providing 6.6 million visits and 133,500 bed days. It provides clinical and population health data and analysis to AF/SG and Major Command (MAJCOM) surgeons. The agency partners with the [Assistant Secretary of Defense \(Health Affairs\)](#), [Secretary of the Air Force](#), [Chief of Staff of the Air Force](#), and the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

Editor's Note: AFMOA is located at Port San Antonio (formerly Kelly AFB).

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 hope you'll 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:

- **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.** Hope everyone's had time to warm up for this year's ***Komen Race for the Cure***, on Saturday, **6 April 2013** (*correction from the date shown in February Alamo Gram*), at the Alamo Dome. Last year, our "ASMC Alamo City Chapter" team had ten registered members and received donations totaling \$275 from seven individuals. Let's see if we can do better this year – both in the number of team members and the amount of the donations! To register for the Race or to donate on behalf the Chapter Team (or any of its members), go to http://sanantonio.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/SAT_SanAntonioAffiliate/1895575757?pg=team&fr_id=2906&team_id=244368. Check out the event flyers, for more Race information and registration procedures. Our Team Captain for the Race is **Annie Faircloth** (AFAA, 210-652-0418).

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

- **Child Protective Services Prom Drive.** Once again, the Chapter supported the Child Protective Services (CPS), Preparation for Independent Living Program in providing Prom items for teens supported by CPS. Proms are a very important high school social event, so we were



glad to help these students have an opportunity to participate. **Thanks for making Prom special for youth in Foster Care!!!** Our POC for this event was **Tamara Lewis-Ibrahim**, Chapter Competition Chair, 210-652-0497.

- **Habitat for Humanity.** The Chapter participated in two **Habitat for Humanity** events in March at the Morningside Manor near JBSA – Lackland. Friday, **13 March 2013**, was a “catch up” work day to complete the “punch list” to make the house “move-in ready.” Saturday, **23 March 2013**, was for work on landscaping for the entire Morningside Manor development. Our POC for these events was **Jane Keller**, Retiree/At-Large VP.

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEEDS YOU: Do you feel overwhelmed? Please don't. We offer a variety of community service efforts and urge you to try each one at least once. Then please let your VP know which events you most enjoy supporting. We hope that through varying our community support, you will each find a niche that suits you so you can contribute too. Finally, if you have any suggestions for community service activities or if you would like to host one of our events, please don't hesitate to e-mail or call **Tamara Lewis-Ibrahim**, our Community Service Chair, at teeemobile@aol.com or call her at 652-0947 or 875-7545.
Thank you!!

ABOUT FACES

Various Executive Committee Members



Welcomes: None reported.

Welcome Back: None reported.

Local Moves: None reported.

Farewells: None reported.

Promotions: Maj Ryan Mahoney, 502 ABW/FM, promoted to Lt Col on 8 March 2013.

Retirements: None reported.

Congratulations: None reported.

Announcements: None reported.



2012-2013 CHAPTER OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS:

President:	Col Paul Sinopoli	652-2161
Secretary:	Nicole Morrow	652-3610
President-Elect:	Pat Reynolds #	(nominee)
Secretary-Elect:	Mike Snell	221-2331
General Counsel:	Vaughn Caudill	808-7552
Treasurer:	Doug Ochodnick	395-7581
VP 47 CPTS:	Maj Dimitri Martini	298-5330*
VP 502 ABW:	Jackie Nonnon	221-3678
VP 802 CPTS:	MSgt Brian Tilton	671-2166
VP 902 CPTS:	Ada Fromuth	652-0224
VP AETC/AFSAT:	Capt Leria Diaz	652-4733
VP AFCEE:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
VP AFISRA:	John Smith	977-4254
VP AFMOA:	Tanya Williams	395-9236
VP AFSVA:	Michelle Lester	395-7576
VP AFAA:	Jenny Luvisi	652-0478
VP ARNORTH:	Karl Devlin	221-0762
VP ARSOUTH:	Dilia Applewhite	295-6014
VP Galveston COE:	Patricia McDonald	766-3122**
VP IMCOM:	Joan Price	466-1666
VP MEDCOM:	Amber Hodge	295-2853
VP Retiree/At Large:	Jane Keller	573-6702

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Exec Officer:	Capt Matthew Diehl	652-8878
Alt. Treasurer:	Celeste Carrola	925-7160
Auditor:	Jill Deuel	652-5068
Awards:	Mike Snell	221-2331
Budget:	Kathy Scott	295-2860
Certification:	Joan Navarro	652-0433
Chapter Competition:	Bernard Davey	652-2717
Community Service:	Tamara Lewis-Ibrahim	652-0947
Corporate Liaison:	Jane Keller	573-6702
Elections:	Teresa Vega	395-8498
Historian:	Betty Ann Rosales	422-9017
Membership:	Ada Fromuth	652-4408
Navy Liaison:	Joseph Wright	808-0612
Newsletter:	Ellen Hester	663-9425
PDI Liaison:	Joy Berbersek	724-9955
PDS Chair:	Capt Tara Phlegar	977-2001
Photography:	Betty Ann Rosales	422-9017
Programs:	Linda Martinez	652-2622
Publicity:	***VACANT***	
Scholarship:	Bill Pazeretsky	659-6242
Web-Master:	Mary Ann Casillas	295-2877

* - Area Code 830, DSN prefix 732

** - Area Code 409

*** - Volunteer needed for this position

- Pending formal election to this position.

Answers to Sample CDFM Test Questions on Page 5:

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

