

San Diego Chapter
COMMUNICATOR



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to give kudos to our San Diego Chapter. Members, I am happy to say that our San Diego Chapter is making some very nice strides this year in many areas. Brenda, your Executive Vice President has another exciting speaker planned for this month's general training meeting. Our attendance has almost doubled from this past year. Good job everyone in getting the word out. Let's continue to encourage co-workers and work associates to come to the luncheons and experience good speakers that are providing information on current financial and budgetary topics.

Membership is up because of our Administrative Vice President, Ken. His campaign efforts got the word out about ASMC and San Diego's fine chapter. The chapter benefits monetarily with each new member and Ken has been successfully recruiting new members.

I need to take this time to give a huge "Thank You" to Debra Kauphusman for serving as your Treasurer. She has stepped down due to her soon to be retirement and is training our new Treasurer Michael Hoover. Best wishes on your retirement!

Our charity drives continue to be highly successful thanks to the support of our Charity Chair, Tina. This year our chapter can stand very proud knowing donations and assistance we have shared within our community are making a positive difference.

The time has ended for Chapter Competition with National and we are expecting to continue our Five Star rating in the large chapter category. Each board member is responsible to track required tasks and input into National's Website for this competition. Thank you to my board for doing such a great job.

San Diego Chapter is co-hosting this year's PDI by working the Hospitality Committee. Please let me know if you plan on attending PDI and the Closing Banquet Dinner. I am required to submit and reserve our tables and will need an accurate count.

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

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE:

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Upcoming Luncheon Dates and Speakers:

New date:
Apr 25th – Mr. Jack Miller

June 13th

Aug 15th

Oct 17th

LOCATION:
MCRD Bay View Club



WELCOME to our new volunteer!

Melina Lavullis is our newly appointed Scholarship Chairperson:

Hi, my name is Melina Lavullis and I am a Contracting Officer Representative at Fleet Readiness Center Southwest, North Island. I became a member of ASMC three years ago when I was a Financial Manager for the Helicopter line and even though I have changed careers I have learned a lot from ASMC. I am very happy to be able to volunteer as the Scholarship Chair!

Thank you for stepping up to help our great Chapter!



Upcoming Event:

Accounting Day, 07 May at Town & Country, San Diego . This local conference is always a good one.

See link: <http://www.accountingday.org/>

ASMC National News:

PDI 2012 at the Anaheim Convention Center May 30 – June 1.
Theme: Professionalism in Action.

PDI will include more than 150 educational sessions and the ability to earn up to 24 CPE, with an additional opportunity for CPE at the Pre-PDI sessions on Monday and Tuesday preceding PDI. Workshops will cover topics such as budget and cost, acquisition, audit readiness and ethics. A full draft listing of session topics is available under Program Information.

ASMC National Headquarters
website: <http://www.asmonline.org>

For all ASMC members that attend PDI:

Please send me a few sentences describing something that made an impression on you during your week in Anaheim. It could be a picture, something from a class, general session or an evening event. I am going to consolidate and publish in the next newsletter.

Send to patricia.finnell@navy.mil before June 4th.

--Patty, Editor



Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.

Will Rogers



MEMBERSHIP NEWS & INFO



Need your ASMC Member Number for PDI-2012 Registration?

Yes, when registering for PDI-2012 you will need your ASMC membership number readily available.

To Obtain Your Member Number

Use the [ASMC Member Portal Self Service](#) feature to retrieve your **member number** and other member information. Simply input your email address on record at ASMC National and the information will be sent to that email address immediately. If you are unable to use the self service feature, please contact ASMC National and a staff member will assist you.

You can also find your membership number located on the label of your Armed Forces Comptroller magazine just above your name.

Are you receiving ASMC News and Event Notifications?

The San Diego Chapter no longer maintains our own database of member email addresses for news mailings. We currently use ASMC National's database, so please ensure your email address with National is current if you want to receive National and Chapter information by email. Below information will assist you on updating your profile on ASMC National's website.

And also update your Member Profile at ASMC website:

You can also use the ASMC Member Portal Self Service feature to update your Membership Profile.

How to login to the ASMC Website(s)

1. **User name:** email address on file (for example: john.doe@domain.com). If we do not have an e-mail address for you, please call or e-mail the headquarters office to set up a username.

Password: asmc + member number (for example: asmc1234).

If your number begins with a zero, do not use the zero.

-- Ken Suazo

Admin Vice President

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES:



I would like to thank all of my Command Reps for volunteering and assisting with our luncheon reservations. You help make the check-in at the door easier and the luncheon experience much nicer for attendees.

Please make sure, when you receive newsletters or luncheon flyers, that you print and post them around your commands -- near elevators, in break rooms or other common areas. Also, email them to anyone you feel would be interested or would benefit by becoming an ASMC member or attending our luncheons.

Thank you so much for your continuing support. Greatly appreciate it. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

-- Helen Profeta,

National Chapter Rep

CHARITY NEWS

April's charity event is the Alpha Project

The 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.

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

Items that are always needed:

Hygiene products; Towels; Twin sheets;
Undergarments; Blankets; Books;
Clothing in good condition and pillows.



Thanks for your support!
-- *Tina Malabanan*
Photographer/Charity Chair

LUNCHEON NEWS

The date for April's luncheon has been changed to **April 25th**.

The speaker will be **Mr. Jack Miller** of SPAWAR Systems Center-Pacific. Mr. Miller has been a Training Facilitator for more than twenty years in the military. He started his training career in 1992 at the Patrol Squadron FOUR SEVEN. For our upcoming luncheon, Mr. Miller will be giving us a brief overview of Franklin Covey's 5 choices.

-- *Brenda Meyer*
Executive Vice President

EASTER BASKET CHARITY

Easter Basket Charity, great success!

This March our organization participated in the **3rd Annual Basket of Sunshine for Rady Children's Hospital**. Our members were asked to make baskets or donate items to help build Easter baskets. Many people answered the request and I would like to acknowledge the following people:

Janet Unsen	Joan Barcas
Lori Bronson	Genia Kyres
Carousel Jagueling	Meghann Stastny
Merlinda Medina	Michael Hoover
Evelyn Mahoney	Kathy Terrado
Kaitlyn Krowel	and
Navy Region Southwest Comptroller Crew	

All of these people put in time, money and effort to make beautiful baskets for this charitable event. And, we had a total of 30.

Please be assured, because of your kindness, a sick child has a smile on their face.

Thank you so much!
-- *Brenda Meyer*
Executive Vice President



Attention long time ASMC members: If you have any copies of old newsletters or pictures please let me know. I'd like to publish them!
- *Patty Finnell, Editor*



ASK MAC!

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

Mac,

Our program is planning for a contract award this fiscal year. There are two schools of thought regarding how much funding we should set aside for contract award. My boss wants to obligate funding in excess of the contract amount just in case there is an overrun, but I'm not sure we can do so. Can you provide some guidance?

Puzzled in Poway

Dear Puzzled,

Your boss might like to budget as much as possible for the contract to cover every potential contingency, but the realities of limited defense budgets and governing policies do not allow this funding strategy. Instead, personnel are expected to budget to the **most likely price** of a contract, which is the most likely amount the government will pay for the contracted effort.

The requirement to budget on the basis of most likely price is tied directly to the funding policies for the various appropriations; those policies are addressed in the DoD Financial Management Regulation, 7000.14-R (FMR). RDT&E funds are to be budgeted on an incremental basis, which states that only those funds required for work to be done in a given fiscal year shall be included in the RDT&E budget request for that year. For RDT&E funded contracts, the concept is to budget for the best estimate of the cost to be incurred during the fiscal year. The full funding policy applies to the use of a procurement appropriation. The policy states the budget estimate should reflect the most likely cost to the government of the procurement action.

In developing the budget for proposed contractual work effort, financial management personnel should budget on the basis on the most likely price to be paid on the contract; that varies depending on the contract type chosen for the particular contract action. In awarding the contract and obligating the appropriated funds, contract management personnel should obligate the amount considered most likely for the government to pay for that contracted effort. Although a program might budget a small amount for risk, do not obligate an amount for contingency liability unless the contingency becomes an actual.

Thanks for a great question.

*Sincerely,
Mac*



Preparing for the CDFM Exam? Test your knowledge on Appropriations!

-- Sandy Davis-Schiermeyer, CDFM Chair

1. True / False. If an appropriation is currently in an expired status, no further adjustments, or payments of, existing obligations can be made.
2. Which appropriation provides funding for administrative support to an Agency to include: inventory control; contract administration; financial and program management; procurement operations; contractor support; operation and maintenance of automated information systems; operational test and evaluation; ISEA efforts; expense elements (including labor, supplies, equipment, travel, training, and other operating expenses)?



- a. Research, Development, Test & Evaluation (RDT&E)
- b. Procurement
- c. Operations & Maintenance (O&M)
- d. Military Construction
- e. Military Personnel

3. True / False. Apportionment is the process by which appropriated funds flow from OMB to DOD for budget execution.

Now that the President’s Budget for FY13 has been submitted, the Appropriations Committee will conduct comprehensive budget oversight hearings to assess line by line the use and purpose of each Federal agency’s budget request. Once the House National Security/Senate Armed Services Committee signs the DoD Authorization Bill, that establishes the purposes and guidelines for programs and sets the limits on the amount that can be spent, Congress will vote on the budget authority through the Appropriations Act permitting Federal agencies to incur obligations during a specific time period. It is the president’s signature on the Defense Appropriations Act that entitles programs to have budget authority and to incur obligations and expenditures.

DoD receives many appropriations, most of which can be grouped into the five major categories: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E); Procurement; Operation and Maintenance (O&M); Military Personnel (MILPERS); and Military Construction (MILCON). The following table describes each of the major categories and their obligation and expiration periods.

Appropriation	Scope of Efforts	Obligation Period	Obl. Adj. and Expiration
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E)	Funds efforts performed by contractors and government activities required for the Research and Development (R&D) of equipment, material, computer application software, and its Test and Evaluation (T&E) to include Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E) and Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E). RDT&E also funds the operation of dedicated R&D installations activities for the conduct of R&D programs.	2 Years	3 Years / 7 Years for expired status
Procurement	Funds those acquisition programs that have been approved for production (to include Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) of acquisition objective quantities), and all costs integral and necessary to deliver a useful end item intended for operational use or inventory upon delivery to include: production support services; contractor engineering and technical services; engineering or technical efforts; component installation; Design Support Activity (DSA) efforts.	3 years	4 Years / 8 Years for expired status
Operation and Maintenance (O&M)	Funds expenses such as civilian salaries, travel, minor construction projects, operating military forces, training and education, depot maintenance, stock funds, and base operations support. In addition funds administrative support to the Command as follows: inventory control; contract admin; financial and program mgmt; procurement ops; contractor support; operation and maintenance of automated information systems; ISEA efforts; expense elements (including labor, supplies, equipment, travel, training, and other operating expenses).	1 year (funding allocated quarterly)	2 Years / 6 Years for expired status
Military Personnel (MILPERS)	Funds costs of salaries and other compensation for active and retired military personnel and reserve forces based on end strength.	1 Year	2 Years / 6 Years for expired status
Military Construction (MILCON)	Funds major projects such as bases, schools, missile storage facilities, maintenance facilities, medical/dental clinics, libraries, and military family housing.	5 Years	6 Years / 10 Years for expired status

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Answers: 1) False. 2) c. 3) True.

From the **ASMC CONNECTION NEWSLETTER:**

New Certification Renewal Requirement

Effective January 1, 2012, the ASMC's certification renewal process requires two of your 80 CPEs be obtained from ethics training. The requirement applies to existing and candidate CDFMs. If ethics training is a part of your organization's professional development program, it can be applied toward this requirement.

Existing CDFMs should note that if their CDFM is up for renewal this year, they will have until December 31, 2012 to obtain their ethics training, but they will only need one ethics-related CPE. They can renew with 79 CPEs as long as the one ethics CPE is obtained by December 31, 2012. CDFMs will still need to renew by the date posted on their CDFM certificate.

**Share your achievements.
Share your journey.
Share news from your
command....**

**Submit member articles for
use in future newsletters to:
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**CDFM CPEs:
50 minutes = 1 unit**

For February's Luncheon topic presented by Ms. Shore was 50 minutes, so 1.0 CPE .

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