

San Diego Chapter

# COMMUNICATOR



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All,

**CONGRATULATIONS** and great job to ASMC San Diego Chapter 2010/2011 for winning **Five Star Status, Community Service Award** and a **Continuing Education Award** from the ASMC National Chapter! Our chapter met a minimum standard in the areas of professional development, communication, administration, and community service. These recognitions are a result of another year of successful teamwork between our members, elected and appointed board of officers, and luncheon speakers. I am so proud of these accomplishments and will be honored to accept these awards at PDI 2011 in Minneapolis.

Accounting Day, May 09, was a big success. Aside from our dedicated ASMC Accounting Day Committee members, some of our members and Defense Acquisition University Instructors were presenters as part of a government track of workshops. I have received very positive feedback on our additional government track; so look to see this as part of this annual conference. Thank you DAU and Accounting Day partners for a fine day of learning and sharing.

Thanks for your continued contributions to our various charities. **"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."** (Sir Winston Churchill)

Your feedback and ideas for our chapter are always welcome, so please feel free to contact me. We can always use volunteers... so get up out of your seats. Just do it!

-- Sherry

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

Our April luncheon was worth 0.9 CPEs



### 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'S APRIL LUNCHEON SPREAKER:

Tom Conroy addressed Secretary Gates' DOD Efficiency Initiative and its subset, Dr Ashton Carter's, USD A,T&L, Better Buying Power Initiative.

"Beginning in May of last year at his speech at the Eisenhower Library, Secretary Gates launched a multi-pronged efficiency initiative to ensure DOD is managing the budget in a manner that is respectful of the taxpayer at a time of economic and fiscal distress. As one of those prongs, he tasked Dr. Ashton Carter, USD A,T&L, as the Acquisition Executive to devise a plan for the \$400 billion out of the approximately \$700 billion base-plus-wartime budget that is contracted out, resulting in the September 14 Better Buying Power initiative."

-- *Tom Conroy*  
*Chair, Program Management*  
*Department Defense*  
*Acquisition University*

### ASMC National News:

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

[Secretary Gates says decisions on \\$400 billion defense cut must be "driven by analysis"](#)  
27th April 2011

#### What is "Brown Bag" training?

Brown bag training, a phrase to describe a method of training, which gives people the knowledge they need without taking them away from their work for too long.

If you are conducting a luncheon or brown bag training and would like your event listed on the ASMC website, please [contact us](#).

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



## **ASK MAC!**

Dear Mac,

*My boss wants to buy command coins to give out to visitors as a memento of their visit and to give to employees to build loyalty and improve morale. I want to be sure it is legal to use appropriated funds for this purpose, but everyone I talk to has a different opinion. He's pressuring me to make it happen and I need to provide him with an answer soon.*

*Please HELP!!! Lola*

Lola,

That's a great question and one that is asked frequently. So let's discuss when you can and can't use appropriated funds to purchase coins.

10 U.S.C. 1125 authorizes DoD to award medals, trophies, badges and similar devices for excellence in accomplishments and outstanding performance. Command coins would fall under this statute. It is proper to purchase command coins as long as they are used as awards for outstanding accomplishments. Coins purchased with appropriated funds may only be given as awards.

Coins given as mementos, tokens of appreciation, or to build loyalty to the command and improve employee morale are not awards. Coins used for these purposes should be purchased with private funds. Based on what your boss wants to use them for, tell him to pull out his credit card because he's going to have to pay for them himself.

Good luck, Mac

(10 U. S.C 1125 refers to Title 10 of the United States Code, Subtitle A, PART II, CHAPTER 57, § 1125)



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### OPM Launches USAJOBSRecruit.gov

*New Website Promotes Agency  
Collaboration on Governmentwide  
Recruiting Efforts*

Washington, DC - The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) launched USAJOBSRecruit.gov, a one-stop gateway to recruitment resources throughout the Federal Government. President Obama's Hiring Reform Initiative highlights the importance of recruiting and hiring top talent to better serve the American people. USAJOBSRecruit provides tools and guidance, and encourages collaborative development of best practices within the Federal recruiting community in a web-based platform. This new website will help ensure that HR professionals, recruiters, and hiring managers receive accurate and consistent information on recruiting and hiring in the Federal Government.

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

## CHARITY NEWS



Kaitlyn Krowel and Evelyn Peoples-Mahoney

First, let me start off by saying **THANK YOU** to all our generous ASMC members. Thanks to you, our **Alpha Project** collection was a success! This year was our first year donating items to this organization. When our goods were presented to them at the collection center, the workers were filled with complete gratitude. Please know your contribution has made a difference in someone's life.

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? Stand Down is being held on July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. During this time, hundreds of homeless veterans will be provided a wide range of necessities including: breakfast, coffee and fresh fruit, picture IDs for those who need them, clothing, showers, barbers, medical and dental assistance, etc., but perhaps most important of all is the feeling of safety.

If you would like to volunteer and be part of this significant event, please feel free to contact me at (619) 553-6592 or send me an e-mail at [Brenda.Meyer@navy.mil](mailto:Brenda.Meyer@navy.mil).

Thanks to all,

-- *Brenda Meyer*  
*Special Events Coordinator*

### **REGISTER NOW FOR 2011 PDI**

PDI 2011 will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 31- June 3, with a theme of Navigating Financial Excellence.

Registration fees are as follows:

- \$630 for Members (after May 1)
- \$745 Non Members (after May 1)





## MEMBER ARTICLE

“Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans.” John Lennon

I was busy making other plans. Working full time as a Financial Analyst at MSC, having recently moved to a new home, busy remodeling the old house to turn it to a rental, the guardianship of a young child and Chapter Rep for ASMC San Diego Chapter... the to do list went on. That was until I was diagnosed with ALL, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. My world came to a sudden halt as I contemplated exactly what that meant.

The prognosis: about 30-40% of adults with this diagnosis are successfully treated. The treatment: 12 weeks of ‘induction’ chemotherapy followed by intense chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant from a matched donor followed by about a year of recuperation. All this required six periods of hospitalization. The longest stretch was about 2 months to treat an infection I developed as a result of the induction chemotherapy. Much of this time I was in intensive care in an induced coma.

The best luck of all was that my brother was a match for me as a donor. He came down here from San Francisco to donate his healthy stem cells to replace my diseased ones. I will always be grateful to him for that. Luckily I had quite a bit of sick leave ‘banked’ if ever I needed it for an emergency. My command was very supportive in allowing me to telecommute from the hospital and from home as I was physically able to do so. I was in medical isolation at UCSD after the transplant but was still able to RAS into NMCI resources, email, our department’s share drives, our financial system and Defense Travel System. After I left the hospital for the last time, my command allowed me to work from home for about 4 hours a day as I was on immune suppressants and receiving treatment in my home or at the Moore’s Cancer Center almost every day. Many of my friends and co-workers came through for me in donating leave which allowed me to take the time I needed to recover.

One thing I learned is not to be afraid to ask for help. Everyone was not only happy to help but glad that they could do something. I needed a support team to get through it. My family and friends were there for me. Co-workers and management were extremely supportive. I reached out to the American Cancer Society for their expertise and services. The Rock church provided drivers for my frequent trips to the clinic when my doctor would not allow me to drive.

The latest news is that almost one year post transplant, I am able to work four days per week and am steadily improving. I look forward to the day when I am back to work full time and have the stamina to help others.

**-- Nancy Martin-Padilla, CDFM  
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CONGRATULATIONS to Rey Tiseula.  
He completed all 3 CDFM modules.



*When to the sessions of sweet silent thought  
I summon up remembrance of things past,  
I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought,  
And with old woes new wail my dear time's waste:  
Then can I drown an eye, unused to flow,  
For precious friends hid in death's dateless night,  
And weep afresh love's long since cancelled woe,  
And moan the expense of many a vanished sight.  
Then can I grieve at grievances foregone,  
And heavily from woe to woe tell o'er  
The sad account of fore-bemoanèd moan,  
Which I new pay as if not paid before.  
But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,  
All losses are restored and sorrows end.*

—**William Shakespeare**, Sonnet 30

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