



Upcoming Luncheons:

Dec. 11th : Toys for Tots and
Installation of new officers.

Feb. 19th

LOCATION:
MCRD Bay View Club

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Can you believe that it's December? The holidays are among us and it just amazes me to see how fast time keeps rushing by. Christmas to me is always a magical time of the year. Not because of Black Friday or Cyber Monday, or because I finally got a big screen TV for my home. For me, it's all about giving from the heart. As I drove into work today, I was lucky to hear the "Breaking and entering into Christmas" program on the radio. For years, I've listed to this radio station give a struggling family the opportunity to experience Christmas by breaking into their home, provide them with gifts, money, and things they have never had before so that their Christmas is special. This year, the family that was being honored lost their mother in September and now a twenty-three year old daughter must raise her 11 year old twin sisters on her own. I sobbed uncontrollably as I listened to all of the people who donated their time and gifts to help this struggling family. It reminded me again of what Christmas is all about.

Did you know that the city of San Diego ranks third in the nation for the number of homeless? Many are families with kids. Did you also know that not every child receives a toy at Christmas? Last year I spoke with the Toys for Tots organizer and he told me that even if they go through huge efforts to collect a toy for less fortunate kids, not every child receives a gift.

As we go through this Christmas season, I urge each of you to donate what you can to experience that magical feeling. If you can't afford anything, donate your time and volunteer to the many charity organizations in San Diego County. I promise you, that feeling of giving of yourself to others is more than any gift you can receive at Christmas. It's priceless!

Mele-Kalikimaka and **Happy Holidays** to everyone!
And blessings to you and your family!

🌀 **Brenda Meyer, Executive Vice President**



2013 FIVE STAR CHAPTER





Begin at the beginning
and go on till you
come to the end;
then stop.
~Lewis Carrol,
Alice in Wonderland

OUR ASMC San Diego WEBSITE:

The ASMC San Diego Chapter website can be a very valuable tool to keep you updated on current events. Add this link to your "Favorites" on your computer.

www.asmcsandiego.org

Here is a summary of the existing web pages:

HOME PAGE – Begins with an overview of ASMC and contains a note from the President. This page also provides current event information, and sometimes pictures of recent events.

ABOUT US PAGE – Has the San Diego Chapter Officers and Appointed Chair Persons. If you click on their names, their profile will appear. Also listed are your Command Representatives. If your command is not represented, let me know.

GOVERNANCE PAGE – Contains our chapter's constitution and by-laws.

CALENDAR PAGE – Schedule of Events for the entire fiscal year.

TRAINING PAGE – Training information or info from recent luncheons.

AWARDS PROGRAM PAGE – An overview of the National Award program.

CHARITY PAGE – Links, pictures and information about charities and events that the Chapter has supported.

GALLERY PAGE – PICTURES!!! Luncheons, PDIs, Charity Events, and other related events.

LIBRARY PAGE – Past newsletters, Calendars, and past presentations from guest speakers at our luncheons.

LINKS PAGE – Any financial-related links that you may find helpful and the National ASMC Headquarters link. This provides valuable information at the national level.

☞ Patty Finnell, Information Tech. Coordinator
and Newsletter Editor



CHARITY for December: Toys for Tots

As our annual tradition, we will be accepting unwrapped toys at our December luncheon. One drawing ticket to win a door prize will be given for each person donating toys. Toys for Tots can use toys for toddlers to pre-teens.

"Marines Toys for Tots Foundation"

"Our goal is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders."

Age group of toy donation is as follows: 0 – 2 yrs. toddler toys; 3 – 9 yrs. children's toys; 10 – 12 yrs. sub-teens games, movies (accepting Game Stop gift cards only up to \$30).

Thanks for your support!



NEWS from NATIONAL:

Online Learning Center

The ASMC Online Learning Center currently offers recorded sessions from PDI 2012, as well as the quarterly *Armed Forces Comptroller* and recorded audio education sessions. PDI sessions and the AFC exams offer Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit and a certificate to validate user participation.

Current ASMC members may access the [Online Learning Center using the ASMC Member portal](#). If your membership has lapsed or expired you will need to renew your membership for access to the Online Learning Center.

Submit your article to:
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 for use in a future newsletter.



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***ASK MAC!***

Dear Mac,

With the current squeeze on our funding we are trying to be creative and stretch the funding that we have. And we, of course, want to keep it legal. We have carryover FY13 RDT&E and were wondering if it can be used for travel occurring in FY14? I keep hearing it can't be done but no one can tell me why. Can you provide a reference that proves either it can or can't be done.

Mark F. Allon

Dear Mark,

Legally, the first year of RDT&E funds can be used to fund any bona fide need requirement that occurs in the first or second year of the appropriation so travel occurring in FY14 can legally be funded with either FY13 or FY14 RDT&E.

The fiscal law that applies here is the Bona Fide Need Rule [Title 31, U.S. Code, Sec 1502] which states: (a) The balance of an appropriation or fund limited for obligation to a definite period is available only for payment of expenses properly incurred during the period of availability or to complete contracts properly made within that period of availability and obligated consistent with section 1501 of this title. However, the appropriation or fund is not available for expenditure for a period beyond the period otherwise authorized by law.

There is also a Comptroller General of the United States ruling that supports this position. It states "The bona fide needs rule provides that a fiscal year appropriation may be obligated only to meet a legitimate need arising in the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made (58 Comp. Gen. 471, 473 (1979)). The bona fide rule applies with equal force to multiple year appropriations. (55 Comp. Gen. 768, 773 (1976)). The appropriation involved here was available for a two-year period and any bona fide need arising within that two-year period could be charged to the appropriation. There is no requirement that two year funds be used only for the needs of the first year of their availability." [Defense Technical Information Center -- Availability of Two Year Appropriations, File B-232024 (1989)]

A third reference is the GAO Redbook, Chapter 5, which can be found at the following URL: <http://www.gao.gov/special.pubs/d04261sp.pdf> and is an excellent reference on the Bona Fide Need Rule.

Even given the legal basis, local policy may dictate otherwise. So although legally you can use FY13 RDT&E to fund FY14 travel, you should first consult with your local comptroller or legal office to see if there is a more restrictive policy dealing specifically with travel.

Thanks for a great question.

Sincerely, Mac





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Attention Members:

Notice on the left banner that there are **YELLOW VACANT** places where your name should go! Please contact any officer if you'd like to consider filling one of those vacancies.

And another idea is to let the Admin Vice President know if you have someone who would like to speak at a luncheon. Maybe your boss has information to share or you or a co-worker would like to address the ASMC audience. Let Brenda know.



MEMBERSHIP LINKS:

Join ASMC:

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

Update your Profile:

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

Renew ASMC Membership:

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