



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow ASMC members Although National PDI registration is now open, the Military Services, Defense Agencies, US Coast Guard and other organizations are still determining the level of support they plan to fund for the ASMC National PDI this year. They should provide guidance through channels to the field regarding participation in the PDI. Hopefully the Services will complete their determinations of level of support in the next couple of weeks. I know several local commands have received guidance to hold off on any pre-determinations at local installation level, pending potential guidance from Service HQ and not register or obligate funds until authorization is given. Use of government funds requires conference approval and Services have not decided the level of participation at this event. Additional guidance, including management of attendance quotas, will be provided upon receipt of the information. The latest information from National is they expect to conduct the National PDI – although the level of participation is not yet clear, so hang in there, as we see what develops at Service HQ levels.

Upcoming Events:

Next Luncheon – April 22nd
Speaker: TBD

LOCATION:

MCRD Bay View Club



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 Ken Suazo, CDFM



2014 FIVE STAR CHAPTER



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Fisher House

Come join ASMC for a morning of cooking at Fisher House!

Here's an exciting volunteer opportunity! On March 27, 2015, **ASMC** and **DAUAA** will be joining forces to prepare a delicious meal for the residents of Fisher House.

Fisher House located at Naval Medical Center San Diego provides a "home away from home" for active and retired military families of patients who have been admitted for medical care. The Fisher House is available to families who are coping with the medical crisis of a loved one and have no local accommodations. The Fisher House Foundation generously provides a grant to pay lodging fees for all families to stay at the Fisher Houses. This is where we come in – ASMC will prepare a meal for the residents so when they return "home" after an exhausting day of taking care of their wounded or sick family member, they have a hot meal waiting for them.

This event begins at 10:00am at the Fisher House kitchen. The success of this event is due largely to the quality and commitment of our volunteers. We need 4-5 people to attend. Be prepared to chop, slice, dice, cook, bake, and have fun. Expected commitment is 3-4 hours. We had a great time at the last outing. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joanne MacDonald-Morrow @ joanne.macdonald-morrow@dau.mil or 619-524-4822.



ASMC meeting and tour aboard the USS Reagan April 24st

Now taking reservations for this great event! POC is Ken Suazo.

This will be limited to the first 25 people for ASMC Members and their families. If there's enough interest, we can have 2 groups.

**Tour will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 24th
Meet pier side at NAS North Island**



**Submit an article to:
patricia.finnell@navy.mil
for use in a future newsletter !!
Your name will be put in a drawing
for a prize if your article is used!**

News from ASMC National:

ASMC Members save the Date for the ASMC National 2015 Professional Development Institute, May 27-29, 2015

The National Professional Development Institute is the premier training event of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). Defense financial managers in the public and private sectors will converge for the three-day event to enhance their resource management knowledge and skills, as well as share best practices toward meeting the complex challenges of today's fiscal environment.

The PDI 2015 program will include general and Service Day sessions, mini-courses, and workshops focused upon defense financial management competency areas. Speakers will discuss current issues in DoD and US Coast Guard financial management operations. Most importantly, the Mini-courses will provide participants the opportunity to obtain direct credit toward meeting certain DoD FM Certification requirements at Levels 2 and 3 of the program.

Beyond the 21 CPE credits available to attendees, the PDI provides a valuable forum for participants from Service HQs, major commands, and installation levels to collaborate with leadership, peers, vendors, and clients. This event also showcases individuals and teams who have been recognized by ASMC for their excellent contributions to the field of defense financial management.

We invite you to "be in that number" and join us in New Orleans in May! For more information on PDI2015 or to register please go to <http://pdi2015.org/>



CDFM CPEs:
50 minutes = 1 unit

For the February's luncheon, Mr. Balestrieri spoke 50 minutes = 1.0 CPE.

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REMINDER!! ASMC Meeting and Tour

Explore San Diego's first water purification testing facility on a guided tour of the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, Advanced Water Purification Facility
March 20th at 1 p.m.

The Advanced Water Purification Facility is part of the City's Pure Water San Diego program, which is examining the use of water purification technology on recycled water.

Experience the water purification process:

- See how wastewater becomes purified water
- Learn how Pure Water San Diego will help ease drought concerns and decrease dependence on imported water
- See comparisons of purified, drinking water, and recycled water

Participants will engage in a guided walking tour, including a presentation. The tour will last approximately one hour. Arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the tour, wear closed-toe, low heel walking shoes. A portion to the tour will take place outdoors, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Long pants are recommended. Photo identification (such as driver's license) is required.

If you have any questions or would like to **RSVP please contact Ken Suazo at Kenneth.Suazo@navy.mil** or 619-532-1099. The Advanced Water Purification Facility is located at the North City Water Reclamation Plant, 4949 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, 92121.



**Spring
 Cleaning
 Time ???**



February's luncheon speaker, Mr. Balestrieri

was relevant, fun and interesting!

"Commitment to the cause vice the mission."

"In any organization it comes down to: people, processes and dollars."

And he presented very interesting facts about Navy Seals!





ASK MAC!

Mac,

I am a government civilian and recently heard the term credit hours. I've familiar with comp time, but what are credit hours? I've not heard of them before. Are credit hours the same as comp time?

Pat T. Lennif

Dear Sam,

There is a difference in credit and compensatory (comp) time. Some agencies may call it the same, but legally there is a difference. Comp time is earned when the employee may be entitled to overtime. Comp time is time off with pay in lieu of overtime pay for irregular or occasional overtime work. Overtime or compensatory time can be earned beyond an employee's 8, 9, or 10 hour work day only if directed by or approved in advance by the immediate supervisor.

Credit hours are different. They are earned *only* when an employee voluntarily elects to work in excess of the employee's basic work week under a flexible work schedule. The basic work requirement for full-time employees is 80 non-overtime hours in a 2-week pay period. Employees are not paid basic pay or overtime pay for credit hours when they earn them. An employee may use credit hours during a subsequent day, week, or pay period, with supervisory approval, to allow the employee to be absent from an equal number of hours of the employees basic work requirement with no loss of basic pay.

The earning of credit hours is not an employee entitlement; therefore, employees must have prior approval from their supervisor before they can earn credit hours, and credit hours cannot be advanced. Credit hours must be earned and used in no less than 15-minute increments, and a maximum of 24 hours may be carried over from one pay period to another. However, agency policy may impose stricter limits on how many credit hours you can earn or carry over. Credit hours do not expire as long as the employee stays under the 24 hour carry-over maximum. As a rule, you won't receive basic pay or overtime pay for any credit hours you earn; however some agencies will make a payout for unused credit hours when you leave federal service.

Credit hours can't be earned while you are in travel status or in training, and, although you can't receive night pay or Sunday premium pay when you earn or use credit hours, you can receive hazardous duty pay, unless barred by an agency policy.

In my experience, both comp time and credit hours are at the discretion of the agency and the distinction between the two is not always clear cut. Agency policies may place restrictions on earning or using credit hours. The rules provided are general and can change based on the employee's status, pay grade, and whether they are full time or part time. Please check with your local timekeeper or HR representative on the policy at your command.

Thanks for a great question!

*Sincerely,
Mac*



ASMC Special Event:

Operation Easter Baskets!

Supporting Rady
Children's Hospital



This year ASMC SAN DIEGO CHAPTER is hosting a Special Easter Event! We will be taking donations to make Easter Baskets for Rady Children's Hospital! We are hoping to bless the families who will be spending this holiday away from home and provide each child with an Easter Basket. Our goal is to bring them baskets of Joy and Happiness! No donation is too small.

If you would like to help, a list of suggested items is listed below.

Suggested Items:

- Easter baskets → Coloring Books → Crayons/Markers
- Stuffed Animals → Easter Grass → Wrapped Candy
- Small Toys: necklaces, jump ropes, card games, toy cars/trucks, etc.
- Items for teenagers: toiletries, nail polish, hair brushes, etc.
- Anything fun that would fit into a basket!!

You don't have to be an ASMC member to donate! So please pass this on to friends.

Contact your Command Rep with donations and questions.

For SSC PAC, POC: Evelyn Mahoney (A33, RM 1421).

****We ask that you have all donations in by March 19, 2015****

Special Events ASMC POC: Evelyn Mahoney 619.553.1737

We hope that you can help us make this charity event a success!

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WEBMASTER: Justin Tuyay**CONTACT THE PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR ABOVE VACANCIES!!****Training Day 2015 – Save the Date!**

We are excited to announce that we are planning a Training Day on 29 July 2015!

The event was so successful last year that ASMC members have asked that it be an annual event.

ASMC with the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association will be hosting the day of training sessions and there is no cost to attend. The topics will be based on member interest. Seating is limited so please let us know if you plan to attend and if you have a recommended topic (or two, or three). You will earn Continuous Learning Points for each session.

Potential Topics:

Hot Topics in DoD Finance

Risk Management

Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution

Congressional Enactment

What Every Financial Management Should Know About DoD Contracts

How to Write an Effective Impact Statement

Budget Policies

Budget Execution

The Basics of Fiscal Law

CDFM Modules 1-3 Review

Please vote for your favorite topics

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, 29 July 2015. Stay tuned for upcoming notices and we hope to see you there!

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.

**MEMBERSHIP LINKS:**

Join ASMC:

<http://www.asmonline.org/membership/join-renew/>

Update your Profile:

<http://www.asmonline.org/membership/edit-profile/>

Renew ASMC Membership:

<http://www.asmonline.org/membership/renew/>