



Upcoming Luncheons:

April 17th
June 19th

LOCATION:
MCRD Bay View
Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring! As we journey through these challenging financial times we will continue to seek new ways and means to accomplish and progress. Here are some recommendations for topics offered at our last Brown Bag Luncheon: CRA, Sequestration, Appropriations, ADA, any DOD FMR topic, GAO site examples of ADAs, contracts and how they relate. Thanks, these are all good suggestions. We would love to hear from the rest of our members and have you share what topic would spark your interest.

An attendee asked: "Why join ASMC? What's in it for me?" My response was "What other organization can you join for \$26 a year and get training and lunch for next to nothing, great speakers, excellent networking and job opportunities?" Certification is heavily being pushed down from DoD and ASMC offers lots of CDFM courses, on-line training and tracking of your own CPEs. You are never too old to learn.

As our time winds down for 2012 Chapter competition with National, we are expecting to continue our Five Star rating in the large chapter category. I'm very proud we have achieved this huge achievement once again. Each board member is responsible to track required tasks and input into National's website for this completion. Thank you to this talented board for doing such a great job; I appreciate all of you!

As mentioned at our last luncheon we will have lots of openings in our Board of Officers. Some are leaving for various reasons and we are hoping our members will step up to fill these vacancies. A few of us will run again but in different positions. So here's your chance to make a difference and make some changes. "Just do it"!

Please see the article about Accounting Day 2013. It is advertised as San Diego's premier education and networking event.

Remember, if you have an article you would like to share, please contact Patty! Thanks Patty for another outstanding newsletter. 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.

🌀 **Sherry Major**

2012 FIVE STAR CHAPTER



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SCHOLARSHIPS --- DO YOU NEED EXTRA MONEY??? FIND OUT HOW.....

School year 2013-2014 is just around the corner. To update and remind everyone, we have some funds budgeted for this school year to help members with their school expenses. I strongly encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity that our chapter provides. Visit our website and complete the application form and mail it to our postal address below. All information and requirements about our CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD PROGRAM is available on our local chapter's website: <http://asmcsandiego.org/>

Sadly, we did not use our budgeted FY12 scholarship funding. Hopefully this year we will be able to help someone - someone like you. We welcome your ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our scholarship program. We desperately need your help and support. For those that have volunteered and spent some time with us....your best effort was greatly appreciated. Thank you as always.

~ Nanette Gutierrez, CDFM
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Our greatest fear should not
be of failure but of
succeeding at things in life
that don't really matter."

— Francis Chan

Upcoming Event:

Accounting Day 2013 - Monday, May 20th

San Diego's Premier Education and Networking Event

Topic Categories

- * Accounting & Auditing - Track A
- * Technical-Accounting Related - Track T
- * Professional Development - Track P
- * Fraud - Track F
- * Government Contractor Accounting - Track G

Pricing - \$149 Early Bird

Includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Register as a group and save!

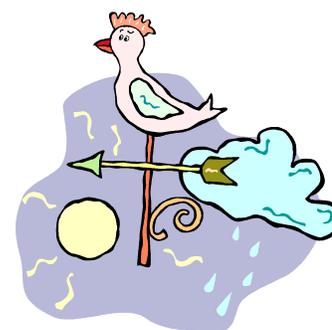
SEASONS for 2013:

SPRING EQUINOX – March 20, 7:02 A.M. EDT

SUMMER SOLSTICE – June 21, 1:04 A.M. EDT

FALL EQUINOX – September 22, 4:44 P.M. EDT

WINTER SOLSTICE – December 21, 12:11 P.M. EST



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Submit your article to:

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newsletter

CHARITY NEWS

This month's charity event is Alpha Project.

Alpha Project was founded in 1986 and is a nonprofit human services organization that serves over 4,000 men, women and children each day. Alpha Project offers an array of support services to those that are mentally ill, disabled, low/no income, homeless and seniors.

The mission of Alpha Project is to empower individuals, families, and communities by providing work, recovery and support services to people who are motivated to change their lives and achieve self-sufficiency.

Everyone who makes a donation will be given a ticket for a gift giveaway! So let's show our support to Alpha Project!!

Items that are always needed:

Hygiene products

Towels

Twin sheets

Undergarments

Blankets

Books

Clothing in good condition

(coats, socks and pillows)



🌀 **Tina Malabanan,**
Photographer/Charity Chair



**Speaker for April's Luncheon,
"A Day in the life of the Comptroller"**

Ms. Sheila R. Jackson,

Ms. Jackson graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and began her federal service career in 1985 with the Commissary Store Region. Since then, she's worked at Naval Ocean Processing Facility, Undersea Surveillance Pacific, Naval Ocean Processing Facility, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet, Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station. Ms. Jackson has been the Comptroller and Finance Director at the Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific since August 1999.

Ms. Jackson was an American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Professional Development Institute (PDI) Co-Chair in 1999. She was the Opening and Closing Ceremony Committee Chair for PDI 2006, served as the Administrative Vice President for the ASMC, San Diego Chapter from 1992-2003 and is a lifetime member of the ASMC joining the San Diego Chapter in October 1990.



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**ASK MAC!**

If you have a question you'd like to submit to "Ask Mac", email the Editor at:
patricia.finnell@navy.mil

Dear Mac,

Can you provide the latest on sequestration? Why are we being furloughed and what happened that decreased our furlough days from 22 to 14 days?

Nervous Nellie

Dear Nellie,

Section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (BBEDCA), amended, in March 2013, required the President to issue a sequestration order canceling \$85 billion in budgetary resources across the Federal Government for the remainder of fiscal year 2013. This action was required due to the failure of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to propose, and Congress to enact, legislation to reduce the deficit by \$1.2 trillion.

Although the Administration continues to urge Congress to take action to eliminate the sequestration and restore cancelled budgetary resources as part of a balanced agreement on deficit reduction, until Congress takes such action, executive departments, which includes the Department of Defense, must continue to implement the reductions required by sequestration.

Sequestration provides an agency with little discretion in deciding where and how to reduce spending. All non-exempt budget accounts in a given category must be reduced by a uniform percentage, and the same percentage reduction must be applied to all programs, projects, and activities within a budget account.

Now that Congress has passed a continuing resolution that will fund the government for the rest of the fiscal year, Defense Department officials are trying to find the best way to make the spending cuts, The continuing resolution provides DOD with limited ability to realign funds to protect mission priorities and reduced DoD's portion of the cut from \$46B to \$41B. Even with some relief under the continuing resolution, making the cuts will be very difficult.

But despite a Congressional reprieve, DoD is still going to be short at least \$22 billion for operations and maintenance, and that means they have to prioritize and make some cuts including making sharp reductions in base operating support, reductions in training for non-deployed units, and furloughing DoD civilians. Before the continuing resolution passed, officials expected that with few exceptions, Defense Department employees would have 22 unpaid furlough days through the remainder of the fiscal year. With the reduction in the amount being taken from DoD and the fact that they were given some funding flexibility, the number of days has been reduced to 14 days.

In solidarity with the Defense Department's 800,000 civilian employees facing furloughs, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said he will voluntarily return part of his salary to the U.S. Treasury, Thanks for a great question.

Sincerely,
Mac



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<http://www.asmconline.org/membership/renew/>**NEWS from NATIONAL: SURVEY**

ASMC Wants to Know... How many times in the past year have you participated in local chapter activities?

See National's website to take the survey:

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

Spring Happy Hour update**Place: Humphreys Backstage****Time: 5:00 -7:00****Date: 10 May 2013**

☞ Evelyn Peoples-Mahoney
Special Events Coordinator

