

San Diego Chapter

COMMUNICATOR



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All,

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As I stated earlier in the year, this is your chapter and it will succeed because of you. Our board has worked hard on achievements and it shows, so thanks to my wonderful team. It is encouraging to see our members staying active by continuing their education, studying and achieving their CDFM, sharing their good will with charities and actively attending luncheon meetings. I especially need to mention we have some very generous donors. Thank you. You make me proud. I need to take time to thank DAU for providing some wonderful speakers and thanks to all of our other speakers that have provided us with great presentations. In addition we are very proud of our website, so please take time to enjoy and use our local site. Also take a look at the latest Comptroller magazine in which our San Diego Chapter has a couple of photos.

Don't forget Accounting Day on 09 May at Town & Country. This conference is a nice blend of the financial world with speakers from the private sector and this year we have added a

Government Track. See the article in this edition of the Communicator. It's a good opportunity to get local training with the best in the area. We are happy to announce our DAU and BSA Retirement/Benefits teams will be providing training.

PDI 2012 is in Minneapolis. PDI is a premier training event for resource managers in the Department of Defense and US Coast Guard. **Please let me know if you will attend PDI and the closing banquet dinner.** I am required to submit a reservation for tables and will need an accurate count.

Also, please remember why we do what we do each day in our jobs...we are here to support our troops! So be the best that you can be and appreciate our freedom because of a Vet!

Remember, if you have an article you would like to share please contact Patty!

-- Sherry

Upcoming 2011 Luncheon Dates and Speakers:

Apr 27 -- Tom Conroy, DAU - "Secretary Gates' Initiatives"

JUNE 15 -- Ms. Mariam Morad, MCAS Miramar Comptroller - "ASN Career Broadening Fellowship Program"

AUG 10 -- Joanne MacDonald-Morrow, DAU - "Financial Jeopardy"

OCT 19 -- Jennifer Sizemore, ASMC HQ - "Financial and PDI 2012 updates"

LOCATION:
MCRD Bay View Club



ASMC APRIL LUNCHEON SPREAKER:

Mr. Thomas Conroy, Jr.
-- "*Secretary Gates' Initiatives*"



Tom Conroy currently serves as PM Department Chair of Defense Acquisition University (DAU) West Region, San Diego, CA. Tom holds a M.E. and B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY and is DAWIA Level III Certified in Program Management and Life Cycle Logistics.

Tom has held numerous leadership and management positions during his 27 years in the United States Navy and 7 years in the Defense Industry prior to coming to DAU.



Our Featured Charity for April: The Alpha Project

Hi Everyone!

This year we are expanding our charity events during the fiscal year. Our goal is to become more involved in the community and contribute to charities with the most need. This month our charity event is for the Alpha Project.

Alpha Project is a non-profit organization that focuses on the homeless people in San Diego County. This organization serves over 2,000 men, women and children each day. Services include affordable housing, transportation assistance, counseling, employment etc...

At the next ASMC luncheon on April 27, we will be accepting donations for the Alpha Project.

Here are the top 10 things they urgently need:

Socks, Shoes, Blankets, Twin Sheets, Phone cards, Sleeping bags, Bottled Water, Hygiene Items, Undergarments, Pillows & Pillow cases.

Please help out with whatever you can. Every little bit goes a long way.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at Brenda.meyer@navy.mil. Thanks for all your help!

--**Brenda**
Charity and Special Events Chairperson

COMMAND REPS

Command Representatives,

We all know the San Diego Chapter of ASMC is the greatest chapter EVER! But even great chapters have room to grow and improve. There are so many ways that each of us, members at all levels, can participate. Just by mentioning ASMC to co-workers might give that employee inspiration to become a member and thereby increasing our numbers. As members, we get so many benefits (tangible and intangible). We get to hear great speakers at luncheons along with dining on great meals. The networking possibilities are endless. What can be better than helping San Diego charities?! Get CDFM certified and encourage friends to do the same - it's an amazing accomplishment. Did you know that the University of Phoenix gives ASMC members a 25% tuition discount? What a fantastic deal that is!! The opportunity to garner further knowledge in our chosen field is amazing – why not share it with everyone? Learn more about what ASMC can provide and get out there and invite someone to the next luncheon; it's a wonderful introduction to the best ASMC Chapter!

-- *Denise Garcia,*
National Chapter Representative



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing Your Membership and Updates

Prospective members of ASMC may apply for membership online at the ASMC website. This method decreases the processing time by up to a week, so please encourage anyone you might recruit to apply online. If you have not received your initial user name and password the website has default user information for your first login.

Current ASMC members should receive a renewal notice from ASMC National shortly before their anniversary month. If you have received your renewal invoice, online renewal payment is available at ASMC Online. If you have problems, or if you would like to switch your membership from single year payments to multiple year payments, you may e-mail ASMC National Headquarters. If you have not received your invoice, or are a lapsed member, you may fill out and send in a member application and check the "RENEWAL" box. Please fill out all of the information on the application, including a current email address, so we have up-to-date information in our database. Your member number may be found on the mailing label of your Armed Forces Comptroller. If you cannot find your member number, give me a call.

-- *Ken Suazo,*
Admin Vice President

MEMBER ARTICLE

Having worked quite a few financial positions during my 27+ years of government service and being a military spouse I have had to adapt to many changes. The majority of my career was spent in San Diego but it came time for a new set of orders and I found myself packing our bags to move to Washington, DC. While I do miss living in San Diego, "every single day", I would recommend to anyone in a financial or programming career track to come this way if even only for a short while.

I'm currently working for the OPNAV Staff managing program, budget, and execution performance oversight of Navy funding within the Intelligence Communities. This position has afforded me opportunities to watch and monitor results as they work their way through the entire Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) cycle. Uniquely situated, the work requires cross Service and other Defense Agency knowledge to understand the Navy's portion of funding and the role it serves within the communities. I consider myself lucky to be working in a position that is less "Navy-centric" with exposure across Services and other Defense Agencies. This is specifically where I believe a career turn through Washington, DC can be invaluable. It can provide an exposure to processes that package and defend the "Navy" program and budget, but also provide an ability to track those submissions as they compete with others moving up to the SECDEF level and on into House/Senate committees. It's not something you realize you're really a part of when receiving all those data calls and trying to get the work done at the field level.

While I do miss San Diego, "every single day", DC is a great walking city that offers plenty of history and lots of great restaurants. Metro train is very easy to maneuver around the area. Not to be missed is the Cherry Blossom festival, the time I think people start to dust themselves off after a winter indoors. One of my personal favorites is watching the July 4th fireworks from the Pentagon grounds as they're displayed over the Potomac River. As you roll back into winter time a stop by the White House to see this year's decorated Christmas tree is also a good time.

As with any move it was a tough change to come out here but it has been a real boost to my career and continues to be a valuable professional experience. Not too far into the future the Navy will issue those next set of orders and I'll be packing our bags again for our next destination. Hopefully all my NRSW buddies are crossing their fingers with me and the orders will read "SAN DIEGO", please!

*-- Kathy Johnson, CDFM-A
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**CDFM CPEs:**

50 minutes = 1 unit

Earn CPEs at ASMC luncheons.

Check out ASMC Online Learning Center Members-only online education where you can earn more than 80 CPE's.

**REGISTER NOW FOR
2011 PDI**

PDI 2011 will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 31- June 3, with a theme of Navigating Financial Excellence.

Registration fees are as follows:

- \$530 for Members (prior to May 1)
- \$645 Non Members (prior to May 1)
- \$630 for Members (after May 1)
- \$745 Non Members (after May 1)

Keep your eye on the ASMC site for updates about **PDI 2011.**

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