



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I just returned from Seattle, Washington where I attended ASMC PDI 2014. I have attended many PDI's and they are all special from the cities and local chapters that host them to the training received and the networking and experiences shared with other attendees. Mike Ortiz and I were the only two Board Members who attended this year. We were very busy throughout PDI representing our chapter and attending all the events and training sessions we could. We were able to spend some time with several of our fellow San Diego Chapter members attending, we chatted during breaks, attended training sessions together or sat together during lunch and the morning general sessions. We networked and shared ideas with other chapter board members as well as some of the ASMC National staff members.

A few San Diego chapter members even provided me with recommendations for training topics and speakers for our upcoming ASMC San Diego Training Day. I appreciate all the input and I will discuss it with Joanne MacDonald-Morrow when we put the schedule together.

At this year's PDI, there was a definite emphasis on obtaining DoD Financial Management Certification with sessions providing information about the certification program, what is required, how to obtain it, and even providing the actual Level 2 and 3 training. The other main recurring topics were current economic and budget topics, and obtaining auditable financial statements. At the Thursday lunch general session we were honored to have Robert Gates, Former Defense Secretary, speak. He spoke about current budget issues facing the Department of Defense and challenges for us and congress that need to be resolved. On Friday our Keynote Speaker at the lunch general session was Charles Cook III, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Financial Management & Comptroller (FM&C). He spoke about auditability and the importance of enabling our financial reports to provide operational decision information. For every operational move there should be a financial transaction to capture and report. Both lunchtime topics were exceptional and informative!

During the final day of this year's PDI in Seattle, the Chapter Awards were presented during a lunchtime general session and I was honored to accept the awards for our Chapter. This year there was no Friday evening banquet. So once the afternoon training sessions were completed PDI 2014 came to a close.

Hope to see you at the next luncheon,

☺ Ken Suazo, CDFM



2014 FIVE STAR CHAPTER



Upcoming Luncheon:

June 18th

Speaker: Mariam Morad,
Comptroller, MCAS Miramar

August 20th

Speaker: CDR Tom Williams,
Comptroller, Space and Naval
Warfare Systems Command

Congratulations!

2014 ASMC

NATIONAL AWARDS

San Diego won:

- > **Five Star Recognition**
- > **Chapter Communication-Distinguished**
- > **Community Service**

Highlights in this Issue:

- ☺ CHARITY EVENTS
- ☺ MEMBER LINKS
- ☺ NEWS FROM NATIONAL
- ☺ SPECIAL ARTICLE

NEWS from NATIONAL:

Does **ASMC have all of your up-to-date information** to be able to contact you this year?

Many members may have new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. that have not been updated in their ASMC Profile.

The most current contact information is needed for sending and delivering important messages to all ASMC members and CDFM certificants.

Please make sure your profile is currently up-to-date by logging in to your ASMC Profile and making any necessary changes today!!

Please visit "Update Profile":

<http://ASMC.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0zOTQzNjcxJnA9MSZ1PTEwMjEzMjE1NjkmbGk9MjIyNTU2Mzc/index.html>

Quarterly Armed Forces Comptroller

ASMC offers 2 CPE credit to ASMC members who take and pass a 10 question exam based on articles published in our quarterly journal. The most recent four issues are available to ASMC members in the Online Learning Center.

**Father's Day**

ASMC with the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association presents:
Training Day 2014!
Wednesday, 30 July.

Stay tuned for upcoming notices for this **free** training event. We are also looking for speakers/trainers for the event. If you are interested please contact Joanne MacDonald-Morrow at joanne.macdonald-morrow@dau.mil.

**Flag Day****June 14th**

What is the President's name that goes with these nicknames?

1. Old Tippecanoe
2. Old Hickory
3. Old Rough and Ready
4. The Rough Rider
5. Old Pop or Poppy

Answers on the page 5.



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Volunteers Needed During Stand Down

Veterans Stand Down is fast approaching. This event is scheduled for July 18- 20 2014. If you would like to volunteer please go onto the following Website: <http://www.vvsvd.net/> and sign up.

Please email Meghann Stastny meghann.stastny@navy.mil, Merlinda Medina, merlinda.medina@navy.mil or Evelyn Mahoney evelyn.mahoney@navy.mil if you have volunteered. Please provide the position you have volunteered for, date and time.

CHARITY: StandUp For Kids - San Diego

The mission of StandUp For Kids is ending the cycle of youth homelessness. StandUp For Kids is a national non-profit charity. Our organization was founded in 1990 by a group of volunteers in San Diego; CA. Starting from a program in one city, StandUp For Kids has grown to a national organization with operations in 16 states and the District of Columbia. We remain a nearly all-volunteer organization. We run an extremely lean, volunteer-based organization. Our operating costs are so low that nationally we are able to spend 94% of all donations directly on the youth in our program.

****Everyone who makes a donation at the luncheon will be given a ticket for the gift giveaway!! So please let's show our support to STANDUP FOR KIDS****

WISH LISTS (Donation suggestions):

Hygiene Pack

- Small Shampoo/Conditioner
- Handy-Wipes
- Small travel deodorant
- Comb/Brush
- Tooth Paste/ Tooth Brush (Travel Size)
- Disposable Razor

Miscellaneous Items

- Small Bottles of Water
- Small Tubes of Lip Balm
- Small Tubes of Sun Screen
- Sewing Kits

Outreach Food Packets

- Cartons Juice (small carton w/straw)
- Granola Bar
- Small (pop top) Pudding/Fruit Cup
- Small Box of Raisins
- Energy Bars
- Small Package of Chips





ASK MAC!

Dear Mac,

I've been asked to prepare budget exhibits for the upcoming FY16 submission. I've seen exhibits before and am familiar with the different type of exhibits but my mentor talked about the cost estimate or PLCCE and how it is used for budgeting purposes. I'm not sure what that is and when I asked, I was told to research it, so... here I am. Can you provide some information so I know what she is talking about?

CiCi Lalinski

Dear CiCi,

A program life cycle cost estimate (PLCCE) can be defined as the total cost to the government of a program over its full life, including costs for research and development, testing, production, facilities, operations, maintenance, personnel, environmental compliance, and disposal. All costs might not be relevant to all programs.

All Department of Defense (DoD) Military Departments and Defense Agencies prepare PLCCEs in support of their programs. The complexity of the PLCCE is often tied to the complexity of the program. For example, an ACAT I program will have a complex, robust cost model while an ACAT IV program or non-ACAT program might have a rough order of magnitude (ROM) estimate that was prepared on the back of a napkin. Somewhere, somehow, someone thought about how much the program will cost.

A PLCCE attempts to identify all the costs of an acquisition program, from its initiation through disposal of the resulting system at the end of its useful life. It also includes the phase, or spread, of the costs for inclusion in program objective memorandum (POM) and budget documents.

PLCCEs for DoD systems serve two primary purposes. First, they are used at acquisition program milestone and decision reviews to assess whether the system's cost is affordable, or consistent with the DoD Component's and DoD's overall long-range investment and force structure plans. Second, PLCCEs form the basis for POM requests to the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) and for budget requests to Congress. Although the program might think it's affordable, from the Service level or OSD level, they must determine if the program can fit within the topline dollars that are available. Prior to preparing your budget exhibits, you should review the PLCCE to see if the program was funded to the level that is required to execute it properly. If it has, then you are in good shape. If the program hasn't been funded to the PLCCE, you would want to identify that issue to the program manager.

Thanks for a great question!

*Sincerely,
Mac*



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FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE VACANCIES!!**LUNCHEON NEWS:**

Speaker for the June luncheon will be:

Mariam Morad, CDFM, Comptroller,
MCAS Miramar.

Her topic: Managing Under Limited Resources

Answers to Presidential
Nicknames Quiz:

1. William Henry Harrison
2. Andrew Jackson
3. Zachary Taylor
4. Theodore Roosevelt
5. George H. Bush

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