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### Congratulations Newest CMRPs

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★ 21 Aug—AHRMM Webinar ★

★ 22 Oct—Ed Forum ★

★ 8 Nov—CMRP Prep Class ★

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### GSAHRMM Recognized as Bronze Level AHRMM Chapter

The Greater San Antonio Healthcare Resource & Material Management (GSAHRMM) chapter was recognized as a Bronze level affiliate at the recent AHRMM Leadership Breakfast held in San Antonio July 23, 2008.

“To achieve this level of recognition in just our first year of existence is a great accomplishment”, said Mike Johnson, the newly elected Chapter President. “There are a number of chapters who have been in existence much longer who are just reaching this level. This is a testimony to the hard work of our board, and shows the number and qualifications of the material managers who live and work in this geographic area.”

Based on strict criteria developed by the Affiliation Committee, AHRMM recognizes chap-

ters at three affiliate levels, Bronze, Silver, and Gold . These levels not only recognize the depth and diversity of a chapter, it also directly impacts how much is charged per accreditation hour for educational programs. The higher the affiliate level, the less per hour is charged for continuing education hours.

“We are thrilled that we have achieved Bronze level recognition, and now we are well on our way to Silver” said Francine Crockett, the new President-elect. “With the number of hospitals, both civilian and military, as well as the large number of healthcare related facilities and vendors, we have a tremendous resource available to us. “

The 2009 Affiliation survey is expected to be mailed in September.

**2008-2009 GSAHRMM BOARD**

President: Michael G. Johnson  
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 Past President: Marc Sager

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### GSAHRMM Educational Session May 14, 2008

An outstanding educational session was held May 14, 2008 at the Plaza Club at the top of the Frost Bank tower. Over 40 attendees were presented cutting edge presentations on Radio Frequency Identification, Vendor Credentialing, and Meaningful Metrics. All attendees earned 3 Continuing Education hours towards recertification.

Suneil Mandava, President of Mobile Aspects presented a primer on RFID as well as a discussion where the technology is today, and how it is evolving for the future.

Troy Kyle from Vendor Credentialing Service discussed one of the “hottest” topics in material management, Vendor Credentialing. It is an issue that all

hospitals are dealing with and his presentation addressed what it is, and what facilities should look for in a program.

A panel discussion led by Jim Moreland with Cliff Healy from Wilford Hall Med Center and Tina Hanson from Christus Santa Rosa looked at metrics that can be used to measure performance and can be used to keep the “C” suite informed.

**Free Webinar !!**

AHRMM is offering GS1 Healthcare US webinar on GS1 standards (GLN, GTIN, GDSN). Each seminar will walk you through one portion of the Healthcare Provider Tool Kit.

Earn up to 3 CEUs by attending this **free** webinar.

For more information and registration, go to <http://gsahrmm.org> and click on the link there or you can go direct to <http://ahrmm.org>

**“CMRP certification shows the world you are a materials management professional”**



**Habitat for Humanity Project**

**Next Education Forum**

The next Education Forum is scheduled for Oct 22, 2008 at the Plaza Club. The price will be \$55 and includes a continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and 3 Continuing Education hours through AHRMM.

We are working now to finalize the agenda and speakers. So keep the date free and plan to join us for outstanding presentations and social networking in a beautiful venue located in the middle of downtown San Antonio. Watch our website for information and registration.

<http://gsahrmm.org>

**AHRMM Conference Recap**

San Antonio was host to the 2008 AHRMM National Conference which was held at the Gonzalez Convention Center from July 20–July 23. The conference brought together over 3,000 participants from across the country.

There were topics that appealed to every experience level and area within the Medical Material /

Medical Logistics profession. There were over 200 exhibitors showing the latest products and services. Keynote speakers included a panel discussion from industry leaders as well as a highly emotional and inspiring closing presentation by Matt Eversmann who was the squad leader in the real “Blackhawk Down” incident in Somalia.

GSAHRMM had 15 members who attending the conference including 7 board members in attendance. We created a chapter banner and to welcome all of our out of town visitors we passed out coupons to local attractions. The conference was a great experience. Next year it is in Tampa FL.

**CMRP Workshop**

Earning Certified Material & Resource Professional (CMRP) is a recognition that you are among the elite in the material management (logistics) profession. It is a challenging test, as anyone who has taken it can attest to. But like overcoming any challenge, preparation is the key.

GSAHRMM is planning to offer a CMRP Prep Class on Novem-

ber 8, 2008. The class will run approximately 2 1/2 hours and will present some of the concepts and tips on how to study for this certification test. We are asking that recent CMRPs who are willing, help present the information on how they prepared, what areas were especially challenging, and offer any insights. For more information on CMRP and to see if you qualify for the test, go

to :

<http://www.aha.org/aha/Certification-Center/CMRP/index.html> . Also check on the GSAHRMM website for location and time of the class <http://gsahrmm.org> . For active duty military in the Air Force and Army, test registration is covered by your VA benefits and both services. CMRP is a recognized certification in both

**Community Service**

Your Community Service projects can help GSAHRMM reach our next level of Affiliation. If your company or group performs community service projects such as Habitat for Humanity or Komen walk, you can send us the details of the date, the activity and we can use it in our Affiliation package. Your good deeds can earn multiple credits !!

We are also looking for someone to become our GSAHRMM chapter Community Project chairman. We have over 80 members now, and doing good things in the community is something we would like to get more involved in.....so please let us know if you are willing to help or lead. Email Mike Johnson at [president@gsahrmm.org](mailto:president@gsahrmm.org)

**Volunteers Needed**

We need your help to keep our chapter growing. Volunteers are needed for:  
**Education Committee**  
**Community Service**  
**Membership Committee**

