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Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Solmonson

Command Sergeant Major, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion,
Presidio of Monterey

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Solmonson has served as the command sergeant major of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Presidio of Monterey, since September 1996. The mission of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion is to support the academic mission of the DLIFLC, which with seven language schools teaches 24 foreign languages, execute common military training, conduct soldierization as directed by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and provide operational, security, administrative and logistical support to assigned Army personnel.

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Army Field Station Augsburg in southern Germany.

His subsequent assignments have been to the 104th Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Carson, Colo.; Field Station Berlin, Germany; DLIFLC in Monterey; the Foreign Language Training Center Europe and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany.

His previous duty positions include voice intercept operator, squad leader, section noncommissioned officer in charge and quality controller, transcription supervisor, platoon sergeant, military language instructor, first sergeant, senior staff NCO and military language instructor program sergeant major.

Solmonson is a graduate of all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System to include the July 1995 class of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. He holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of the State of New York.



Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Solmonson

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

He is married to the former Debra Weaver of Meadowview, Va. They reside with their two children, Eric and Brian, on the Presidio of Monterey.



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Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army chief of staff, talks with Monterey Mayor Dan Albert, U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, and Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC commandant and DLIFLC and Presidio of Monterey commander, outside the POM Child Development Center during his Oct. 21 visit. See story on page 5. (Photo by Mary Erner)

Commander's Notes

Mutual interests unite military, local civilian communities

The poet Robert Frost said good fences make good neighbors. His words apply to the Presidio of Monterey, where a glance over our fences shows that our installation is very closely joined to our neighboring communities.

While some facets of the military mission of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center require separateness from our civilian neighbors, we who have lived and worked on the Presidio for a time know that our military and neighboring civilian communities have much in common.

The same can be said for the Presidio Annex, where the neighbors include several Monterey Bay area institutions that have found a home in recent years on the grounds of the former Fort Ord.

That's why I urge our civilian neighbors to think of the Presidio and the Annex as communities like their own. Many of them are accustomed to visiting us every day, using the streets of our open installations to commute between their homes and workplaces. A growing number of our civilian neighbors also make use of our facilities, such as the baseball diamonds that were constructed last year on Soldier Field, in a cooperative agreement with the city of Monterey.

This interaction is a trend that will continue and grow. That's because we on the Presidio and our civilian neighbors are actively seeking ways to make it happen. Recently, in response to requests from local civilians, preliminary agreements were worked out to reopen the Presidio's Child Care Center, operated by the city of Monterey's child care program and still available for our use by Presidio families. It's a winning prospect for the military and civilian families that will gain use of the facility after months of closure, which base operations budgeting necessitated.

Already in place are cost-cutting partnerships with local communities on utilities, fire protection, wastewater management and street maintenance. Defense dollars that can be saved through partnering can be spent in



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

support of the DLIFLC mission of foreign language training and maintenance.

Lease agreements with neighboring civilian communities make the Presidio accessible while deflecting maintenance costs. The upper Presidio's forested 81 acres known as Huckleberry Hill have been maintained and operated by the city of Monterey as a nature preserve since 1988. A similar lease signed two years ago permits 26 acres of the lower Presidio to be developed by the city as a historic park.

We need not view partnerships with neighboring communities as an altogether new thing. As Monterey Mayor Dan Albert has noted, his city and the Presidio of Monterey were both founded in 1770 by soldiers of Spain. Not least among the things we share is a common birthdate and 228 years of history.



Army Chief of Staff Reimer visits Presidio of Monterey for look at cooperative agreements

By Joseph Morgan

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer visited the Presidio of Monterey Oct. 21 for a firsthand look at how cooperative agreements between the installation and the community are taking shape.

A roundtable discussion of partnership initiatives and base operations issues was followed by a tour of the Presidio. Then Reimer joined community officials, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commandant and Presidio and DLIFLC Commander Col. Daniel Devlin, and Garrison Commander Col. Peter Dausen for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting at the Presidio's Child Development Center.

The ceremony marked the planned reopening of the 10,000-square-foot facility following the recent signing of an Army letter of intent giving the city of Monterey access to the center and grounds. The center closed last year for budgetary reasons and child care services were consolidated at the former Fort Ord center.

"The cutting of this ribbon actually commemorates the right of entry given to the city to prepare the facility as we go ahead and continue negotiations for the final contract," Dausen told the approximately 40 attendees at the ceremony.

"This child development center is just one of the many projects the city and the military are working on together," said Monterey Mayor Dan Albert. "We're extremely pleased that General Reimer is able to come to Monterey to see the collaborative efforts we have under way here. The Defense Language Institute is a vital part of our community, and we're



(L-R): Fred Meurer, Monterey city manager; U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel; Col. Peter Dausen, Presidio garrison commander; Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army chief of staff; Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC commandant and DLIFLC and Presidio commander; discuss cooperative agreements between the city and the Presidio Oct. 21. (Photo by Mary Erner)


working to ensure that the military and the surrounding community continue our mutually beneficial relationship."

Monterey City Manager Fred Meurer said military and local community leaders are preparing for a cost-cutting future by finding ways to share facilities and services.

"The Child Care Center is another opportunity to explore what can be," he said. "And given our past record of working together, I think we will make this as great a success as our past has been." Meurer credited U.S. Representative Sam Farr, who attended the ceremony, for helping clear the way for installations to obtain base operations support through innovative contracting on a "demonstration" basis.

Reimer was accompanied by Army Director of Competitive Sourcing Maj.

Gen. Robert Van Antwerp and Army Training and Doctrine Command Deputy Chief of Staff, Base Operations, Philip Sakowitz.

During his visit Reimer was introduced to four soldiers from the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion. They were Company C Staff Sgt. Lisa Thomas, TRADOC Linguist of the Year; Company A Spc. Kiley Miller, Soldier of the Quarter; Company B Spc. Masod Osmani, Installation Joint Service Member of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter 1998; Company B Spc. Sara Healy, president of the installation's Better Opportunities for Single Service Members program; and Dr. Christine Campbell of the Evaluation and Standardization Directorate, Association of the United States Army Stilwell Chapter Civilian of the Year and AUSA Sixth Region Civilian of the Year. 

Program prepares students for language courses

By Bob Britton

Knowledge is power! The Air Force and Navy are getting smarter and want to further reduce their personnel's academic attrition rate at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. In October 1996 the Air Force Element began a new program called Student Motivation and Retention Training or SMART to reduce the 31 percent attrition rate of Air Force students.

The Air Staff at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, in the Pentagon supported an AFELM proposal to develop a unique training program to help students prepare for the rigorous language training before they set foot in classrooms. AFELM leaders figured a staff of five could handle the start-up project: an officer in charge and four enlisted cryptologic linguists in Arabic, Chinese, Korean, and the Russian language programs. Coordination with the Air Staff and Air Intelligence Agency obtained these extra permanent party enlisted positions.

Once the staff was in place, members developed a 30-hour, one-week curriculum as a pre-language course "SMART Start" originally, but later its name changed to the SMART course. Training consisted of 15 hours of common skills such as English grammar review, time and stress management, and learning styles. Another 15 hours concentrated on introductory language and area-study training with alphabets and sounds, geography, culture and numbers in the different languages. The first class of 35 SMART students began Oct. 24, 1996. Since the program began, Air Force Element cadre have taught 52 classes to more than 1,365 students, mostly Air Force and some Navy. Students enrolled in the SMART program one week before their DLIFLC language class commenced.

Several changes occurred in 1997 to improve the funding, facilities and program. In January, the 2nd Air Force changed airmen reporting dates by one week to allow the new language students to attend the SMART class before their actual language classes started. During the following two months, the Air Staff provided funding to start the SMART program. The AFELM also received dedicated office and training upstairs in Bldg. 272. Last fall, the Navy Security Group Detachment expressed interest in the program, began scheduling students for the SMART course and agreed to provide manpower assistance for the training staff.

Based on feedback from both students and AFELM personnel, from February to May DLIFLC Air Force leaders reviewed the curriculum for efficiency. Recommended changes allowed more time for non-language related activities such as English grammar. Students began this revised session May 7. By July, contractors completed the renovation work in building 272.

Commanders of the AFELM, the 311th Training Squadron, and the NSGD signed a Letter of Agreement in August to support the SMART program. Next, the SMART staff coordinators looked into expanding the training into a two-week cycle and increasing time allowed for English grammar review. The staff postponed further classes until October to create a two-week curriculum running concurrently with the existing one-week cycle. The longer phase would reach students on a casual status for a long time before their language courses started, and the shorter course would be available to those airmen reporting to DLIFLC for the first time. The two-week course became operational Sept. 22 instead of in October due to the hard work of the SMART staff.

The Air Force fiscal 1998 academic attrition rate for all basic language pro-

grams is 22 percent, which is down from the 31 percent rate of just two years ago in fiscal year 1996. With both academic and administrative attrition rates down, the work of the AFELM's SMART course, the 311th Training Squadron, the Naval Security Detachment, and the DLIFLC schools is clearly paying off, according to the program's administrators.

SMART helps Air Force and Navy enlisted students refresh their memories of English grammar. This plays an important part in learning foreign languages with so much emphasis on grammar, punctuation and repetition. Students learn about efficient time and study management and some basics about their target language in order to reduce their apprehension about learning a foreign language. The SMART program ensures Air Force and Navy students are better prepared for the intensive demand of DLIFLC language programs.



Awards

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

1st Sgt. Richard Applegate
Sgt. 1st Class Michael Lunini
Sgt. 1st Class Michael McVannel
Master Sgt. Daniel Wessling

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Staff Sgt. Christopher Nason
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Farnquist

Army Commendation Medal

1st Lt. Benjamin Howard
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Sgt. Pernell Olds
Staff Sgt. Susan Bower

'If I were not a king, ...'

Discussions examine cultural attitudes toward teaching profession

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kenneth Sampson
World Religions Instructor, Directorate of Curriculum and
Faculty Development

"I f I were not a king, I would be a teacher." These words of King Faisal II of Iraq, who reigned in the 1950s, still inspire Middle East School I faculty member Sabhi Kalai. They express the prestige given the teaching profession.

At the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, a diverse teaching staff makes up the heart of our instructional program. Varied cultures, accents and dialects enrich the Institute.

Sometimes, however, this cultural variety can create hardships. Students are unfamiliar with the role and teaching styles of faculty members from other cultures. Teachers expect different responses and behavior.

The following points, gathered from discussions with faculty members and students across our post, might help bridge this gap. When we understand "where many of our faculty members come from," we are less inclined to be distracted or sidetracked by unfamiliar manners and customs. Wholehearted concentration on the objective at hand — language acquisition — more readily occurs.

Honorable profession

Arabic proverbs are rich in praise for the much-admired profession of teaching. Maxims such as "Whoever taught me just one letter, I would be a slave for him for life" or "He who teaches me a letter will release a circle of bondage from my hands" express gratitude for a teacher's power and influence.

In China, the teacher, or "laoshi," possesses a role which corresponds with that of a student's parents. As related by Asian I School's Chinese professors Dr. Jielu Zhao and Yuan Zhang Chen, Chinese students traditionally listen more to their teacher than to parents, so well-thought-of is the teaching profession. Book learning is only one part of the instructional responsibility. Nurturing and bringing up a student in social, physical and moral ways are an equally important part of a teacher's responsibility.

In the Central/South Central European (Bosnian) world, teachers traditionally sit on an elevated platform. In Iran, students stand up in respect for a teacher. A lecturer is close to being a prophet or messenger, so respected is his position.

As reported in Yale Richmond's "From Nyet to Da," Russian

schools under the Soviet system — a system which still carries strong influence today — inculcated a slightly fearful attitude within students.

We Americans, however, often see teachers in a different light. We flippantly diminish the noble calling of an educator. Adoption of the trite saying attributed to George Bernard Shaw, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach," disparages the entire profession.

And one wonders, when comparing faculty salaries in American society with Bill Gate's billions or New York Met's catcher Mike Piazza's millions, just how much does our public value and respect its teachers?

Retired Army Chief of Staff, Gen. John Wickham offers a more healthy perspective. Said the general, "I believe the most important legacy that any one of us leaves as a leader is the teaching of younger people, giving experience to them." Such a view sets a positive tone, recognizes the honor and responsibility inherent in teaching, and enables our minds to be open and receptive as we enter our classrooms.

Linguists, recognizing the high regard other cultures give teachers, will help us to relate better and more readily accept faculty guidance.

Mission-oriented

In his autobiography entitled "Notes From a Wayfarer," influential German theologian Helmut Thielicke described remarkable teachers affecting his life. One, Walter Holthoefler, taught Latin and German languages while always keeping in mind a final goal.

Wrote Thielicke, "From the first moment he entered the room, he was a figure of authority ... In the first year his task was simply to drum facts into us and train our minds ... He gave drills top priority ... He always bore in mind the long-term goal of the education he was providing ... Walter Holthoefler was a great teacher."

A mother's proverb in Arabic, addressed to teachers of her child, also stresses this mission focus — doing whatever is needed to educate a child. It translates, "Take the flesh but leave me the bones."

When tempted to become recalcitrant with assigned grammar drills, long vocabulary lists, or repetitious listening exercises, remember the sense of mission which possesses so many faculty. Developing effective linguists is their long-term goal.

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Arabic students put their language training to test during visit to Egyptian consulate

By Sgt. 1st Class John Berry
Arabic student

Speaking almost entirely in his native language, Egyptian Consul Hussein Abdelwahab sat across a wooden table from an audience which included 15 Arabic students struggling to understand his every word.

Some students jotted questions on paper while others jogged memories for the appropriate vocabulary when their turn came to ask questions. But by the end of the 90-minute session inside the Egyptian consulate in San Francisco on Oct. 8, most of the students from class AD00398 of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center had mustered the courage to ask Abdelwahab a question or two in Arabic.

"This was the first chance we had to see what we've learned," Airman 1st Class Michelle Conover said. "I think everybody was surprised at how much they knew or understood. I think they were happy about it."

Abdelwahab began the session with facts and figures about Egypt's history, economy and culture inside a chandelier-equipped room with views of the San Francisco skyline. Questions from students and teachers, then known as team C-1 of Middle East School I, ranged from obtaining tourist visas to getting a university education in Egypt.

Airman 1st Class Toney Floyd asked Abdelwahab a question about mandatory service in the Egyptian military. He was told Egyptian males generally serve two

or three years in the military, depending on their education.

"Talking with the Egyptian consul isn't something you do everyday," Floyd said. "They were very polite, very welcoming."

Some students asked questions from a five-page handout given to them the day before their trip at a briefing involving diplomacy and politics by Assistant Professor Adnan Sadduk, a former Jordanian ambassador to Yemen. Sadduk described the trip as good public relations for Egypt and a chance for students to learn more about one of the world's oldest civilizations.

"The Egyptian government wants to leave a good impression," Sadduk said in Arabic during the three-hour bus trip from Monterey to San Francisco. "This trip will increase and boost the cultural ties between Egypt and America."

A bus seat away from Sadduk sat Jean Baho, an Arabic assistant professor and a former dentist from Damascus. He described the trip as a chance for students to get out of the classroom and learn Arabic culture. He also said his goal as an instructor is not only to teach students a language, but also to show them something about life itself.



An Egyptian flag hangs over the entrance to the Egyptian consulate in San Francisco. (Photos by Army Pfc. Shawn McCool)

"On one hand, this trip is a good investment of their time," Baho said in Arabic. "On the other hand, it's a golden opportunity for them to apply information from class to daily life."

Security reasons prevented students from taking pictures inside the consulate. But the shutterbugs were a plenty inside the Pride of the Mediterranean, an Arab-owned restaurant where students, teachers and their dependents feasted on lamb while a belly dancer moved rhythmically to the sound of Arabic drums, harps and lutes.

Christopher Shumaker, 13, son of Pfc. Karyn Shumaker, said he enjoyed watching the dancer glide about the restaurant with a sword on her head.

"That sword never moved," a grinning Christopher said. "She could balance anything on her head."

Belly dancer Sally Bordi wore several flashy outfits, including a glittering two-piece green costume she said was worth \$800. Bordi, a native of San Francisco, said between dance sessions that she is a rock and roller who fell in love with Arabic music as soon as she heard it.

"I love the energy, the costumes and playing dress up," she said while catching her breath. "Rock and roll is one, two, one, two. It's very plain. But Arabic music — I call it ornate."

The bus trip rolled on to an Arabic grocery store in South San Francisco before heading back to the



DLIFLC students and teacher absorb some culture while sharing a feast of grilled lamb. Belly dancer Sally Bordi performs during their meal at a San Francisco restaurant.

Presidio of Monterey. Samiramis Imports owner Samir Koury spoke to the students only in Arabic.

On the ride back, Assistant Professor

Houda Tarabishi said students will be even more motivated to study because they gained confidence in their ability to communicate in Arabic.

"The students learned more about the culture," said Tarabishi, a native of Syria speaking in Arabic. "The students benefited from their interview with the consul."

Sgt. 1st Class John Berry is an Army Reservist with the 138th Military Intelligence Company in Orlando, Fla. He is currently assigned to Delta Company. In civilian life, he is a staff writer with the News-Press in Fort Myers, Fla.



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Personal dimension

Lowered attrition rates, covering all final learning objectives, achieving or surpassing 2/2/2's in listening, reading and speaking skills are all objectives of our courses of instruction. Preparing linguists for assignments bolstering our national defense is a primary undertaking.

Yet underlying these specific tasks is a deeper mission many professors hold, one which seeks to build citizens for a strong tomorrow. This underlying mission is conducted on a very personal level.

Says Serbian and Croatian faculty member, Dimitrie Milinovich, "The wealth of the nation is in getting the youth to think ... students are our future."

Ella Bekker, European School II, remembers teachers from Moscow as being the ones who brought creatively, spontaneity, rejuvenation and a "recharging of the batteries" to inquisitive students. Teaching was a calling, a noble lifelong pursuit

rather than an ordinary job.

Alexis Sahba of the Persian/Farsi Department recalls the inwardly-felt, personal delight his Iranian professors took during a reunion he participated in. "I could see they were so pleased and proud. With tears in their eyes they took all of us as their own kids."

Whether expressed by our DLIFLC faculty members in overtly passionate and enthusiastic ways, or subtly in a more formal, reserved and aloof demeanor, look for this personal dimension in your teaching team. Energy and motivation to study can be a practical result.

Early in this century, Harvard historian and Pulitzer Prize winning author Henry Brooks Adams wrote, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

Marines, sailors, soldiers and airmen of DLIFLC, seek to appreciate the honor and respect given the teaching profession in many cultures, its mission orientation and personal dimension. In the process, you'll learn more from your faculty teams, and be better able to focus your language learning energies.



DLIFLC, Presidio of Monterey join Retirement Services office to sponsor Retiree Activity Day

Story and photos by Bob Britton

“For survivor benefits, some spouses receive nothing after their retiree or veteran dies. Also, military retired pay stops at midnight on the day of the veteran’s death. Regarding burial honors, starting Jan. 1, 2000, there will be a minimum of a three-person honor guard for military retiree funerals,” said retired Lt. Col. Edward Gryczynski, the director of personal affairs for The Retired Officers Association.

He was the keynote speaker for the Retiree Activity Day sponsored by the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, the Presidio of Monterey and the Northern California Retirement Services Office Oct. 23. About 300 retirees and their spouses learned about health and survivor benefits, cost of living allowances, post exchange improvements, Veterans Affairs

and different veterans and health organizations. A medical team from the Palo Alto VA Hospital screened retirees for blood pressure, ear and eye exams.

Guest speakers at the POM theater included Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC commandant and DLIFLC and POM commander; retired Maj. Gen. William Gourley, president of the Fort Ord Area Retiree Council; Gryczynski; Dr. Jay Price, POM deputy command historian, and Corky Francis, Northern California Retirement Services Officer. Some of them had displays set up at Weckerling Center.

“We are proud to have you here, and we are proud to serve you at Retiree Activity Day,” said Devlin. “We are here to provide you with as many services as we can.”

About 26,000 retirees live within 25 miles of the POM, which also provides identification card assistance to 90,000 retirees residing within a three-hour drive of Monterey. “This is not a burden for us but an honor to serve and help you. We know you served before us,” Devlin said.

Gourley and local veteran and retiree groups brought pressure on the Veterans Affairs Hospital at Palo Alto to provide replacement medical services after the Fort Ord hospital closed. The VA responded by opening a VA Clinic a few years ago on the former installation. This clinic now serves veterans, retirees and family members under the TRICARE program.

Gourley mentioned retirees



Medical technicians from the Palo Alto VA Hospital help retirees fill out forms and check their blood pressure during Retiree Activity Day at the Weckerling Center Oct. 23. About 300 retirees and spouses attended the event.



A military retiree receives a printout of his eye and ear exam at Weckerling Center during Retiree Activity Day Oct. 23. The Military Personnel Division sponsored the event and invited several local and state agencies to participate.

will receive a cost of living adjustment of 1.3 percent in January and talked about a new military medical subvention program.

"Every time we take a retiree survey, the most important issues are health, health and health," he said. "Our COLA is number two, and three are the commissary and post exchange.

"One test program I pushed hard for in the local area through the National Association of the Uniformed Services and Congress was allowing Medicare-eligible retirees over age 65 to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program under a subvention program," Gourley said. "That's one that affects us, because every federal employee when they retire, except us, has a federal medical health plan."

The Defense Authorization Act of 1999 signed in October provides for a test FEHBP Medicare-eligible subvention program. The Defense Department will identify six test sites to begin the program, with a total enrollment of up to 66,000 beneficiaries. Local retirees are pushing hard for a local test site, men-

tioned Gryczynski.

"Enrollment will begin in the fall of 1999, with actual coverage starting Jan. 1, 2000," said Gryczynski. "Eligibility for the three-year test program covers Medicare-eligible retirees, family members and survivors. Other non Medicare-eligible family members may also be enrolled. That's a wonderful victory for the entire military retiree establishment and coalition. FEBHP is not free, but it is another option offered to retirees for medical health benefits."

Other issues under the Defense Authorization Act include establishing a TRICARE Senior Supplement and setting up a Defense Department mail-in pharmacy program. The Secretary of Defense will choose two TRICARE Senior test sites providing premium-based TRICARE insurance as a supplement to Medicare. "Tests will run for three years starting Jan. 1, 2000," said Gryczynski. "Fees for this TRICARE supplemental coverage will not exceed 75 percent of the premium for the nearest equivalent FEBHP coverage. Participants must be Medicare-eligible retirees, family members or survivors who live in a collective area and who are enrolled in Medicare Part B."

Mail-in pharmacy programs are limited to Base Realignment and Closure areas. Again, two test sites will be chosen to begin by Oct. 1, 1999. Participants must be enrolled in Medicare Part B, or have lived within 100 miles of a military medical catchment area when they reached age 65, mentioned Gryczynski.

Retirees also learned about changes to the Military Survivor Benefit Program. First, there will be a one-year open season for current non-participants from March 1, 1999, to Feb. 28, 2000. However, one provision requires previous non-participants to pay back premiums for SBP programs from the date of military retirement. This could be a substantial amount for someone retired for 10 or more years. Effective Oct. 1, 2008, 70-year-old or older retirees who paid into the fund for at least 30 years will be exempt from paying future SBP premiums.

Gryczynski mentioned military spouses are eligible for Social Security survivor benefits at age 60, Social Security death benefits are \$255, and the VA pays \$300 for burial benefits and \$150 for a VA burial plot. He also said the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland pays retiree accounts, while the DFAS-Denver office pays spouse and active-duty pay benefits.

He recommended retirees and spouses get copies of two pamphlets, "Help Your Surviving Spouse While Still Alive," and "SBP Made Easy." Information on obtaining these pamphlets is available through Judith Costello, DLIFLC retirement services

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officer at 242-6691, or Corky Francis, the Northern California Veterans Services Officer, at 1-800-213-4354.

Gourley also is an active panel member of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service retiree advisory council. He mentioned post exchanges need to rethink their marketing strategy and consider retirees as some of their main customers, especially in base closure areas long after most active-duty soldiers are reassigned. This has happened in this area, especially since retirees far outnumber active-duty people. In the future, all PXs worldwide will have at least one entrance door wide enough to accommodate disabled people with wheelchairs. Some older retirees are in this category now, so this was welcome news.

During the POM theater lectures, Price told the attendees about the World War II military history of the local area. Military installations at that time included the Presidio, Fort Ord, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Salinas Army Airfield, the forerunner of the current Salinas Municipal Airport. Salinas Army Airfield served as a pilot training base during the war. Before and during World War II, the Army and Navy conducted amphibious training exercises off the beaches of Fort Ord. These proved invaluable during World War II Pacific Island campaigns.

In 1943 the Navy acquired the use of the old Del Monte Hotel in Monterey, and in 1947 purchased the property and changed the old resort hotel into the Naval Postgraduate School.

Price also mentioned Camp McQuade in Watsonville became an Army stockade during World War II. Other World War II military areas included Asilomar, Big Sur and Camps Roberts and Hunter Liggett, which formerly belonged to the William Randolph Hearst Corp.

Devlin mentioned that the Presidio had its beginnings in 1602 when Spanish explorers landed in Monterey. That was 18 years before the landing at Plymouth Rock, Mass. Explorers Gaspar De Portola and Father Juniper Serra landed in Monterey 168 years later and set up a mission for the Presidio and the city of Monterey. Soldiers, not all Americans, have been stationed off and on at the Presidio since that time.



Corky Francis, the Northern California Veterans Service Officer, set up a display table for retirees inside the lobby of the Weckerling Center.

“The VA Hospital screenings were a popular attraction as retirees lined up all day for the exams,” said Costello, the RAD coordinator and a contact specialist in the Military Personnel Division. “We had 29 vendors show up for their display booths at Weckerling, and about two dozen retirees donated old eyeglasses for the Lions Club ongoing project to help visually impaired people. All the booths were a big

plus, and many retirees commented they were treated as valued citizens and were able to get help at the different booths. The entire RAD was a community event with support from several different agencies. We thank all for their participation.”

The Military Personnel Division staff coordinated all the Retiree Day activities with different agencies and veterans groups. During the event, the commissary provided fresh fruits, coffee and doughnuts at the theater, the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team performed at Soldier Field and the Edge Club provided a luncheon barbecue at the Weckerling Center. About 28 retirees renewed their ID cards, while 15 guests toured the European and Latin American School.



Correction

Incorrect information was printed in the photo credit for a photograph on the cover of the October issue of the Globe. The photo of the Soldier Show at Barker Theater was taken by Mary Erner.

Presidio pauses for Veterans Day observance

By Joe Morgan

How should a servicemember celebrate Veterans Day?

"Call your mother," advised Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commandant and DLIFLC and Presidio of Monterey Commander Daniel Devlin in an address before the Presidio's 229th Military Intelligence Battalion on the eve of the Nov. 11 national holiday.

"Tell her that you're proud to wear your country's uniform today and that you're proud that you'll be called a veteran," Devlin said.

"And tell your mother that you're glad to be an American," he added.

Devlin was reviewing officer at a Veterans Day ceremony of the 229th that was planned as a pass in review on the Presidio's Soldier Field, but that was moved indoors to Price Fitness Center



Col. Daniel Devlin, DLIFLC commandant and DLIFLC and POM commander, addresses the Veterans Day crowd.

because of rain. Guests included Monterey Mayor Dan Albert and Monterey City Manager Fred Meurer.

While soldiers of the 229th stood shoulder to shoulder in formation facing a capacity audience seated on bleachers, Devlin spoke of bonds of brotherhood that unite and motivate servicemembers.

"We're all brothers in uniform, and I use that word in the genderless sense," he said.

Devlin quoted a favorite passage from Shakespeare's "Henry V," which included an often-quoted line that characterizes the soldiers who fought for England at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415 as "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers."

The theme of military brotherhood is also woven into "Saving Private Ryan," the 1998 film about American sacrifices on battlefields and on the home front during World War II, Devlin noted.

"We represent in a small way those who went before us — those soldiers who fought and died," Devlin told the assembly.

Devlin closed with words that brought an applauding audience to its feet.

"I am proud to be an American," he said. "I am proud to be a soldier. And I




The DLIFLC Army Color Guard presents the colors during the Veterans Day observance at Price Fitness Center Nov. 10. (Photo by Jim Villareal)

am proud to serve with you."

Host for the event was 229th Commander Lt. Col Steven Rundle. He reminded attendees that Veterans Day derives from Armistice Day, originally a day of commemoration of the 1918 armistice that ended World War I at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year. He noted that Veterans Day 1998 is the 80th anniversary of the armistice.

Master of ceremonies was the 229th's 1st Sgt. M. W. Nicholson.

An invocation was offered by Army Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin Strong. 

Volunteers spend rainy day cleaning up Presidio, POM Annex, Asilomar State Beach

Story and photos by Bob Britton

“Rainy weather didn’t deter volunteers from a cleanup party sponsored by Army Community Service and the city of Seaside. Approximately 300 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and civilian volunteers helped clean up the Presidio of Monterey, the POM Annex and Asilomar State Beach Oct. 24. This was part of the Make a Difference cleanup day phase of the National Points of Light volunteerism effort.

“I was pleased with the teamwork between Seaside and the Presidio of Monterey,” said Kevin Moore, Army Community Service director. “It was good to see the support from the single ser-

vice members and DOD civilians. The youths demonstrated individual potential including self-reliance and self-competence in support of volunteering their time to make the difference in their community.”

POM Annex projects originated from the Mayoral Program Town Hall meeting held Aug. 4. Residents suggested trimming overgrown grass and weeds and picking up trash along both ends of Monterey Road. Afterward, Theresa Matthews, the ACS installation volunteer coordinator, got together with June Flores, volunteer coordinator for Seaside’s Cultural and Leisure Service Department, and the two worked out the planning details for the cleanup effort.

“I felt a little discouraged about the rainy forecast until I drove up to the POM Annex project site and saw about 75 volunteers ready to get started at 7:30 a.m.,” said Matthews. “The



(Above) Air Force Tech. Sgt. Shannon Ramos, a DLIFLC Russian military language instructor, picks up trash along Monterey Road on the Presidio of Monterey Annex Oct. 24. This was part of the nationwide volunteer cleanup program, “Make a Difference Day.”

(Left) Amy Fish, wife of Army Spc. Randy Fish, a Company F, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion Russian student, cleans up the perimeter area near Freeman Stadium on the Presidio of Monterey Annex during a heavy rainstorm.



A husband-wife civilian team from Electronic Data Systems, Defense Manpower Data Center, located in the former Fort Ord hospital, dress for inclement weather as they help clean up along Monterey Road. About 35 EDS employees volunteered for the joint military community-Seaside Make a Difference Day Oct. 24. Other volunteers removed trash from the Presidio and Asilomar State Beach in Pacific Grove.

Directorate of Logistics Lawn Care Center and the Seaside Community Action Team provided hand tools, rakes, shovels, weedeaters, trash bags, vests and gloves. Then the rains came, but carloads of volunteers continued to arrive. Everyone wanted to work regardless of the rain."


Volunteers picked up trash at all three places, trimmed shrubbery and weeds, and painted some boarded up houses on the Annex. At the Annex, people spruced up both ends of Monterey Road and some vacant houses near the post exchange and commissary areas. Rain didn't deter a soldier and his wife from picking up trash around the sports stadium. Some sailors from the Naval Security Group Detachment picked up trash along the sides of Highway 1 between Seaside and the POM Annex Main Gate.

"Just the fact of having so many people show up to contribute to the event in any way they could, made a difference in itself," said Valerie Woods, ACS relocation manager. "People were in good spirits, willing to do whatever suggested. There was a sense of community, a sense of being able to make a differ-

ence, and being able to see the results of their labors, inspired a sense of accomplishment and pride."

Annex volunteers included DLIFLC students and staff, military family members; soldiers from Headquarters, 3rd Brigade (Golden Bear), 4th Region ROTC; 35 members from the Electronic Data Systems section of the Defense Manpower Data Center, several members from Army Community Service and local teenagers.

Volunteers for the Better Opportunities for Single Service Members cleaned up Asilomar State Beach. Other DLIFLC students and staff from different services spruced up the Presidio by the Recreation Center, the running track by the post exchange, the cemetery and the lower Presidio. Other volunteer efforts included a canned food drive and baby-sitting services, mentioned Matthews.

All volunteers received recognition later that day at a luncheon in the dining facility of the former Fort Ord hospital. Col. Peter Dausen, Presidio garrison commander, and Seaside Mayor Don Jordan thanked the volunteers for making a difference. 

Soldiers compete in Army 10-Miler in Washington

By Sgt. 1st Class Linda Kessinger
NCOIC, Adjutant General Section

Congratulations to the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and Presidio of Monterey 10-miler running teams. The Institute sent two teams to Washington, D.C., to run the Army 10-miler on Oct. 11. Team 1 finished 10th and team 2 finished 19th out of 105 active duty mixed teams. Other categories included male and female individuals, and male and female teams from either the active Army or Reserve Components.

This event marked the second time the Institute and Presidio competed in this annual run around Washington. More than 14,000 military and civilian runners ran the scenic course from the Pentagon, along the Potomac River and back to the starting point. This is the largest 10-mile run in the country, especially for the number of participants.

Members of the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army supported the group and held events to defray expenses for the soldiers. The local chapter provided funds for the uniforms and the \$20 entry fee per person. Garrison arranged for and funded the roundtrip plane fare. DLI-Washington supported the teams with a military vehicle and accommodations at Oakwood Apartments in Alexandria, Va.

"Racing out there in D.C. and representing DLI really filled me with a sense of pride for the U.S. Army and DLI. I felt very patriotic, and racing with so many of my fellow soldiers was a real rush," said Pfc. Mandy Jensen from Company A, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion.

"Representing DLIFLC in the Army 10-miler is something I wanted to do once I heard about the race, and to get the chance to do that made it possible for me to fulfill a personal dream and goal," said Pfc. Angela Hultengren, Company B. "The race was incredible, and I am proud to be a U.S. soldier. Washington was beautiful; our whole history is remembered there from the making of the Declaration of Independence to today. It was incredible to have a chance to see the sights and museums. And to see that part of the United States history makes me proud to be in the Army."

Other team members included Spc. Kevin

McGwin and Pfc. Delmar McPherson from Company A, Pfc. Joshua Black from Company B, Capt. Michael Morton from Company D, Maj. Kathleen Cannon from Company E, Sgts. 1st Class Daniel and Linda Kessinger from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Sgt. Robert Mendez from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Male runners posted the following times in hours and minutes: McPherson, 59:10; McGwin, 1:01; Black, 1:02; Morton, 1:02; Mendez, 1:09; and D. Kessinger, 1:16. For the women, Jensen ran the course in 1:17; L. Kessinger, 1:21; Hultengren, 1:22; and Cannon, 1:26.

About 50 Presidio runners competed during trials Aug. 1, but only the six fastest males and four females qualified for the team representing the Institute.

"A big thanks goes out to Lt. Col. (Griffith) Hughes and Master Sgt. (Mitchell) Robinson from DLI-Washington. Their support was great again this year. A special thanks also goes out to Beverly from Oakwood Apartments. The competition was great this year and hopefully will be even better next year. I hope DLI supports the race again next year," said Daniel Kessinger.



The DLIFLC members who traveled to Washington, D.C., to compete in the Army 10-Miler are (from left to right) Capt. Michael Morton, Sgts. 1st Class Daniel and Linda Kessinger, Pfc. Angela Hultengren and Mandy Jensen, Spc. Kevin McGwin and Pfc. Delmar McPherson. Not pictured are Maj. Kathleen Cannon, Sgt. Robert Mendez and Pfc. Joshua Black. Team 1 finished 10th and team 2 finished 19th out of 105 active duty mixed teams.

DLIFLC Russian student takes Army chess title

By Harriet Rice
U.S. Army CFSC Public Affairs Officer

A student of Russian at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center studied his opponents and used what he learned to capture first place at the 1998 All-Army Chess Championship Sept. 25 to Oct. 1 at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Joseph Kruml dethroned defending 1997 Army Chess Champion Rudy Tia, of Fort Hood, Texas, who slipped to third place in this year's competition.

Fellow Fort Hood player David Hater embodied the saying "always a bridesmaid, never a bride." Hater, after handing Kruml his only defeat in round nine of 11 rounds, had to be satisfied with second place for the fourth time in five years.

"I got off to a very slow start," said Hater. "I lost my first game to Rudy Tia. Then I drew five games before I won rounds eight, nine, 10 and 11 to claw my way back into second place."

Kruml said Tia was his toughest competitor. "I only played him once. He played kind of a stodgy defense, and even those who had better positions against him had a hard time breaking through," Kruml said. "It was good for me to play him at the very end, because I had a clear idea of what I was going up against in terms of player strength and style."

A native of Lincoln, Neb., Kruml played competitive chess as a civilian for 10 years. "I guess I've known how to play for a few more years than that." He has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Brandeis University and St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York. Kruml said he joined the military just a year ago, because "the Army was the best way to get myself on my feet before I started a career."

As to his tournament strategy, Kruml said, "As I was playing, between moves I walked around the room and looked at what the other players were doing and what the systems they were using. I was making determinations at that point whether they were good systems and whether they were playing them correctly. I made adjustments based on that."

He said that he found out about the Army chess program from a bulletin board flyer and was surprised to learn the Army

even had a chess program. "The Army represents such a diversity of people from different backgrounds, different educational levels, and many different talents. I think chess is really one way in which soldiers can exhibit their talents in strategic thinking. It would be a shame if the program were to go by the wayside and all that was left was (sports)," Kruml said.

"I don't want to minimize sports: it's good for morale and fitness, but it's good to see the Army has a program where people can demonstrate mental fitness as well as physical fitness," he added.


At the awards ceremony, Col. Jeanne Picariello agreed that chess fills a gap. Picariello is the director of Soldier and Family Support at the U.S. Army Community Center, which sponsors the tournament.

"We spend a lot of time with mandatory physical training and worrying how physically fit we are. (The chess program) drives home the importance of what you do here and what your skills are," she told the soldiers. "We pay lip service to this kind of talent, but I don't know how well we train our junior people to do what you do so well — focus — to concentrate for long periods of time, and to work with great attention to detail."

Kruml, Hater, Tia and the other three top players traveled to Portsmouth, England, to play in the 1998 NATO Invitational Tournament Oct. 5 to 10, playing chess 10 hours a day against 48 players from eight nations. At one point in the tournament, the U.S. team was in second place after a strong start.

The next day, they lost every game. "We were playing over our heads in the tournament, and it caught up with us at the end. I had to play three games against players with 2200 to 2300 ratings. We got off to a great start, but we couldn't hang on," said Hater, who has a U.S. Chess Federation rating of 2050. Kruml's rating is 2116 — the highest on the U.S. team.

Germany won the NATO tournament with 21.5 points, and the U.S. placed sixth with 15 points.

Members of the 1998 All-Army Chess Team are Spc. Joseph Kruml, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, DLIFLC; Capt. David Hater, 3rd Personnel Group, Fort Hood, Texas; Spc. Rudy G. Tia, A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas; Staff Sgt. Jeffrey McAleer, 69th Chemical Company, 104th Area Support Group, Hanau, Germany; Sgt. 1st Class Andress Hortillosa, Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colo.; Staff Sgt. Charles Costales, C Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, Fort Riley, Kan. 



Spc. Joseph Kruml

Naval Postgraduate School kicks way to 1998 DLIFLC soccer championship title

Story and photos by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen

The Naval Postgraduate School soccer team blanked the soldiers from Echo Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, 3-0 Oct. 20 at Soldier Field to capture the 1998 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center soccer championship during the double-elimination tournament.

"We didn't have many weaknesses this season, and that was the team's strong point and key to our success," said coach Nick Dodge, a lieutenant commander from Mechanicsburg, Pa., studying for his master's degree in the field of Manpower Systems Analysis at NPS. "Echo Company was much faster and more fit than us, but I know our experience and style of play in controlling the tempo of play and the ball was paramount for us. Our average age on the roster is about 30 years old - we use our heads more so than our bodies against the younger teams. So, I'd say we were strong in all points with offense, defense, and very good goaltending. We were steady all season and didn't sway a lot. By that I mean we had an extremely balanced attack with four players scoring at least eight goals during the season. On defense, we only had one goal scored on us all season. That was against the Marines in the semi-finals and was a very nice goal by probably the smallest guy in the league - he definitely earned it and made a super play on the goal."



A Navy soccer player kicks the ball down field as an Army defender closes in during the championship game at Soldier Field Oct. 20. The Naval Postgraduate School team defeated the Army team from Company E, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Dodge said the team's only loss of the season was a forfeit loss to Alpha Company in the opening game of the tournament. "We went 9-0 during the season and then 6-1 in the tournament," he noted. "Our loss was a forfeit, and that was due to our players having exams and being TAD (temporarily assigned duty) elsewhere."

Dodge said his team was confident going into both championship games. "We were ready to play and confident," he mentioned. "However, just like on any given day, any team can be beaten. So, even though we had beaten Echo Company during the regular season, we came out and played both games against them just like we had never played them before.

"They (Echo Company) are a very good team, and I understand they were the runners-up in the DLI league last season," he said. "We knew they would be tough because the majority of their players are also on the DLI team, which we play against in the Monterey Peninsula League as well."

Dodge said the team and he really enjoyed the DLI league. "We'd much rather play in this league," he noted. "It is relaxed, and the league ran smoothly. Obviously, we were quite happy to win the title but at the same time glad the season is over with. We've been playing four to five games a week in two leagues. That can wear on a person after awhile with the academic work load."

NPS made its way to the championship by taking the hard route. After forfeiting their opening tournament game to Alpha Company, they reeled off six straight victories for the title. Their overall record of 15 wins - 1 loss (the forfeit) and no ties was nothing less than spectacular when one considers they only allowed one goal all season! After the opening loss, NPS shut out Foxtrot Company 3-0 before dropping the Air Force 2-0. Next up was Alpha Company who fell 2-0, followed by the Marine Corps Detachment, who scored the only goal against NPS the entire season - it wasn't enough in a 2-1 defeat however. The win over the Corps placed NPS in the first championship game where Echo Company awaited. Having to win two title games, NPS stymied the soldiers of Echo 2-0 in the first game Oct. 14 before downing them for a second straight time, 3-0 in the Oct. 20 match-up. The 1997 DLIFLC soccer runners-up to Alpha Company, Echo Company opened up its 1998 tournament run with a 3-0 shutout triumph over Bravo Company. The team then edged the Air Force 2-1 before besting the Marine Corps 3-0. This win placed them in the winner's bracket of the championship where they awaited NPS.

The first championship game was held Oct. 14 on a windy,



Fancy footwork helps a Company E, 229th Intelligence Battalion soccer player control the ball down the field past his Naval Postgraduate School opponent during the championship game at Soldier Field Oct. 20.

brisk night with a chill in the air. NPS, having to win to force a second championship game, scored midway through the first half and took their one goal lead late into the game, a lead that was preserved by some great saves by their goalie. Late in the game, NPS was awarded a penalty kick which they converted to make the score 2-0. Roughly a minute later the game was over.

Unlike the first title game, the second game weather was perfect for soccer with warm temperatures, no wind and a clear sky. NPS again struck first and held a 2-0 halftime lead which could have been even higher with several near misses on shots on goal with their offensive assault. Again, their goalie made several superb saves. NPS added a goal late in the game on a penalty kick to make the final score 3-0.

Dodge, currently a forward on his team, played professionally in 1981 and '82 for the Tampa Bay Rowdies as a mid-fielder. He said five or six other players had vast NCAA, All-Navy, and All-Service soccer experience including defensemen Jon Halverson, who was called up to the junior national team at one point.

The team was made up of all student officers according to Dodge. "It was a solid team effort the entire season," he said. "I can't pick anyone out as our star player because like the New York Yankees, we won through a total team effort.

"I think our biggest challenge this season was being able to field a full side with 11 players," Dodge said. "We were usually one or two men down during games, and that says a lot for our

team as a unit. We were fortunate to be able to stick together as a team for the season. That could change next year though."

Dodge wanted to thank DLIFLC Athletic Director Dave Fickel for his special consideration to let the team participate in this year's DLI league. "The NPS team was eliminated last year from the tournament and then didn't show up to officiate their assigned game," he said. "We were happy that Dave let us compete. We had a good time and really enjoyed playing in the DLI league though. It was a very good season.

"Also, a note of thanks goes out to Russ Gale, NSAMB Sports Director, for providing funding and new uniforms to the team," he said. "We represent the school and the military to the community. With the support Russ gave us, we can do it more often and with more style."

NPS players included Chris Sterbis, Jon Halverson, Hong Wee Tan, Scott Heller, Brian Sheakley, Alex Rodriguez, Dan Evans, Neil Smith, Mark Boyd, Garrett Linton, Mike Williamson, Angel Salinas, Len Gaines, Art Loureiro, Frank Franke, Hank Viado, Karl Werenskjold and Dodge.

1998 REGULAR SEASON DLISOCCER – Final Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won-Lost-Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 - NPS	9-0-0	27
2 - Air Force	7-1-1	22
3 - Echo Co.	5-4-0	15
4 - MCD	4-3-2	14
5 - Foxtrot Co.	4-4-1	13
5 - Bravo Co.	4-4-1	13
6 - NSGD	3-4-2	11
7 - Delta Co.	3-6-0	9
8 - Alpha Co.	2-6-1	7

1998 DLISOCCER TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
1 - NPS	6	1
2 - Echo Co.	3	2
3 - MCD	2	2
4 - Alpha Co.	3	2
5 - Bravo Co.	2	2
6 - Air Force	1	2
7 - NSGD	0	2
7 - Foxtrot Co.	0	2
7 - Delta Co.	0	2



Monterey Bay Retired E-9 Association raises \$4,000 during recent golf tournament

Money helps county Veterans Service Office purchase new passenger van for shuttle runs

Photo and story by Bob Britton

Retired military golfers raised \$4,000 toward a replacement van for the Monterey County Veterans Service Office. The Monterey Bay Retired E-9 Association sponsored a two-man team best-ball fundraising golf tournament at the Monterey Pines, formerly the Naval Postgraduate School, golf course Oct. 3.

Chuck Hopper, the association's secretary and a past president, coordinated the tourney with hole sponsors, entrants and arranged greens fees from different area golf courses as prizes. During the one-day event under slightly windy and sunny skies, 48 duffers challenged the 18-hole layout. It was complete with noise from approaching and departing airplanes from adjacent

Monterey Peninsula Airport, geese on the fairways, water hazards, sand traps, rough, doglegs right and left, blind holes, fairways and greens.

For the winning golfers, Wason Carter had a low gross score of 75. Mario Champaco and Kim Torre earned first place in the two-man team event, followed by the second place duo of Wason Carter and Bill Watts. The next five teams included Mike Pablo with Olie Miolla, Monte Webb and Sherman Smith, Jess Tolson and Jake Kapowich, Tony and Jess Barcinas, and Dick Darvey and Leon Doubek.

While all golfers played their 18-hole rounds of golf, association members Joe Rodriguez, Dave Curran, Benn Murray, Sam Daniels and others prepared the barbecue food and refreshments for the picnic after the golfing activity ended.

Each year the association sponsors a spring golf event to raise money for the Army Emergency Relief Fund. This fall tourney marked the first time funds were designated for the replacement van. So far, different veterans organizations have raised about \$13,000 toward a new and larger vehicle.

The county Veterans Service Office operates two vans to take patients and attendants up to the San Jose Veterans Affairs Clinic or the VA Hospital at Palo Alto for weekday appointments. One van holds seven passengers while the other can accommodate 10. Although the primary patients needing rides are older or disabled veterans, these free rides also are open to active-duty service members or their spouses. A similar van service operates from the Monterey County VA Clinic at Fort Ord, which also treats TRICARE active-duty service members and their spouses.

VSO vans depart at 7:15 a.m. from in front of the VSO office, 555 Reservation Road, Marina. Van drivers pick up Salinas patients at 7:30 a.m. by Carl's Jr. restaurant on Post Road across from the Salinas Post Office, and travel up to the San Jose VA Clinic and the Palo Alto VA Hospital. The return trip leaves Palo Alto about 2:30 p.m. and stops at the same places and arrives back in Marina between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Frequently, the VSO has a long waiting list for the van patients, so it is advisable to call ahead of time and make a reservation with Joe Vargo, the van coordinator, at (831) 384-0605, extension 15.



Jess Tolson chips out of a bunker on hole #13 at the Monterey Pines Golf Course. The Monterey Bay Retired E-9 Association tourney raised \$4,000.

Presidio Pulse

How do you effectively combine your service requirements with your military language training?

(Inputs compiled by and photos by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen)



"The daily routine of a military student is challenging. One has to be well-organized to juggle both military training -- classes, studying, and such service requirements as physical training, meetings and watch standing."

Navy Seaman Angela Williams, Russian student, NSGD, Hometown: Denver, Colo.



"Prioritize, prioritize, prioritize. I try to keep them equally balanced, although to be a hard charger demands more time at the unit without letting up with my studies."

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Powell, Korean student, NSGD, Hometown: Bayshore, N.Y.



"I set a good schedule for myself and follow it. I have a certain amount of time dedicated to studying, exercising, and taking care of other military duties. Then, when I'm all done, I do something fun to relax."

Air Force Airman 1st Class Mark Rondez, Thai student, 311th Training Squadron, Hometown: Los Angeles.



"I can combine studying and dorm guard in order to keep from wasting time. Also, I change into physical conditioning gear at school and go from there in order to save time."

Air Force Airman Jennifer Maguire, Persian-Farsi student, 311th Training Squadron, Hometown: Reed City, Mich.



"I have been in the Army for four years, so time management was something I learned early on in my career. Also, most military training is on the weekends during time I wasn't studying anyway. So, it never presented a problem, except for some loss of personal time."

Army Spc. Christopher Elkins, Korean graduate, Echo Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hometown: Atlantic City, N.J.



"Every week the Marines 'field day' the buildings we live in. As we clean, we use our target languages, when running for PT, we use cadences in our target languages as well. In everyday conversation with roommates and in passing, most of the conversing is done in our languages to get the most practice out of our time. It also makes talking around students of other languages more fun."

Marine Corps Cpl. Christine Demorest, Spanish graduate, Marine Corps Detachment, Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.



"When involved in military training, whether it would be PT, field day, etc., it is important to speak in the language being studied whenever possible. Speaking is the hardest part, and if you can do this well, everything else falls into place. For doing homework and studying so you can get better, you must learn to organize your time. Just doing homework is not enough."

Marine Corps Cpl. Michael Snow, Russian graduate, Marine Corps Detachment, Hometown: Tacoma, Wa.

Graduations

CHINESE-MANDARIN

Airman 1st Class Chamica Bernard
Sgt. Scott Bohannon
Seaman Joshua Cuff
Seaman Lin Cuff
Airman 1st Class Kiko Doran
Seaman Brandon Funk
Sgt. Kevin Glymph
Lucinda Ivy
Capt. Robert Ivy
Senior Airman Eric Jeannot
Sgt. Gregory Kaczorowski
Senior Airman Adam Leggio
Spc. Landon Lewis
Pfc. Craig Linde
Airman 1st Class Vicente Martinez
Airman 1st Class Nicole Navin
Sgt. Matthew Padilla
Spc. Thomas Paul
Seaman Andrew Pleus
Airman 1st Class Michael Rogers
Capt. Thomas Sands Jr.
Staff Sgt. David Short
Spc. Christopher Smith
Sgt. J. C. Waller III

JAPANESE

Capt. Eric Farquharson
Special Agent Timothy Goss
Lt. Cmdr. David Jazdyk
Capt. Gerritt Peck
Capt. Shirley Rapues
Staff Sgt. Cecilia Sinclair

PORTUGUESE

Petty Officer 2nd Class Louis Cervantes
Pfc. Dean Dang
Petty Officer 2nd Class Phillip Edwards
Capt. Eric Harter
Capt. Richard Procell
Spc. Ryan Rappold
Lt. Cmdr. Tarl Taylor
Lt. Cmdr. Baoquoc Tranthien

RUSSIAN

Pfc. Richard Barshney
Cpl. Adam Conlan
Pfc. Nancy Delise
Pfc. Jeremy Ditto
Airman 1st Class Deborah Downs
Pfc. Jason Dunlap
Pfc. Jesse Garland
Pfc. Patrick Good
Airman 1st Class Joshua Green

Pfc. Frank Holt
Airman 1st Class Brian Hudson
Pfc. John Klinkel
Seaman Melissa Lystad
Staff Sgt. Michael Nazelrod
Lance Cpl. Adam Newhall
Staff Sgt. Raymond Ramsey
Pfc. Nathaniel Rightsell
Staff Sgt. Glenn Rodgers
Spc. Hector Santiago
Seaman Apprentice Don Tillman
Seaman Nicole Wiese
Lance Cpl. Glen Wilhelm
Seaman Brandy Yonek

SPANISH

Pvt. 2 Jon Arnold Garcia
Pfc. Thorsten Bartling
Staff Sgt. David Bodily
Pvt. 2 Wesley Bonnheim
Pvt. 2 Gary Bouchard
Airman 1st Class Patrick Brydon
Spc. Anthony Buchman
Pvt. 2 Kenneth Calloway
Pfc. Heather Camp
Senior Airman Michael Castleton
Pvt. 2 Amy Chester
Pfc. Mark Cox
Lt. Col. Carlos Cribbs
Senior Airman Scott Decker
Staff Sgt. Lyle Dodd
Pvt. 2 Charles Evans
Pfc. Fu Peter
Lance Cpl. Jonathan Gettier
Maj. Brock Gibson
Airman James Gibson
Capt. Michael Hale
Spc. Derek Harvey
Lance Cpl. Carra Hawkins
Senior Airman Jason Hopper
Spc. Tiffany Komarek
Spc. Johnny Ladnier
Petty Officer 3rd Class Adrian Lopez
Capt. Colin Lowe
Lt. Col. David Mayer
Seaman Michael Mehnert
Lance Cpl. James Miller III
Seaman Manuel Murguia Jr.
Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Neal
Airman 1st Class Christopher Nemecek
Lance Cpl. Jesse Osufsen
Pvt. 2 Kenneth Pack
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Marine Pfc. Bradford Bogle, a DLIFLC Russian student, sounds his trumpet during the Marine Corps 223rd Birthday celebration at the Custom House Plaza and flagpole Nov. 10. Each year the DLIFLC Marines Corps Detachment observes its birthday at this historic place. Marines read proclamations about Commodore John Drake Sloat's landing in 1846, from the Corps' 13th commanding general, Gen. John L. Jeune, and a birthday greeting from the current Corps commandant. *(Photo by Bob Britton)*