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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Election time is upon us!

As all of us are in the midst of fiscal year-end close out please take a moment out of your busy schedule to cast your vote!! This special edition of our newsletter will focus on voting for the upcoming

Executive Board for 2016-17.

We've had a busy and very productive year and now it is time for our new year.



SAVE THE DATES!

Lunch and Learn Meetings:

October 25th
(tentative)

November 8th

Location: Anchors and Spurs, Naval Base San Diego

Take a few minutes to read the short bio on each candidate and then complete the ballot. FAX or SCAN and return your ballot no later than September 26TH (POC info is on the ballot). Your chapter needs your support and you're VOTE!

If you are interested in being a part of this chapter's executive board and do not want to serve as an officer, there are also assistant positions and committees you can help with as well as there will be volunteer opportunities for next year years PDI 2017 in the next issue of the Communicator. We will never turn away help. Installation of officers will occur at the 25 October Lunch & Learn.

I welcome your creative ideas, participation and feedback, so please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our executive board.

Thanks,

 **Ken**, DFMCP3, CDFM

CHECK THIS OUT!

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Nominee BIOS

The ballot will be sent out separately. Please vote and it return as soon as possible.

Special Ballot Edition



2016 FIVE STAR CHAPTER



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Ken Suazo

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Jonathan Cartwright

Brenda Meyer

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Sherry Major

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY VICE PRESIDENT

Patty Finnell

CHAPTER SECRETARY

Mike Ortiz

NATIONAL CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

Helen Profeta

TREASURER

Jacqueline Yelder

ASSISTANT TREASURER

vacant

Appointed Positions (that don't need voted in) **will also be filled. Simply email or call a current board member if you'd like to be considered.**

PHOTOGRAPHER, CHARITY CHAIR PERSON, CDFM CHAIR PERSON, SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR, SPONSORSHIP CHAIR PERSON, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR PERSON, AND SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

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BALLOTS must be returned no later than
26 SEPTEMBER 2016.

*Any submissions received after that date might not be counted.
Valid membership will be verified.*

BALLOTS are sent separately on a Word Document so
you can email your vote!

EMAIL the ballot to patricia.finnell@navy.mil

ASMC NATIONAL NEWS:

<http://www.asmcnline.org/>

Take the ASMC National Survey

ASMC/Grant Thornton 2016 Survey

Online Questionnaire for Defense Financial Professionals

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2940120/2016-ASMC-Online-Questionnaire>

2016 Survey of American Society of Military Comptrollers Members

Since 2003, the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) has sponsored an annual survey of Department of Defense (DoD) and Uniformed Services executives and managers on trends and prospects in Defense financial management. As we have for the past thirteen years, Grant Thornton LLP is supporting the ASMC survey by conducting a series of Roundtable Discussions and preparing the survey report. ASMC and Grant Thornton design these surveys to identify and describe emerging issues in financial management. For purposes of this survey, the term financial or financial management includes budget, accounting, finance, and auditing disciplines.

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Bios and information for the nominees:**OFFICE: President:****Nominee: Kenneth A. Suazo (incumbent)**

BIO & QUALIFICATIONS: Ken Suazo is currently the Accounting Officer for Commander Navy Region Southwest in San Diego, Ca. Prior to that; he worked for Comptroller Department at Naval Station San Diego. Before working for the Navy he worked for Defense Commissary Agency Southwest (DeCA-SW). He also has worked for Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division Marketing Department at Marine Corps Recruit Depot. He has worked in Federal Service for 26 plus years including on active duty in the US Navy aboard USS Ranger. During his DoD career, he has volunteered many times to support ASMC San Diego and currently serves on the executive board in his third term as Chapter President, prior to that he held the position of Administrative Vice President for 4 years as well as during various ASMC PDI'S held in Orlando, FL in 2016 shadowed the 2016 PDI Chair, Anaheim, CA in 2012 he served on the Hospitality Committee; San Diego in 2006 he served as the Co-Chair of Special Events Committee and in 1999 served on the Administration Committee. He earned his degree in Accounting from Mesa College in San Diego, Ca. He is also Defense Financial Management Certified, Proficiency 3 earning it in July 2016, and a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) earning it September 13, 2008. Ken first joined ASMC in 1996 and is currently an active member.

OFFICE: Administrative Vice President:**Nominee: Sherry Major (incumbent)**

BIO & QUALIFICATIONS: Active member of ASMC since 1996. Have served in most positions on the Board. I believe in ASMC and have found this organization to be a great means of professional training and development. It is a wonderful avenue of networking with many organizations.

OFFICE: Executive Vice President:**Nominee: Brenda Meyer (incumbent)**

BIO & QUALIFICATIONS: Brenda Meyer is currently the Department Business Financial Manager for the Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance/Information Operations (ISR/IO) Department at Spawar Systems Center – Pacific in San Diego, CA. She has more than 20 plus years of finance experience. She started her financial career as a government contractor and later transitioned into Federal Government. Brenda has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from San Diego State University and the University of Phoenix and has achieved level 2 Certification from the Defense Acquisition University. She has been the Executive Vice President for the past five years. Prior to becoming Exec VP, Brenda was the Chairperson for the Chapter's Charity. She is passionate about doing volunteer work in the San Diego Community and volunteer's her time at the Ronald McDonald House, Veteran's Stand Down Day, and Fisher House. My goal is to provide our members information, training and networking that will help them to become the best Financial Managers and leaders of tomorrow.

Nominee: Jonathan Cartwright

BIO & QUALIFICATIONS: Jonathan Cartwright is Deputy Comptroller for NAVSUP GLS as a federal civilian and a Lt Colonel, Comptroller and Commander for the 144th Fighter Wing's Comptroller Office, Fresno Air National Guard Base, CA as a Drill Status Guardsman. He's managed budgets for the Navy, Air Force, Army, National Guard and NATO. He's led offices as large as 850 personnel across Financial Management, Civil Engineering, Logistics, Communications, and Human resources.

OFFICE: Treasurer:**Nominee: Jacqueline Yelder**

BIO & QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a member of ASMC as long as I've been a government employee, which is 6 years. I started within the Hampton roads chapter in Virginia, when I moved here 4 years ago I joined the San Diego Chapter. In college, I held office in an organization affiliated with community colleges called Phi Theta Kappa. Since attending community college, I have gone to get my Bachelors of Science in Accounting and currently work at NAVFAC as a GL accountant.

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OFFICE: National Chapter Rep:

Nominee: Helen M. Profeta (incumbent)

BIO & QUALIFICATIONS: My name is Helen M. Profeta, your National Chapter Representative. I currently work at Navy Region Southwest as a Financial Management Analyst in the Accounting division. I served in this position since 2011 on the ASMC board and it really a pleasure working with you all. We need to expand more and reach out for those personnel that can assist us to be stronger and develop a cohesive relationship of strength. Relationships are not made in heaven; they are made here in ASMC! They can last long, perhaps for a lifetime. It all depends on those making the relationships and yet, come to think of it, you will never know the real "he" or "she" unless you have them join the ASMC. We need to reach out with willing hands in the spirit of cooperation and fellowship. The more members we have the stronger we become. I am willing to work with all the command reps to increase attendance at luncheons and make the reservation procedures simpler. I am also working to identify commands which do not have command reps and on new luncheon venues for our monthly meetings. I am interested in any suggestions you might have.

OFFICE: Secretary:

Nominee: Mike Ortiz (incumbent)

BIO & QUALIFICATIONS: I began working at SPAWAR System Center, Pacific (SSC PAC) since October 2001. I am currently a Lead Accountant in the Payroll Liaison Office at SPAWAR Pacific. Before SSC PAC, I previously worked for DCAA (Santa Ana and San Diego offices) as an Auditor for 11 years and at DFAS Seaside as a Vendor Pay Accountant for 3 years. I have been a member of the ASMC San Diego Chapter since Oct. 2001 and was SSC PAC ASMC representative before becoming the Secretary several years ago. I'm the current ASMC San Diego Chapter Secretary and have enjoyed serving in this position for past few years.

OFFICE: Technology Vice President:

Nominee: Patty Finnell (incumbent)

ASMC webmaster coordinator, Newsletter Editor, special assistant and Information Technology officer since 2008.



Your ASMC San Diego chapter is looking for Volunteers to serve on the host committee for PDI 2017 here in San Diego.

The volunteer host committee is singularly important in conducting a successful PDI. The volunteer committee serves ASMC in a number of ways. ASMC San Diego will be the host chapter providing the local chairperson and/or assistant co-chairperson for the PDI and committee members.

Keep an eye out for more details in the next newsletter!!



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Mark your calendars!

**EDFMT class for FY 17
is scheduled for 6
February 2017**

Stayed tuned for
more details.



**We need SPEAKERS for our
Lunch and Learn Meetings.**

We are always looking for speakers/trainers for our bi-monthly Lunch & Learn Meetings. If you are interested or know of a speaker you think would be excellent for a future event, or if you have a recommended training topic that you feel other members would also be interested in, please let us know your suggestions. Please contact Brenda Meyer at Brenda.Meyer@navy.mil

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