

Finance begins new fiscal year

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When the dust settled after the year-end work in the 377th Contracting Squadron in September, the 377th Comptroller finance team took the wheel and celebrated their own end of year, working late into the night.

The ebb and flow of the last fiscal year reached a crescendo, and now the current year's work has begun.

Accounting liaison office closed a successful fiscal year, managing more than \$2 billion this year. The ALO services TEAM KIRTLAND, including the Defense Finance Accounting Service, Air Force Materiel Command and local customers who are resource advisers, funds managers and budget analysts. The ALO also provides services to associate units, ranging from the Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Air Force Safety Center and Inspection Agency, 58th Special Operations Wing and others throughout Kirtland and the DOD.

The budget team services the 377th Air Base Wing, helping to ensure the wing expenditures are successful. Members are responsible for forecasting, formulating, analyzing and balancing various DOD appropriations for the wing budget and support the comptroller function as the principle financial adviser to the wing commander on all budgetary policy. They also lead the financial working group in development of budget submissions, unfunded requirements and fund reprogramming requests for the approval of the financial management board.

The comptroller squadron served more than 22,000 customers during the past fiscal year at the customer service counter. That effort excludes telephone assistance. The customer service office touch every member of TEAM KIRTLAND in some way, whether in military or civilian paychecks or travel payments, forecasting, formulating or balancing DOD appropriations for TEAM KIRTLAND.

RIGHT: Master Sgt. Donald Jenkins, Communications Division Information Assurance superintendent, receives assistance at the Finance Customer Service Desk by Airman 1st Class Christopher Ogle. The Customer Service Desk served more than 22,000 customer the past fiscal year.

BELOW: Members of the 377th Comptroller Squadron accounting liaison officer (from left): Gloria Besse; Lisa Norton; Linda Velarde, ALO chief; Deborah Adams; Roger Chall; Nikia Sylvester; Jessica Gandy; Johana Quintana; and Vicki Darling. Not picture are Virginia Sena and Lydia Duran.



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ABOVE: Airman 1st Class Teresa Custy assists 2nd Lt. Christopher Flowers with his initial processing. The comptroller squadron's quarterly award-winning airman handles separations, retirements and accessions.

LEFT: 2nd Lt. Irene Cusack studies financial figures as part of her work as a budget officer.



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Members of the 377th Comptroller Squadron budget team, from left: Lou Norris; Matt Stiles; Staff Sgt. Alma Linda Shipp; 1Lt. Ariol Paz, budget chief; Staff Sgt. Nicole Simmers; Tech. Sgt. Ladre Davis; and 2nd Lt. Irene Cusack, budget deputy.