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Troops move into new quarters

BY BOB BRITTON

Eighty-eight soldiers, sailors or airmen now have new living quarters to stow their gear, sleep and study.



Congressman Sam Farr, (D-Carmel), and Col. Kevin Rice, former Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center commander and commandant, officially opened the expanded barracks construction on building 836.

Col. Rice mentioned that the Institute now has 2,600 single students. Farr mentioned that the Defense Management Data Center, located in the old Fort Ord Hospital building, maintains a language registry for all military linguists, including those who are not classified as linguists but who can speak other foreign languages and work in jobs other than in military intelligence.

New barracks wings were added on to both sides of an existing building. This new construction doubled the occupancy size from 44 to 88 students and added 22 two-person rooms complete with their own bathrooms, beds, desks, television sets and microwave ovens.

The renovated barracks come complete with separate dayrooms and laundry facilities. Army students occupy one wing, while sailors and airmen live in the other new wing.

Rep. Farr secured \$2.845 million for the construction from the fiscal year 01 Military Construction Army budget. Farr is a member of the Military Construction Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. He has also secured funds for an additional new barracks now under construction in the same general area of DLIFLC.

J. I. Construction Inc. employees did all the renovation work on the barracks expansion.





Rice retires, Simone takes charge as Commandant

BY BOB BRITTON

Col. Kevin Rice, commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and commander of the Presidio of Monterey since December 2000, turned over command to Col. Michael Simone, and retired after 30 years at Soldier Field on June 4. Upon his retirement, he received the Legion of Merit award with certificate, a retirement certificate signed by President Bush, and a retirement pin. His wife, Kitty, received a civilian award, flowers and a certificate of appreciation.

Col. Simone, the new commandant and commander, comes to DLIFLC after serving a tour as Chief of the European Operations Division of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's On-Site Inspection Directorate.

"We pass the colors of DLI from Colonel Rice to Colonel Simone," said Lieutenant General James Riley, presiding officer during the ceremony and commanding general of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "Commanders come and go, where all have excelled and contributed to the mission success. Under Colonel Rice's watch, 6,000 military students became proficient in their languages."

Col. Rice graduated from the Basic Chinese-Mandarin Course at DLI and the British Ministry of Defense Chinese Language School in Hong Kong. He served as the U.S. Army Attaché to the People's Republic of China between November 1997 and November 2000.

"I met my wife Kitty in Germany in 1974, and she was an honor graduate in my Chinese class at DLI," said Rice. "I've had the honor to serve with outstanding soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen all over the world. It's been my pleasure to serve with outstanding service members and the 1,050 dedicated DLI faculty members."

"Colonel Rice leaves big shoes to fill," said Simone. "I follow in the footsteps of General Joseph W. Stilwell with learning a foreign

language, culture and customs of another country."

Col. Simone spent a lot of time in Europe on different assignments. He was an assistant Army attaché in the American Embassy in Moscow from 1993 to 1995. Then he went to Vienna, Austria, as the assistant Joint Staff representative to the U.S. Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) until 1998. After that assignment, he returned for another two-year tour as Army Attaché to the American Embassy in Moscow.

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Col. Simone graduated from West Point in 1975 and received a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University in 1985 and another master's degree in Political Science in 1989. He earned a Certificate of Advanced Training in Soviet Studies from the Averell Harriman Institute. Simone also served as an assistant professor of Soviet Studies at West Point from 1985 until 1988.

Other military education includes graduation from the Armed Forces Staff College, the U.S. Army Russian Institute in Germany and the Defense Attaché Course.

Some of Simone's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and Army Commendation Medal (three awards).

During the retirement and change of command ceremony, musicians from the 36th Army Band, the Military Intelligence Corps Regimental Band, from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. played appropriate music.



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Green Beret Officer receives British Commando Award

BY BOB BRITTON

Army Maj. Chris Eldridge studied Spanish as a Foreign Area Officer at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey. He proudly wears the Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger and Special Forces tabs on his uniforms. Now he adds a prestigious British award that few Americans have earned, but it took him almost 20 years to receive recognition for it.

“The British Royal Marines All Arms Commando Course is a two-month course like our Ranger course, and only between 10 and 20 percent pass it,” said Eldridge. “I passed the course in 1984 as a private first class.”

The British Royal Marines are commandos similar to our Special Operations Forces of Rangers, Special Forces, Navy SEALs and Air Force special operations servicemen.

Eldridge is the first American officer to receive the metallic “Commando Dagger” award from the British. Lt. Col. Canning and Regimental Sgt. Maj. Conway, commanding officer and regimental sergeant major of the All Arms Commando Training Center, Royal Marines, Great Britain, personally presented the award to Eldridge at Soldier Field in March.

After recently explaining the award to his family, Eldridge’s father-in-law got involved to correct the situation. He helped design a metal dagger award and coordinated with the Defense Department and the British Royal Marines to get approval for his son-in-law to wear the British dagger on his uniforms. Now other American servicemen who successfully completed the course can wear the metal commando dagger award. Since the early 1950s, only 40 plus Americans have successfully completed the course.

When someone graduates from this physically and mentally challenging commando course, they earn a British Green Beret and a cloth “Commando Dagger” award. However, American uniform regulations don’t allow foreign cloth awards to be worn on the uniform, but metal awards can be worn, mentioned Eldridge.

"Our 1984 class started out with 160 people and only 16 of us made it through the final graduation day of a 30-mile hike in less than seven hours," said Eldridge. "We had two squads of eight soldiers for our graduation. That was the day we received our British Green Beret and red commando dagger cloth award. The 30-mile hike with field equipment was across farmlands, the moors or rocky, rolling hills and with wind and rain. When I went through the course in 1984, I was the seventh American to earn this"

The British Royal Marine Commando Training Center is located near the village of Lymptone in Devon, about eight miles south of Exeter, Great Britain. Training is integrated for recruits or young enlisted soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers at one training center.

Eldridge went through the British course as a private first class. After basic training in 1982, he went to the 21st Replacement Center in Germany. While he was awaiting assignment, some Rangers were recruiting soldiers of a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol for their unit. Rangers recruited Eldridge because he was a cross-country runner. He was with that LRRP unit for almost two years.

Then his LRRP unit got vacancy slots for the British Royal Marine Commando Course. Some soldiers preceded him at the school and mentioned how demanding it was. So, Eldridge's unit prepared him with long road marches, he ran 10 miles a day and did strenuous physical exercises.

"The course is initially eight weeks long," said Eldridge. "The first three weeks were a physical fitness train up where they pushed and trained you daily such as running cross country up to six miles with your field equipment over rough terrain. The British stressed cleanliness and taking care of your equipment all the time.

"Besides physical fitness, we practiced lots of patrolling, ambushes, and attacks on old castles," said Eldridge. "On one mission, we planned the mission, moved to a grounded shipwreck by assault boat, and attacked a castle. We also practiced ambushes and patrols on tops of mountains and did physical fitness training by running along beaches at low tide with your equipment. Sometimes these beach runs had us running in mud up to our thighs.

"Like a lot of American training, the physical fitness was excruciating, while the patrols were

demanding in the wintertime running on the English moors," said Eldridge. "The obstacle course was two-miles long combined with a four-mile run. For the obstacle course, you were completely submerged in water with weapon and field equipment."

After completing the commando course, he returned to his LRRP unit in Germany. When his enlistment was over, he got out of the service, went to college to get his degree and came back in as an officer. So, he is considered a mustang – going from enlisted to officer – and proud of it.

As an officer, his British commando and LRRP training allowed him to gauge his physical and mental training, and his threshold for pain, stamina and endurance. He completed elite training with airborne, ranger, air assault, lightfighter and Special Forces units. He also completed the Master Air Assault course and jumpmaster school.

"For most of my career, I was in Special Operations units that included LRRPs," said Eldridge. "I was also a scout for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), took Long Range Surveillance Patrol training at Fort Benning, Ga.; took the Light Fighter Course at Fort Ord as a lieutenant and the Special Forces course as a captain. I also trained in Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs. Now I'm being trained as a military linguist as a Foreign Area Officer for future embassy duty."

Eldridge wears the wings of a Master Parachutist and has jumped 140 times from different types of aircraft, including static line jumps and free falls. His long experience with LRRP and LRSPs took him to several countries with Special Operations Forces.

"Free fall jumps are the most intense and satisfying kinds of jumps there are," said Eldridge. "You might exit an aircraft from 25,000 feet with an oxygen mask. It's beyond exhilaration and mind boggling how you maintain safety and control at that altitude using an MC-4 parachute (like a para foil or wing) with a square canopy and altimeter that allow you to judge how far up or down you are before you open the parachute. These parachutes take soldiers in quietly. You can cover long distances free falling or guiding the parachute with the different risers to control the movement of it.

"You want to deploy your parachute around 4,000 feet to give you plenty of a safety net or cushion in case you have a malfunction with your main chute and open your reserve chute," said Eldridge. "At 3,500 feet

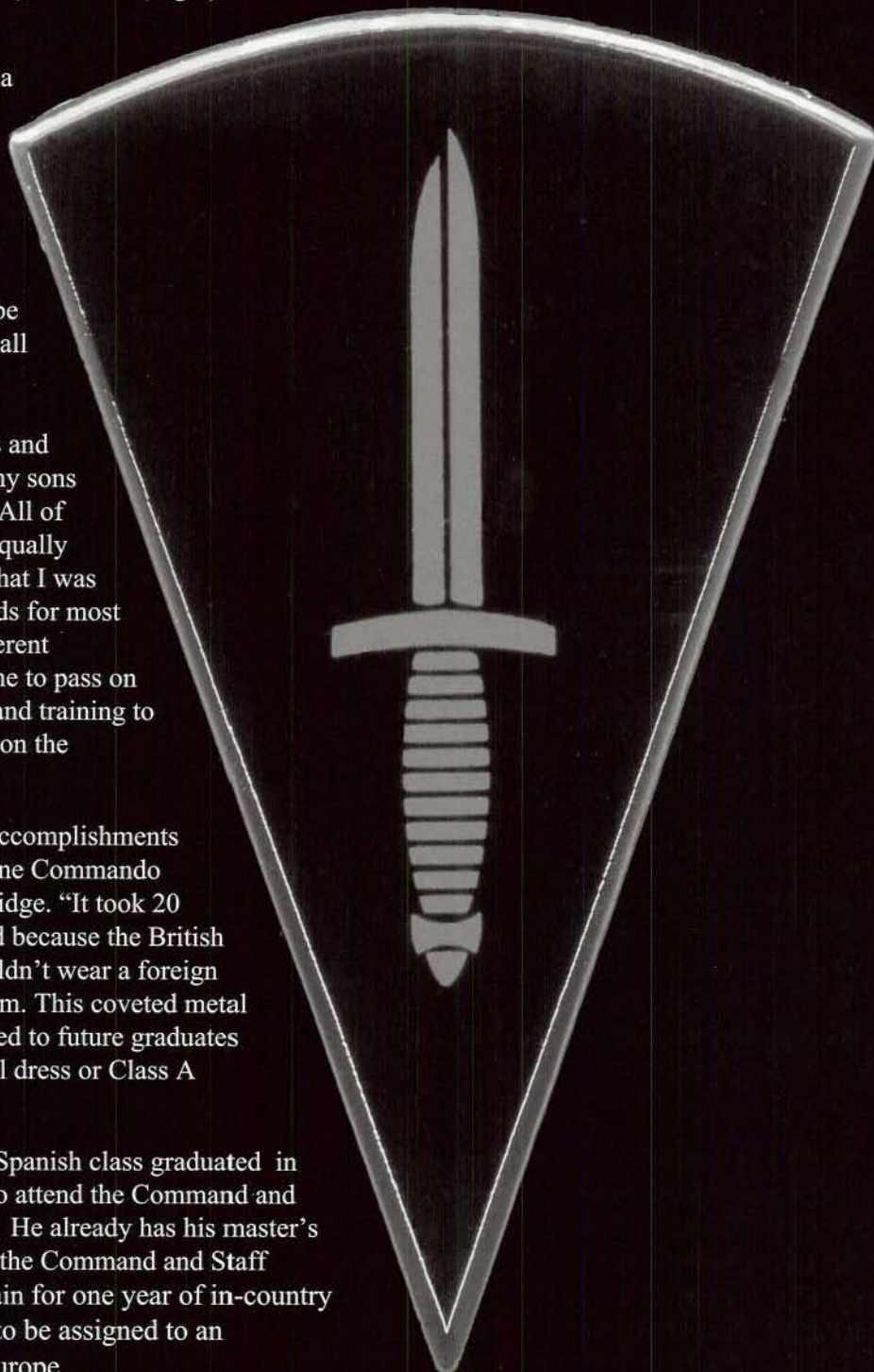
your canopy will deploy and you can judge your direction and speed and guide yourself safely to the ground.”

This Special Operations Forces officer considers most of his assignments as equally rewarding to him. He mentions his LRRP experience with the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the 7th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Ord.

“Without a doubt, as a commander with the 7th Special Forces Detachment, that job trained me and took me to various places in Latin America,” said Eldridge. “Fort Bragg will always be near and dear to me with all my time in Special Operations Forces, Psychological Operations and Special Forces. Both of my sons were born at Fort Bragg. All of those assignments were equally important to me. I think that I was destined to be in the woods for most of my life with these different assignments. Now it’s time to pass on some of my experiences and training to younger soldiers to carry on the traditions.

“One of my highest accomplishments is this British Royal Marine Commando Dagger award,” said Eldridge. “It took 20 years to receive the award because the British didn’t realize that we couldn’t wear a foreign cloth award on our uniform. This coveted metal award will now be awarded to future graduates to be worn on their formal dress or Class A uniforms.”

Although Eldridge’s Spanish class graduated in July, he graduated early to attend the Command and Staff College in Virginia. He already has his master’s degree. After completing the Command and Staff College, he will go to Spain for one year of in-country training. Then he wants to be assigned to an American Embassy in Europe.



Marine turned famous actor speaks to troops

By 1st Lt. Jeff Maranich,
U. S. Army Space Command

A crowd formed around the speaker, pressing closer to hear him speak, not wanting to miss a single word. The man's name is R. Lee Ermey. He spent 11 years in the Marine Corps, serving one and a half tours in Vietnam. However, his popularity today is based on his career after serving his country.

Ermey is an actor, most famous for his chilling role in *Full Metal Jacket*, a long time movie favorite of soldiers and Marines. Ermey played Gunnery

Sergeant Hartman, the profane and ruthless Drill Sergeant in charge of a group of basic trainees. It's ironic that Ermey gained his legitimacy to stand in front of soldiers from a fictional character portrayed on the silver screen. In reality, he earned that right through the sweat and blood he shed in uniform.

Yet, even after his under oath service to America, he continues to serve. He serves today by appearing to give thanks to fellow soldiers, some who will soon be shipping off to war, and others who continuously support the troops indirectly. Among the latter group are soldiers from Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, Army Space Command.

Ermey opened with a perfect rendition of the welcome speech Gunnery Sergeant Hartman delivers in *Full Metal Jacket*. The group of eager soldiers respond in character, thundering back "Sir, Yes Sir."



Spc. Jarrod Mantz, D Co., 1st SATCON Bn., Army Full Metal Jacket. Ermey, a former Marine and Vietnam



Space Command, gets an autograph from movie star R. Lee Ermey, famed for his portrayal of a drill sergeant in the film Vietnam Vet, spoke to soldiers at Camp Roberts, Calif. Photo by Sgt. Michael Smith, D Co., 1st SATCON Bn.

*“God
bless the
troops, God
bless the
Commander
in Chief, and
God bless the
United States
of America.”*



F. Lee Ermey in his drill sergeant persona autographs a helmet during a recent morale visit to Camp Roberts, Calif. Photo by St. Michael Smith, D Co., 1st SATCON Bn.

Ermey addressed his views on the war, the president, and even, to the delight of the crowd, his fellow actors from “Hollyweird.”

Decidedly pro-military, Ermey spoke on the state of today’s army, including comments directed toward the SATCON soldiers in the audience.

“I always hear the old guys talking about the old army, the old ways – but you young hard chargers have technology on your side. Today, a grunt hides behind a rock and opens up his laptop. Without even having to poke his head up, he can defeat the enemy.” Ermey admitted that he did not have the technological skills to be a soldier of today and, fortunate for him, that was not the role he was looking to play.

“To rid the world of terrorism – that’s your job. My job is to keep you motivated!” boomed Ermey, in best drill sergeant style.

One particular soldier listening intently was Sgt. First Class Timothy Gore. Gore previously served as a drill sergeant in charge of Army basic trainees. He has been a fan of Ermey’s since Full Metal Jacket was first released. “I think he epitomizes the image of the drill sergeant,” Gore says about his hero, “Now drop and give me *fifty*.”

Soldier to soldier, Ermey related stories, antidotes, and joked amongst the soldiers present. Obviously at home on a military base, he joined soldiers for a meal in the mess hall and even gave autographs after his speech. Sgt. Clarence Rhodes and Spc. Jarrod Mantz both brought their Full Metal Jacket DVDs to be signed by Ermey.

As the dust settled and Ermey moved on – he left the soldiers with a sense of appreciation that they all deserved. He proved that his motto, “Semper Fi,” was more than just words. He stayed faithful to his beliefs, his cause, and to the ranks of soldiers from whence he came. This man who served his country both in battle and on the big screen said it all with his concluding remarks...

“God bless the troops, God bless the Commander in Chief, and God bless the United States of America.”

Safety First!

Melissa Hlebasko, a staffer with the Directorate of Environmental and Natural Resources Management, Show's a display at this years annual Safety Day. The display shows unexploded ordnance and explosives left over from when the Army used Fort Ord to train soldiers.

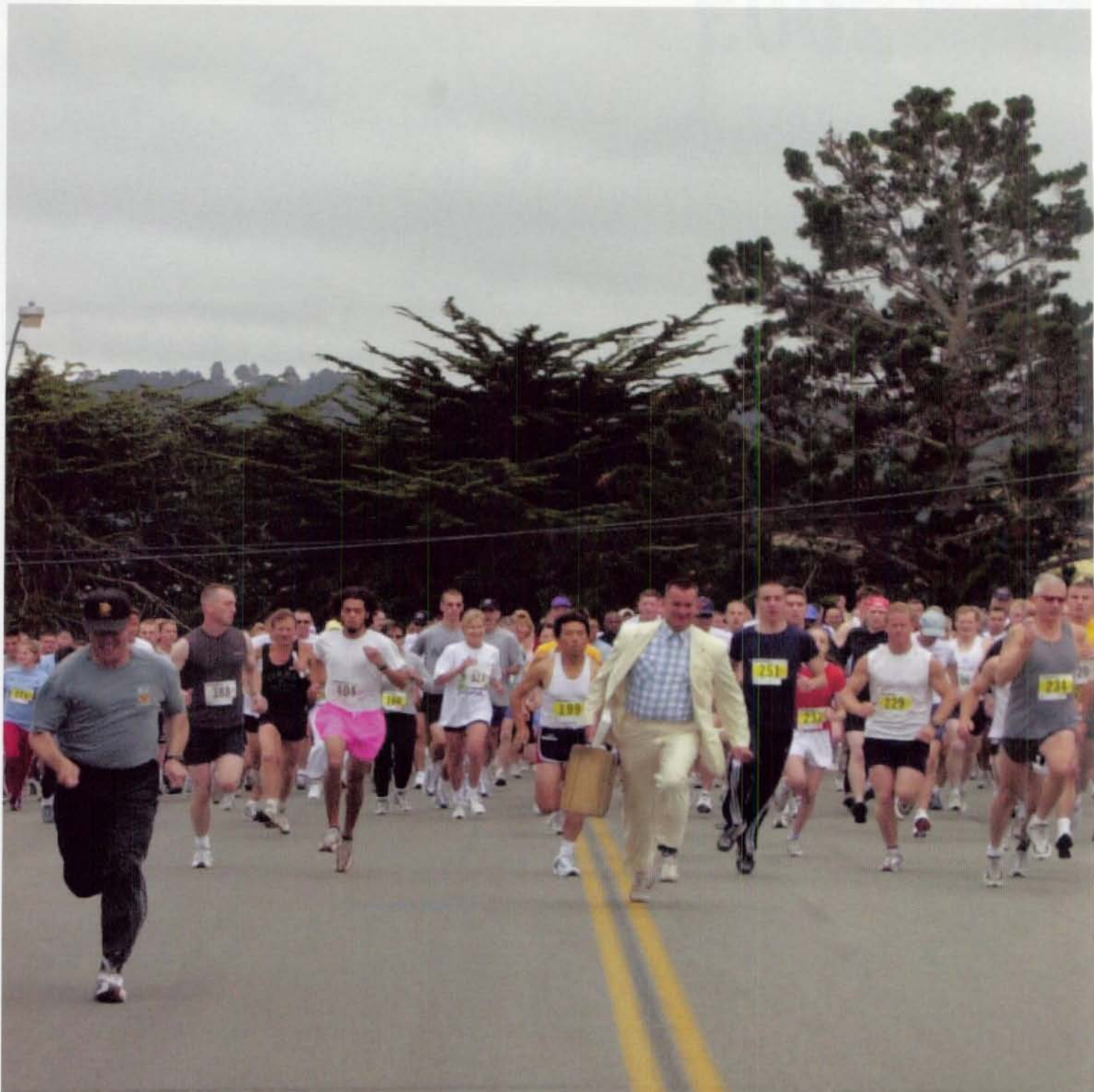


Memorial

The DLI Naval Technical Training Center Detachment, Monterey (NTTCD) was the host of service for the Memorial Day ceremony on Soldier Field May 22. Lt. Cmdr. Karla Nemec, detachment officer in charge, salutes Lt. Ronald Baker, commander of troops during the ceremony. DLI service members from the 229th Military Battalion, 311th Training Squadron, Marine Corps Detachment, and NTTCD participated in the ceremony.

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3rd Annual AUSA Army Bir

More than 230 runners came out to support the General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, 3rd Annual Army Birthday Run.

The event was a 10-kilometer run (or walk) the Presidio of Monterey started on lower Presidio's Museum.

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Forest Gump (Steve Weber) showed up at the run to support the runners....."Run, Forest, Run".



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Kiran Moorthy (with a time of 35:40) and Jessica Davenport (with a time of 45:31) were the overall male and female winners in the 10k event

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