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Presidio of Monterey on parade at a San Francisco Giants game



Globe Corrections

The *Globe* magazine published incorrect information in the headline and first paragraph of the Portuguese article on page 20 of the February/March 1997 issue. It should have stated that, "The Portuguese Department started in 1947 at the Army Language School (ALS), Presidio of Monterey," and not at Fort Snelling, Minn., as the headline and story indicated. Also, we should have italicized the first paragraph as an editor's note.

In the Curriculum Development article on page 14, the last

sentence of the first paragraph should be, "A curriculum assistant ensures that material developed is produced according to the provost's and Dean of Curriculum Instruction standards. "Personal identification," the first lesson, is followed later in the course with "A Changing World."

We said in one story that the Persian-Farsi course is a Category IV language course of 63-weeks. It is a Category III language course of 47 weeks. We regret the errors in the different news articles.

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It's baseball season again. The DLIFLC joint service color guard carries the colors during opening day ceremonies for the San Francisco Giants at 3Com (Candlestick) Park April 6. The Presidio of Monterey service members performed a similar honor for the Giants home game April 19. (Photo by Marine Sgt Ivan Roney)

Commander's Notes

I have long felt that there's a perspective on the people and events that shape DLIFLC foreign language programs over the years that only our Institute's faculty members acquire. I'm always interested in what they have to say and I suspect that readers of the Globe feel much the same.

That's why I'm pleased to see four contributions in this issue by faculty members who offer retrospectives on the programs with which they are associated.

For their valuable insights, I thank (in alphabetical order):

· Mr. Youssef Arbab, Chairperson, Department B, Persian-Farsi; European School II

· Mr. Nuzhet Gencoglu, Branch Chief, Turkish; Multi-Language Dept., Middle East School I

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I hope more faculty members will offer to tell the story of their programs in future issues of the Globe.

Note that three of the language programs in this issue cover 50 years. While I'm not suggesting that a program has to have that longevity before its story is told, I think it's especially useful to note how some of our Institute's programs have achieved long life.

That's because we live in changing times and all of our programs are subject to change. Notably, their enrollments expand or contract as we carry out our mission of producing linguists for the Department of Defense. In an ever-changing world, it's inevitable that enrollments in some programs will surge when the world situation warrants it, while enrollments in other programs will taper off.

It's a reality our Institute has lived with since its inception. It's a tribute to DLIFLC's flexibility that programs are well-maintained through times when enrollment in them is low. These programs are always capable of expansion should the need arise. And the need does arise.

This issue of the Globe magazine highlights the Officer Personnel Management System (OPMS) and how it is changing to reflect today's and tomorrow's global military



Col. Daniel D. Devlin
Commandant of DLIFLC,
Commander of DLIFLC and the Presidio of Monterey

missions to lead us into the next century. Maj. Gen. David Ohle, Chief of the OPMS Task Force XXI, visited the Institute in March and told officers what to expect for future career plans. He mentioned the OPMS system has difficulties balancing priorities of warfighting capabilities and balancing officer skills and grades. Officers also learned the Army is overstructured and undermanned, especially in the company-grade positions.

March was National Women's History Month. The Institute's Federal Women's Program recognized Gail Youngblood, BRAC and Environmental Directorate, as the Outstanding Woman of the Year. The FWP honored Dean Martha Hartzog as the Supervisor of the Year. Congratulations to both. 🏆

Farewell

Presidio Portrait of

Lt. Col. Jonathan Lang
Director of Resource Management

Lt. Col. Jonathan Lang arrived at DLIFLC March 7, 1994, as the Director of Resource Management (DRM) and before that, he was assigned to Fort Sill, Okla. He held the top budget officer's job until April 15, 1996, when he became the Deputy Garrison Commander at the Presidio of Monterey.

"I was the principal assistant to the garrison commander and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the 450-member garrison staff," said Lang. "Our goal was providing the best possible base support to the Defense Language Institute and other tenant units. Garrison views the people we supported the same way a business views its customers."

Members of the garrison staff saw the Initial Entry Training (IET) soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines as their number one customer. The garrison staff wanted language students to concentrate on their studies and not worry about other things.

"We realized military linguists were under tremendous academic pressure and didn't need to be concerned with a lack of base support, especially where bachelor and family housing was concerned," said Lang.



Lt. Col. Jonathan Lang

Lang never studied a foreign language at the Institute. But, he took the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) in Italian and German and tested 2/1+ in listening and reading proficiency in both languages. He studied those two languages while stationed overseas.

His civilian education included a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and a master's degree from Syracuse University. His military training includes the Professional Military Comptroller Course, and the Command and General Staff College.

Lang was the Division Artillery S-4 and a Provisional Battalion Commander, 1st Armored Division, during the Persian Gulf War. Other assignments were as a Battalion Executive Officer of a Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) battalion at Fort Sill, Okla., and the Comptroller with the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany. His favorite tour of duty was as an artillery forward observer with an airborne infantry company.

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Sgt. Maj. Stephen Praksti
Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Garrison,
Presidio of Monterey

Sgt. Maj. Stephen Praksti was the Presidio of Monterey Garrison Sergeant Major and served in this position since March 1996 when he replaced Sgt. Maj. Richard Higdem. He served as the principal senior enlisted advisor to the garrison commander on issues which affect soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and their families.

The Presidio garrison controls the support facilities such as housing, public works, transportation, logistics, contracting, and the Directorate of Community Activities to improve quality of life for the local military community.

"My job was troubleshooting potential problem areas, making recommendations for solutions, and using adequate resources to accomplish the missions," said Praksti. "For career highlights, I listed my many years as a first sergeant taking care of soldiers and their families."

This career soldier was no stranger to the Presidio or Fort Ord. He was 1st Sgt. Praksti, Company C, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, (from January 1994 to March 1996.)



Sgt. Maj. Stephen Praksti

Before that, he was stationed on Fort Ord as the Sergeant Major, the Army Information Systems Command. During this time, he completed the 7th Infantry Division (Light) Light Fighter Air Assault Course and proudly wears the Air Assault Badge.

Overseas tours included assignments to Korea, Panama and two tours to Germany — one to Stuttgart and one in Darmstadt.

Sgt. Maj. Praksti has an associate's degree. His military diplomas include graduation from the Inspector General Course, Army Physical Fitness School as a Master Fitness Trainer, the Air Assault Course, the Army First Sergeant Course, and Class 42 of the Army Sergeants Major Academy.

His awards and decorations include the Army Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Assault Badge, and the German Armed Forces Marksmanship Badge or Schutzenschnurr, Bronze.

Sgt. Maj. Praksti received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal before departing the POM.

He left for his next assignment to Heidelberg, Germany, at the end of April.

Task force director outlines OPMS redesign

Story by Joseph Morgan

What's right with today's Army?
What's wrong with today's Army?

What's right today that could go wrong in the future?

Maj. Gen David H. Ohle said he and members of his task force pursued answers to these questions in their redesign of the Army's Officer Personnel Management System (OPMS).

Ohle was selected in May 1996 by Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army Chief of Staff, to head the task force that would develop OPMS XXI to meet the needs of the Army into the next century. Ohle traveled to DLIFLC in March to brief the Institute's Foreign Area Officer contingent and other Army officers assigned at or near DLIFLC whose careers will be affected by new OPMS policies.

The task force has completed a number of OPMS redesign recommendations that have gained Army approval for implementation in October. "We're still open to any recommendations that you might have," Ohle told the approximately 300 officers at a briefing he conducted at Weckerling Center.

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Ohle said the task force views the Army's upholding of "warfighting as job one" as foremost among the things that are right about today's Army. The task

force also concluded that the Army has the highest quality officers in its history and has in place "proven systems for producing competent and caring leaders."

Enhancing the Army's warfighting capability is one of the task force's three main design criteria, Ohle said. Providing career officers with "a reasonable opportunity for success" and balancing grades and skills are the other two.

Ohle cautioned that the Army's attentiveness to warfighting is also a right thing that could go wrong. That happens when the system promotes and rewards troop command officers and ignores those who perform other duties, he said.

"That's something we've got to correct," Ohle said. "There are great officers throughout the Army who deserve an opportunity to succeed."

One of the things that's wrong with the Army is that it's "overstructured and undermanned," with more officer vacancies in units than officers to fill them, Ohle said. He said the problem is most severe at company-grade level, with lieutenants serving in captains' jobs and captains serving in majors' jobs.

"We're going to reduce structure," Ohle said. "We're going to eliminate positions so we can get structural alignment. There's no way you can develop officers the way you're supposed to if they're working in jobs above their pay grade."

Ohle, whose military experience spans more than 28 years, commanded a Ranger company in Vietnam; an infantry battalion at Fort Campbell, Ky.; and an infantry brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He served as assistant commander of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan. His staff assignments include service as the Chief, Executive Services Division, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army; Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations

and Plans; and Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Army.

His awards for peacetime and combat service include the Silver Star, three Legions of Merit, three awards of the Bronze Star (one with the V-device for valor), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Air Medal (one with the V-device for valor), and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He is also authorized to wear the Parachutist's Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab.

"There are great officers throughout the Army who deserve an opportunity to succeed."

Maj. Gen David H. Ohle

Personnel work was something he had never tackled until last year, Ohle said, describing his career as that of "an operator, not a personnelist."

This was something he brought up in a conversation with Reimer shortly after the Chief of Staff selected him to head Task Force XXI.

"That's exactly why I picked you," was Reimer's reply, Ohle said.

Updates on the work of the OPMS XXI Task Force and other information about the new personnel system can be accessed by visiting the OPMS Task Force web site at: <http://www.army.mil/opms/default.htm>.

Task force information is also available by visiting the Army Home Page. Click on "O" under "Subject," then click on "OPMS XXI Task Force" under "Officer."



Behind the scenes

Senior NCOs/petty officers select outstanding NCOs, junior enlisted

Office of the DLIFLC Command Sergeant Major

The DLIFLC Quarterly Joint Service Noncommissioned Officer/Petty Officer and Junior Enlisted Board is a chance for NCOs, petty officers and junior enlisted from each service to compete by displaying their knowledge in many joint service subjects. The service members' many weeks of studying and competing in unit boards culminate in appearing before the DLI Joint Service Board.

Former DLIFLC Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Bugary chaired the last board as president. Command Sgt. Maj. Debra Smith, DLIFLC's senior enlisted advisor, will be president of future boards. Four other voting members may include the command sergeant major of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Marine Corps Detachment, the command master chief of Naval Security Group Detachment Monterey and the first sergeant, 311th Training Squadron. All five senior NCOs question and rate each candidate carefully in appearance, military bearing and ability to express himself or herself.

Besides their personal qualities, the service member candidates are rated on their knowledge in nine subject areas. These include the history of the Presidio of Monterey and DLIFLC, the military chain of command, current affairs and world events. Military topics are customs and courtesies, first aid, code of conduct/law of land warfare, Uniform Code of Military Justice, military leadership and armed forces insignia. Highest marks go to the service member who has expanded his/her military knowledge to include familiarization with other services' procedures. The Joint Service Board Study Guide is a published reference that includes material in each of the study areas from all four services. It is available at units for those soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen who are selected to appear before the Joint Service Board.

The board's final selection of the most outstanding joint service NCO/PO and junior enlisted is the cumulative effort of the unit, the supervisors and the individuals themselves. The first quarter 1997 Joint Service Board was held in Rasmussen Hall Feb. 27. Five sharp candidates went toe-to-toe for 2 1/2 grueling hours for the coveted title of Joint Service NCO/PO and junior

enlisted service member of the quarter.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Thomas, a Serbian-Croatian student from the 311th Training Squadron, and Army Spc. JoAnn Naumann, an Arabic student from Company B, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, both emerged victorious.

Being selected as the Joint Service NCO/PO and Joint Service Junior Enlisted of the Quarter is no small achievement. After being selected as the winners, they appeared in the DLI commandant's office for a significant awards presentation March 6.

Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC/POM commander and DLIFLC commandant, shook hands with the selectees and remarked on their distinguished performance before the Quarterly Joint Service Board. He gave them his personal award for outstanding achievement, the Commandant's Coin for Excellence. Then both awardees received an Outdoor Recreation Center certificate for one free weekend each at Lake Tahoe. Matt Wheeler, a representative from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), presented them with a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate. Manuel Martinez from the Non Commissioned Officers Association also presented a plaque to the winners.

Several members from the military units attended the ceremony in Col. Devlin's office. These included: Lt. Col. Jason Ploen and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Solmonson, the commander and command sergeant major, respectively of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion; Maj. John Diggins III and Senior Master Sgt. Dale Weber, commander and first sergeant respectively, 311th Training Squadron; Capt. Philip Thorlin, 1st Sgt. Kathleen Collier and Staff Sgt. Michael Dillon, commander, first sergeant and platoon sergeant, respectively, Company B, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Fred Meurer, the Monterey city manager, made the final presentation during the ceremony in Col. Devlin's office. On behalf of the City of Monterey, he issued both winners a framed proclamation from the city and an invitation to appear before the next Monterey City Council meeting.

At the Monterey City Council meeting on March 18, the two selectees were acknowledged for their outstanding accomplishment and received public appreciation and gifts valued over \$100 from the Monterey business community. 🌟

Air Force Element honors its best Personnel of the Year

Story by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen
Photos by Jim Villarreal

The DLIFLC Air Force Element recently honored four of its own as outstanding airman, noncommissioned officer, senior noncommissioned officer and junior officer of the year. The board was held February 18 with the announcements of top personnel made February 19.

The four, Senior Airman Mary Pearl, Tech. Sgt. Deborah Harrell, Senior Master Sgt. Debra Ritchie and 1st Lt. Richard Visosky, all received gift certificates from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and plaques from their unit.

This is the second year the Defense Language Institute's Air Force Element has held this competition.

"I was just happy to be nominated and proud to represent my unit," said Pearl. "The thing I like best about my job is the experience of working with other services in a joint command in the nerve center of the post." Pearl, a native of Harrisburg, Pa., has worked in Operations, Plans and Programs for the past year and

a half and has served in the Air Force for five years.

Tech. Sgt. Deborah Harrell, originally from Maringouin, La., was named as the noncommissioned officer of the year. She works in Test Management and has been stationed here for six months. She has accumulated 11 years total service in the Air Force. She likes the working environment. "I enjoy working with people who are concerned, professional and care about what they do," she noted. "I haven't been here that long so it is gratifying to know that most of my accomplishments were noted and carried over from my last assignment. I'm really pleased about that."

Senior Master Sgt. Debra Ritchie has been stationed at the Presidio of Monterey for two and a half years. She is the chief military language instructor at European School II. Ritchie is originally from Minneapolis, Minn., and has been in the Air Force for 17 years. She says the awards program says a lot about the unit. "We have a lot of good people in the unit who are very active and do a lot within their jobs and with the community and around base," she mentioned. "So, I

take pride in this award not just for myself or us (Senior Airman Pearl and Tech. Sgt. Harrell) who are here collectively, but the whole unit. Hopefully, we can be a positive influence on the success of our students."

According to Ritchie, the airman and noncommissioned officer board consisted of three senior noncommissioned officers on the board while for the senior noncommissioned officer and junior officer, three senior officers made the selection.

"The board looked at how involved the person was in the unit and support to the unit for on-base activities as well as their job performance and leadership qualities," Ritchie said. "It was basically the whole person concept and the competition was tough."

"They looked to see what the person had done in a 12-month period and the scope and impact of those accomplishments on the unit, Defense Language Institute, the Air Force and to some extent, the community," Harrell said. "Being an articulate and positive representative of the Air Force while continuing to work on self improvement were also factors that figured into the outcome." 🙏



1st Lt.
Richard Visosky



Senior Master Sgt.
Debra Ritchie



Tech. Sgt.
Deborah Harrell



Senior Airman
Mary Pearl

TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. learns about local BOSS program

Story and photo by Bob Britton

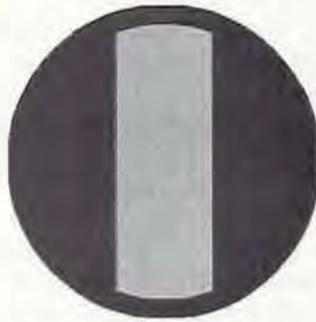
Command Sgt. Maj. James McKinney, the Training and Doctrine Command's (TRADOC's) top enlisted advisor to the commanding general, received a briefing on the Better Opportunities for Single Service Members (BOSS) during his visit to DLIFLC March 18. Normally similar groups at other Army installations call themselves Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, but the name changed at the Presidio of Monterey to include single service members from all military services.

Sgt. Maj. Stephen Praksti, the formerarrison sergeant major, fully supported the BOSS program, advised the executive council and helped members achieve their goals and development to improve the quality of life on the POM.

Senior Airman Mary Pearl, the vice president of the BOSS executive council, briefed Command Sgt. Maj. McKinney on the local program and its progress. The POM BOSS program features monthly meetings, receives advice from the garrison command sergeant major, and has a high turnover of members due to class graduations and permanent changes of station, mentioned Pearl.

"The BOSS program works when we have command support, which we do," said Pearl. "Our goals are submitting reasonable requests to the command group to improve quality of life on the Presidio for single service members. We also plan quarterly recreation and leisure activities for everyone."

Command leaders listen to the BOSS suggestions and make changes when they can. Success stories include increased numbers of postal mail boxes and imple-



menting carry-out meals from the dining facilities. BOSS members and the commanders got the Monterey Public Library to waive its \$40 library user fee for non-Monterey residents. Also, single service

members may use Outdoor Recreation facilities and ticketed events at cost. A future recreational trip is planned for the Great America Amusement Park near San Jose.

"We do have several challenges ahead for the BOSS program," said Pearl. "One challenge is retaining the different unit and service representatives without a high turnover rate. We need to stay focused and improve communications between the command and service members. Also, junior enlisted service members and the BOSS council need time off from duties to attend meetings." 🌟



Senior Airman Mary Pearl, vice president of the DLIFLC Better Opportunities for Single Service Members (BOSS) executive council, presents a BOSS T-shirt to Command Sgt. Maj. James McKinney, the Training and Doctrine Command's (TRADOC's) Command Sergeant Major. McKinney received briefings as he visited the Presidio of Monterey and DLIFLC March 18.

DLI Serbian-Croatian students visit Croatia

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Thomas
Serbian-Croatian Student

On the Friday before class break in February, two Serbian-Croatian students decided to drop everything and travel to Croatia. We were in Croatia 72 hours later, ill-prepared, but not ill-equipped to handle the journey in a foreign country. While lack of preparation and planning made the vacation unpredictable, it also made it even more satisfying.

Airman 1st Class Deborah Pratt and I spent a week traveling the country, experiencing the culture, history and most importantly using the language we studied since last June.

Democracy protests and civil-unrest precluded a visit to Serbia. Also, a lack of time hindered traveling to the other republics of the former Yugoslavia: Montenegro, Macedonia, Bosnia and Slovenia. But the excursion was richly rewarding and eye-opening.

Croatia, located in southeastern Europe, borders Slovenia to the North, Hungary to the Northeast, Serbia and Vojvodina to the East and Bosnia to the South. A land of unique beauty, situated near the Alpine, Pannonian and Mediterranean regions, Croatia comprises a magnificent blend of plains, hills, mountains and shoreline.

Add the Dalmatian coast, which rolls along the banks of the Adriatic Sea, and Croatia spans more than 1,000 miles of mainland Adriatic shoreline. In addition, Croatia is home to 1,000 islands and reefs, including Korcula, the legendary birthplace of Marco Polo.

Croatia is still recovering from the break-up of the former Yugoslavia and the economic hardships left over from a bloody and devastating war of independence. Despite these obstacles, Croatia seems well on its way to again becoming

a tourist haven and a European economic force.

Unlike some European people, Croats are a kind, friendly and giving culture. "The friendliness is very genuine," Pratt said. "I was surprised each time I dealt with the people there. They were genuinely thrilled to spend time and talk with us."

Literally hours before the journey began, Biserka Potrebic, a native of Croatia, graduate of Zagreb University and instructor in the Serbian-Croatian school, called her cousin in the capital city of Zagreb, and warned her of our impending arrival. "I called Pavica Srketic and asked if two students could stay," Potrebic said. "She said yes. That was it."

Following a nonstop flight from San Francisco to Frankfurt, a six-hour layover loomed. "It was terrible," Pratt said. "We wanted to get there, but first we were forced to bemoan and writhe in that sanitized airport. I thought it would never end."

Later that night, we arrived in Zagreb. "It was thrilling, but scary at the same time," she added. As we cleared customs, the finality of our decision was upon us. "The thought of using the language was daunting," she said. "But in fact, it turned out to be very easy. The training and studying paid off better than ever expected."

After spending the first night wandering the streets of Zagreb in awe, visiting historical sights and marveling at the cobblestoned main-square located at the city's heart, we stayed in a youth hostel. The next morning we set off, using local transportation to find our destination, Srketic home. "We had to take a tram out of the city and then a bus to her house located on the outskirts of town," Pratt said. "That was an adventure in itself."

Even though many Croats speak English, we didn't want to use our native

tongue. But that luxury changed when we visited Srketic's home. She didn't speak any English. Less than two hours into the visit it seemed as though we had made a terrible mistake. The sheer speed of her tongue was mind-numbing, while her barrage of questions put us at our wits-end. Finally we broke down and whispered in English as we tried to decipher the conversation.

Meanwhile something Potrebic said began to ring true. "Somehow, you have to communicate," she said. "You must overcome any and all difficulties." It turned out to be the truth. Less than a day after being immersed in the language, our heads were above the water and we were swimming, metaphorically speaking.

During the first few days we toured the capital. By all appearances, Zagreb is yet another exquisite Western-European city laden with history, elaborate facades,



Christopher Thomas stands in front of one of Zagreb's main monuments in the heart of the city. (Courtesy photo)

cobblestone roads and an institutionalized culture, but in fact it is all that and more. A hip, western-influenced and progressive city, Zagreb merges its tradition and culture with a modern and soaring spirit. "I was shocked," Pratt said when describing Zagreb's western influence.

A royal city with a history which dates back before 1094, Zagreb is now a burgeoning metropolis, home to a million-and-a-half residents. With its national theater, cathedrals, museums, assemblies, universities and other landmarks, Zagreb is the cultural heart of the region. But its businesses, clubs, shops, shopping districts and open-air market gives the city a unique dichotomy.

"It was such a thrill to be there," Pratt said. "The city is a work of art. I really haven't had the chance to travel throughout Europe, though I doubt I will ever top this trip."

Pratt, who spent time in Africa as a volunteer, likened the vacation as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "It's difficult to define this wonderful place," she said. I agree.

The coast boasts of ancient vineyards, fields of lavender and depths of incomparable picturesque beauty that are almost indescribable, while Zagreb's narrow, winding streets offer splendid, though less-than panoramic views of its architectural gems.

The whirlwind seven-day country tour left little time for reflection, let alone relaxation. "We were on the move the whole time, meeting new people, visiting new and interesting places," Pratt said.

On one of the drearier winter days, we planned an overnight excursion to the coast, about a four-hour train ride from Zagreb.

Rijeka, a major port city located on the Northeast Coast of the Adriatic Sea, was the destination, or 20th stop if each delay and small-town stop in-between is included. From there a 30-minute bus ride navigated the weaving country roads up the coast to the resort town of Opatija. The former haven for the Austrian royalty still possesses her mystique and

charm. The sea and tourism are life there, and both are menacing and enchanting.

Opatija resembles a coastal paradise with its unique historical architecture, magnificent parks, charming cafes and warren of alleys, shops, restaurants, galleries and plazas. The cuisine is exotic with fish, shrimp and calamari as the main fare. Following the excursion, we returned to Zagreb and spent our last day appreciating the beauty and our newfound friends.

As each day passed, we felt increasingly comfortable with our language skills. Our ease in conversation was surprising to us, but not to the faculty here.

"To stay in a culture with people who don't speak your native language is an excellent learning process," Potrebic said, who majored in the English, Croatian and Serbian languages and literature. "Because you not only learn the language and the customs, but one has the opportunity to see how day-to-day life is lived and to participate in that life. Language skills will improve, even during a short visit."

Meanwhile, Serbian-Croatian coordinator Michael Vezilich said the chance to learn in Croatia only whetted everyone's tongue in the department.

"Nothing can compare with in-country experience," Vezilich said, recalling a time when he led groups of students to Croatia for summer-enrichment programs before he came to DLI. "The most gratifying thing for me as a teacher to see is when American students speak the language (Croatian)," he said. "People (Croatians) can't believe it. They are so surprised and supportive when people make an effort to use the language that it really boosts the confidence of the speaker."

That was true. Everyone was



DLIFLC Serbian-Croatian students Christopher Thomas and Deborah Pratt visit King Tomislav Square in Zagreb during a recent trip to Croatia. (Courtesy photo)

shocked with our language abilities and returned our efforts with praise, patience and friendliness.

Vezilich, who hasn't had the opportunity to visit Croatia for seven years, said he was pleased to hear the nature of the people and their kindness hasn't changed. "I'm glad to see the Slavic hospitality is still there, even after the war," Vezilich said, describing the still unsettling situation in some parts of the war-torn former Yugoslavia.

Air Force Master Sgt. Dale Ritchie, Serbian-Croatian military language instructor, said he wishes every student had the opportunity to visit and learn in the country of the target language. "It's an invaluable teaching tool," he stated matter-of-factly. "It really makes a difference."

The memory of the trip and the people we met will remain in our minds and hearts long afterward. "The trip/vacation was really worth it," Pratt said. "I can't wait to go back." 

Video Teleconferencing Center reduces temporary duty expenses

By Leo Kodl
Administrative coordinator,
Visual Information Branch

Established in October 1995 the DLIFLC Video Teleconference Center (VTC) studio in Building 418 is state-of-the-art communications technology for live television, multi-site broadcasting. The VTC provides video, audio, computer-generated and hard-copy data transmission via fiber optics. As a member installation of the Defense Commercial Telecommunications Network (DCTN), DLIFLC is one of more than 300 other United States and overseas Defense Department VTC studios. Up to 25 VTC studios can be simultaneously connected for teleconferencing.

The Presidio of Monterey VTC studio is equipped with two 35-inch television monitors for video image display. Three high-resolution cameras are set up in the VTC studio: two for studio viewing, and one for transmission of hard copy, photographs, transparencies and 35mm data. Video recordings can be made of conferences for later view if required. The VTC studio accommodates 20 people comfortably.

Almost all Institute staff divisions have become frequent VTC users, since the facility offers a cost-effective, practical

alternative to expensive temporary duty (TDY) travel. Agencies such as the Naval Postgraduate School and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) also schedule the facilities.

Most VTC conferences are multi-point; that is, more than two DoD installations simultaneously participate. Most VTCs are multi-point conferences with 25 participating military installations simultaneously.

The Visual Information Branch's VTC studio has a capacity for 24 participants. It's fairly common for the studio to be filled beyond capacity to standing-room only. On the other hand, if designated participants are unable to attend a scheduled teleconference, arrangements may be made for a videotape of the conference to be provided for post-conference review.

When people use the studio, conferences cover every conceivable current DoD subject matter. However, many peripheral activities are also conducted with the VTC: for example, investigation interrogations, job interviews and special holiday family conferences.

DLIFLC's VTC is an on-call, 24-hour, seven day facility. Many teleconferences are conducted during non-normal duty hours, because of the time differences between the East and West Coasts and global time differentials.

For more information or to schedule studio time, call Leo Kodl at 242-5300. 📞

Official travel reimbursement rules explained

Joint Federal Travel Regulations require that travel arrangements for all official travel be purchased through the government-contracted commercial travel office (CTO). Soldiers and family members who elect to personally arrange and purchase tickets for official travel are required to use the government CTO if they wish to be reimbursed for their travel. Soldiers and family members who purchase tickets for official travel from a travel agent other than a government CTO risk not being reimbursed for travel.

To ensure all Army travelers are fully aware of the above requirement, the following statement must appear in all travel orders authorizing funded government travel (permanent change of station, temporary duty, emergencies and other funded leave programs):

"Official travel arrangements purchased through a commercial travel office (travel agency) not under contract to the government is not reimbursable."

Additionally, travelers must be advised by both their servicing personnel and transportation offices that use of a gov-

ernment CTO is mandatory when purchasing tickets for official travel; failure to use a government CTO when obtaining tickets for official travel may result in the soldier not being reimbursed.

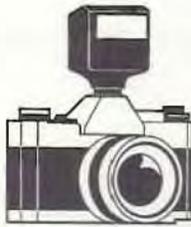
Even though travel is purchased through a government CTO, the soldier's reimbursement will be limited to the amount the government would have spent had the government arranged and purchased the tickets.

Current statements, in orders directing international travel, that advise "reimbursement for personally procured transportation will not exceed the Air Mobility Command tariff" are misleading and should not be used.

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Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Thomas, a Serbian-Croatian student, 311th Training Squadron, recently was selected as the DLIFLC Joint Service Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter. (Photo by Bob Britton)



DLIFLC salutes Spc. JoAnn Naumann, an Arabic student, Company B, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, as the Joint Service Junior Enlisted of the Quarter. (Photo by Bob Britton)



(Left) Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC/Presidio of Monterey commander and DLIFLC commandant, congratulates Dr. Martha Herzog, Dean of Asian School II and the Dean of Curriculum Instruction. Members of the POM Federal Women's Program recently selected Dr. Herzog as Supervisor of the Year. (Photo by Bob Britton)

Senior Army officer proud of her career, accomplishments

Story and photo by Bob Britton

March is National Women's History Month. To recognize women's accomplishments and achievements, we talked with the Monterey area's senior Army woman officer on military careers, challenges, highlights and advice to others -- Col. Ila Mettee-McCutchon.

Col. Ila Mettee-McCutchon, chief of the Base Realignment and Closure and Environmental Management, previously served as a brigade-level commander as the first Presidio of Monterey garrison commander from October 1994 to October 1996, and the DLIFLC and POM installation commander and DLIFLC commandant from December 1995 to March 1996.

Col. Mettee-McCutchon came on active duty in 1971 as a Women's Army Corps (WAC) officer. Female soldiers, both enlisted and officers, entered a different Army in the 1970s when they came into the WAC, an auxiliary corps to their male counterparts. At that time, these patriots were treated as second class citizens, had separate barracks, trained separately and often weren't integrated into regular units.

"We had to prove ourselves and do jobs better than men to be considered equal to them," she said. Many Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) were closed to us."

Col. Mettee-McCutchon's first duty assignment was at the Presidio of San Francisco, but she left more of an impact at her next duty station, Fort Bragg, N.C. Here she served with the 4th Psychological Operations Group, U.S. Army Special Operations Center.

"At Fort Bragg, I soon found out that female soldiers were treated differently and not given the same responsibilities as males, such as sergeant of the guard or staff duty officer," she said. "This made it appear we weren't pulling our weight. There were few female company commanders at the time. I helped change these shortfalls so women shared these responsibilities with males. I found



Col. Ila Mettee-McCutchon, Director of the Base Realignment and Closure and Environmental Office, is proud of her Army career as a military intelligence officer.

support among male officers for some of these changes, especially after the WAC disbanded and were integrated into the total Army concept."

After completing the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, Col. Mettee-McCutchon returned to Fort Bragg for a second tour as a strategic analyst and served in different staff positions. She also became the first female to command a tactical military intelligence company in the 525th Military Intelligence Brigade (CEWI or communications, electronic warfare intelligence).

Progressing up the Army career ladder as she got promoted, she commanded at company, battalion and brigade levels. During one of her command assignments, she led the largest military intelligence battalion in the Army, the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Beside commanding troop units, Col. Mettee-McCutchon served in important leadership positions as a staff officer working alongside her peers. One of these assignments included being an original member of a team work-

ing on the AirLand Battle concept.

Col. Mettee-McCutchon is no stranger to joint service commands. She worked with personnel from other military services as the first female officer as the Chief, Joint Intelligence Center, U.S. Southern Command, Panama, which she completed in 1989. Then she became a battalion commander.

Before coming to the POM in October 1994, she served as Strategic Intelligence Officer, International Military Staff, NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium. She became the recognized expert on Central/Eastern Europe, especially on political-military issues and their implications to NATO. She considered this as a challenging assignment working together with service personnel from other countries. In some nations, female officers didn't operate at high levels of decisions or negotiations like Americans.

Col. Mettee-McCutchon was the first female officer to serve as an action officer rather than in administration. She regularly briefed NATO's political community which consisted of each member country's ambassador to NATO.

Another challenging assignment came as the first POM Garrison Commander in October 1994 when the POM became a separate installation after the closure of Fort Ord. This position is considered as a brigade-level of command.

Her garrison staff dealt with several main issues: establishing a new U.S. Army Garrison, relocating offices and directorates from Fort Ord to the POM providing base operations support to DLIFLC and the POM, and transferring excess military property to outside civilian agencies. But the greatest challenge in Monterey was making the Presidio function as a separate installation after Fort Ord closed.

"My first responsibility was to organize the staff, make functional changes to make that happen and bring our installation up to Army and Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) standards," she said. "DLI had some turbulence and wasn't consistent with higher headquarters' directives and guidelines. These changes had to be made to bring us on par with other Army installations."

From December 1995 to March



Col. Ila Mettee-McCutchon, chief of the Base Realignment and Closure Office (BRAC) and Environmental Directorate, presents a certificate of appreciation to Pvt. 2 David Kopecky, Company B, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, during this year's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the POM Annex Community Center May 8. (Photo by Mary Erner)

1996, Col. Mettee-McCutchon wore three hats: the garrison commander, the DLIFLC/POM installation commander and the DLIFLC commandant. Some people think this was an interim appointment, but this wasn't true.

"That's a misconception," she said. "I wasn't an interim commander/commandant. I was appointed as the commander/commandant by TRADOC and higher headquarters. The Army had not yet found someone to become commandant of DLI. Until they did, I was the commander/commandant, although for only a few months."

Col. Daniel Devlin, the present DLIFLC/Presidio commander and DLIFLC commandant, took over in March 1996. With this change of command, Col. Mettee-McCutchon concentrated on running the garrison and its base support operations until October 1996 when Col. David Gross became the new garrison commander. However, she remained in the area as the new chief of the BRAC and Environmental Directorate to continue the Fort Ord cleanup and to guide the process of turning over excess federal property.

Col. Mettee-McCutchon juggles

three careers and finds time for all. She's the professional Army officer as the chief of the BRAC/Environmental Directorate, the spouse of a retired Army officer and the mother of an 18-year-old senior at Monterey High School. "I'm more proud of my daughter, Erin, than other accomplishments," she said.

She offers this advice for other women to follow military careers:

"Make the most of your opportunities, look for difficult and challenging job assignments and believe in yourself and your capabilities," she said. "Some career fields are still closed to women, but more have opened to us within the past several years."

"I think women should be allowed to compete for more job careers, but we must meet the same physical and mental demands and standards," she continued. "Jobs should be offered to anyone capable of meeting job requirements. If a female wants to go through Ranger School, she should meet the same graduation requirements as male counterparts. I also encourage females to find good mentors and learn from their experiences. Hoo-ah!" 

Presidio Federal Women's Program recognizes outstanding leaders

Story and photos by Bob Britton

The Presidio of Monterey's Federal Women's Program honored an Air Force major, an environmentalist and a dean as outstanding women during a ceremony at Weckerling Center March 27. March is also National Women's History Month.

Delpina White, chairperson of the DLIFLC Federal Women's Program, hosted the ceremony and introduced guest speaker, Air Force Maj. Cindy Baker, the former Associate Dean of Asian School II.

Maj. Baker talked about her dual career as an elementary and high school art teacher and as an Air Force officer. She graduated from high school in 1964 and Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., in 1968 with a degree in art.

"Growing up as a kid, I wanted to be like Roy Rogers and ride my horse, Major," said Baker, "My mother sat me down and told me I couldn't do that, but he was always my idol."

After college graduation, Baker spent the next 12 years as an art teacher in elementary, junior high and high school in Indiana. She later became a school district's art coordinator.

Late in her first career, she thought about changing directions and looking for more challenges. She thought about the Air Force with its high standards and sense of truth, justice and freedom.

After she visited an Air Force recruiter at age 34, he said that she was too old to be accepted into the service without an age waiver. Baker told the recruiter to give her the test forms. She took the test and later passed the physical exam. When the test results came



Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC/POM Commander and DLIFLC Commandant, presents Certificate of Appreciation to Gail Youngblood.

back, Baker found out she achieved the highest score ever for an Air Force entrance exam up to that time. These results stunned the recruiter who told her the Air Force was interested in her as a future officer. But the pessimistic recruiter kept telling her she would never get the age waiver approved. Undaunted, Baker received word the service would give her an age waiver. She received her commission at age 34 in 1980.

"My Air Force career has been outstanding and full of challenges," said Baker. "Anyone can set high goals and achieve them with persistence and patience. My advice to other women is pick at least one positive role-model mentor, set short-term and long-term career goals, never compromise values and standards and keep a clear focus on your personal goals."

After Baker's talk on dual careers, the Federal Women's Program and Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC/Presidio Instal-



Maj. Cindy Baker

lation Commander and DLIFLC Commandant, honored Gail Youngblood, the Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator, as the Outstanding Woman of the Year. Youngblood works with money, the environment and the cleanup of Fort Ord, which is five years ahead of schedule.

"This award is a real honor for me," said Youngblood. "My boss, Jim Willison, submitted the paperwork and recommended me for this award. I love my work and the people I work with. In the 1980s my mother won a similar honor while working at Port Hueneme, Calif."

Dr. Martha Herzog, the Dean of Curriculum Instruction and Asian School II, received recognition as the DLIFLC organization's Supervisor of the Year.

Herzog demonstrates excellent management abilities and is quite knowledgeable about everything happening at the POM. She manages two schools at the same time and recently introduced new technologies into her schools, according to White. 🌲

Sailors get out of the office, onto the playing field

*Twice a week yeoman get away from their computers,
Seabees put down their power tools,
and mess management specialists get out of the kitchen.*

**Story and photo by
Petty Officer 1st Class Diane Jacobs
Naval Postgraduate School PAO Office**

They all play basketball, softball, golf and volleyball, in the Naval Support Activity - Monterey Bay "Captain's Cup" sports program.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) sponsors the year-round program. This is open to all active-duty members assigned to NSA-MB and tenant commands, including the Fleet Numerical, Meteorological, Oceanographic Center; the Dental Clinic; the Personnel Support Detachment; the Naval Security Group Detachment and the Naval Medical Administrative Unit at the Presidio of Monterey.

"Family members who are 18 years of age and older may also participate," says Petty Officer 2nd Class George Fehrenbacher, "Captain's Cup" coordinator. "And, we encourage both men and women to participate. 'Captain's Cup' is a participation sport (program) for anybody to come out and play. Let everyone come out and join the fun. People who want higher competition can sign up for the intramural program, or sign up for a team in town."

The program just wrapped up its basketball season and volleyball season is now in full gear. Softball will follow volleyball with golf ending the four-sport cycle for another year. Games are played Mondays through Thursdays, starting at

3:30 p.m.

"There are no fees, because MWR sponsors the program and provides referees for basketball and volleyball. As for softball, we umpire our own games, except when it comes to the tournament at the end of the season," Fehrenbacher explained.

At the end of the regular season of each sport, all teams battle it out fresh in

a double-elimination tournament. The winner of the tournament takes home the "Captain's Cup" trophy until another winner is determined in the next sport.

Fehrenbacher encourages anyone interested in the program to give him a call at 656-2386 or 656-2689. He can also be reached via e-mail at: tkidney@nps.navy.mil. 🏆



The Naval Security Group Detachment basketball team poses with the Naval Support Activity Monterey Bay "Captain's Cup" trophy, after receiving it from the NSAMB commanding officer. Representing NSGD are (left to right) Lamar McWhite, Michael Williams, Erick Edwards, Jeff Crow and Willie Beckwood. The NSGD team is the first to receive the new trophy, awarded to the team which wins the end-of-season tournament held after the regular season in four team sports -- basketball, volleyball, softball and golf -- at the Naval Postgraduate School. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Diane Jacobs)

Bravo gridiron team captures DLIFLC flag football crown

By Petty Officer 1st Class
T.E. "Scoop" Hansen



DLIFLC 1997 FLAG FOOTBALL FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

Using an opportunistic offense and a stingy defense, the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion's Bravo Company came out on top as the Presidio of Monterey's 1997 Flag Football champions — both during the regular season and post season single-elimination tournament. Bravo Company won the title by defeating Delta Company, 24-6 on March 15 at the POM Annex football field located on the former Fort Ord.

Bravo began their tournament run by running over Charlie Company. They then edged Fort Hunter Liggett, 21-14 in a well played game. This win placed them in the championship tilt against Delta Company. Delta made it to the big game with tough wins over Air Force and the defending champion Marine Corps Detachment.

"We were quite surprised to be playing Delta Company in the championship game because we beat them rather handily during the regular season," said co-coach and fullback/linebacker David Geers, a private first class and Arabic student. "They played an awesome game in edging the Marine Corps, 14-13 in the semi-final. They definitely deserved to be playing for the title with that win!"

In the championship game, Bravo Company scored on their third possession and held a 14-0 halftime lead. They added a touchdown and field goal in the second half for their 24 points while Delta Company broke up the bid for a shutout by scoring a touchdown late in the game.

"We played well as a team all season and nobody would ever get down on anyone. We had between 19 and 25 play-

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	
GB				
Bravo Co.	6	1	.857	-
MCD	4	2	.667	1.5
NSGD	4	2	.667	1.5
FHL	4	2	.667	1.5
Delta Co.	4	3	.571	2
Air Force	4	3	.571	2
HHC	3	3	.500	2.5
Foxtrot Co.	3	4	.429	3
Alpha Co.	3	4	.429	3
Charlie Co.	1	5	.167	4.5

ers depending on who was injured or couldn't make a game. They were always very optimistic. I'd say that teamwork was our strongest trait," said co-coach and linebacker/center Eric McKown, a specialist studying Arabic. "We didn't have any superstar or spectacular player but a bunch of good players. Although we lost some key people during the season for a game or two due to injuries or other commitments, we were able to overcome.

"We also practiced a lot and stressed technique and fundamentals for the entire first month of practices," he noted. "One other thing that I would like to mention is that we did have a strong offensive line that was quick and played well as a unit. We weren't that big but we were cohesive. We ran the ball probably 85 percent of the time, but when we did pass, our

quarterback had all day to sit back in the pocket and search the field for his target."

McKown said only a couple of Bravo players had any college football experience and only a handful had played at the high school level. "We had some players performing on the gridiron for the first time ever and they did a superb job of picking up the game and playing well!"

Geers said Bravo's game plan was simple.

"We had average speed with a couple of fast players and our defense was resilient with the 'bend but do not break' philosophy," he mentioned. "We really didn't run any complex plays but rather really simple ones. Our offense ran mainly out of an I-formation or

single back set and our defense was stingy.

"I really was surprised at how our season progressed," he continued. "I thought we would be a little better than a .500 team. However, after our first game, we improved all season long.

McKown agreed. "We didn't peak at any certain time of the season," he said. "We stayed on a level plain and maintained at a certain point while other teams lost that competitive peak or edge half way through the season. Plus, we stayed fairly consistant with our lineup during the entire season. The on-going turnover rate of students here can make things hard, specifically during a long season if you lose a player that you rely on in a key position."

According to Geers, there were two games other than the championship contest that stood out for the team. "We were really fired up for the game against the Marine Corps because of their reputation as having dominated the flag-football league out here for so long," he said. "Also, as well as being fired up about playing Delta Company in the championship, we were revved up for them during our regular season match due to a lot of competitive talk. Many of their players were formerly in our company."

Both McKown and Geers wanted to thank Bravo Company and all the spouses for their support during the season. "We had great support from our entire chain of command and were given the time needed to practice and become a very good football team," McKown said.

"It was a good season and it looked to me as if most all the players enjoyed themselves," said DLIFLC Athletic Director Dave Fickel. "Even with the logistics such as the transportation of players and equipment to the Presidio of Monterey Annex — all went quite smoothly. It was definitely a very competitive season and there were some very good teams battling it out. Bravo Company had a great season and they were a very talented team. My congratulations to them." 🏆

Marine Corps Detachment wins DLIFLC Hoops Championship

By Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen

The 1997 DLIFLC basketball season recently came to a climax and when all was said and done, the only team standing was "The Few, The Proud, The Marines." The Leathernecks avenged last season's championship loss to Foxtrot Company turning the tables on them by a 54-43 count, April 16 at the Price Fitness Center Gym.

Last season, Foxtrot nipped the Marines, 66-65 in the title game. However, this day and season belonged to the Marines who finished tied for second during the regular season with a 7-3 record. According to DLIFLC Athletic Director Dave Fickel, Foxtrot really pulled a reversal of fortune after finishing dead last during the regular season at 1-9. "That record is somewhat misleading due to the fact they had quite a turnover of players transferring in who were pretty good basketball players," he said. "It was a competitive league and season and the Marines showed their toughness in the tournament."

The Corps began their march to the championship with a 53-49 win over Alpha Company. They then downed their arch-rivals from the Naval Security Group Detachment by a 53-42 score. Next the Marines played Foxtrot Company for the first time in the tournament and came away with a 57-43 triumph. This placed them in the championship tilt where they awaited Foxtrot. The soldiers of F Company began their path to the championship by first beating Bravo Company, 46-32. They then dribbled past Delta Company by a 53-46 score. After this win, Foxtrot whipped up on the Air Force by 20 points with a 67-47 victory before bowing to the Corps, 57-43. They bounced back with a hard fought 68-66



win over Echo Company which earned them the right to face off with the Marines once again in the big game which the Marines took, 54-43. 🏆

DLI BASKETBALL SEASON FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB
Air Force #1	8	2	.800	-
Echo Co.	8	2	.800	-
MCD	7	3	.700	1
Alpha Co.	7	3	.700	1
Delta Co.	7	3	.700	1
Bravo Co.	4	6	.400	4
Air Force #2	4	6	.400	4
NSGD	4	6	.400	4
HHC	3	7	.300	5
Charlie Co.	2	8	.200	6
Foxtrot Co.	1	9	.100	7



Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC/Presidio of Monterey Commander and DLIFLC Commandant, pins the Defense Superior Service Medal on Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Bugary upon his retirement in April. Bugary's wife Claire proudly looks on. (Photo by Mary Erner)

**2nd Quarter Joint Service
NCO/Junior Enlisted selectees:**

NCO:

Thomas, Christopher, Staff Sgt., USAF, Serbian-Croatian student, 311th MTS

JUNIOR ENLISTED:

Naumann, JoAnn, Spc., USA, Arabic student, Co. B., 229th MI Bn.

CONTENDERS:

Spangler, Anthony, Petty Officer 2nd Class, USN, Thai student, NSGD

Hubick, William, Airman 1st Class, USAF, Chinese-Mandarin student, 311th MTS

Mullins, Dusti, Seaman, USN, Persian-Farsi student, NSGD

Congratulations to all service members.

Defense Meritorious Service Medal:

Lang, Jonathan, Lt. Col., USA
Praksti, Stephen, Sgt. Maj., USA
Lange, Brian, Staff Sgt., USA
Willsey, Keith, Staff Sgt., USAF

Meritorious Service Medal:

Scott, Michael, Maj., USA
Carr, Michael, Capt., USA
Montano, Charlotte, Sgt. 1st Class, USA

Joint Service Commendation Medal:

Huddleston, Curtis, Staff Sgt., USA
Megarmorales, Barbara, Spc., USA

Joint Service Achievement Medal:

Portal, Johnny, Staff Sgt., USA

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal:

Isler, Jack, Lt. Col., USA
Elliott, Jeffrey, Capt., USA
Dillard, David, Sgt., USA

Commandant's Coin of Excellence:

Clark, William, Sgt. 1st Class, USA
Criswell, Raymond, Sgt. 1st Class, USA
Nolan, Richard, Sgt. 1st Class, USA

Dean's Honor Roll

ARABIC

3rd Semester

Blessing, Racheal, Pfc.
 Collins, Jarred, Spc.
 Crichton, Michael, Pfc.
 Curtis, Christopher, Spc.
 Curtis, Jennifer, Spc.
 Ewers, Michael, Lance Cpl.
 Hayes, Benjamin, Pfc.
 Hobley, Lorne, Sgt.
 Lance, Lane, Maj.
 Lynch, David, Jr., Pfc.
 Mackinnon, Jay, Airman 1st Class
 Martin, Yann, Airman 1st Class
 Mattler, Lisa, Airman 1st Class
 Pick, Daniel, Capt.
 Smith, Eric, Sgt.
 Veltri, John, Warrant Officer 1
 Williamson, Amy, Pfc.

ZECH

3rd Semester

Bergeson, Mark, Capt.
 Bergeson, Nancy, Civilian
 Reynolds, Joseph, Staff Sgt.

FRENCH

1st Semester

Davis, Carlotta, Civilian
 Davis, Charles, Capt.
 Gamez, Irene, Civilian
 Porcaro, David, Lt.
 Ryan, Joseph, Master Sgt.

GERMAN

3rd Semester

Sullivan, Patrick, Capt.

JAPANESE

1st Semester

Patterson, Kimbra, Capt.

KOREAN

3rd Semester

Buffardi, Carmen, Airman
 `urge, George, Spc.
 arman, Michael, Pfc.

Cassidy, Masami, Civilian
 Cook, Jerrett, Pfc.
 Davidson, Glen, Sgt. 1st Class
 Frazier, Steven, Spc.
 Gunnells, Kevin, Pfc.
 Jeter, Krista, Airman, 1st Class
 Jones, Joseph, Lance Cpl.
 Lange, David, Pfc.
 Mallon, Thomas, Seaman
 Sherman, Alexander, Spc.
 Silagi, Michael, Seaman
 Tivel, Damon, Pfc.
 Tucker, Heath, Sgt.

PERSIAN-FARSI

1st Semester

Beck, Derek, Seaman
 Cantwell, Tara, Pvt. 2
 Cowen, Philip, Spc.
 Gifford, Jason, Airman 1st Class
 Graham, Russell, Pvt. 2
 Hoopes, John, Lt.
 Lynch, Robert, Pvt. 2
 Murray, Jason, Pvt. 2
 Rudman, Brett, Spc.

RUSSIAN

2nd Semester

Towe, Gregory, Airman 1st Class

RUSSIAN

3rd Semester

Bordovsky, Patrik, Airman 1st Class
 Boyden, Michael, Airman 1st Class
 Frazier, James, Spc.
 John, Josiah, Pfc.
 Jones, Rebeca, Pfc.
 Kallestad, Adam, Seaman
 Loring, Steven, Pfc.
 Powers, William, Pfc.
 Roberts, Patrick, Spc.
 Rose, Eric, Pfc.

SPANISH

1st Semester

Atchison, Michael, Spc.
 Bautista, Emmanuel, Lt.
 Blackburn, Eric, Lance Cpl.

Block, Rachel, Pvt. 2
 Brandon, Erica, Senior Airman
 Brewer, Michael, Spc.
 Cervantez, B., Pfc.
 Dececco, Paul, Capt.
 Domin, Hollie, Senior, Airman
 Dunlap, Jaime, Pvt. 2
 Farley, Ryan, Pvt. 2
 Garcia, Damian, Pvt. 2
 Garcia, Marianne, Pfc.
 Gianfagna, A., Pvt. 2
 Hawkins, Zachary, Pvt. 2
 Klinger, Jaime, Seaman Apprentice
 Macmullen, Robert, Spc.
 Martinez, Michelle, Airman 1st Class
 Mckinney, Robert, Seaman Apprentice
 Middleton, Joseph, Pvt.
 Mroch, Raymond, Pfc.
 Mulig, Jeanette, Pvt. 2
 Pinkston, Pamela, Seaman Apprentice
 Prater, Stacy, Civilian
 Sarabia, Claudia, Civilian
 Sarabia, George, Capt.
 Schmidt, Robert, Capt.
 Webb, Ross, Pvt.
 Webster, Natasha, Capt.

SPANISH

3rd Semester

Aylesbury, Toby, Pvt. 2
 Calderon, David, Jr., Spc.
 Card, Deborah, Pvt. 2
 Farley, Mark, Seaman Apprentice
 Gibson, David, Capt.
 Grimm, Johann, Spc.
 Maloney, Keri, Spc.
 Neeld, Daniel, Seaman Apprentice
 Parmenter, Robert, Pvt. 2
 Riedel, Curtis, Capt.
 Stock, Garrin, Pvt.

Graduations

ARABIC

Beard, Christopher, Cpl.
Berry, Richard III, Spc.
Blessing, Racheal, Pfc.
Caviglia, Vincent, Pfc.
Collins, Catherine, Spc.
Collins, Jarred, Spc.
Crichton, Michael, Pfc.
Curtis, Christopher, Spc.
Curtis, Jennifer, Spc.
Dluhy, Joyce, Pfc.
Ewers, Michael, Lance Cpl.
Fair, Eric, Spc.
Fassett, Richard, Airman 1st Class
Gallegos, Ernest, Staff Sgt.
Hayes, Benjamin, Pfc.
Hobley, Lorne, Sgt.
Jalbert, Meagan, Pfc.
Joy, Nicholas, Airman 1st Class
LaForge, Julie, Pfc.
Lance, Lane, Maj.
Lynch, David Jr., Pfc.
MacKinnon, Jay, Airman 1st Class
Malas, John Jr., Spc.
Martin, Yann, Airman 1st Class
Mattler, Lisa, Airman 1st Class
Miller, Jannine, Pfc.
Miller, Donald Jr., Pfc.
Mogilewski, Scot, Lance Cpl.
Monroy, Jose, Spc.
Morris, Gabriel, Pfc.
Muhammad, B., Airman 1st Class
Porterfield, Melanie, Spc.
Prosser, David, Pfc.
Reyes, Angela, Pfc.
Reynolds, Sean, Lance Cpl.
Schuster, Richard, Airman 1st Class
Smith, Eric, Sgt.
Smith, Heidi, Pfc.
Somerville, Shawn, Staff Sgt.
Sorensen, Joshua, Pfc.
Stayanovich, Jason, Lance Cpl.
Swartzlander, Lisa, Pfc.
Valdillez, Anthony Jr., Cpl.
Veltri, John, Warrant Officer 1
Voshell, Joanna, Pfc.
Williams, Elizabeth, Pfc.
Williamson, Amy, Pfc.

CZECH

Bergeson, Mark, Capt.
Bergeson, Nancy, Civilian
Reynolds, Joseph III, Staff Sgt.
Rose, Joy, Pfc.

GERMAN

DaSilva, William, Pfc.
Frew, Thomas, Petty Officer 2nd Class
Fullmer, Bradley, Petty Officer 2nd Class
Hairr, Cynthia, Civilian
Hairr, Michael, Maj.
Johnson, Michael, Capt.
Kern, William, Maj.
Plummer, Scott, Petty Officer 1st Class
Sargent, Gary, Capt.
Saunders, Jeffrey, Capt.
Sorenson, Nils, Maj.
Stone, James, Senior Chief Petty Officer
Sullivan, Patrick, Capt.
Watkins, Mark, Capt.
Wright, Michael, Capt.

ITALIAN

Christensen, Brian, Lt.
Josephs, Mark, Ensign
Knauss, P., Lt. j.g.
Kowalczyk, Daniel, Sgt.
Lee, Christopher, Petty Officer 2nd Class
Segarra, Armando, Lt. Cmdr.
Stethem, Kenneth, Chief Petty Officer
Swolak, Peter, Capt.

JAPANESE

Ariola, Roland, Seaman Apprentice
Blair, Mark, Capt.
Blair, Mary, Civilian
Bodeman, Wesley, Spc.
Briganti, Douglas, Seaman Apprentice
Cassidy, Thomas III, Maj.
Cruthirds, Horice, Capt.
Detata, David, Capt.
Futa, Lawrence, Seaman Apprentice

KOREAN

Atyeo, Brandon, Pfc.
Badell, Matthew, Pfc.
Beard, David, Pfc.
Bishop, Jesse, Airman 1st Class

Burge, George, Spc.
Buscher, Charles, Seaman
Caetano, Raymond, Pfc.
Carman, Michael, Pfc.
Cook, Jerrett, Pfc.
Frazier, Steven, Spc.
Frensky, Jessica, Airman 1st Class
Gunnells, Kevin, Pfc.
Houchin, Steven, Airman 1st Class
Howell, Brandan, Pfc.
Jeter, Krista, Airman 1st Class
Jones, Joseph, Lance Cpl.
Keng, Shawn, Airman 1st Class
Kubin, Jennifer, Lance Cpl.
MacDonald, Ian, Airman 1st Class
Mallon, Thomas, Seaman
Martin, Billy Jr., Spc.
Mennen, Daryl, Pfc.
Morykin, Danielle, Airman 1st Class
Naylor, Michael, Pfc.
Nixon, Clinton, Pfc.
Nystrom, Natalie, Airman 1st Class
Petosky, Eric, Airman 1st Class
Plant, Kristopher, Lance Cpl.
Quatman, Monica, Airman 1st Class
Sebourn, Joseph, Pfc.
Sherman, Alexander, Spc.
Silagi, Michael, Seaman
Timmons, David, Pfc.
Tomaszewski, Matthew, Spc.
Tucker, Heath, Sgt.
Tucker, Ingra, Spc.
Varma, Saritha, Pfc.
Whalen, Karen, Airman 1st Class

PERSIAN-FARSI

Allen, Jason, Spc.
Amorosi, Craig, Pfc.
DeLeon, Adrian, Pfc.
DeValle, Marcos, Spc.
Deweever, Kevin, Airman 1st Class
Diehl, William, Lt.
Faunce, Jason, Spc.
Fuller, Eric, Airman 1st Class
Gomm, Edward, Pfc.
Harris, Erica, Airman 1st Class
Johnston, Justin, Pfc.
Kicklighter, Henry, Spc.
Kjosa, David, Airman 1st Class

Rebs, Amy, Spc.
 Kuter, Rachel, Pfc.
 Lardizabal, Jeffrey, Spc.
 Lynch, Hellena, Seaman
 Mays, David, Spc.
 Morris, Daniel, Spc.
 Mullins, Dusti, Seaman
 Paquet, Denis, Seaman
 Price, Daniel, Airman 1st Class
 Sadeghzadeh, Amy, Seaman
 Smith, Julia, Pfc.
 Street, Christine, Spc.
 Trosien, Mark, Airman 1st Class

RUSSIAN

Allen, Jeffrey, Airman
 Backus, Paul, Pfc.
 Bland, Leora, Pvt. 2
 Bordovsky, Patrik, Airman 1st Class
 Bowland, Kenneth Jr., Pfc.
 Buck, Gregory, Pfc.
 Butler, William, Pfc.
 Capehart, John, Airman 1st Class
 Chance, David, Pfc.
 Donald, Heather, Pfc.
 Ellis, Steven Jr., Spc.
 Frazier, James, Spc.
 Hardy, Carrie, Airman 1st Class
 Jones, Rebeca, Pfc.
 Kalina, James, Pvt. 2
 Kallestad, Adam, Seaman
 Klinck, Christopher, Spc.
 Knudsen, Charles, Pfc.
 Linster, Shaun, Pfc.
 Malin, Penny, Pfc.
 Miroballi, June, Pfc.
 Moore, Kimberly, Pfc.
 Moore, Nelson, Spc.
 Pedro, Heather, Pfc.
 Roberts, Patrick, Spc.
 Rose, Eric, Pfc.
 Roxby, Veronica, Pfc.
 Rumore, Dorian, Pfc.
 Schwerdt, Elizabeth, Spc.
 Smith, Joseph, Spc.
 Tabor, Cheryl, Pfc.
 Tomaro, Rachael, Airman 1st Class
 Tudose, Corneliu, Staff Sgt.
 Wood, Mark Jr., Pfc.
 Youngquist, Niccole, Pfc.
 Zimmerman, Kathryn, Pfc.

RUSSIAN (Intermediate)

Mugerman, Vitaly, Seaman Apprentice
 Oquist, David, Tech. Sgt.
 Osborne, Randall, Senior Airman
 Steffler, Matthew, Senior Airman
 Yamada, Yoshiyuki, Civilian

RUSSIAN (Extended)

Kirkland, Seth, Petty Officer 3rd Class
 Morrison, Adam, Petty Officer 3rd Class

SPANISH

Abercrombie, Stephen, Pvt. 2
 Adams, Robert, Lt. Col.
 Anderson, Andrea, Spc.
 Belin, George, Capt.
 Blair, Linda, Pfc.
 Blankenship, Danielle, Pvt. 2
 Boike, Kiyomi, Pvt. 2
 Booth, Alison, Pvt. 2
 Carr, Tony, Pvt. 2
 Clasen, Troy, Spc.
 Cooper, Elizabeth, Spc.
 Cordery, Amanda, Seaman Apprentice
 Cuellar, Rodrigo, Pvt. 2
 Elliott, Barry, Seaman
 Fortado, Theodore, Sgt.
 Fortini, Ellen, Spc.
 Ganzer, Steven, Pfc.
 Gomer, Nathan, Senior Airman
 Grizzard, Geoffrey, Lt.
 Grizzard, Jacquelyn, Civilian
 Hewitt, Michelle, Seaman
 Hightower, Rudy II, Lt.
 James, Monett, Pvt. 2
 Johnson, Kevin, Lt.
 Kent, Linda, Pfc.
 Kerwin, Timothy, Spc.
 Koob, Karen, Spc.
 Lamb, Mark, Spc.
 Lowrance, Monica, Spc.
 Manasses, Dean, Seaman Apprentice
 Martiuk, Wolodimir Jr., Civilian
 McKelvey, Adria, Pvt. 2
 Mercer, Ronald Jr., Pvt. 2
 Mitchell, Shannon, Pvt. 2
 Moritz,

THAI

Claycomb, Donald, Sgt. 1st Class
 Hunsaker, Clifford, Airman 1st Class

Lapp, James, Petty Officer 1st Class
 Smith, Christopher, Sgt. 1st Class
 Toth, Stephen Jr., Staff Sgt.

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