

San Diego Chapter

COMMUNICATOR



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings! It's time to begin the year with new challenges and goals. It's time to tackle goals we've set and strive hard to accomplish new things that we come across. ASMC's main focus is to educate our members with a well developed training plan. The strength of a successful chapter is its members.

As I reflect on our past years, I am inspired to see all the positive changes we've accomplished. This year we will work to increase membership and to strengthen our relationships with corporate sponsors. Corporate sponsors are an important part of a chapter and we are very fortunate to have great ones.

Each year we learn a little bit more of how we can enrich our chapter and develop our many talents. We have some new board members and I believe they will bring some different perspectives. Change is good as it challenges each of us to look at how we do things and why we need to try something new.

I am challenging each member to recruit one person and to volunteer for a committee to help make a difference. Volunteer now! Also give us your speaker and topic requests.

During this busy holiday season, please make time for yourselves and truly enjoy this time with family, friends and co-workers. The joy of giving is so rewarding. Let's make that extra effort to give to those less fortunate. May you all have a wonderful and safe holiday.

-- Sherry



2011 FIVE STAR CHAPTER !!

Upcoming Luncheon Dates and Speakers:

DEC 13 – U.S. Marine Reserve
Toys for Tots and Mr. Dennis Taitano

FEB 14 – Debra Shore, Comptroller
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APR 18
JUN 13

LOCATION:
MCRD Bay View Club

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Submit member articles for use in future newsletters to:
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Volunteering....

ASMC members helped with **Wounded Warrior Foundation** gift packing on Saturday November 19th. Volunteers provided assistance with the packing of gifts. The gift packs will be delivered to wounded warriors at various locations by Christmastime.



We can't
help
everyone,
but
everyone
can help
someone.

Ronald
Reagan

ASMC National News:

PDI 2012 goes Virtual

In a survey of ASMC members, nearly 80% felt it was either important or moderately important that we invest substantial resources into building virtual attendance into PDI for those who cannot physically attend. Additionally, the challenges that may curtail training funds and the new DoD initiative for more professional training influenced ASMC's decision to offer a Virtual PDI starting in 2012.

To learn more visit: <http://virtualpdi.org>



Membership News

Chapter Member Email Database

The San Diego Chapter no longer maintains our own database of member email addresses. We currently use ASMC National's database. So if you want to continue getting Chapter information by email, ensure your email address with National is current. Below is information for getting your member number and updating your profile on ASMC National's website. It will assist you in updating and maintaining your membership profile.

1st Get 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 and the information will be sent to you immediately. If you are unable to use the self service feature, please contact ASMC National.

2nd Update Your Member Profile at ASMC online

Also use the ASMC Member Portal Self Service feature to **update your Membership Profile.**

How to login to the ASMC Website: **User name:** email address on file. If we do not have an e-mail address for you, please call or e-mail ASMC to set up a username. **Password:** asmc + member number (for example: asmc1234). If your number begins with a zero, do not use the zero. *Your member number may be found on the mailing label of your Armed Forces Comptroller.*



-- Ken Suazo
Admin Vice President





ASK MAC!

Dear Mac,

One of the engineers I work with wants to see guidance on the amount of money that can be withheld from a program. He insists that there must be official guidance from DoD since programs are taxed every year. I tried to explain how it works, but he would hear none of it until I researched it further. I don't recall ever seeing anything official. Can you point me in the right direction?

Ready to Scream

Dear Ready to Scream,

Taxes or withholds are an ugly little secret in Department of Defense (DoD). Everyone knows about them but no one wants to go on the record to officially authorize them.

The Office of Management and Budget apportions (distributes) budget authority to DoD and other federal agencies and departments at the start of the budget execution process. The Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller then allocates DoD's budget authority to the various military services and defense agencies based on appropriations made by Congress

As the funds flow through DoD, to the service or agency comptrollers, to the major command or local comptrollers, a small percentage of funds may be withheld for contingency purposes. Overhead or infrastructure costs are considered contingency. This is a commonly accepted practice and is legal as long as the funds are used in a manner consistent with the basic intent of Congress.

Since these taxes or withholds are unofficial there is little written guidance and no official DoD policy or guidance. Most of the written guidance or policy is provided locally during spend plan preparation. You might want to check with your local comptroller to see if they can provide you with their "official" guidance that they've distributed in the past to put your co-workers concerns to rest.

Take a deep breath and remember engineers are people too!

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

*Sincerely,
Mac*





For our December luncheon we'll have our annual Toys for Tots drive and also collections for the San Diego Food Bank. Also our special guest speaker will be **Mr. Dennis Taitano**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Operations, ASN (FM&C).

TOYS FOR TOTS

Please bring a toy for needy children in San Diego county to support the annual **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots** program drive on December 13th. We will be collecting unwrapped toys for children ages infant to 13 yrs.

And also at the December luncheon, we plan to help the **San Diego Food Bank** which is in need of food. The San Diego Food Bank, in partnership with over 350 local nonprofits, feeds over 340,000 people every month – totaling over 10% of the county's population.

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Q: Is there a list of toys available to guide me with my donation?

Toys for Tots does not publish a list of appropriate toys to donate. If such a list were created, most would follow it, resulting in a limited selection of items to distribute in each community. We would rather our donors consider what might be an appropriate gift for their own child/relative, purchase the item, and donate to Toys for Tots.

Q: Pre-teen/teens are groups for which shopping is especially difficult. Do you have any ideas?

The Foundation does purchase supplemental toys/gifts for our campaign sites and focuses on these age groups. In the past, items purchased for these groups have included, **but are not limited to:** sporting equipment/bags/balls; books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch/wallet gift sets, bath gift sets, board games, radio control cars/trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards/helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners, and hair dryers.

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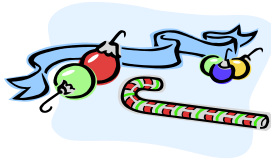
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DID YOU KNOW?

The oldest Navy building is located on the Washington Navy Yard, Naval Support Activity Washington. It was originally known as the Commander's Quarters and was the residence of the second officer of the Yard. Today it is referred to as Quarters B. It has the distinction of being the first permanent building on the Washington Navy Yard, although the precise date of its construction has long been in question. Some accounts say the building was on the site of the Navy Yard when the property was originally purchased; other sources suggest it was built by Lovering and Dyer of Washington between 1801 and 1802. Lieutenant John Cassin was one of the first residents of those quarters when he was appointed to superintend the Navy Yard in 1803. Along with Quarters A and the Latrobe Gate, it escaped destruction in the burning of the Navy Yard in August 1814.

The Commandant's House (now known as the Tingey House, or Quarters A) was the second set of quarters to be built and was "on the highest point of the Yard to be able to view all," according to Benjamin Latrobe's plan for the Yard. The brick, Georgian-style house was probably built by Lovering and Dyer of Washington in 1804.



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