



Periodic Newsletter – 4 March 2026

Howdy NCMA GSAC Member and friends!

It's been a while since we put together and sent out a newsletter. In the sections below, you'll find information that each current chapter officer felt led to share. Away we go...

From Sandra Norton (President)

Welcome to another New Year! We are excited to begin this year with a continuing desire to meet the needs of our members. I am equally excited to say that we are looking forward to hosting a Spring Event this year, so stand by for more information!

From James "E" Easley (Vice President and Past President)

Greetings, GSAC Family!

Wow! Where has the time gone? It seems just like yesterday that I arrived in San Antonio (March 2016). It is great to be a part of the GSAC family. Last May, I reached a milestone of being in contracting for 20 years. I have been part of the NCMA family since 2007. My time is winding down. I will be retiring for the second time at the end of the year (first time Army 1999), and I will not lie 😊, looking forward to it. However, until that time, I am here to serve the GSAC in whatever capacity I can.

I encourage all members to actively get involved with the chapter and continue to make it grow both in size and knowledge. We have many open positions that have your name on them! We want your ideas, creative thinking, and energy to help move the chapter to the next level.

We look forward to an awesome 2026 and beyond.

From Ed Norton (Treasurer, Webmaster, and Past President)

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve the contracting community here in San Antonio and beyond as an NCMA member (White Sands Chapter) since 1995, GSAC member since 1997, and GSAC leader since 1999. Considering I've been in this wonderful career field for 40 years now, I'll be looking forward to retirement within the next few years. Before I embark on that rapidly approaching stage of life, I (and I'm certain the rest of our current leadership) would love to encourage some of you younger folks to take the reins of chapter leadership. Believe it or not, the time it takes is usually not too onerous ... except maybe when annual reports are due around May – July and even then it's not that bad. The alternative is we either disband or have the Alamo Chapter absorb us, which I personally think would be a great tragedy.

If you're interested in seeking the Webmaster and / or Treasurer position, please contact me as quickly as possible via webmaster@gsacncma.com. For all other officer positions, please contact the person currently holding that office. If you're interested in holding a chairperson position (such as member engagement, events, awards, education, etc.), you are welcome to contact any one of us.

At the risk of being fussy, a few of you have contacted me to complain (aka, fuss at me) that we're not doing enough related to events for our chapter members and friends ... and you're absolutely correct. To our credit, we have tried and sent notices to those who've subscribed to our social media pages (and yes, y'all have to actively monitor them so they don't fall off your newsfeed). We also post the events on our web-site's main page. Despite that, we get very little to no response so we're forced to cancel :-<. The crazy thing is that we have access to a couple FREE pre-recorded webinars per year from HQ that would help federal government civilians in the field earn some CLPs. Further, I've asked the "complainer" that we would really appreciate her / his help to better advertise our events. Unfortunately, the "complainer" backs off when s/he hears s/he might have to put in some work to this end. I remember long ago as a young buck when I'd complain to my boss that somebody needs to do this or that, my boss would reply "Hello somebody!" Alas, we need less complainers and more "somebodies." Which will you decide to be today?