

San Diego Chapter

COMMUNICATOR



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Wonderful People,

Happiest of New Years to you! ASMC is about promoting education, training, and professional development in all aspects of military comptrollership. Your elected and appointed officers work hard throughout the year to ensure this chapter meets all those needs. Please let us know if there is specific training we can provide or speakers you have experienced and want your fellow members to hear. I'm going to sound like a broken record here, but we truly need your input. Each member serves this San Diego region well by performing our jobs in support of our country's finest military members. How can we be better? How can we serve them better? Send in your thoughts and again I will challenge you each to do the following: recruit a fellow worker to join ASMC, volunteer for a committee, recommend a charity or community service you think we can assist. Help us to provide training at your command. What's your passion? We are unique and we are truly fortunate to live where we can reach out and be an effective part of our communities. We have very strong military ties in all our surrounding communities, so be that neighbor that makes the difference while a parent struggles to juggle life. Be that person that donates blood, volunteers at a local school, helps at a retirement home. We all have more than we need; donate your time, extra clothes, shoes, it will make a difference. If you can do just one of the things I have asked, it will make a difference.

We had a successful past year and I would like to thank all our great speakers for their part in some great presentations. Thanks to those who volunteered their services and thanks to each of you that supported this ever-changing, talented chapter. As Co-Hosts for this year's PDI 2012 with our neighbors in Anaheim, we hope that due to locality, we can have a good attendance from our San Diego members.

Thank you all for being you!
Looking forward to seeing you at the next luncheon!

--Sherry

**Never let
yesterday use
up too much of
today.**
- Will Rogers



**CDFM CPEs:
50 minutes = 1 unit**

December's Luncheon topic:
Financial Improvement and
Audit Readiness by Dennis
Taitano on 12/13/11 = 0.8 CEUs

Upcoming Luncheon Dates and Speakers:

Feb. 14th – Ms.
Shore "DoD
Healthcare"

Apr 18th – Mr.
Jack Miller

June 13th – TBD

**LOCATION:
MCRD Bay View
Club**

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2011 FIVE STAR CHAPTER !!

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Speaker News:

Ms. Debra L. Shore is a native of Bland, MO. She attended Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, MO graduating with a Diploma in Nursing in 1975. She practiced both Intensive Care and Operating Room Nursing until 1986. During this time, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant Army Nurse Corps in the Missouri National Guard rising to the rank of Captain before resigning her commission.

Ms. Shore has been awarded a Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and two Civilian Meritorious Unit Commendation Awards as well as receiving numerous Letters of Commendation and merit awards. In January 2009, Ms. Shore was appointed to the Board of Directors for the San Diego Federal Executive Association and in February 2009 received a Lifetime Membership from the American Society of Military Comptrollers.



CHARITY NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in the **Toys for Tots** and the **San Diego Food Bank**. We collected two car loads of toys and food. Special thanks to Genia Kyres and Lori Bronson for helping! *Great job everyone!*

February's charity is Fisher House. At the very heart of the Fisher House Program, it offers a "home away from home," a place where families can stay and support their loved ones at no cost while they receive specialized military hospital or VA medical care. These houses allow patients and families to focus on what's most important, the healing process.

Everyone who makes a donation will be given a ticket for a gift giveaway! So let's support the Fisher House!!

Items needed include:

- Individually wrapped toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Sturdy paper plates
- Plastic knives, forks and spoons



Fisher House

Thanks again for your support!

-- **Tina Malaban**
Photographer/Charity Chair

ASMC National News:

Achievement Award Nominations Due January 31

The ASMC has a comprehensive awards and recognition program that includes individual and chapter awards, as well as academic financial assistance opportunities. As a part of this program, the individual and team achievement awards are presented for outstanding accomplishment within one of the functional fields of comptrollership. Categories this year include: Accounting and Finance, Acquisition/Cost Analysis, Auditing, Budgeting, Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller, Contractor Support, Financial Systems, Intern/Trainee, Resource Management and Team Achievement (small and large.)

Full category descriptions, criteria and the web-based forms are available online. All nominations must be submitted via the National ASMC Awards Online Web site no later than January 31, 2012.

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For questions regarding this year's award program, e-mail awards@asmconline.org .

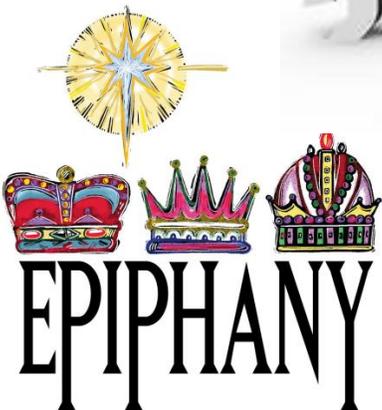
TRAINING NEWS

CDFM Renewal... New Requirement!

Is your CDFM coming up for renewal in 2012? Effective 1 January 2012, those holding the CDFM designation will be required to attain at least 1 CPE of ethics training by 31 December 2012. CDFMs are required to earn 80 CPEs per renewal period (every two years) and at least one of those needs to be related to ethics training. If you currently participate in Ethics training as part of your professional development program, you can use this towards this requirement and/or you can go online to the ASMC Online Learning Center and electronically participate in one of two ethics-related workshops from the 2011 PDI at no charge: "Ethics Between Government and Contractors" (1.2 CPEs) and "Current Developments in Ethics" (1.4 CPEs).

Please reach out to Sandy Davis-Schiermeyer (619.559.1270 /daviss@bah.com) if you have any questions.

-- *Sandy Davis-Schiermeyer, CDFM
San Diego ASMC CDFM Chair
Booz Allen Hamilton*





ASK MAC!

If you have a question you'd like to submit to "Ask Mac", email the Editor at:

Dear Mac,

Our program is in the process of preparing the FY13 President's Budget. Can you explain what happens to it once we submit it?

Always a Student

Always a Student,

The President's Budget (PB) is the final iteration of Department of Defense's (DoD) budgeting process and the end product of the PPBE process. By then, the Service Budget Analysts have reviewed the budget exhibits and made their adjustments and USD Comptroller Analysts have reviewed the budget exhibits and made their adjustments (in the form of a Resource Management Decision). Since DoD's internal review process is robust, OMB Analysts do not hold a separate review of DoD's budget exhibits; they are part of DoD's internal review process.

The President submits the executive budget to Congress no later than the first Monday in February. The congressional budget enactment process is the legislative mechanism whereby congress authorizes programs and appropriates funds requested in the President's budget. The budget enactment process consists of three steps or phases: [Budget Resolution](#), [Authorization](#), and [Appropriation](#).

The Concurrent Budget Resolution (CBR) is the first step in the budget enactment process and provides an overall blueprint for the congressional budget process. The CBR specifies the amounts of revenue, budget authority, and outlays that are authorized and establishes ceilings for each of the 21 major government functions, which includes Department of Defense. The concurrent budget resolution is a self-governing document within the Congress and does not go to the President for signature.

Authorization is the second step in the enactment process. Defense budget authority, procurement quantities for major weapon systems, end strength and military construction usually require annual authorization. The Defense Authorization Act allows programs to exist and recommends funding levels. House and Senate rules do not permit Congress to appropriate funds for any program or activity that has not been authorized.

The third step in the enactment process is the Appropriations Act and it provides budget authority for programs. Of the three steps, this is the only one that is constitutionally required. Budget resolution and authorization are both creations of Congress.

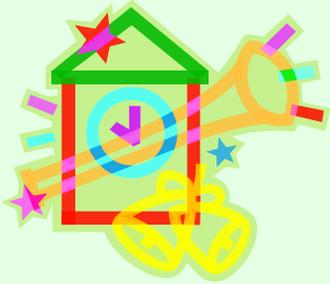
While the Budget Committees are trying to pass a budget resolution, the authorization and appropriations committees are holding hearings on the programs under their jurisdiction. Hearings are conducted to gather information and views from DoD officials. Although initial hearings begin upon receipt of the PB, follow-on hearings will go on for months, addressing a variety of budget issues. Committee members and staffers conduct a line-by-line review of the PB, and committees will each send their own version of the bill to the floor of their respective chambers. On the floor, the proposed bill will be debated, possibly amended and finally approved. Assuming there are differences between the House and Senate versions, a conference will be convened to discuss and resolve those differences. After differences have been resolved and the bill passed in identical form by both the full House and full Senate, it is sent to the President to be signed into law. The President has 10 days in which to sign the bill. If the President vetoes the bill, the Congress may override his decision by a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate.

The defense budget is a highly visible, politically charged portion of the President's Budget (PB), and its enactment is subject to frequent and significant delays as members of Congress attempt to use passage of the annual appropriations acts as a political tool. Therefore, in practice, the schedule is rarely achieved.

I'll bet you had no idea your budget exhibits were involved in such a complex process.

*Sincerely,
Mac*



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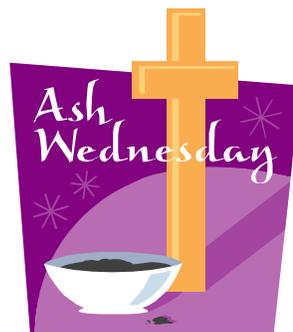
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Always remember that the future comes one day at a time.
Dean Acheson (American Statesman 1893-1971)

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