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**FROM the ASMC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

I hope this finds each of you and your families doing great. Thank you for your service to our nation – what you do day in and day out to ensure the effective budgeting, execution, cost management, accountability, etc. of the resources entrusted to the Department of Defense and the US Coast Guard is critically important to our nation's defense.



**SAVE THE DATES!**

Lunch and Learn Meetings:

February 14<sup>th</sup> -- Guest speaker: Al Runnels, Topic: Defense Financial Management  
Location: Anchors and Spurs, Naval Base San Diego

April 11, TBD

July 25<sup>th</sup> -- Guest speaker: Ms. Lorrie Snyder, Comptroller,  
Location: Miramar O'Club.

**Highlights in this edition:**

- >Upcoming Charity
- >News from National
- >PDI Volunteers



I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at your upcoming chapter professional development session (PDS) on 14 Feb. I'll be bringing some ASMC items for some of you to win as door prizes and also a few to award to folks answering some questions that I'll ask during my presentation. Please bring your fellow FMers with you, especially any that are not members of ASMC. We need more FMers to join ASMC and be involved in activities that contribute to increasing the overall professional development of the defense financial management community.

By the way, Mr. Ken Suazo and Ms. Brenda Meyer are doing a good job in helping ASMC HQ in planning and preparation for PDI 2017 there in San Diego via their roles as PDI 2017 Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. I also want to thank those serving as chairs or members of the various PDI local committees or in other volunteer roles in prep for our National PDI. Thank you for your dedication and loyalty to ASMC. I hope to see many of you at National PDI. Thus far, I'm proud to mention that Mr. Michael Durant, pilot of Blackhawk Super Six Four, shot down in Somalia during the Battle of Mogadishu, as one of our general session speakers. Navy Rear Admiral (Ret) Ken Slaght, President of the San Diego Cyber Center of Excellence, will also be one of our keynote speakers.

I look forward to seeing those of you who participate in the 14 Feb PDS. I'll also be awarding one continuing education and training unit to attendees as I speak about federal and DoD financial management trends and challenges.

All the best!

**Al Runnels**  
Executive Director ASMC

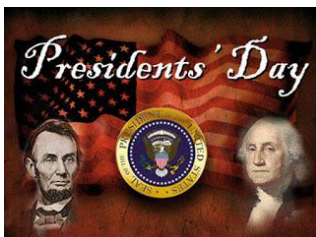
**2016 FIVE STAR CHAPTER**



The following committees need volunteers for PDI committees:

Special Events: 3  
Hospitality: 2  
Philanthropy: 1  
Photography: 2  
Technology: 6  
Protocol: 4

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*Happy Valentine's Day*



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# Father Joe's Villages



## CHARITY for the FEBRUARY LUNCH & LEARN:

*Father's Joe's Villages are the cornerstone of San Diego's fight to prevent and end homelessness one life at a time. As a one-stop center to address all of the rehabilitative needs of the homeless, they offer an array of housing and supportive services.*

### Items to Donate:

**Granola Bars, Mac & Cheese Cups, Snacks and any canned goods!**

**>> Everyone who makes a donation at the luncheon will be given a ticket for the gift giveaway!!! Please let's show our support to Father Joe's Village.<<**



## ASMC NATIONAL:

**IMPORTANT! UPDATE YOUR DOD EMAIL ADDRESS TO YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS IN YOUR ASMC MEMBER PROFILE.**

Given certain situations regarding cyber security protocols, emails from ASMC HQ or your local chapter may not always make it through servers and reach your work inbox. We want you to receive important notifications, including time sensitive material, regarding your membership status, regional/local and national PDI registration information, CDFM news and updates, accruing CPEs and other educational opportunities, notification of a new Armed Forces Comptroller magazine, and more.

Also, DoD does not allow HTML hyperlinks to get through, which means copying and pasting web address URLs, rather than being able to quickly click on a hyperlink. To better ensure you receive important communications from ASMC, if you've not already done so, please take a moment to access your ASMC member profile and update your email address to reflect your personal (gmail, yahoo, aol, etc.) email address. This will help avoid lapses in ASMC communications that might affect your professional development schedule and decisions.

Update your email address by logging onto your ASMC Member Profile [www.asmcnline.org/login](http://www.asmcnline.org/login).

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**These committees need volunteers for PDI:**  
 Special Events: 3, Hospitality: 2, Philanthropy: 1,  
 Photography: 2, Technology: 6, Protocol: 3

**Below are the POCs to call to volunteer!**

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**ASK MAC!**



Dear Mac,

*We have a debate going on in our office and I need your help. In February 2017 we realized we had \$6.5M of FY15 Other Procurement, Navy funds available. Since it is three-year funding the Program Manager wants to procure additional systems (within the inventory objective for the program). If the \$6.5M of FY15 is placed on contract in February, the Government will receive the systems starting in August 2017. The production lead time required by the contractor is six months from date of contract award. However, we do not plan to field the systems immediately. Instead they will be stored for eleven months and fielded in July 2018. I was told that the warfighting units receiving the equipment don't need them until July 2018. I'm not comfortable with doing this. Is it legal?*

*Bob E.*

Dear Bob E.,

The Bona Fide Needs Rule (Title 31, US Code, Sec 1502) requires that appropriated funds be used only for needs or services that arise in the year(s) of the appropriation's obligation availability period. The FY15 OPN funds can be used for needs or services that arise in FY15, FY16, or FY17. In your example, the program plans to fund the FY17 systems with FY15 OPN, which at first glance looks fine. However since the systems will be placed in storage for eleven months before they are fielded in July 2018, it shows that you may be procuring the system ahead of need. A good question to ask to determine if you're buying ahead of need: can the contract be awarded in FY18 in order to meet the July 2018 fielding date? If the answer is no then you would have to award the contract in FY17, and therefore could use the FY15 OPN. In this case the answer to the question is yes due to the production lead time of six months. In this case the need is not a FY17 one, it is a bona fide need of FY18. You cannot use FY15 OPN for a FY18 need and doing so would be a violation of the Bona Fide Needs Rule. Based on the information that you provided it wouldn't be legal to use FY15 OPN to procure the systems.

Thanks for a great question.

Sincerely, Mac





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**President's Day**

Both President's Day and George Washington's birthday are always celebrated on the third Monday of February. The observed federal holiday is actually called **George Washington's Birthday**. Certain states, however, list the holiday as **Presidents' Day**.

**George Washington's Birthday:**

Although George Washington's birthday is celebrated on February 22, it is observed as a federal holiday on the third Monday of February. To complicate matters, Washington was actually born on February 11 in 1731! How can that be?

During Washington's lifetime, people in Great Britain and America switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar (something most of Europe had done in 1582). As a result of this calendar reform, people born before 1752 were told to add 11 days to their birth dates. Those born between January 1 and March 25, as Washington was, also had to add one year to be in sync with the new calendar. By the time Washington became president in 1789, he celebrated his birthday on February 22 and listed his year of birth as 1732.



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