



ALAMO GRAM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!!

We had a great Christmas Party hosted by our AFMOA/SGAR team spearheaded by Maj Donovan. Fun and good cheer was had by all. We had 117 attendees from across all three locations and it was great seeing some of our retirees attend (retirees do a lot for the chapter). You are so generous we had 113 folks bring toys (160 total) plus \$50 cash for toys; for the food bank 2,500 lbs. of food and \$175 for food. Just think that's over a ton of food going to help those in need and 160 Christmas presents kids unwrapped where there would have been none. From the bottom of my heart thank you for everything you do to serve others.

PDS will be here shortly. Hats off to the PDS team and all their hard work. I told Mr. Runnells, ASMC Director that the big difference between the National PDI and our local PDS is the service day at PDI. The Alamo Chapter can host a national PDI anytime. We practice each year and all you folks pitch in and made it happen. YOU are the reason we host our annual PDS. YOU are the reason we are the best of the best chapters. Thank you for all you do for the chapter which touches the lives of FM'ers and people in our community.

See you at PDS!!

Vaughn E. Caudill, CDFM
Chapter President, 2015-2016

- **National web-site:** www.asmconline.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Linked-In](#)
- **Chapter web-site:** www.alamocitycomptrollers.org, [Facebook](#) (closed group)
- **Incoming Alamo Gram Editor:** [Louise Kefelian](#)
- **Outgoing Alamo Gram Editor:** [Ellen Hester](#), LN.hester@gmail.com



NATIONAL NEWS

CBO projects budget deficit will increase by \$105 billion in FY2016. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects the 2016 “baseline” federal budget deficit will be \$544 billion, \$105 billion higher than in 2015 (\$439 billion). If this 2016 deficit projection is achieved, it would mark the first increase in the deficit since 2009. The deficit projection is somewhat misleading, however, as \$43 billion of the deficit results from a timing quirk. Because October 1, 2017, the first day of FY2017, falls on a Sunday, some government payments normally to be made in FY2017 are expected to happen in FY2016, thus increasing the FY2016 deficit while lowering the 2017 deficit. (See the [*full story*](#).)

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

- [OPM moves to reform government’s background check procedures](#)
- [President orders SES workforce reforms to improve recruitment and hiring](#)
- [Cost of U.S. military operations against ISIL total \\$5.6 billion](#)
- [President to deliver State of the Union speech on January 12](#)
- [Final FY2016 Coast Guard appropriation totals \\$9.3 billion](#)

Armed Forces Comptroller. The Winter 2016 edition of ASMC’s ***Armed Forces Comptroller*** magazine is currently available [online](#) and has been mailed to those who opted to receive the print edition in their ASMC membership profile. This edition includes the following articles:

- [*Analysis of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015*](#) by Honorable Mike McCord
- [*The "Google" Paradox" Is Technology Making Us Smarter*](#) by LTC Corey W. Harris
- [*Coast Guard Charts New Course in Financial Management with Move to Federal Shared Service Provider*](#) by LT Mark M. Sanchez, MPA, CDFM-A, CGFM
- [*Invoice Processing Platform – The Future of DoD Reimbursable*](#) by John P. Grenfell
- [*Proven Savings Through Investment Management Process*](#) by Theresa O'Brien
- [*DoD ESI Historical Purchase Prices Database: An Unprecedented Tool for Software Buyers and Cost Analysis*](#) by Ian Anderson, Floyd Groce, Dan McMullan, and Corinne Wallshein
- [*Spinning the Thread That Binds Us Together*](#) by Rick A. Diggs
- [*Developing a Good Spend Plan Is Not an Art – The General Fund Enterprise Business System \(GFEBs\) Makes It a Science*](#) by MAJ Mary E. Johnson and Maria A. Webley
- [*Traditional vs Roth Thrift Savings Plan*](#) by CDR Shad Thomas and LT Robert Shaye



Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT). The EDFMT is a forty-hour class designed to introduce participants to a spectrum of financial management topics, including DoD (rather than Service-specific) financial management policies and procedures. This course also prepares employees to take the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) examinations. Employees should check with the American Society of Military Comptroller (ASMC) to review all qualifying criteria for the certification. There are currently two Air Force-sponsored EDFMT courses scheduled for the local area: an “[open enrollment](#)” class in San Antonio from **7-11 March 2016** and a “[centrally funded](#)” class at JBSA - Randolph from **20-24 June 2016**. A Module 4 Acquisition Business Management [class](#) is also being offered in San Antonio from **15-16 June 2016**. For more information, go to <http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training>.

ASMC National 2016 PDI will be held June 1 – 3 in Orlando, Florida! The PDI is the premier training event for resource/financial managers in the Department of Defense, US Coast Guard, and public and private sectors. This three-day training event features a full day of Service and Defense Agencies workshops; six general sessions with keynote speakers; 19 mini-courses aligned to the DoD Financial Management Certification Program competencies and associated proficiency levels; more than fifty financial management, audit, acquisition, and workforce management workshops; and other special activities. For more information, go to <http://www.asmconline.org/pdi>.

The National Awards Program.

- **National Achievement Awards for CY 2015.** The National Achievement Awards Program recognize individuals and teams for outstanding accomplishment within one of the functional fields of comptrollership at major headquarters and installation levels. Awards are presented at both the “Major Command or Higher” level and the “Below Major Command” level and recognize both Distinguished (highest) and Meritorious (runner-up) achievements. The number of awards in each category will be dependent upon the number and quality of nominations received. There will be no repeat winners in the same category within a 5-year period. Awards categories for CY 2015 are shown below.
 - Individual Awards (updated)

* Accounting	* Contractor Support
* Acquisition/Cost Analysis	* Finance
* Auditing Achievement	* Intern/Trainee
* Budgeting Achievement	* Resource Management
* Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller	* Corporate Member
 - Team Awards

* Small Teams (2-10 people)	* Large Teams (11-20 people)
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Nominations must be submitted online to the National Awards Committee through the National ASMC website. Due to Winter Storm Jonas, the due date has been extended to **5 February 2016**. Instructions, nomination procedures, and criteria are listed on the National ASMC website at <https://asmc.nonprofitcms.org>, located under the Awards/Recognitions Tab. The Chapter Awards format follows the National awards formats, so it should be easy to prepare a cut and paste submission.



- **Other ASMC Awards.** The National Awards Program also grants monetary awards for the National Scholarship, Essay, and Continuing Education competitions. For the individual essay awards, essays must be submitted through the National website by **28 February 2016**. This year's essay topic is: ***"Identifying and adopting best practices can improve performance. Describe best practices from your career that may improve DOD financial management."*** Further information on the ASMC Essay Awards, as well as the Scholarship Awards, Publication Awards, and other Chapter Awards, is available on the [National ASMC website](#) under the Awards/Recognitions tab.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February – PDS 2016.** Due to the PDS we won't have a separate luncheon during February 2016, but individuals can sign up for the PDS lunches (on a space available basis) even if they don't attend the actual PDS.
- **March Luncheon.** The March luncheon is scheduled to be hosted by our IMCOM VP, **Patti Cour**. Watch for information about the luncheon in the February Alamo Gram, as well as the event flyer.
- **April Luncheon.** The April luncheon is scheduled to be hosted by our AFCEC VP, **Suzanne Meyer**. Watch for information about the luncheon in the February and March Alamo Grams, as well as the event flyer.

RECENT EVENTS:

- **January Luncheon.** The January luncheon was held on **27 January 2016** at the Pompeii Italian Grill on Nacogdoches Rd, hosted by **Jacqueline Paugh**, our VP for the 502 CPTS/OL-B at JBSA - Randolph. The Guest Speaker was **Michael Cerda**, FM Career Field Team Chief, who spoke about **Career Development**. During his presentation, Mr. Cerda discussed the AF career development wheel, key values for FM personnel development, how career field meetings screened/evaluated training requests, force development tools, individual development plans, the DoD FM Certification Program, the career broadening program, and tuition assistance program. He closed by saying the most important part of applying for a job or a training program is to read ALL of the criteria included in the announcement and making sure you provide ALL required items (including letters of recommendation, if applicable).

Mr. Cerda is the Director, Financial Management Career Field Team, Air Force Personnel Center, JBSA – Randolph TX. He leads a team of Financial Management and Human Resource professionals dedicated to serving FM's officers and civilians around the world. He ensures the successful integration and communication of key workforce management and development initiatives throughout the AF financial community. His duties include advocating programs that benefit all Financial Management and Comptroller personnel



including force development, education, training, recruitment, and work force shaping ensuring the long-term viability of the Financial Management workforce.



Photos (left to right): (1) **Mike Cerda** gives his presentation, (2) **Vaughn Caudill**, Chapter President (right) thanks **Mr. Cerda** for his presentation, and (3) **Vaughn Caudill** (right) congratulates **Louis Polichino** from AFCEC, who won the free lunch drawing.

LOCAL NEWS

Chapter Executive Committee Members

PDS 2016. The **Chapter's 2016 Professional Development Symposium** is scheduled for **11-12 February 2016** at the **Education Service Center Region 20 (ESC-20)** facility near the Walter's Street Gate for JBSA – Fort Sam Houston. If you're interested in helping to plan the PDS, contact **1Lt Christian Leonard Belo** (christianleonard.r.belo@mail.mil or 210-221-4897) or your organization VP. This year's PDS will include courses to support FM personnel working on their DoD FM Certifications, as well as those needing Continuing Professional Education credit for their jobs and/or certifications. Our Keynote Speakers will include **Glenda Scheiner** (OUSD (FM&C)); **Mike Simonelli** (Practical Innovation); and **The Honorable Chip Fulghum**, (DUSM/CFO of DHS and former Alamo City Chapter President). CDFM Testing will also be offered in conjunction with the PDS. In addition, for this year's PDS Charity, we will be holding a **Baby Shower** to support infants and toddlers under the care of the Child Protective Services.

ASMC 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 a leader in 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. If you have any questions, please contact **Louise Kefelian**, Chapter Elections Chair.

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 ASMC Alamo City Chapter wants you! We're looking for motivated self-starters to run for the elected offices listed below. Elected Officer Duties are



described in the newly revised Chapter Constitution which has been recently distributed to the Executive Board members and will be posted to the Chapter website (www.alamocitycomptrollers.org).

► **President-Elect** ► **Secretary-Elect** ► **General Counsel**

► **Treasurer** ► **Alternate Treasurer**

► **Vice Presidents - representing each of the following organizations:**

** indicates VPs who support tenant units at their locations that don't have their own VPs.*

- 47 CPTS/CC, Laughlin
- 502 CPTS, Ft Sam Houston*
- 502 CPTS OL-A, Lackland*
- 502 CPTS OL-B, Randolph*
- AETC HQ (& AFSAT), Randolph
- AFAA (OS & SCAAO), Randolph
- AFCEC, Lackland (Port San Antonio)
- AFISRA, Lackland (Security Hill)
- AFMOA, Lackland (Port San Antonio)
- AFSVA, Lackland (Port San Antonio)
- Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston
- Army North, Ft Sam Houston
- Army South, Ft Sam Houston
- IMCOM, Ft Sam Houston
- MEDCOM, Ft Sam Houston
- Retirees/At Large

The process is simple. If you're interested in running for one of the elected offices, and haven't done so already, you should submit a short biography of introduction to the Vice President that supports your organization. Include your name, official address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, the office you are interested in, and what you feel you can contribute to that office. Vice presidents should forward the consolidated packages to **Louise Kefelian**, Chapter Elections Chair, at louise.kefelian.2@us.af.mil **ASAP!!**

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

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

The application deadline is **31 May 2016**. You can obtain a Chapter Employee Scholarship Application from **Bill Pazeretsky**, Scholarship Committee Chairperson (210-659-6242 or Pazeretsky@earthlink.net), your local Vice-President, or our Chapter web site. Application packages should be scanned, saved as a .pdf document, and sent to **Bill Pazeretsky** at the email address above.



ASMC Membership Profiles. Please take a few minutes to log onto the National Membership website to verify that your profile information, especially your contact information (phone, email, etc.) are up to date. Also, for your duty station, please list your installation and organization (such as Randolph/AETC, Ft Sam Houston/MEDCOM, or Laughlin/47 CPTS). If you need to change your Chapter membership, you can either use the “[contact us](#)” page on the National Website or send an email to **Nicole St. Laurent** at membership@asmconline.org, and ask to have your membership transferred to the Alamo City Chapter (or applicable Chapter, if you’re transferring out to another location).

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



433d AIRLIFT WING

(Source: [AF Fact Sheet](#), Current as of June 2015)



The 433rd Airlift Wing, also known as the *Alamo Wing*, is an Air Force Reserve unit with approximately 2,700 members stationed in San Antonio, Texas. The wing headquarters and its 21 subordinate units are tenants at Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland.

The 433rd AW is the first Air Force Reserve wing to be unit-equipped with the C-5A Galaxy aircraft. The world's second largest aircraft, the C-5A is designed to provide massive strategic airlift for deployment and supply of combat and support forces worldwide.

The 433rd AW traces its history to an active-duty Air Force unit organized in 1943. In 1955, it was assigned to the Air Force Reserve at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, and moved to Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, in 1960.

When activated, the 433rd AW is gained by the Air Mobility Command. As a Reserve unit, its activities are not limited to just training. Many training missions yield valuable by-products of passengers and cargo moved.

Reservists travel worldwide in support of the Air Force mission. Most Alamo Wing members live in San Antonio and the surrounding area. This contributes to an unusually high esprit de corps and community spirit. The enlisted members, officers and civilians of the wing look upon their unit as a community resource. As such, they work extensively with youth groups, senior citizens, handicapped and other civic charitable organizations. The wing community set a record for the most blood ever donated on a one-day drive in San Antonio.

Over the years, the wing also flew many humanitarian relief missions to aid victims of natural disasters, to include Central American aid in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks in 2001 the Alamo Wing was a major player in Operation Enduring Freedom. Ten percent of the 10,000 Air Force Reservists -- or 1,000 troops -- activated for OEF came from the 433rd AW.



The wing's airlift mission acquired a new facet in the summer of 2007 when the C-5 Formal Training Unit (the schoolhouse) made its new home at the Alamo Wing, training all Reserve, Guard and active duty Air Force C-5A aircrews.

Since its activation, the Alamo Wing has enjoyed the esteem of the San Antonio military community as well as that of the Reserve forces. Under today's Total Force Policy the wing is an integral part of America's defense forces. As a C-5A unit, the Alamo Wing stands ready to provide combat ready airlift and many other types of missions around the globe on a moment's notice.

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

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

- **PDS Charity: CPS Baby Shower– February 2016. POC: Corazon Gervacio, 652-5218 and Corrine Deane, 221-3278.** By holding a Baby Shower for infants and toddlers supported by Child Protected Services, we can make a big difference in the quality of life for each baby supported by CPS through our donations of baby items and cash. CPS is in dire need of baby items to keep on hand for the hundreds of infants and toddlers that come to them from Safe Haven or Baby Moses Law, sometimes with nothing more than their diapers and the clothes on their little backs. They are always in need of diapers, diaper rash ointment, baby wipes, bottles, formula, baby clothes, blankets, etc., as well as cash donations. Please give your donations to your VP or bring to the ASMC PDS **11-12 February 2016.**
- **Prom and Tuxedo Drive – February/March 2016. POC: Rena Benjamin, 395-7673.** The Fairy Godmother Project provides prom dresses, shoes, accessories, salon gift cards and prom pictures to girls in the local area who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to go to their HS proms. More importantly they hold self-empowerment conferences for girls to help them reach their goals.
- **Habitat for Humanity – 26 February – 30 April. POC: Jane Keller, 590-7460.** Construction tasks include installing felt paper and drip edge (roof), windows, exterior doors and locks, and siding. Typical landscaping tasks include raking up the dirt, laying sod, putting down mulch, putting in plants. The build schedule, directions, typical construction day info, and youth waiver have all been provided to your organization VP, but feel free to contact Ms. Keller for any info you need, and to let her know if you plan to volunteer on any of the scheduled work days (at least a week before the scheduled date, if you want to be included on the meal count).



RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

➤ **Boysville Birthday Bash – 15 January 2016.** POC: **Jane Keller, 573-6702.**

We helped celebrate the birthdays of the children for the month by giving gifts/presents, providing food and drinks, and playing games with them. Boysville provides a safe, structured and family-like home for children (boys and girls, typically from 5-18 years old) who have been exposed to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or family disruption. Pizza, birthday cake, and drinks were provided by the Chapter. Entertainment included games hosted by our members. Ten Chapter members (54.25 hours) and two guests (5.25 hours) participated in the event.



➤ **Fisher House Amenities Drive – November-December 2015).** POC: **Corazon Gervacio, 652-5218.** We're collecting amenities for the Fisher Houses (Ft Sam Houston, Lackland, and VA Hospital). If you have any soap, shampoo, conditioner, or other amenities you've brought home from your TDYs (or other travels), and would like to donate them to the Fisher Houses, please bring them to the Chapter Holiday Social in **December 2015.** If unable to attend either of these functions, give the items to your VP to bring in. Fisher House personnel will put these items in gift bags and give them to the families who stay at their Houses. Results from the Drive were as follows:

- Ft Sam (4 houses). We delivered 345 items (estimated value \$170) which had been donated by 20 people (est.) on 16 November 2015.
- Lackland (3 houses). We delivered 3 boxes of amenities (estimated value \$200) which had been donated by 40 people (est.) on 22 December 2015.
- VA South (1 house). We delivered one box of amenities (estimated value \$150) which had been donated by 10 people (est.) on 24 Dec 2015.

➤ **HEB Christmas Feast of Sharing – 19 December 2015.** POC: **Louise Kefelian, 665-5692).** The HEB Feast of Sharing is a San Antonio tradition! The event feeds more than 24,000 people in the community, and they need more than 1,000 volunteers to make it a success. This year, we had 14 volunteers (5 members and 9 guests), who spent a total of 32.2 hours helping/serving at the Henry P. Gonzalez convention center.

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 Corazon Gervacio*** (Community Service Chair, corazon.c.gervacio.civ@mail.mil, 210-652-5218, your organization VP, or any Executive Committee Member. ***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: **Ellen Hester** (outgoing Alamo Gram editor) on the birth of her new grandson, Landon Carter William Stout, on 6 January 2016 in Norman, OK.

Announcements: None reported.

2015-2016 CHAPTER OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS:

President:	Vaughn Caudill	808-7552
Secretary:	Bea Tuley	671-2807
President-Elect:	Geoffrey Schurman	395-8802
Secretary-Elect:	Chad Garcia	395-8501
General Counsel:	Patrick Reynolds	221-0620
Treasurer:	Katherine Igyarto	221-6827
Alt. Treasurer:	Celeste Carrola	925-7160
VP 47 CPTS:	MAJ Jeffrey Garner	298-5330*
VP 502 CPTS (FSH):	Erica Lewis	221-5866
VP 502 CPTS OL-A:	Terry Fomby	671-9214
VP 502 CPTS OL-B:	Jacqueline Paugh	565-1322
VP AETC/AFSAT:	Capt Tarah Cotton	652-4733
VP AFAA:	Joan Navarro	652-0430
VP AFCEC:	Suzanne Meyer	395-8471
VP AFISRA:	Corrine x(Ariel) Zurita	977-2570
VP AFMOA:	Maj Jason Donovan	395-9910
VP AFPC/SV:	Rena Benjamin	395-7673
VP ARNORTH:	Jeffrey (Jeff) Musgray	221-0523
VP ARSOUTH:	PeTrina McIntyre	295-6036
VP Galveston COE:	Patricia McDonald	766-3122**
VP IMCOM:	Patty Cour	466-0815
VP MEDCOM:	Victor Stansberry	295-0914
VP Retiree/At Large:	Ada Fromuth	659-8642

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Exec Officer:	1Lt Brandy Boos	671-0310
Auditor:	Cynthia Fleming	395-8395
Awards:	Mike Snell	221-2331
	Ross Olfers (Alt)	253-9748
Budget:	Donald (Don) Brocker	295-2876
Certification:	Kathy Scott	295-2860
Chapter Competition:	Bernard Davey	652-2798
Community Service:	Corazon Gervacio	652-5218
	(Corrie)	
Corporate Liaison:	Rose Saul	466-0866
Elections:	Louise Kefelian	565-5692
Historian:	Betty Ann Rosales	422-9017
Membership:	Ada Fromuth	659-8642
NAVMISSA Liaison:	LCDR Mary Graves-	808-0607
	Harewood	
Newsletter:	Louise Kefelian ***	565-5692
	Ellen Hester (outgoing)	663-9425
2016 PDS Chair:	1Lt Christian Leonard	221-4897
	Belo	
Photographer:	Nicole Morrow	654-6004
	Linda Steele (Alt)	221-5699
Programs (Lunches):	Corrine Deane	221-3278
Programs (Training):	Allison Kane-Camaraza	977-2183

Publicity:	Leslie Amerson	925-5301
Scholarship:	William Pazeretsky	659-6242
	(Bill)	
Web-Master (Interim):	Mary Ann Casillas	295-2877

* - Area Code 830, DSN prefix 732

** - Area Code 409

*** - new to the position

