



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 2008

AFCEA SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays Everyone!!

Our December Toys for Tots luncheon was another successful event with record attendance and an abundance of gifts for families and children in need.

The U.S. Marine Corps is a shining example of courage, commitment, and patriotism. But, in recent decades, this corps of fighting men and women has also become known for their charitable efforts. The Marine Reserves Toys for Tots Foundation is an organization dedicated to bringing the Christmas spirit into homes suffering from the scourge of poverty. Toys for Tots began in December of 1947, when the wife of Marine Reserve Major Bill Hendricks made a Raggedy Ann doll and requested that her husband deliver it to a group that would give it to a needy little girl on Christmas Day. However, the major was unable to find an agency that could do the job. As a result, the major and members of his Los Angeles Marines Reserve unit decided to join forces to collect and distribute 5,000 toys to the needy children of LA. From this effort, Toys for Tots was born. The next year, the Marine Corps Reserve adopted the program as its own and started collecting toys in nearly 200 communities across the nation. In more than 50 years of service, the Marines have distributed more than 330 million toys to over 150 million needy children. The Toys for Tots program is not simply a giveaway program. It's also an effort to bring joy into the lives of little ones struggling to survive.

Although we are always grateful for those who dedicate themselves to protect our freedom, this holiday season we extend a special thank you to those who have sacrificed so much for us.

Happy Holidays everyone! See you at our new luncheon venue, the Mission Valley Hilton on January 20th!

Shirley Adams
President
AFCEA, San Diego Chapter

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CHAPTER NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

February 11-13, 2009, WEST 2009

"Defense: Reset - Redesign - or Reinvent?"

Sponsor a "belly bar" table at the WEST 2009 Technical Reception

San Diego will host WEST 2009 at the San Diego Convention Center on February 11-13, 2009. Co-sponsored by AFCEA International and the U.S. Naval Institute, West 2009 is the largest event on the West Coast for communications, electronics, intelligence, information systems, imaging, military weapon systems, aviation, shipbuilding, and more. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to engage military and industry leaders who are designing warfighting strategies and operational platforms.

The following speakers have been invited:

ADM Gary Roughead, USN
Chief of Naval Operations

GEN James T. Conway, USMC
Commandant of the Marine Corps

ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN
Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

ADM William J. Fallon, USN (Ret.)
Former Commander, U.S. Pacific Command

LTG Thomas F. Metz, USA
Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization

The Honorable Joseph W. Prueher
Former U.S. Ambassador to China

Mr. David Hartman
Former Host, Good Morning America

As in the past, the AFCEA San Diego will host the WEST 2009 Technical Reception on Thursday, February 12 from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM. We have invited the Navy Band to play and there will be 20 "belly bar" tables available for sponsorship. Sponsorship includes access to this table during the reception, your logo prominently displayed on the table and drink tickets provided by WEST. The cost of the table sponsorship is \$250, with proceeds being used to fund the scholarships we sponsor each year. For more information or to reserve a table, please contact me at the above e-mail address.

The 5th Annual AFCEA Buck Bragunier Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Admiral Baker Course, San Diego. You can register for the Golf Tournament on the WEST 2009 website, <http://www.afcea.org/events/west/09/players.asp>.

One of the responsibilities of my position is to maintain the San Diego Community Calendar found on the top left corner of our website (www.afcea-sd.org). Please contact me if you have an event to add to the calendar .

Jim Loiselle

Vice President
AFCEA, San Diego Chapter

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LUNCHEON

Toys for Tots Benefit



Guest Speaker, COL Redfern, and Jason Minter, VP Programs AFCEA San Diego

The December luncheon was held at MCAS Miramar to bring the two Southern California, AFCEA North County and AFCEA San Diego, chapters together. As has become tradition the luncheon was dedicated to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program and every attendee was encouraged to bring a toy in lieu of the regular luncheon payment. Three large boxes of toys were collected and the surrounding area was commandeered for overflow! The generosity shown by our membership is overwhelming, we can't thank you enough.

A special thanks goes out to the Marines at VMFAT 101, CPL Tournquest and LCPL Windsor who volunteered their time to collect and guard the donations during the luncheon.

The president for the holiday bowl association was present to discuss the bowl history and his predictions for this year's Poinsettia and Holiday bowl. He surprised three guests with ticket packages to the games.

Our guest speaker was COL Redfern, Chief of Staff for the 3RD Marine Aircraft Wing (3RD MAW). He presented a detailed overview of the technologies being used in Iraq and Afghanistan and shared many personal experiences of the successes being achieved daily throughout Iraq. He shared his confidence that the same successes will be achieved in Afghanistan once more troop support can be committed to the area. COL Redfern also discussed the deployment cycles and what the Marine Corps is doing to help the Marines and their family as they deal with the constant rotations.

Jason Minter

Vice President Programs
AFCEA, San Diego Chapter



EDUCATION

AFCEA Robotics Initiatives

Three local schools will be represented at the January 20th luncheon to promote our Robotics Program. They will be showcasing their involvement in Robotics in their schools, and how our sponsorship will be helping them. The objective is to encourage students to partake in Science and Engineering careers in a meaningful way, and we are seeking participation from our membership to act as mentors to help them with this step in their education. The goal is to find 30 mentors to promote the concept of “groups working together to solve problems”. Robotics is rich with such problems. Those familiar with programming in C and Labview, and with SolidWorks are particularly encouraged to become a mentor, as well as mechanical and electrical engineers who would like to share their experiences and help with this Education outreach.

City College will focus on their activities using underwater robots. They have attracted some attention from several local companies and have had considerable experience in competitions. City College focuses on transitioning students between high school and University, they will be mentoring juniors. La Jolla High and San Dieguito Academy High are progressing towards FIRST Robotics Challenges.

Please come and share the enthusiasm and excitement that Robotics offers to our future Scientists and Engineers.

AFCEA San Diego Education Foundation Due Dates

Three of our Education outreach programs have due dates within the next four months. Here is a summary of those programs. Additional information and applications for all our programs are available on line at www.afcea-sd.org, select the Education tab.

1. Science Tool Awards program

We provide up to \$1,000 to science teachers involved in teaching students from 5th through 12th grade.

- Applications should be submitted from February 1st through March 31st 2009
- Awards are announced May 1st and presented at the June AFCEA meeting
- Funding will be available in September of the new academic year.

2. College Scholarship Programs

Applications for both the San Diego \$8,000 College Scholarship and the Buck Bragunier Leadership Scholarship (\$2,000) are due by the end of April 2009.

3. Science Fair Volunteers

We will be providing volunteer judges for the annual Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair at the Balboa Park Activity Center. Volunteers are needed for Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 0900-1300. Please contact our Science Fair Chairperson, Scott Pence, at 858-689-1500 x101, jscottpence@bspstaffing.com.

Pat Kelly

Vice President, Education
AFCEA, San Diego Chapter

MEMBERSHIP

New Corporate Member



*Ms. Jamie Hewitt, President
intelliSolutions, Inc., with Al Haefner,
VP Membership AFCEA San Diego*

The San Diego Chapter of AFCEA extends a warm welcome to our newest Corporate Member, intelliSolutions, Inc. was founded in 2006 by Ms. Jamie Hewitt and is registered as a small woman owned business in San Diego, CA, that specializes in programmatic, engineering, information technology, and administrative support services. Some of their customers include SPAWARSSYSCOM, PEO C4I, PEO Space, PEO EIS, JPEO JTRS and SSC Pacific.

AFCEA San Diego is pleased to welcome intelliSolutions, Inc. to our growing family of corporate members.

New Chapter Member

AFCEA San Diego extends a warm welcome to our new member Deanne Bowman. Deanne is an Engagement Manager for Essential Data Corp (EDC), a woman owned certified small business, in San Diego. EDC is a consulting firm specializing in Technical Writing, Documentation, and Training Materials. EDC has been working with Fortune 500 Companies throughout the country for the past 20 yrs. Their clients include: AETNA, Bayer Diagnostics, Wyeth, Novartis, Motorola, and Pfizer. To name just a few!

EDC has been certified as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, the Women President's Educational Organization of New York, and by several of our major clients for participation in their respective woman and minority advancement programs.

Deanne is originally from Dubuque Iowa, and is a graduate of the University of Iowa. She has lived in San Diego for the past 11 years; her husband is a native San Diegan. They have a seventeen month old daughter, Sydney River. Deanne has worked in outside sales for several different types of companies over the past 10 years. She looks forward to growing great partnerships with clients through EDC's consulting services.

AFCEAN of the Month

Maria Fischer, CEO of BienTech International, was recognized as our December AFCEAN of the Month for her extraordinary effort in recruiting, organizing, training, and managing over 70 Volunteers in support of MILCOM 2008. Maria's vitality and excellent leadership produced very favorable results and her efforts were greatly appreciated by all involved. Not only did things run smoothly, the event, greatly dependent of the efforts of our volunteers was a huge success due to Maria's organization skills and attention to detail.

BienTech International is an engineering, sciences and business services solutions company strategically focused on supplying advanced technology skills, expertise and management services to government, military, academia, and commercial sectors in the USA and internationally. BienTech is a San Diego based Company with offices in La Jolla California.

BienTech: Trail Blazing, creating value thru people and technology

Thank you Maria for your service and dedication to AFCEA and congratulations on a job well done!!

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP VALUES

Tradition dictates that every 365 days, you should try to kick bad habits and start life anew. So sit down with your favorite refreshment, a paper and a pen, and reflect: What kinds of New Years Resolutions will you make in 2009?

Most of us will list the basics: losing weight, managing debt, saving money, finding a better job, continuing education, getting organized, quit smoking, drink less, reduce stress, take a trip, find more family time, and volunteer to help others. But why do so many of us fail in keeping our resolutions? Perhaps it's as simple as planning any project; break it down to bite size pieces.

First: be realistic by setting achievable goals. "Win the lottery" is not a good example of a resolution you can work to make happen.

Second: describe your resolutions in specific terms. Instead of "Don't be lazy," resolve to "Exercise three mornings each week" or "Cut down watching television to three shows a day".

Third: break down large goals into smaller ones. For instance, commit to losing weight by resolving to join a gym before month's end and improve eating habits by reducing portion size.

Fourth: find alternatives to a behavior that you want to change, and make this part of your resolution plan. If you want to quit smoking but you smoke to relax yourself then resolve to find and try out three alternate methods of relaxation.

Fifth: above all, aim for things that are truly important to you, not what you think you ought to do or what others expect of you.

Finally: **Remain Flexible**, expect that your plan can and will change. Life has a funny way of throwing unexpected things at us, and flexibility is required to complete anything but the simplest goal. Sometimes the goal itself will even change. Most of all recognize partial successes at every step along the way. Just as a resolution isn't accomplished the day it's stated, neither is it accomplished the day you reach your goal. Rather, it's accomplished in many small increments along the way. Acknowledge these incremental successes as they come.

Oh, if you need a resolution to start your list, try this one; "I resolve to help increase the San Diego AFCEA Chapter membership roster to 1,170 by the C4ISR Symposium with my effort to talk to one friend or fellow employee about AFCEA this month and next month."

Al Haefner

Vice President, Membership
AFCEA, San Diego Chapter

	United States	International
One Year	\$35	\$35
One Year (Enlisted Pay Grades E-1 through E-6)	\$15	\$15
Three Years (save \$20)	\$85	\$85
*Lifetime Membership (40 and under)	\$700	\$700
*Lifetime Membership (over 40)	\$400	\$400
*Installment plan available for Lifetime Memberships		

SMALL BUSINESS

Small Business Spotlight

If you are a Small Business member of our Chapter and would like an opportunity to introduce your Firm to hundreds of San Diego's Defense Industry leaders at one of our Monthly Luncheons, then you want to take advantage of the Small Business Spotlight.

To be the subject of a future Small Business Spotlight, please contact Benito Hobson, Vice President of Small Business, AFCEA San Diego Chapter at VPSmallBusiness@afcea-sd.org, or (858) 300-1643. Past presenters have reported very positive responses and solid leads. We are already booking 2009 so be sure to get your requests in.

Our Chapter also works closely with local resources such as SPAWAR's Office of Small Business Programs to provide Small Business members timely access to critical information. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding doing business within the local Defense Community.

Small Business Committee

The next meeting for the AFCEA San Diego Small Business Committee will be held immediately following the January 20th Monthly Luncheon at the Mission Valley Hilton. Planning continues in earnest for our contribution to AFCEA West in February and our Small Business Finance event in March. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or are interested in assisting with the planning/execution of these events.

We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our newest Small Business members:

[intelliSolutions, Inc.](#)—Represented by Jamie Hewitt

[Essential Data Corp.](#)—Represented by Deanne Bowman

[System Technology Institute](#)—Represented by Sherry Beckman

Benito Hobson

Vice President, Small Business
AFCEA, San Diego Chapter

“O, it is excellent to have the giant's strength, it is tyrannous to use it like a giant.” Shakespeare

VETERANS RETRAINING INITIATIVE

Community News

The following press release was brought to our attention by a fellow member and we wanted to pass along the information.

New Law Authorizes Veterans' Salutes during National Anthem

October 30, 2008

WASHINGTON -- Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to members of the armed forces while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs

AFCEA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday January 11, 2009:

Navy League Breakfast—Admiral Baker Clubhouse

7:00—8:30 AM

RSVP—Jay Lot 619-230-0301 or jay@navyleague-sd.com

Tuesday January 13, 2009:

SDDC Monthly Luncheon—Handlery Hotel

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

RSVP—Rosemary Bullen 858-651-6123

www.sddc.org

Tuesday January 20, 2009:

AFCEA Luncheon— Mission Valley Hilton

11:30-1:00 PM

RSVP—luncheon-response@afcea-sd.org

www.afcea-sd.org

Wednesday January 21, 2009:

SDMAC Breakfast—Admiral Kidd Club

7:30 AM—9:00 AM

RSVP— Larry Blumberg 619-299-9834

**AFCEA & NDIA San Diego Small Business Committees Present:
*A Winter Social Networking Celebration***

Save the Date

Friday, January 30, 2009

Doubletree Club Hotel

1515 Hotel Circle South , San Diego

Government and Large Business are invited to Mix and Mingle with Small Business Colleagues. A conveniently located, well priced networking event to start the New Year!

Dress: Very very casual, tails not required.

Hors d'oeuvres, drink tickets,

Cost: \$15.00 on the web, \$20.00 at the door (parking included).

Register at: www.ndia-sd.org



AFCEA MONTHLY LUNCHEON

WHEN: Tuesday January 20, 2008

TIME: 11:30 AM—1:00 PM

WHERE: Mission Valley Hilton — Camino Del Rio South

http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/SANMVHF-Hilton-San-Diego-Mission-Valley-California/index.do

COST:

\$20 Enlisted, **\$28 Government and Industry (\$40 at the door)**

CORPORATE TABLES:

Available for \$250 a table per luncheon, tables seat 10.

VENDOR TABLES:

Available for \$30 per luncheon and are tax deductible.

Register online at www.afcea-sd.org



Carmela A. Keeney

Technical Director

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific

Ms. Carmela A. Keeney became the Technical Director for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Pacific (SSC Pacific), in December 2005. SSC Pacific consists of 4100 civilian and military personnel and over 2000 contractor support personnel with a total obligating authority of more than \$2 billion. Ms. Keeney has also been designated SPAWAR Deputy Chief Engineer Pacific under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy's Competency Aligned Organization (CAO). As Technical Director, Ms. Keeney leads a diverse and highly technical organization in the research, development, fielding and support of advanced technologies for command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) and Information Operations (IO).

Prior to assuming her role as the Center's senior leader, she was the Head of the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Department within SSC San Diego. In this capacity, she led a broad set of technical programs in maritime surveillance, ocean systems, and in signal exploitation and intelligence systems and was responsible for conducting research, development, test and evaluation and life cycle support for Naval, Joint and National ISR and IO systems.

Ms. Keeney began her career in 1979 as a principal investigator in marine technology and undersea systems at the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory's Ocean Systems Division. She led a variety of technical projects in the area of maritime surveillance including research into bionic sonar and shallow water surveillance systems at the Naval Ocean Systems Center, Hawaii Laboratory, from 1985 to 1992. She was the Acquisition Program Manager for a multi-sensor surveillance system and led the successful development and operational deployment of that system at a strategic Navy site. Areas of responsibility have included undersea, surface and aerospace ISR efforts involving sensor technology and system development, unmanned systems, multi-sensor fusion, and ISR communications. Ms. Keeney became a member of the Senior Executive Service in April 2000.

Ms. Keeney has a master's degree in electrical and computer engineering (1985) and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering (1979) from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



AFCEA Professional Development Center Courses Offered at [West 2009](#) in San Diego

[09360](#) Implementing IPv6; February 9-12; Classification: *Unclassified*. This course will meet the basic IPv6 needs of network and system architects, engineers, support personnel and anyone with an interest in the next generation Internet protocol. Attendees should have a general understanding of networking concepts, network infrastructure components, and IPv4.

[09302](#) Military SATCOM in a Net-Centric Environment; February 9-13 2009; Classification: *SECRET*. This course is designed for military communications systems planners, engineers, managers, operators, system analysts, and decision makers who need a thorough understanding of military satellite communications systems design. A general background in communications is recommended.

Other courses offered at West 2009

[09912/SANS 512](#) SANS Security Leadership Essentials for Managers; February 9-13; Classification: *Unclassified*. This course, offered in a special partnership with the SANS Institute, has been completely updated and is designed to empower advancing managers who want to get up to speed fast on information security issues and terminology. You don't just learn about security, you learn how to manage security. Students will learn vital, up-to-date knowledge and skills required to supervise the security component of any information technology project. Additionally, the course has been engineered to incorporate the NIST Special Papers 800 guidance so that it can be particularly useful to U.S. Government managers and supporting contractors.

[09502](#) Implementing the DoD Net-Centric Data Strategy -- Making SOA Work; February 10-12; Classification: *Unclassified*. This course is designed for professionals who will be leading and implementing the transformation of DoD to net-centric operations. They may be involved in governance, development of services, or development of information exchanges. This is a "hands on" course; all participants are expected to join a team for the workshop portion.

[09503](#) DoD Architecture Framework Implementation; February 9-13 2009; Classification: *Unclassified*. This course is designed for professionals who are or will be involved in developing operational and systems views of an architecture consistent with DoD Architecture Framework for or in support of DoD and intelligence community organizations. It also is for professionals responsible for such architectures because, through the interactive and work sessions, it helps them gain an appreciation of the time and resources needed to bring an architecture effort to a successful conclusion. This is a hands-on course: all participants are expected to join one of the teams.

[09901](#) Government Contracting: Workshop for Engineers, Project Managers, Technical Representatives, Procurement Specialists, and Contract Administrators; February 10-12; Classification: *Unclassified*. This course is oriented to industry and government engineers and Project managers but is also beneficial to contract administrators. Students will receive Mr. Giallourakis' book, *Contracting with Uncle Sam* (2008).

[09920](#) Leveraging Your AFCEA Corporate Membership as a Small Business; February 11, 2008, 3-5 PM; Classification: *Unclassified*. This informative workshop is designed to help you get the most out of your company's AFCEA corporate membership. Learn tips and strategies from AFCEA International staff for leveraging your membership investment for maximum return. This session will be helpful to all levels of AFCEA corporate members and those considering membership. You will have the opportunity to meet AFCEA membership staff and get answers to your membership questions. All are welcome to attend this **free** course.

For full course descriptions, fees, instructor bios, and to register, click on the course number.

Questions? Call the PDC Registrar, Sheila McCoy, at 703-631-6137 or [email Sheila](#); or PDC Director, Ann Beckham, at 703-631-6135 or [email Ann](#).

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Technology and Training Summit

February 18, 2009

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Complimentary training will be provided on our products, overviews of our programs, and tours of our facility to see our latest technology.

Technology and Training Summit

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Warriors Tribute

This poems is Dedicated to the Warfighters that have given their life for our country:

THE FINAL INSPECTION

The Marine stood and faced God Which must always come to pass
He hoped his shoes were shining - Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you Marine, - How shall I deal with you?

Have you always turned the other cheek?

To My Church have you been true?"

The Marine squared his shoulders and said, "No, Lord, I guess I've not
Because those of us who carry guns - Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sunday - And at times my talk was tough,
And sometimes I've been violent, - Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny - That wasn't mine to keep...

Though I worked a lot of overtime When the bills got just too steep
And I never passed a cry for help, - Though at times I shook with fear,
And sometimes, God forgive me, - I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place - Among the people here,
They never wanted me around - Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord, - It needn't be so grand,
I never expected or had too much, - But if you don't, I'll understand."

There was a silence all around the throne - Where the saints had often trod

As the Marine waited quietly, - For the judgment of his God,

"Step forward now, you Marine, - You've borne your burdens well,
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, - You've done your time in Hell."

May God Bless them and keep them safe when in harm's way

So they may return home

To love and be loved like there is no tomorrow!!

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