

San Diego Chapter
COMMUNICATOR



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings all,

It has been my privilege to once again serve as your President. We have had another very rewarding and successful year. I am happy to say we were very successful with the challenges and goals that we set for ourselves this year. I asked that you get involved and work to develop yourselves professionally and also to mentor, and you did. I asked that you get involved personally out in your communities, and you did. Thank you! You continue to inspire me to lead with enthusiasm and to grow in many directions.

Our goals and accomplishments always require a great team of leaders and that is what this chapter has. I need to acknowledge the hard working board of elected and appointed members that have dedicated many hours outside of their paid jobs to continue to keep this chapter strong. Thank you, Deborah, Ken, Debra, Mike, Helen, Patty, Tina, Sandy, Brenda, Eevee, and Edgar for always focusing on the good of the chapter. You all rock! I'm very fortunate to be on the same team. Thank you also to members who volunteered for various community events and represented the San Diego Chapter well. Thank you to our Command Reps for taking on the responsibility of luncheon training meeting liaison and being the important link for communication to our members. We appreciate you!

As we move forward to a new year, our vision will grow and take us in new directions. I will ask that we add a team of sponsors to assist in our new path. With the addition of our sponsors, we can become more active in many areas and will be able to accomplish more. This year I would like to focus on the growth of our membership, sponsor involvement and more CDFM training. These areas I believe are important additions to an already strong chapter. With the emphasis in these areas, our members will have more opportunity to grow and develop. Committees will be developing. Therefore we will need Committee Chairs. I will be looking forward to your participation. Experience is the best teacher. So let the experience begin for some, and continue for others. Happy New Year!

-- *Sherry*

Upcoming 2011 Luncheon Dates and Speakers:

OCT 18 – Al Tucker, ASMC Executive Director - "The Future of Defense Financial Management and You" "

DEC 13 – Toys for Tots

LOCATION:
MCRD Bay View Club

Submit member articles for use in future newsletters to:
patricia.finnell@navy.mil

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2011 FIVE STAR CHAPTER !!

YOUR NEW 2011 - 2012 ELECTED OFFICERS:



PRESIDENT: *Sherry Major*

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT: *Brenda Meyer*

ADMIN VICE PRESIDENT: *Ken Suazo*

SECRETARY: *Mike Ortiz*

ASSISTANT TREASURER: *Michael Hoover*

NATIONAL CHAPTER REP: *Helen Profeta*

APPOINTED POSITIONS:



Charity Chair and Photographer - *Tina Malabanan*

Special Assistant and Editor - *Patty Finnell*

Special Events Coordinator - *Evelyn Peoples-Mahoney*

CDFM Chair - *Sandy Davis-Schiermeyer*

Webmaster Coordinator - *Edgar Deguzman*

Sponsorship Chair and Scholarship Chair - **Both VACANT**

MEMBERSHIP

ASMC San Diego FY-2012 Membership Drive

Happy New Fiscal Year! It's hard to believe FY2012 is upon us. With it brings many new opportunities and a new Membership Drive for ASMC San Diego.



Recruiter of the Quarter

ASMC San Diego will award **\$25** each quarter to the member who brings in the most **NEW*** members.

Be sure to ask the new member you are sponsoring to put your name and membership number on their application. Also please email Ken Suazo to notify you are sponsoring the new member so he can verify their status and you'll receive credit for recruiting.

*Members **transferring** from other chapters do not qualify as a "NEW" member.

Rules for the 2011-2012 ASMC Membership Drive

This contest is open to all ASMC San Diego members in good standing. To receive credit for a new member, the sponsor may submit a signed membership application with dues or refer a prospective member to Ken Suazo by e-mail or memorandum. If the referred person joins ASMC, the sponsor will receive credit and a chance to win \$25.

A new/reinstated member is officially credited to the sponsor when the candidate is accepted for membership and dues received. A reinstated member is defined as an inactive ASMC member whose dues have lapsed for two or more years. All applications and membership dues must be received not later than the last day of each quarter (31 Dec 11, 30 Mar 12, 30 Jun 12, & 30 Sep 12) to be counted toward the Membership Drive.

Contest rules and prizes are subject to change by the ASMC Membership Committee or Board of Directors. By entering the contest, members agree that the committee's or board's decisions are final and not subject for review.

If you have any questions, contact our membership chair, Ken Suazo at 619-532-1099 or Kenneth.Suazo@navy.mil.

*--Ken Suazo
Admin Vice President*

CHARITY NEWS

Hi Everyone!

This month we are continuing our effort to help the **Veterans Village of San Diego**! Every year thousands of our veterans and their families are going homeless. Most of them end up on the street with nowhere to turn to. Veterans Village provides a winter shelter for them starting in December and ends in April. In order for them to provide for our homeless veterans, donations are badly needed. During our October luncheon, we will be accepting toiletries needed for the homeless veterans and are asking for monetary donations to help fund the winter shelter. If you would like more information on the Veterans Winter Shelter, please go to www.vvvd.net/shelter.htm.

Here is a list of toiletries that are needed:

- shampoo
- conditioner
- body wash
- combs and brushes
- hair gel
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- dental floss
- deodorant
- lip balm
- disposable razors
- shaving cream
- feminine products
- toiletory kits



Moreover, two of our ASMC members Genia Kyles and Lori Bronson have kindly volunteered to collect monetary donations during the luncheon, so please show your support!

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

*-- Brenda Meyer
Special Events/Charity Chair*





ASK MAC!

Dear Mac,

At the August ASMC luncheon the speaker played this fun learning game with financial related questions. A couple of the answers involved a term that I have seldom heard in all my years in the Comptroller shop. I know the concept, but the word itself is NOT used in our daily business. Could you please explain it more? The term was: "OUTLAY".

*Thank you for your words of wisdom,
Always a student*

Dear Always a Student,

Let's review the basic terminology that leads to an outlay and make an analogy of government fiscal actions to an individual's use of a credit card and maybe that will help you better understand.

- Your credit limit is analogous to budget authority granted by Congress through the Appropriation Act.
- The credit verification before finalizing a sale is analogous to the comptroller's certification of funds. The funds are placed on an administrative reservation for a specific purpose, which is analogous to a commitment.
- The actual purchase that occurs by signing the credit slip for the sale is analogous to the obligation of funds that occurs when the Procuring Contracting Officer signs the contract. An obligation is a legal reservation of funds.
- Writing a check to pay your credit card bill is analogous to the government's expenditure of funds.
- When money is actually withdrawn from your account to pay the check, this is analogous to an outlay from the Treasury.

So to answer your question, an outlay occurs when money is withdrawn from the U.S. Treasury. Since programs within Department of Defense are evaluated on their obligation and expenditure rates, many of us in the financial community focus on those specific areas and don't frequently use the term, outlay. That game sounds like a great way to learn! Thanks for a great question and for your desire to learn.

*Sincerely,
Mac*

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



Special Guest Speaker for our October 18th Luncheon Meeting:

Mr. Al Tucker



ASMC HQ Executive Director
 "The Future of Defense Financial Management and You"
 &
 Installation of new board members and
 Recognition of Outgoing Board

Mr. Alvin Tucker became the Executive Director of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) in March 2009.

Mr. Tucker is well-known in the DoD financial community and has extensive experience in Defense accounting, audit, and budget. During his federal service he was DoD Deputy Chief Financial Officer from 1990 to 1997. Previous to that he was Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Deputy Assistant Inspector General (Audit) in the Office of the DoD IG, and Director of Training and Education in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). He began his federal career with the Army Audit Agency, and progressed to staff positions as an auditor and budget analyst in the OSD Comptroller organization before joining the Senior Executive Service in 1979. He retired from the Civil Service in 1997 with 34 years of service. Mr. Tucker is a Certified Defense Financial Manager with Acquisition Specialty (CDFM-A), a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). He is the recipient of the Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service, with oak leaf cluster and was twice named a Meritorious Senior Executive by U.S. Presidents. A graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, he is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Development Program sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDS:
 Karen Dalton, Virginia Cade,
 Sheila Jackson, Maureen Colgan



**Congratulations to our
 FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP AWARDEES:**



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ASMC National News: Online CPE Management Tool

Over 140,000 CPEs have been entered in the new ASMC CPE Management tool by 6,200 members. This member only tool allows you to track your education and upload certificates regardless of your certification. This tool can be used to track CPE for CDFM, CDFM-A, and other certificate programs. Watch a short video on how the tool works on the ASMC Member Portal
<<http://ASMC.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xNzI1NzgwJnA9MSZ1PTEwMjEzZmJlE1NjkmBk9Nzq4MTc4Mw/index.html>>

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



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

**Our August
luncheon was
worth 0.7 CPEs**



FINANCIAL JEOPARDY GAME!
Fun as well as a learning experience!
Thanks Joanne

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