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President's Message

Happy New Year 2018! We start the fiscal year under Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA). And we manage our budgets very close not to exceed our CRA authority all the while trying to meet our obligation rate. There is always a fine balance in the Financial Management world in DoD, but this is what we work for—the challenge which has shown we continue to be great at what we do!

The beginning of the fiscal year is always where FMer's recharge your batteries and have the time to do housekeeping once we have our budgets organized in our minds. Hopefully, each of you had time to recharge and organize your work center's for this upcoming fiscal year.



So let us press on and enjoy the time...All the while we learn new tricks of the trade and apply those we have learned along the way. The Alamo City Chapter has a great team and as we plan each month we continue to embrace knowledge, meeting new people, and educating our Alamo City Chapter members.

Until next time, regards.

Rita R. Sams



National web-site:

www.asmcnline.org,

[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#),

[Linked-In](#)

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Chapter web-site:

www.alamocitycomptrollers.org,

[llers.org](#), [Facebook](#)

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ASMC Publications & Other News Sources

ARMED FORCES COMPTROLLER

FALL 2017

The articles in current issue...Read for knowledge, read for CPE's.

- ♦ PGE 6—INTERVIEW OF THE HONORABLE DAVID L. NORQUIEST.

- ♦ PGE 21—AN INTROSPECTIVE LOOK AT INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP.
- ♦ PGE 35—A ROADMAP FOR ACHIEVING REAL CULTURE CHANGE IN YOUR ORGANIZATION.
- ♦ PGE 49—LEVERAGING DATA ANALYSTICS AS A FORCE MULTIPLIER.
- ♦ PGE 56—ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END.



OTHER NEWS SOURCES: C-SPAN

Federal News Radio:

Under Secretary of Defense
(Comptroller):

Washington Post:

USA Today:

New York Times:

Featured State News:

[New Hampshire](#)

National Public Radio:

ASMC—Alamo Chapter:

SA Business Journal:





Alamo Chapter City November Guest Luncheon Speaker

Colonel Derrick W. Flowers



Colonel Derrick W. Flowers serves as the Chief Financial Officer / Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, Headquarters, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Prior to this assignment, he served as Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Headquarters, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Other assignments include Chief, Program and Budget Division, Headquarters, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Chief Financial Officer / Chief, Resource Management Division for Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas;

Accounting Division, Headquarters, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Executive Officer, US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick, Maryland; Chief, Business Practices Branch, Headquarters, Headquarters, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Chief, Resource Management Division, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany; Director, Resource Management, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC; Company Commander, 85th General Hospital, Fort Meade, Maryland; Chief, Resource Management Division, Patterson Army Community Hospital, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; Company Commander, Walter Reed Dental Activity, Washington, DC; Comptroller Intern, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC; and Platoon Leader, 560th Medical Company, Camp Humphreys, Korea.

Colonel Flowers received his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting and commission as a Medical Services Corps officer from Howard University in 1990. Colonel Flowers holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Baltimore and Master of Health Science Degree in Health Finance and Management from the Johns Hopkins University.

Colonel Flowers is a Certified Public Accountant, Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, Certified Healthcare Financial Professional, and Certified Defense Financial Manager (Acquisition).

Among his awards and decorations are the coveted Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, Meritorious Service Medal with 6 OLC, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 2 OLC, National Defense Medal with 1 OLC, and Overseas Service Ribbon with 1 OLC.

Colonel Flowers is a native of Montgomery, Alabama and currently resides in San Antonio, Texas with his wife of 24 years, Marcia, a pharmacist at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. They have two daughters, Daria-18 and Mia-15.



CDFM News:



Ever wonder about CDFM... Wonder no more and make it a reality. Start off with Module 1 and progress to Modules 2, and 3. The CDFM examination covers a broad spectrum of FM in 12 core competencies. Module 4, which is optional, covers 10 competencies with a focus on acquisition.

Check this [link](#) for a great explanation of program and how to achieve CDFM in an "Eight Week Study Plan."

2018 EDFMT COURSES ONLINE

THE FY18 CENTRALLY-FUNDED EDFMT COURSE SCHEDULE IS ON THE ASMC WEBSITE! CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE (AND OTHER CDFM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!) AT [HTTP://BIT.LY/ASMCTRAINING](http://bit.ly/asmctraining).

REFERENCE ASMC NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 2017

Issues Scheduling a Pearson VUE Exam?

Most Common Issues

Are you currently enrolled in the CDFM Program? You MUST be enrolled to take an exam. – [Verify your CDFM enrollment](#) by logging on to your ASMC account and clicking on "Update Profile"

Have you purchased an exam on the ASMC website? [Purchase a Pearson VUE exam](#).

Account Information issues

- Your **9 digit Pearson VUE candidate ID** is your ASMC Member ID with leading zeros. – For example, 654321 becomes 000654321.
- The Pearson VUE system requires a **10-digit phone number**. A number other than exactly 10 digits will cause an error. – "(703)123-4567" or "703-123-4567" are valid, but "1-703-123-5678" and "703-123-4567 x123" are not. If you need to **update your profile** information, [log in to your ASMC account and click on "Update Profile"](#). Profile change updates are sent to Pearson VUE daily.
- Do not provide more than **one email address** in the email address field in your account. (The automated systems reject email addresses with semi colons, spaces, etc. This would prevent the exam authorization from transferring to the Pearson VUE system.)

ASMC Headquarters: 703-549-0360 or 800-462-5637 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Eastern)
Ask for a staff member from the Certification Department.

Pearson VUE Customer Service: United States/Canada 888-572-2276 (Mon-Fri, 7am-7pm)



CDFM Pilot Testing



Dear Chapter Contacts,

We are looking for ASMC Chapter leaders to help us organize CDFM pilot testing across the U.S as part of the exam update initiative!

We need each of the 4 module exams to be taken by at least 100 people.

ASMC will procure a proctor and provide all the testing materials needed. We need ASMC Chapter leaders to help:

- Reach out to chapter membership and the local community to generate interest in this initiative with the email message provided below. (The message is outlined below instead of as an attachment to ensure this communication reaches you.)
- Serve as the POC for potential pilot testers.
- Determine a testing date that avoids local conflicts.
- Secure a room for testing. (The room used to administer the CDFM exams should be quiet, well lit, and adequately heated or cooled.)
- Serve as the POC for the proctor, assisting as needed with access to the military base and/or testing room.

Please review the email message below for detailed information about pilot testing. This message can be distributed to potential testers. Do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,

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Happening Around the Alamo & Upcoming Events

Oct 18, Joe Loomis, Senior Director, Financial Planning, Spurs Sports & Entertainment, "Business Side of the Spurs" FSH Golf Clubhouse

Nov 14, COL Derrick Flowers, CFO, MEDCOM, FSH Golf Clubhouse

Dec 13, Christmas Party, Parr Club, JBASA-Randolph, TX

Jan 29 - 30, 2018 PDS, Region 20

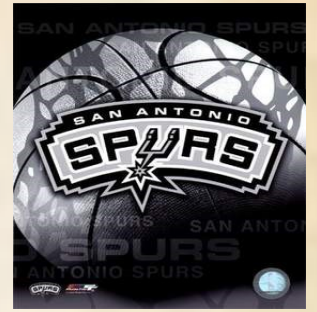


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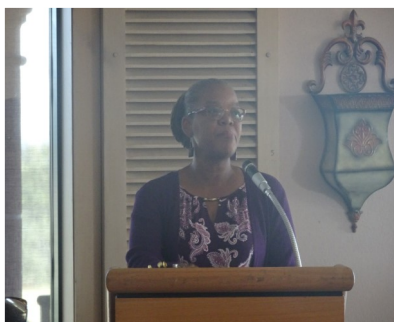
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Alamo City Luncheon	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				



Spurs Luncheon... Go Spur's Go!



*Thank you Mr. Joe Loomis, Senior Director, Financial Planning, Spurs Sports & Entertainment, "Business Side of the Spurs" for coming out and supporting the Alamo City Chapter and giving us another financial prospective from a great San Antonio Team organization...
Go Spurs Go!!!!!!!!!!!!*





ASMC Executive Committee Minutes

Time: 11:30-12:30

4 October 2017

Meeting was called to order @ 1135.

Attendance and Proxies: 18 Total Board Members attended with 17 Voting members with proxies constituted a quorum. 13 voting members required for Quorum

Attendees:

Rita Sams - President

Elvis Ruiz - President Elect

John Torres - General Council

- Vaughn Caudill
- 502 CPTS-FSH - Donna Jordan -
- 502d OL-A Lackland - TSgt Sandra Saucedo
- AFAA - Joan Navarro ** Have Ms. McGonnell Luvisi and Mike Snell's proxy.
- AFCEC - Suzanne Meyer
- HQ AETC & AFSAT - Agnes Muna
- MEDCOM - Beverly Johnson
- AFSVA - Felicia Smith
- Retirees/At Large - Ada Fromuth ** Have Cheryl Geary proxy.
- AFMOA - MSgt Angel Jenkins -
- 502d OL-B Randolph - Jacqueline Paugh - Not Present
- TSgt Kellie Mossbarger - Present, no report.
- Chapter Website – Christie Jenkins
- Corporate Liaison – Josh Cherkinsky

1. Opening Remarks - Ms. Rita Sams opened the meeting at 1135. The Secretary, Jenny Luvisi, was not present.

2. Review of Minutes:

Correction – Elvis Ruiz organization should be Installation Management Command. Vaughn Caudill motioned to approve minutes as written with the one correction.





Old Business –

- Rita Sams identified the Secretary Elect position is open as well as the Nurturement PDS position.
- Vaugh Caudill noted that the Nurturement PDS position would also be responsible coordinating the lunches in addition to the snacks.
- PDS kickoff held Tuesday, 3 October, Region 20. Separate minutes will be drafted.
- Financial Report: Treasurer Report: Vaugh Caudill stated the Aug Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$108,536.86. The Chapter must identify how funds will be expended. We are not a for profit organization. : Elvis Ruiz asked if we can keep a retained earnings. Vaugh Caudill replied, we are supposed to be doing things for the benefit of the members. Further stated one year the Chapter did a free PDS for the Chapter members. The individuals paid for their lunches.

Elvis proposed we take a look at membership trends and use funds to increase the Chapter membership.

Ada stated some 200 members are on the distro list but are out of the local area (members at large).

Elvis asked where he could obtain financial statements from the past 3 years. Vaugh responded to contact Don Brocker or Kathy Igyarto.

Vaugh stated including the 2019 PDI there is a possibility the Chapter balance could increase to \$200K.

Ada Fromuth stated there are t-shirts and mugs in the Chapter's storage facility. These items can be used as door prizes at lunches and at the PDS. Also, the Chapter can help subsidize the Virtual PDI by paying a percentage of the training costs for current members.

- Bylaws Revisions:
 - ◇ Alamo City Chapter Bylaws: 2 suggested changes. Page 1, new office symbols and page 3, Section 1.b (eligibility) change verbiage to read, "Nominees must reside within Alamo City Chapter geographical area."
 - ◇ Alamo City Chapter Constitution. Page 8, Section 4, Appointed Positions. See/insert verbiage.

Ada Fromuth passed a motion that the Bylaw revisions be accepted. Jackie Paugh seconded the motion.

A motion **was not made** to accept the change to the Constitution. Mr. Torres stated we must wait one more round to allow members to review. Mr. Caudill stated we must remember that once the documents are signed must be forwarded to Bernie Davey to send to National.





New Business –

- September Financial Report.

◊Reimbursement: Ada due \$502.80 for the September luncheon. Mr. Caudill stated the VPs are supposed to call in the luncheon numbers, which covers all tips and cost of the meal. The luncheon cost should be paid the day of the event. Ms. Fromuth stated the restaurant required payment in advance of the luncheon therefore, she provided her personal credit card number. It was stated in the future we should have the treasurer provide ASMC credit card number in advance so that the luncheon cost could be resolved immediately.

-Credit Card Machine. There was an inquiry how frequently is the machine used. Vaugh stated the machine is used only during PDS. The fee is \$55.00 monthly. Josh Cherkinsky suggested we move to using "SQUARE" to see which modes are cheaper.

-Invitation: Grant Thornton invited ASMC to a social. *****Jenny please reference the email message Elvis forwarded to you for the details.**

-Membership Drive:

-Upcoming Luncheons and Holiday Party:

- Donna Jordan, 502 CPTS. Event will be held 18 Oct 2017, FSH Golf Course FSH Golf Course. Ms. Jordan reminded the VPs reservations are due in to her no later than 12 Oct.

- Beverly Johnson, MEDCOM. Event will be held 14 Nov 2017, FSH Golf Course FSH Golf Course. The speaker is Col. Derrick Flowers.

- Jacqueline Paugh. Coordinating/working the budget for the 13 Dec 2017 December Holiday Party. The party will be hosted from 1700 to 1900.

- Agnes Muna, HQ AETC & AFSAT. . Event will be held February 2018 at the El Tropicana on the Riverwalk. If the Chapter charges a minimum of \$700 in food, the conference room will be free (holds 60 people). Estimated cost per meal is \$23.00 in addition to, a \$5.00 parking garage fee.

- Since the cost per meal is so high Josh Cherkinsky stated the Chapter can offset some of the members cost for the meal. Further stated if we can get a high level speaker (i., 2 Star) may be able to get a corporate organization to foot the luncheon costs. Further stated the Chapter needs to plan at least 1 or 2 lunches with corporate sponsorship to take the cost off of the members!

- Ada stated we need to check with Berne Davey to ensure the Chapter meets/maintains ou5 5-Star status.

-Future Training Sessions: Mr. Caudill stated in addition to luncheons and the PDS, envision once a quarter, a four day training session. Terry Ross, Management Concepts, stated he will teach for the Chapter. Management Concept has approved for Mr. Ross to use their training material. Mr. Caudill is looking at dates to host future classes. Also, he is exploring and discussing training possibilities with John from Becker. Lastly, stated it may be March 2018 before a training session is scheduled.

-Community Events: Pending 7 Oct 17, San Antonio Buddy Walk and 21 Oct 17, Walk to End Alzheimer.

-PDS Status: and speakers for the breakout sessions have been identified. Letters will be released by mid-November to respective speak

-Kickoff meeting, Area 20, 3 Oct 17, 1000 – 1130. Keynotes speakers.

-Nutriment Chair: Felicia Smith volunteered to chair the position.





-Sponsorship Packages: Mr. Cherkinsky suggested we look at revising the sponsorship package. If an adjustment is not made for the upcoming PDS, should address next year. The biggest exposure is the booth. The highest sponsor gets a little more exposure and a full page in the Alamogram. Ms. Sams stated she will schedule a meeting with Mr. Cherkinsky the week of the 10 Oct to discuss further.

Committee Chair & VP Reports

Officers Reports (Voting Members)

- a. Rita Sams, AFAA, President, no additional report.
- b. Jenny Luvisi, AFAA, Secretary, not present.
- c. Dr. Elvis Ruiz, MEDCOM, President-Elect, no additional report.
- d. Vacant, Secretary-Elect, N/A.
- e. John Torres, AFAA, General Council. Reminded the Constitution change to be voted on at the Nov board meeting.
- f. Katherine Igyarto, Treasurer, , not present.
- g. Bea Tuley, Alt-Treasurer. Not present.

Committee Chair Reports:

Auditor – Cynthia Flemming – Not present, no report. TSgt Mossbarger stated Cynthia is getting the books from treasurer and will complete the audit the week of 11 September 2017.

Awards - Michael Snell – Not present, no report. See questions from Vaughn Caudill throughout minutes.

Budget – Donald (Don) Brocker – Not present, no report.

Chapter Competition - Bernard Davey – Not present, no report

Chapter website: Christie Jenkins –Present, no report

Community Service - Tobby Proctor - Not present.

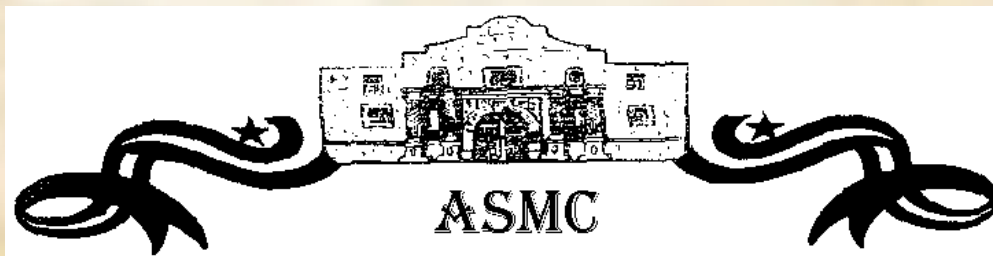
Corporate Liaison – Josh Cherkinsky – Present, no report.

Certifications: Joan Navarro – Present. Requested hosting VPs provided a synopsis of the speaker's presentation to the Certification chair.

Elections – Louise Kefelian – Not present, no report.

Membership - Ada Fromuth – Present. Working on a membership drive to help the Alamo City and Fort Hutus Chapters increase membership.





Newsletter/Alamo Gram - Louise Kefelian. Not Present.

Scholarship - Cheryl Geary - Not present, no report.

Photographer - TSgt Kellie Mossbarger. Present, left before report.

Programs - Vaughn Caudill – Present

Publicity - Leslie Amerson – Not present, no report.

Treasurer - Katherine Igyarto – Not Present.

Webmaster - Christie Jenkins. Present, no report.

Vice Presidents:

US Army South - Petrina McIntyre - Not Present, no report.

47th CPTS - Maj. Brian Erickson - Not Present

502 CPTS-FSH - Donna Jordan - Present, no report.

502d OL-A Lackland - TSgt Sandra Saucedo – Present, no report.

AFAA - Joan Navarro - Present, no additional report. See comment above.

AFCEC - Suzanne Meyer - Present

HQ AETC & AFSAT - Agnes (Anning) Muna – Present, no report.

AFISRA - Corrine (Ariel) Zurita - Not Present

MEDCOM - Beverly Johnson – Present. Stated the Chapter awarded her a scholarship check several years ago which was lost. She recently founded the check. Inquired whether the Chapter will reissue the check to her. She is currently attending classes.

US Army North - Dora Zabava - Not Present

IMCOM - Javier Rogel-Espinoza - Not Present

AFSVA - Felicia Smith - Present

Retirees/At Large - Ada Fromuth - Present.

AFMOA - MSgt Angel Jenkins - Not Present

Galveston COE Liaison - James Atkinson, New Liaison (Non-Voting). Not present.

502d OL-B Randolph - Jacqueline Paugh - Present

Navy MISSA Liaison - LTJG Mark Strutton, New Liaison (Non-Voting). Not present.

AFIMSC - TSgt Kellie Mossbarger – Present. Passed on message from Cynthia Fleming that the audit report is complete and ready to be signed. She also got pictures from the PDS Kickoff!

Next meeting – 11 November 2017, 1130-1230, AFAA/JBSA Randolph - see details above.

Closing Comments - None

Motion to Adjourn from Ada Fromuth, 2nd Joan Navarro. Meeting adjourned at 1230.





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SCHOLARSHIP
&
FUN FACTS

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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.

Any questions for scholarship contact **Ms. Kelly Rivers**, Kelly.j.rivero.civ@mail.mil, 221-1195

Did you know the idea for the first [ATM](#) was thought of in a tub?

Did you know that if you doubled 1 cent every day for 27 days, you'd have over **\$1 Million dollars????**

Did you know that a quarter has 119 [grooves](#) around the edge?

Do you know it is estimated Americans have about \$15 Billion in loose change?





Alamo City Chapter Community Service¹⁴

Reminder, 5 November, JDRF Walk

Need enough people (members) to accumulate 20 hours. Estimate 2 hours (time to register, request supporters, arrive, walk, and return). Estimate we need 10 members minimum, we currently have 3. More members needed for this event to count towards the Chapter award.



Please come join us!



Date/Time: Sunday, 5 November 2017

Check In - 8:30 am

Starts – 10:00 am

Location:

***UT Health Science
Center –***

***7703 Floyd Curl
Drive, SATX 78229***

Team:

Alamo City Chapter, ASMC

http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?team_id=241810&pg=team&fr_id=7020&et=t691Vqz9rnbGxqenNRT-BA

POC: Jenny Luvisi, jennifer.mcgonnell-luvisi@us.af.mil 210-834-8772



2017
Executive Board, VP's, and
Committee Contacts

Officers (Elected)	Name	Phone
President:	Ms. Rita Sams	210-652-0439
Secretary: Ms. Jennifer McGonnell-Luvisi	Ms. Jennifer McGonnell-Luvisi	210-834-8772
President-Elect:	Mr. Elvis Ruiz	210-889-2527
Secretary-Elect:	No submission	
General Counsel:	Mr. John Torres	210-652-0436
Treasurer:	Ms. Katherine Igyarto	
Alt Treasurer:	Ms. Beatrice Tuley	DSN 473-2807
Unit Vice Presidents (Elected):		
VP, US Army South	Petrina McIntyre	210-295-6036
VP, 47th CPTS	Maj. Brian J. Errickson	DSN 732-5330
VP, 502 CPTS-FSH	Donna Jordan	210-221-9512
VP, 502d OL-A Lackland	TSgt Sandra Saucedo	210-221-3410
VP AFAA	Joan Navarro	210-652-0430
VP, AFCEC	Suzanne Meyer	210-536-1423
VP, HQ AETC & AFSAT	Agnes (Anning) Muna	210-652-8869
VP, AFISRA	Corrine (Ariel) Zurita	210-977-2570
VP, MEDCOM	Beverly Johnson	210-295-2860
VP, US Army North	Dora Zabava	210-221-1438
VP, IMCOM	Javier Rogel-Espinoza	210-466-0824
VP AFSVC	Felcia Smith	210-395-7128
VP, Retirees/At Large	Ada Fromuth	210-659-8642
VP, AFMOA	MSgt Angel Jenkins	210-395-9899
Liaison, Galveston COE	Mr. James Atkinson	409-766-3892
VP, 502d OL-B Randolph	Jacqueline Paugh	210-565-1322
Liaison, Navy MISSA Liaison	LTJG Mark Strutton	210-808-1052
VP, AFIMSC	TSgt Kellie Mossbarger	210-395-0925
Committee Chairs:		
Auditor-	Cynthia Flemming	DSN 969-1670
Awards -	Michael Snell	
Budget -	Donald (Don) Brocker	210-295-2876
Chapter Competition	Bernard Davey	210-652-2798
Chapter website:	Christie Jenkins	DSN 969-8406
Community Service -	Toby Proctor	210-652-3283
Corporate Liaison	Josh Cherkinsky	
Certifications:	Joan Navarro	210-652-0430
Elections -	Louise Kefelian	DSN 665-5692
Membership -	Ada Fromuth	
Newsletter - Alamo Gram -	Louise Kefelian	DSN 665-5692
PDI/PDS -	Victoria Somnuk	DSN 473-2807
	Danielle Knowles	DSN 487-0412
	Bea Tuley	DSN 473-2807
Photographer -	TSgt Kellie Mossbarger	210-395-0925
Programs -	Vaughn Caudill	DSN 420-7552
Publicity -	Leslie Amerson	DSN 945-5301
Scholarship -	Cheryl Geary	DSN 221-3009
Webmaster -	Christie Jenkins, contractor with Grant Thornton.	DSN 969-8406

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