



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

From the Garrison Commander

Colonel Joel J. Clark

The purpose of a newsletter is to inform our neighbors about our programs, activities and construction.

As garrison commander it is my job to provide the facilities, maintenance, housing, food service and other support that the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center requires to accomplish its mission. I enjoy this role and take pride in assisting the Schoolhouse with presenting its critically important instructional programs.

Since joining the community in July, I have seen the Presidio partner with the local municipalities in many ways. Members of my staff communicate frequently with county and city staff members on issues such as traffic, emergency management and response, schools, transportation, and other shared interests. Pictured to the right, you see me recognizing **Deputy Police Chief Mike Aspland** on behalf of the **Monterey Police Department** for its participation in our annual emergency planning exercise program. This is one of the many positive ways the Army interacts with the local communities.



Also, I have met with local community leaders from Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, and Seaside in an effort to keep the lines of communication open.

I have already received letters from several community neighbors asking questions or raising issues and I welcome your input. We may not always have an answer you like, and it may even take us time to implement answers you do like, but know I am trying to accomplish my mission with as little impact on your lives as I can manage. If I have not had the pleasure of talking with you, I hope to have the opportunity soon.

Military Construction Update

The first of three instructional buildings intended to update many older classroom facilities, the Alfie Khalil building opened in April 2011. It has greatly improved the Defense Language Institute's ability to tailor classroom instruction by providing 21st Century technology in the modular classrooms.

The second of our three classroom buildings is nearing completion and will be occupied this spring (36 new classrooms). Construction on the third classroom building has begun and should be completed in 2013.

New parking lots have been constructed on the site of the former apartments that were torn down in 2010. This parking was necessary to replace the parking lot space used to build the second and third classroom buildings. Their opening in December helped alleviate some off-post parking issues.

The second and third classroom buildings were built on parking lots to reduce the environmental impact to the Presidio grounds.

DLIFLC Service Members serve the local Community

By Operations Office, DLIFLC

During the past year nearly 1,500 Service Members volunteered to support more than 60 events in the local community, contributing more than 16,000 hours--or nearly **two years**. Everything from helping residents spruce up an eyesore yard (2011 Make A Difference Day pictured below) to running/sports events to Laguna Seca and Fairground events, DLIFLC members could be seen at most local events lending a hand.

In any given year, DLIFLC contributes on average a thousand pints of blood. Each year we usually contribute 18–20 percent of the blood donated to CHOMP. To the right, Airman Beatty is seen doing his part to keep the local community blood supply well stocked.



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MST-Military Bus Program

Since its inception in 2009, ridership in the Monterey–Salinas Transit (MST) – Military bus partnership has increased from 5,000 to 42,000 riders per month (Nov 2011). MST designed lines specifically for the Presidio’s workforce, with passengers traveling from as far as 80 miles away to the installation.

The program has (1) **removed** three million vehicle miles off the road annually, resulting in fewer vehicle emissions and reducing congestion on the roads (2) **removed** 700 cars a day from local roads (3) **added** approximately \$6 million in revenues to the local economy.



Capped Landfill: History & Five-Year Review

The Presidio of Monterey has an old landfill that was in operation from approximately 1902 until the departure of the 11th Cavalry in the mid-1940s when it was closed and covered with sandy soil. The landfill is located in the western portion of the installation near the Post Exchange Mini-mall and Hilltop Field. The landfill covers approximately four acres and is transected by Mason Road. Materials disposed of in the landfill included manure, hay, building debris, miscellaneous household and office refuse, burned material from an incinerator formerly operated at the POM, spent bullets and ammunition, pesticides and construction refuse related to Army operations.

In 1986, road construction activities associated with the extension of Mason Road exposed waste from the landfill. The Army completed a "Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study" for the landfill in 1989. In 1994, a landfill cap cover was selected as the appropriate means of properly closing the landfill as a Class III facility in accordance with Title 23, Code of California Regulations, Subchapter 15, Article 8. The landfill cap was completed in 1995. The landfill closure was completed in full compliance with applicable regulations and was completed in close coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA) - Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) as well as other stakeholders.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §121 requires the Army to conduct a review of the landfill closure every five years. These reviews involve a comprehensive assessment of the performance of an environmental cleanup program and its ongoing protection of human health and the environment. The Review Team will evaluate if environmental standards that affect the site have changed, whether the previous action continues to protect human health and the environment, and if it can be expected to remain protective.

The Army has begun the third five-year review of the remedy undertaken at the Presidio of Monterey (POM) landfill. The previous five-year reviews concluded that because the landfill cap is periodically inspected and appropriately maintained it remains an effective barrier, protecting human health and the environment. The results of the current review will be documented.

Documents regarding the closed landfill are available for public viewing at the Presidio of Monterey Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, office located at the Ord Military Community in Seaside, Calif. Please contact the Environmental Division at 831-242-7925 to make an appointment.



Presidio of Monterey Gate Hours

Gate	Days	Hours
Pvt. Bolio Gate	Mon-Sun	Open 24hrs
Bolio Visitor Center	Mon-Sun	Open 24hrs
Franklin Gate	Mon-Fri Sat, Sun, Holidays	4:45am - 10pm 8am - 5pm
Franklin Gate Visitor Center	CLOSED	CLOSED
Taylor Gate	Mon-Fri Sat, Sun, Holidays	4:45am - 7pm 8am - 5pm
High St. Gate	Mon-Fri	7am - 8am

As of 01/11/2012. Future budget cuts may further restrict gate hours. For current hours, check this link: www.monterey.army.mil/About/gate_hours.html

POM Master Plan update

Two years ago the Presidio began an update to what the Army calls a Real Property Master Plan. In May and June 2011, the Presidio of Monterey conducted public comment sessions in both Monterey and Seaside on the DRAFT plan and its Environmental Impact Statement. Based on the feedback we got thru those presentations, and from letters/emails, we are re-working several aspects of the DRAFT Master Plan. A few of the potential revisions follow:

-Potential relocation of the FY15 Barracks (now FY16 in latest Future Years Defense Plan)

-Highway 68/Holman Road gate project would be contingent on local community solution for Highway 68 and the Army then developing a suitable access control point

-Monitor this website for further progress announcements: www.monterey.army.mil/

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