



Letter from the ASMC President:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS ONE AND ALL!

Can you believe there's only 12 days remaining before Christmas? Time flies when you're a Financial Manager especially at the beginning of a fiscal year!!!! Work never ends for us, but I just want to remind you to step back, take time to relax and ponder under what Christmas is all about.

Yesterday, I came upon an article where a man on a flight, traveling to Philadelphia, gave up his first class seat for a mother traveling with her sick baby. This was definitely a random act of kindness! This is just a reminder that you don't need money to get into the holiday spirit! Here are some ways of giving of oneself:

1. Pay it forward
2. Volunteer-There are so many charities that need help wrapping presents, feeding the needy, or paying a visit to an elderly center.
3. Just share kindness, it goes a long way!

Any one of these options can brighten someone's day and make a difference!

As we end this calendar year, I want to THANK all of our Presenters and Board members that have supported our chapter! We are truly successful because of you!

To all our ASMC members, stay safe, and enjoy your time with family and friends. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in the new Calendar Year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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HAPPY KWANZAA!
Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays



Check it Out!

ASMC Board Meeting

January 16, 2019
12:00 - 1:00 PM
SSCPAC A33 Rm 2036

Lunch & Learn

February - TBD

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January Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 12:00 - 1:00

Location: SSCPAC Bldg A33, Rm 2036 - Contact a board member to RSVP, directions

Dial-In Number: (712) 770-4010

Access Code: 232877

February Lunch and Learn

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Speaker: TBD

Subject: TBD

Charity: TBD



About Toys For Tots

ASMC San Diego support at the December luncheon for Toys For Tots charity was very successful – the Marine Corps bins were overfilled with the generosity of the members present!

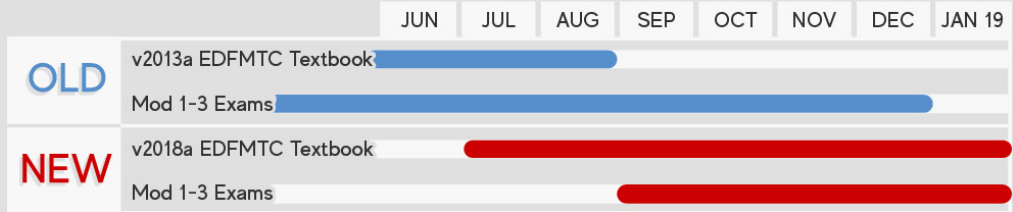
Speaker Michael Babilot, Budget Officer, S8 at MCAS Miramar, was very engaging with an informative presentation on 2019 Authorizations/Appropriations with a special focus on the Department of Defense.

ASMC San Diego Chapter has had a long history of doing community outreach with various organizations. Due to the generosity of our members we've had successful fundraisers at our luncheons for multiple non-profit organizations. We highlight charities at each luncheon to familiarize our members with the wonderful work being done by each group in the San Diego area, while holding fundraisers that provide material goods and cash donations.



ASMC National News

EDFMTC TEXTBOOK AND MOD 1-3 EXAM TIMELINE



Note:
 New CDFM exams will be launched on September 1, 2018. Current version of exams will remain available and run concurrently through December 31, 2018.
 New EDFMTC textbook (version 2018a) will be available for purchase on July 1, 2018 and introduced in classrooms on October 1, 2018. Current EDFMTC (v2013a) textbook will continue to be sold and used in classrooms through August 31, 2018.
 Module 4 textbook and exam update are still underway.





ASMC Community Outreach

Monarch School

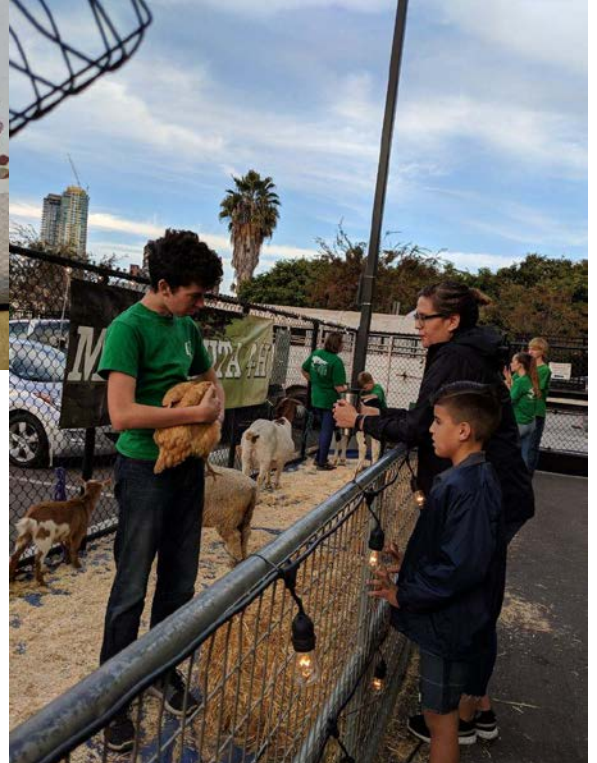
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ASMC National News – Viva!nnovation Award

ASMC Members,

One of ASMC's major priorities is to contribute to the effectiveness of defense financial management (FM) by providing education and professional development opportunities. Considering DoD and US Coast Guard priorities on innovation toward enhancing the effectiveness of operations, we are happy to announce an exciting new opportunity available to military and federal civilian members of the defense FM community.

Coinciding with PDI 2019, ASMC will shortly launch a competitive, awards-based competition called "Viva!nnovation." Through this initiative we will be encouraging the submission of new and innovative ideas toward continuing to enhance the quality and effectiveness of defense financial management operations. Unlike submissions of our Elsie Steffany Memorial Scholarship Award applications, which go through our chapters for evaluation and submission of one nomination per chapter to ASMC National HQ, all Viva!nnovation submissions will go directly to ASMC National HQ (via our National Awards platform) and not through ASMC chapters.

The defense FM community has a wealth of knowledge and experience, and ASMC is encouraging its brightest minds and talents to take the time to develop and submit new and innovative ideas based upon the information and guidelines provided below regarding Viva!nnovation. The following award opportunities will be available*:

\$1,000 1st place
\$750 2nd place
\$500 3rd place
\$250 4th place

Requirements:

- Eligibility to submit Innovative Ideas is open to all members (military and civilian) of the DoD and USCG financial management communities; it is not limited to only ASMC members who are military and civilian members of DoD or USCG. ASMC appreciates that our corporate members remain engaged in recommending and supporting innovative defense FM initiatives; however, this award competition will fall under the ASMC individual and team category, available only to FM employees of the DoD and USCG.
- Individuals or teams of no more than three individuals may submit an Innovative Idea package. Individuals are limited to the submission of only one idea, regardless of whether they submit as an individual or as part of a team.
- Submission packages must include a one-page description of the innovative idea, detailing its benefits, estimated cost, recommended steps for implementation, and proposed timeline of implementation, presuming a "project champion" is promptly identified.
- The Innovative Idea must be something new. It cannot be a project that has already been formally proposed or considered or already underway within the Department of Defense or the US Coast Guard.



- Submission packages must include a bio of no more than 150 words and contact information (including phone, email, and mailing address) for each individual listed on the submission package. Bio information (name, organization, etc.) will not be included in the polling info.

Presentations/Process:

- The top 4 individuals or teams as ranked via ASMC's "Engage" Collaboration Platform by ASMC Member votes will receive free registration to PDI 2019 in San Antonio. Each ASMC member will be allotted only one vote.
- The presentations will be conducted live at PDI in front of a representative senior panel of award committee members. Viva!Innovation presentations will be "pitched" to the panel in front of the PDI 2019 audience during a General Session – Thursday, 30 May or Friday, 31 May of 2019 (TBD).
- If submitting as a team, all members of the submission team must be present during the live panel presentation. Individuals must be self-represented; no proxy will be permitted.
- Each presentation will be limited to five minutes and may include audio/visual components, including but not limited to: PowerPoint presentations and video clips.
- Creativity and value are key, so lively and engaging presentations will best reflect the purpose of the Viva!Innovation competition.

Timeline:

- Military and civilian members of the DoD and USCG financial management communities will be asked to submit their Viva!Innovation idea package online via the ASMC Awards platform not later than 1 February 2019. Submissions will be accepted starting not earlier than 10 December 2018.
- A committee will review submission packages for completeness. Any submission package not complete by the 1 February 2019 deadline will not be uploaded to ASMC's "Engage" Collaboration Platform for voting.
- All complete submissions will be uploaded into ASMC's "Engage" Collaboration Platform NLT 18 February 2019.
- Voting in the poll will begin on 20 February and end on 6 March 2019. All ASMC members will be encouraged to vote for the best idea from a viewpoint of creativity, cost/benefit, and perceived contribution to the effectiveness of defense financial management.
- Individuals or team members who submitted the four highest ranked submission packages will present their Viva!Innovation ideas in front of a live audience at PDI 2019 in San Antonio.

Al Runnels, CDFM-A
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Fed Advisors – Considering Separation?

If you are considering separating from service, here are a few steps to ponder on. Below you find a detailed agenda on what you should learn if you are taking into account separating from Federal Service:

Step 1 – Figure out when you will meet your age & years of service requirements. This is not difficult for CSRS employees; however, for FERS employees this could be perplexing. Notably there are 3 different qualifications 60 years old with 20 years of service; 62 years old with 5 years of service and 30 years of service at the minimum retirement age.

Step 2 – Appoint a retirement date for yourself. Decide you are you are retiring FERS MRA + 10 years and you are going to take the age reduction. Elect if you wish to apply for your annuity at separation or defer your annuity at a later date. You also have disability retirement and Immediate retirement.

Step 3 – Schedule an appointment with a retirement counselor within your personnel office to go over your Official Personal Folder. Collectively you two can determine that the records in the OPF are sufficient.

Step 3a – A record of each of the periods of service you believe you had. The beginning and ending dates for each period of service. If you have a question concerning your years of creditable service, this would be a good time to ask your counselor.

Step 3b – Effective dates for each upgrade in pay or other pay changes during any Federal service.

Step 3c – Record of the time you actually worked during intermittent or WAE ("when actually employed") service.

Step 3d – Transcript of both sides of your Record of military service.

Step 3e – You have the opportunity to go over your record of your current Federal health benefits enrollment. Do your reports show you have been covered long enough to allow you to continue health benefits as a retiree? Were covered under your spouse's enrollment, or were covered under TRICARE, do the records show this? Make sure this is validated.

Step 3f – Review of your current Federal life insurance coverage. Do records show you have been covered long enough to allow you to continue basic and optional coverages as a retiree?

Step 3g – Your Designation of Beneficiary for life insurance (SF 2823), and Designation of Beneficiary for retirement contributions (SF 3102), if you filed either form, showing the person(s) you currently want designated.



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Step 3h – If documentation is missing from your Official Personnel folder, bring it to your counselors' attention.

Step 4 – Request information from the Social Security Administration office and request an estimate for social security. When you are 2-3 months from the age of 62 (before or after retiring) decide when you are going to apply for your Social Security benefits. You can delay up to 70 years old. Take into consideration any Windfall or Government Offset that could reduce your Social Security benefit.

Step 5 – Request estimated annuity computations at this time; you may need to pay a deposit for Post 1956 Military Service to your agency. There is also a redeposit, which when you may pay back to your agency from receiving a refund; and lastly a deposit, you can find out how service will be credited if you do not pay your deposit.

Step 6 – Decide on how and when to receive your Thrift Savings Plan funds. Pay off any Tsp loans before retirement to avoid delay in receipt of Tsp distributions.

Step 7 – Request information about any pension from any non-civil service job. Will this pension effect your FERS or CSRS pension?

Step 8 – Are you receiving Workers Compensation. If you are receiving benefits from Workers Compensation how will this impact your pension annuity?

If you need assistance with your Federal Retirement you can contact us at 800-631-6489 extension 0 or via email gjones@fedadvisors.us

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

Update your Profile:

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

Renew ASMC Membership:

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

The CDFM Program:

<http://www.asmcnline.org/certification/cdfm-information/>

New! Engage Platform:

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