

San Diego Chapter

COMMUNICATOR



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings,

Calling out to all members of this **Five Star Chapter!** We are 1 of 140 chapters around the world representing chapters from Alabama to Wyoming, USA and many overseas chapters to include Antilles and our deployed Desert Eagle Chapters. After attending **PDI 2011 in Minnesota**, I am once again inspired and excited to grow our chapter and develop even further, and so I need YOUR HELP. My inspiration has been stirred from listening to some great general session speakers that graciously shared their life experiences. Their accomplishments overcoming so many challenges are inspirational and powerful. My excitement stems from attending some very good classes and networking with fellow ASMC members from all corners of the world. So let's develop this chapter further!

The morning roundtables at PDI is a time that ASMC National and Chapter Presidents and Officers meet and discuss ASMC issues. We shared successes, failures, and brainstormed for new ideas. **Successes are only because of much teamwork.** Failures were from exactly the opposite.....lack of participation. As in all things we experience in life, it is very true that there is no "I" in team. The other officers after attending roundtables got some really good ideas but they require more help from all of you. I'm asking you to please step up and volunteer by being part of a committee. **The areas I would like to have committees for are charity, scholarship, sponsorship, membership, luncheons and awards.** The very successful chapters all have several committees and right now we have 0. Thanks in advance for volunteering. Remember, this is YOUR CHAPTER so let's make it a great one!

-- Sherry

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Five Star Chapter !

June's Luncheon Speaker:

Ms. Mariam Morad, Comptroller Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar - "ASN Career Broadening Fellowship Program"

The Department of the Navy civilian financial management workforce must continuously improve its knowledge, skills, and abilities to be able to meet current and future mission requirements. The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Civilian Fellowship Program in Financial Management (FM) provides opportunities for high-potential employees to improve their knowledge and skills either in the classroom with one year of full-time graduate education in a financial management discipline as an Academic Fellow, or with up to six months of financial management experience at a different command as a Career-Broadening Fellow. My focus of talk is on the detail information about the program, eligibility, cost and experiences I gained as Career-Broadening Fellow with Head Quarters Marine Corps at Program and Resources Branch.

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

ASMC Launches CPE Management Tool!

Last month, ASMC instituted a continuing professional education (CPE) management tool. This management tool allows ASMC members to manage and track their continuing education experience. The process is simple and will help you keep track of the courses, conferences, webinars, and other various venues you have participated in to achieve your required CPE units. Just go online at:

<http://imis.asmconline.org/Net/default.aspx>

Login is your e-mail address that ASMC has on file. Password is asmc + your member number (i.e. asmc12345)



Once logged in, select *Manage Your CPEs* and follow the simple instructions to capture your professional growth activities/events.

Next Month CPE Training Opportunity!

July 12th: Anti-deficiency Act Audio Conference Presentation offered via Webinar from **3-4pm (PST)**. Please RSVP to Paul Betancourt at Betancourt_Paul@bah.com.

Save the Date: Module 4 - Acquisition Business Management: **10 Aug 2011 at the Bristol Hotel in San Diego. Register online at:** <http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/acquisition-business-management/>

*-- Sandy Davis-Schiermeyer, CDFM
San Diego ASMC CDFM Chair
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CHARITY NEWS

VETERANS STAND DOWN July 15-17

ASMC VOLUNTEERS WANTED *for July 16th!*

Just a reminder, the **Veterans Stand Down Day** is fast approaching. Stand down day refers to a community-based intervention program designed to help the homeless veteran in San Diego and across the U.S. What happens at a Stand Down? During this time, hundreds of homeless veterans are provided a wide range of necessities including: breakfast, coffee and fresh fruit, picture ID's for those who need them, clothing, showers, barbers, medical and dental assistance, etc..., but perhaps most important of all is the feeling of safety.

I've already contacted the Veterans Village and have submitted a few names that have signed up with me. According to their organizer, we will be helping out with the following: dishwashing, water refill bins, and shower detail. **We will be volunteering our services on July 16th only**, so please mark your calendars. I will be turning in a master list to Veterans Village by June 30th, so please let me know ASAP if you would like to participate.

Please feel free to contact me at (619) 553-6592 or send me an e-mail at Brenda.Meyer@navy.mil.

Thanks to all,

-- *Brenda Meyer*
Special Events Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing Your Membership and Chapter Membership Status

Remember to renew your membership on the ASMC Website! As of June 2011, San Diego Chapter has a total of 466 active members. We had eleven memberships that expired for last year in 2010. As for this year 2011, we had twelve in Jan, fifteen in February, eight in March, eight in April and six in May. There are eight memberships that need to be renewed by the end of June that will expire if not. Please renew your membership online at

<http://www.asmonline.org/membership/renew/>. If you need to check your membership status you may do so on the ASMC membership portal online at <http://www.asmonline.org/membership/edit-profile/> or contacting me.

Thirty three have been members for 10-14 years. Twenty seven people have been members for 15-19 years, and thirty people are Life Members. The Life Members are those who have been members 20 or more consecutive years. San Diego Chapter's longest standing member is Mary Hawkins who joined in 1965 and so has over 46 years in ASMC.

--*Ken Suazo*
Admin Vice President



VETERANS VILLAGE of San Diego



ASK MAC!

Dear Mac,

Our program awards service contracts every year with O&M,N funding with a period of performance from 1 October to 30 September. An analyst from another program told me that they fund service contracts that cross the fiscal year. How can this be legal since O&M,N funds expire at the end of the fiscal year? I have a steak dinner riding on your answer so PLEASE tell me I'm right.

Nunzio

Dear Nunzio,

The Bona Fide Need rule requires appropriated funds be used only for goods and services for which a need arises during the period of that appropriation's availability for obligation. The period of availability for O&M,N is one year (1 October through 30 September).

Services are typically a bona fide need of the fiscal year in which the services are performed. Thus, service contracts have not normally been permitted to cover a period which involves two different fiscal years. However, there is an exception:

The FY98 Defense Authorization Act amended Title 10 of the U.S. Code (Section 2410a) to permit authorized DoD agencies to obligate funds available at the time of contract award to finance a severable service contract with a period of performance not to exceed 12 months. For example, a program may obligate FY11 funds for a 12 month severable service contract that begins anytime during FY11 and continues into FY12. This provision of the statute provides greater flexibility and also allows for a better distribution across the year for the workload of the contracting offices supporting buying organizations. However, a Service or Defense Agency has the discretion to limit application of this exception and require subordinate activities to budget for and execute this type contract on a strictly fiscal year basis or a period less than the 12 months. Check with your Comptroller on the local policy.

Sorry buddy, but it looks like you lost your bet! And remember, you must pay for that steak dinner out of your personal funds not with your program's O&M,N funds.

Sincerely, Mac

Bona Fide Need (U.S. Code, Title 31, Section 1502(a))



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

Washington D.C. in Six Months

When I got selected to the Assistant Secretary of Navy career broadening fellowship program, I was focused on how much the program would enhance my professional life, but I had no idea how much I would learn and gain just by living in our nation's capital. I came to appreciate the diversity, energy, history, art and music that is at every corner of this town and generously available to public. As politicians struggled with budget issues and we were within hours of possible government shut-down, I decided I could not end this fellowship without sharing the highlights of this journey.

"Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time." Dalai Lama

(Here is a list of just some of her highlights.)

- Got an opportunity to attend Commandant of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Gaylord Hotel. This was my first Ball and one of the most amazing experiences of my stay.
- I volunteered for wreath laying at Pentagon Memorial and Arlington National Cemeteries. A very serene experience. The kindness and commitments of all those volunteers touched my soul.
- Went to the White House Christmas tree lighting ceremony in freezing cold; but how could I miss that?
- Attended Capital Steps live show (The Washington-based troupe of Congressional Staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them). This show is a must-see for anybody visiting DC.
- Visited Camp David museum on a beautiful fall day and hiked where Presidents hike at Catoctin Mountain Park up to Wolf Rock and Chimney Rock.
- Enjoyed Eastern Market and many other Flea Markets around DC and Arlington.
- Ran the Marine Corps 10K. The courage, commitment and honor of these Marines reminded me why I chose a Career with them.
- At the first snow storm I did snow shoe hiking with DC SKI Club at West Virginia. Even though ice and snow make driving annoying, you cannot ignore the beauty of this town when is covered with snow.
- Finally ran the Washington National half marathon with a few of my running friends from San Diego and as I was coming to the finish line and saw the Capital building in the horizon I thought to myself this is the best way to say good-bye to this great city, and how proud I am to be an American.

*-- Mariam Morad, CDFM
Comptroller, MCAS Miramar*

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**Upcoming 2011 Luncheon Dates and Speakers:**

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 National News:**

Check out the ASMC National website for this and other current information:

House passes FY2012 Homeland Security bill as appropriations committee maintains aggressive schedule. (June 6th)

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

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