



## Note from the ASMC San Diego Chapter President:

Greetings ASMC San Diego Members,

I'm sure by now you've heard that SECNAV is limiting the amount of Navy personnel attending the National PDI event in San Antonio, Texas, May 29 through the 31st, 2019. Within my organization, Naval Information Warfare Center-PACIFIC, (NWIC-PAC) only three people will be attending. This was extremely disappointing to many, but there's nothing we can do except to look for alternatives.

This year, I was fortunate to attend the Capital Region PDI on March 14, 2019. I had never been to a regional PDI prior to this, so I didn't know what to expect. The experience truly exceeded my expectations. Registration was free since I was a PDI member and the day's agenda was full of financial briefs and trainings to benefit and enhance my financial career. This year's theme was "Who Dares Wins" and the agenda included topics such as DOD FY 2018 Audit Results, Dept. of Navy, Financial Management Transformation which included audit and Inventory and Operating Materials and Supplies (OM&S), budgetary reform and consolidation of systems, and the FY2020 Budget Priorities. What I've listed here are just a handful of topics that were covered.

The speakers included: Thomas W. Harker, who is the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller, Mr. Mark Easton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, OUSD and Mr. John P. Roth, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management and Comptroller. These were just a handful of our leaders on Capitol Hill who took the time to attend this worthwhile event. More than 2700 people were in attendance and it was definitely a great experience!

So if you're looking for a training event to get connected with your peers, my advice to you is to check out the Regional PDI events on the National ASMC website. You won't be disappointed!

Lastly, I just want to inform everyone that our chapter is being awarded Five Star Recognition and Community Service at this year's National PDI. Thank you to all our members for helping us achieve this outstanding award and recognition! We look forward to seeing you all at our next Lunch and Learn training event!

Sincerely,

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## Check it Out!

### Lunch & Learn

30 Jul 2019  
Miramar O'Club  
Speaker: Captain German Alicea  
Topic: Zero based Budget

### ASMC National News

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## Lunch &amp; Learn

## July Lunch and Learn

<b>Date:</b>	30 Jul 2019 – 1130 - 1245
<b>Location:</b>	Officer's Club Miramar
<b>Speaker:</b>	Captain German Alicea
<b>Subject:</b>	Zero based Budget
<b>Charity:</b>	TBD



## Summer Event: COASTAL CAMPUS TOUR

<b>Date:</b>	7 Jun 19
<b>Time:</b>	1200 (lunch break)
<b>Place:</b>	Coastal Campus



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The Naval Base Coronado (NBC) Coastal Campus program is \$1B for 30 projects of Military Construction (MILCON) to replace old, obsolete and inadequate infrastructure on NBC. The project is expected to take approximately 10 years and is intended to accommodate the Congressional mandate to provide for growth and expanded training of Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC) assets. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NBC Coastal Campus evaluated potential environmental impacts associated with the development of an academic campus to support current and future operational readiness of NSWC personnel. The project includes training and administrative facilities that provide indoor classroom and tactical training instruction and equipment use, maintenance and storage, and supporting infrastructure.

## Key Points:

- The EIS Record of Decision (ROD) was signed by the Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) Energy, Installations, and Environment (EI&E) on 12 June 2015.
- A Master Plan (called Area Development Plan) and Design Guidelines (DG) were completed in Jul 2015 and updated Jan 2017, which includes a new north Entry Control Point (ECP) and infrastructure.
- The Navy shared design information of the NBC Coastal Campus with the Cities of Coronado and Imperial Beach; as well as, the California Coastal Commission.
- 18 MILCONs and the bunker demo are now awarded for \$700M. The bunker demo, Indoor Dynamic Shooting Range and Mobile Comms are completed. \$600M in construction is underway.



## July Lunch and Learn Speaker Biography

### Captain German Alicea

#### **Deputy Comptroller**

#### **Marine Corps Air Station Miramar**

Captain German Alicea is from Bayamon, Puerto Rico; raised in Miami Beach, Florida and joined the Marine Corps in July 1996. Prior to commissioning, Gunnery Sergeant Alicea completed 14 years as an Infantryman.

Second Lieutenant Alicea graduated and earned his commission from the NC State in August 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. Second Lieutenant Alicea then reported to The Basic School aboard MCB Quantico, Virginia for training.

Second Lieutenant Alicea graduated with Golf Company after completing the Basic Officer Course in March 2011 and subsequently reported to Financial Management Officer's Course at Camp Johnson. In October 2011, Second Lieutenant was assigned to the Comptroller Department at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan where he attended the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) Course; earned his Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) credential; a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), and was awarded a Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his efforts at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

In June 2014, First Lieutenant Alicea received orders to Regional Disbursing Office – Pacific (RDO-Pac), 3d Marine Logistics Group, Okinawa, Japan. In January 2015, First Lieutenant Alicea was promoted to Captain and was assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) as the Disbursing Officer for a one year tour. Captain Alicea earned a second Master's degree, a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy University and received a Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his efforts in at RDO-Pac and the 31st MEU.

In June 2017, Captain Alicea received orders to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar where he is currently the Deputy Comptroller for the installation. His wife, Sandria and daughter, Sierra live with him in San Diego, California.

## **BIG News from ASMC National:**

### **Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMTC)**

ASMC's EDFMT Course and refresher course is aligned to the DoD FM Certification Program! Download the crosswalk on the DoD FM alignment page [here](#). Learn how to [get college credit](#) from attending the EDFMTC.



## Centrally Funded (nearest upcoming course)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
10 – 14 Jun 2019	Air Force–Peterson AFB, CO	\$0

Enroll: <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/edfmt/>

## Open Enrollment (command pays for training)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Source:</b>
10 – 14 Jun 2019	San Diego, CA	\$1,050	Graduate School

Enroll Graduate School: <http://www.graduateschool.edu/courses/FINC7060D>

Course cost (centrally funded or open enrollment) does not include CDFM Program enrollment or any CDFM exams. Questions about the CDFM Program should be directed to [certification@asmconline.org](mailto:certification@asmconline.org)



## BSO FM Approved Training

Navy Region Southwest was selected to host Defense Financial Management & Comptroller School, FM Training, Defense Decision Support Course at the Broadway Complex located at 937 North Harbor Drive San Diego, CA 92132-0058. If you are interested in attending the below listed class I have 30 open seats available.

Below provides information on the competency levels each training covers for DOD FM Certification, as well as CET's awarded.

**Course Hours:** 32 CET/CPE'S awarded for attending

**Course # Days:** 4

DFM&C School [https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Eaker-Center/dfmcs/FM\\_MyLearn](https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Eaker-Center/dfmcs/FM_MyLearn) under defense school offerings

**Course Name:** The Defense Decision Support Course (DDSC)

**This course applies toward the Department of Defense (DoD) Financial Management (FM) Certification Program:**

Meeting requirements for FM Certification Level's 1, 2 and 3

**Date:** 18 – 21 Jun 2019

The Defense Decision Support Course (DDSC) focuses on the concepts related to understanding decision support and becoming more relevant financial advisors. Students selected for this course should be ready and willing to broaden their perspective on critical thinking and communicating results. The course is paperless (for the most part) and employs electronic media. Students should have a basic knowledge of computing devices, as well as word-processing and presentation software before attending the course.

Please contact Ken Suazo at [Kenneth.Suazo@navy.mil](mailto:Kenneth.Suazo@navy.mil), 619-532-1099 for more information and to sign up for the class. Attendee reservation will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis, until the class(s) is filled up. The class will be held at Navy Region Southwest, Bldg. 1. RM Conference Room located on the 5th floor. There is no parking available onsite as the Broadway complex is under re-development.



## ASMC PDI is hosted this year by San Antonio

The National Professional Development Institute (PDI) is the premier training event of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC), and will take place on May 29-May 31 in San Antonio, Texas (with Pre-PDI May 27-28). 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.



To register: Contact your command representative or <https://engage.asmcusercontent.com/pdi2019/>

If you aren't one of the lucky ones who get to go to PDI this year, don't forget you can purchase access to Virtual PDI after the event!

### BSO FM Approved Training

MCAS Miramar is hosting FM Training at MCAS Miramar, Building 8671, 1st Floor, S-8 Conference Room from 0800-1600 on 4-6 June. This course is 3 days in length and worth 24 CET hours for your DoD FM Re-Certification or a mix of hours for your Level 1 & 2 initial certifications.

\*You MUST bring your work laptop with you to this course.

**Course Hours:** 24 CET/CPE'S awarded for attending

**Course # Days:** 3

**Course Name:** Evaluating & Presenting Analysis Results

**This course applies toward the Department of Defense (DoD) Financial Management (FM) Certification Program:**  
Level 1 and 2

**Date:** 4 – 6 Jun 2019

Please contact Captain German Alicea at [german.alicealapuer1@usmc.mil](mailto:german.alicealapuer1@usmc.mil), or 858-577-1025, for more information and to sign up for the class. Attendee reservation will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis, until the class(s) is filled up.

### DoD FM Connection Newsletter – excellent resource to keep informed!

<https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/Resources/training-resources.aspx#resource6>



## ASK MAC!



Mac,

*Our office awarded a contract that includes a termination liability. As we get ready to prepare our budget for FY20 we have been discussing how we account for the liability. Can you provide some guidance?*

*Nicky Sito*

Dear Nicky,

A termination liability refers to the amount the Government is liable to pay the contractor in the event the contract is terminated before completion. Termination liability is considered a contingent liability. According to the GAO's *Glossary of Terms Used in the Federal Budget Process*, a contingent liability is, "an existing condition, situation, or set of circumstances that poses the possibility of a loss to an agency that will ultimately be resolved when one or more events occur or fail to occur." A contingent liability does not create a legal obligation until the contingency materializes.

Generally speaking, DoD regulations do not permit programs to include an additional amount to cover a potential termination liability on a contract in their budget request. The budget request should be for the most likely price for the contracted work effort. DoD FMR Volume 2A, Chapter 1, Section 0102 provides policy that mitigates the risk to the Government. Instead of adding budgeted funds for a potential termination liability, a clause should be included in the contract that permits the government to cover the termination liability with funds already obligated on the contract. The legal requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (ADA) and the policy of not committing the successor Congress to a course of action make it necessary that the unliquidated obligation on a contract be sufficient to cover the cost of terminating that contract for the convenience of the Government.

Office of Management and Budget advises that commitments for contingent liabilities must be conservative or not made at all. Budgeting to cover termination liability will not increase the total amount budgeted for the program. It will require that the distribution of funds by fiscal year be shifted towards the earlier years of the contract than if funds had been budgeted only to cover the actual bill to be paid in each year. The distribution of funds by fiscal year shall be such that, if a contract is terminated at any point during the fiscal year, all termination costs can be financed from the unliquidated obligation on the contract without recourse to reprogramming of funds, supplemental appropriations, or awaiting the appropriation of funds for the succeeding fiscal year's funding increment.

There are some programs that recognize the potential termination liability as a commitment but this would require approval by the Service Comptroller and in some cases, Congress. If your program records the contingent liability as a commitment, you must track it closely, especially at the end of the year so that you can recognize any contingent liabilities that need to be adjusted or decommitted.

Thanks for a great question!

Sincerely,  
Mac



## Baby Boomers and Digital Assets

How many password-protected accounts do you have?

If you keep mental inventory, use a password manager, or have a written record of your passwords (which is not recommended by anyone), take a quick count. You're likely to find you may have some or all of the below types of accounts:

- Email accounts
- Online bank accounts
- Online brokerage accounts
- Online shopping accounts
- Online bill paying
- Social media accounts
- Photo and video sharing accounts
- Gaming accounts
- Online storage accounts
- A website or blog
- A domain name
- Materials and coding that are copyrighted

These are digital assets. They are part of your virtual life, as is any digital property you own, such as computers, external drives, storage devices, smart phones, digital cameras, e-readers, and other devices.

Digital assets should be part of your estate plan

Unless you live off the grid, it's likely your digital life will outlive you and become a part of your legacy. Your digital assets may have significant financial or personal value for your heirs. Consequently, you should give some thought to how these assets should be managed after your death.<sup>1</sup>

The catch is digital estate planning can be tricky. Many digital accounts and assets cannot be transferred to a new owner because they are not your property. Assets that fall into this category are subject to contracts and licensing agreements established with a service provider.<sup>1</sup>

For example, if you've spent significant sums accumulating a virtual music library, you may not be able to pass it on through a will or another estate planning tool because you do not own the digital music files, according to Nolo.com. This may also be true with other types of accounts.<sup>1</sup>

"Social network accounts, domain name registrations, email accounts, and most other types of online accounts are 'yours' by license only. When you die, the contract is over and the business that administers the account controls what happens to it," explained Betsy Simmons Hannibal on Nolo.com.<sup>1</sup>



## Baby Boomers and Digital Assets (continued)

This doesn't mean you have no control over what happens to these accounts. Your estate can leave instructions about account management and should provide a complete record for your executor. Jeffrey Salas offered an opinion about best practices on LegalZoom.com. He recommended:<sup>2</sup>

1. Checking the account providers' Terms of Service/Terms of Use. Work with your estate planning attorney and the digital executor you've appointed to review requirements for different types of accounts. For example:

- Leave usernames and passwords for any online financial accounts – banking, utilities, brokerage, mortgage, retirement plan, life insurance, tax preparation, or others – to the executor as they will need this information to pay bills, close accounts, and administer your estate.<sup>1</sup>
- Social media companies have diverse policies regarding the management of digital assets upon the death of the user. Some delete or deactivate accounts after being notified of a death. Others put accounts into 'memorial' status.<sup>1</sup>
- In general, companies will not know about the death until they're notified. As a result, a digital executor who is armed with passwords may be able to access your account to post final updates, delete items (per estate instructions), or delete/deactivate accounts.<sup>1</sup>
- Email accounts, online communities, and blog management may also be guided by provider agreements. However, your executor may be allowed to notify friends or followers of your death and then delete, print, or archive your communications.<sup>1</sup>
- Digital photos that are stored online may be passed on through a will or another estate planning tool.<sup>1</sup>
- If you have one or more websites, domain names may have value and they may be transferrable.<sup>1</sup>
- If you have an online store, you may want to leave instructions about what should happen to the store, the items for sale, and any income or profits that may continue to arrive.

2. Add language regarding digital assets to your will and/or trust. Currently, there is no uniform federal law to guide the management of digital assets.<sup>2</sup> At the start of 2017, Kiplinger reported, "Federal law regulating access to digital property does not yet exist. At this time, 29 states have established legislation or laws to protect digital assets and to provide a deceased person's family procedures and rights to manage those accounts and assets after death."<sup>3</sup>

Regardless, it can still be a good idea to include language that specifies your wishes for the treatment of each of your digital accounts.<sup>2</sup>





## Baby Boomers and Digital Assets (continued)

3. Check the law in your state. Talk with your attorney or advisor about whether any laws your state has that apply to digital assets, and make sure your estate plan is consistent with these laws.<sup>2</sup>

While estate and inheritance laws are behind the curve when it comes to digital assets, it is important to inventory your digital assets and decide how they should be managed upon your death. If you would like additional information about estate planning, please give us a call.

Gerald Jones  
(President of Fed Advisors)



## Come join ASMC at Fisher House!

Here's an exciting volunteer opportunity! ASMC and DAUAA will be joining forces to prepare delicious meals 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 and DAUAA 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.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joanne MacDonald-Morrow at joanne.macdonald-morrow@dau.mil or 619-591-9890





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## *New CDFM*

**Greg Patterson**

Congratulations!

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MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH MEMORIES AND PEACE.  
GOD BLESS AMERICA



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