

March/April 1999

GLOBE

Serving the military and civilian community of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and the Presidio of Monterey

**Volunteers
meet
celebrities
at Pebble
Beach**

**Sailors of
the Year
named**

**Marines take Presidio
as part of Operation
Sea Dragon**



Commander's Notes

DLIFLC's Annual Program Review: *Always a productive exchange of information*

DLIFLC's Annual Program Review is the forum at which our staff hosts the Department of Defense and Service military and civilian administrators, branch and division chiefs, program managers and action officers who have a professional interest in the Defense Foreign Language Program. Guests at this year's APR, which was held at the Presidio Feb. 24-25, represented elements of the Department of Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and the DLI Washington Office. How well we at DLIFLC fulfill their respective needs is an important measurement of the Institute's success.

A welcome trend I've observed in my three years as DLIFLC Commandant is that the APR attendance list continues to grow. More representatives attended this year's APR than any others I've attended. This year in addition to our regular attendees, members of the DLIFLC Board of Visitors attended the formal briefing session.

The APR helps participants gain a full understanding of the ways in which the Institute is meeting its challenges. The global security environment in which linguists perform constantly evolves and it's important that APR participants know that DLIFLC responds to changes as they occur. I pointed out to this year's participants that DLIFLC today is very different from DLIFLC of the past and that notable changes have taken place even in the 12 months since our last APR.

Within that span of time, DLIFLC enrollments have climbed. Across the board, a higher percentage of our basic course graduates are achieving Level 2 proficiency in speaking, listening and reading, as measured by the Defense Language Proficiency Test. Technology is playing a bigger part in our classrooms and in our other instructional programs and testing. Implementation of our Faculty Personnel System has moved forward, with more faculty members advanced to professor and associate professor rank and to adjunct and tenure tracks. Our language maintenance and enhancement programs are executed with greater refinement.

The APR process presents our DLIFLC staff members the opportunity to report on recent changes and to discuss the scope of our efforts on behalf of linguists and DOD language training. I look forward to even larger participation from the field in future APRs because the more our customer base understands



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

about us, the better we can accomplish our worldwide mission of linguist and language program support.

I think it is critical that the APR is held at our Institute. By traveling here, attendees gain an opportunity to observe for themselves activities in our classrooms, studios, computer and language labs, and offices. No briefing about DLIFLC equals the experience of observing students in the classroom. A personal visit to the Presidio of Monterey reveals the size and importance of the DLIFLC operation much better than any presentation or briefing. No visit is complete until visitors walk the grounds of the Presidio, visit language classrooms, dining facilities, barracks and support facilities, and see firsthand the dedication of DLIFLC's students, instructors and staff. We all take pride in challenging visitors to find a comparable staff of highly skilled professionals, anywhere in the world, who are as eager to discuss and solve the problems of language training and to provide linguists with life-cycle language support and training. 🇺🇸

Observance celebrates native heritage

Story and Photo by Joseph Morgan

The culture of Native Americans was expressed in music and dance at the Presidio's Munakata Hall Auditorium in a presentation celebrating American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month in November.

Opening remarks were offered by Air Force Lt. Col. Roderic Gale, assistant provost and dean of students, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, and Heide Wilson, chairperson, Asian American/Pacific Islander/American Indian/Alaskan Native Committee of the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and sponsor of the event.

Author, artist and tribal scholar Linda Yamane of Seaside performed songs of Native Americans who are the traditional residents of the Monterey area, the Rumsien Ohlone.

Three members of the Xipe Totec Aztec dancers from the San Juan Bautista Indian Council then appeared in tribal regalia for a series of traditional dances with narration provided by spiritual adviser Sonne Reyna.

Reyna explained that homage was paid to "the powers of the four directions" in the opening dance.

"The dance is a prayer," Reyna said. "The regalia is a prayer. The powers of these four directions watch over us in this world."

Reyna said the theme of spirituality finds its way into all the important facets of Native American life.

"We are a spiritual people first," he said. "We remember constantly that we are spirits in human form and the richness of our culture can compare favorably with the richness of any culture. But ours will always be based on spirit because spirit prevails."

A second dance was performed in honor of Native Americans of past generations.

"Our ancestors are the courageous women and men who, according to our genesis, have been on this land 200,000 years," Reyna said. "Genesis happened here, according to our spirituality. This is the original holy land. According to our genesis, from here humanity moved around the world and became all the people of all colors, like all the

colors of wildflowers."


A third dance was performed in honor of tribal warrior societies and today's military veterans.

veterans.

"In the Native American world we pride ourselves on being veterans," Reyna said. "In years past, our ancestors fought against the flag of the United States, and since then many of us have fought for it."

Reyna said women who have served in the military are among the veterans most honored by Native Americans.

"The American Indian world is mostly a matriarchal culture," he said. "We know in the Indian world that women have sacred power. We're waiting for modern man to catch up and honor all women."

American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month was heralded by a presidential proclamation, which stated: "There are more than two million American Indians living in our country today, from the hardwood forests of Maine to the Florida Everglades, across the Great Plains to the Pacific coast and throughout the state of Alaska." 



Marines assault the Presidio as part of operation...

Sea Dragon



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

A DLIFLC student and instructor take part as role players during the joint Marine exercise Operation Sea Dragon that took place at the Naval Post Graduate School and the Presidio of Monterey Mar. 13

Story by Bob Britton

Marines invaded the Presidio of Monterey for the Urban Warrior Advanced Warfighting Experiment on Soldier Field March 13. The Marine combat force came from the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Live action featured military and civilian spectators, including some protesters, watching simulated combat security patrols, fire fights, an Arabic and Korean village, terrorist hideout, chemical device, car bomb and a mass casualty exercise.

About 300 military and civilian people, mostly from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, served as role players, support people and security forces for the Marines.

DLIFLC responsibilities

"We had great support from civilian instructors for the Arabic and Korean language villages, where we had 20 civilian Korean instructors and 10 Arabic ones," said Maj. Anthony Wenger, battalion S-3 officer, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion. "This exercise was great for military linguists and Marines as role players and security forces. We had three soldiers as role players for the NBC decontamination procedure, where they had outer clothing cut away, and went through decontamination hosing down procedures to support the Marine Chemical, Biological Incident Reaction Force part of the exercise or experiment. The battalion used walkie talkies for communication and started planning for its mission in November."

DLIFLC provided 30 military linguists, military language instructors or civilian teachers per village. We also had 10 escort officers for VIPs, five van drivers, 10 medevac role players plus 10 more from the Korean village, and 40 support people to police and support Weckerling Center, relocate bleachers, and assist POM police with security guard/gate guard requirements. The battalion provided 48 gate guards, and the Marine Corps Detachment supported the training with 100 Marines for security force protection, Wenger mentioned.

"Our battalion support really went well, and we had lots of

support from MLIs and civilian faculty in the language villages,” said Maj. Joseph Moore, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion executive officer. “Many soldiers served as gate guards and other force protection security. I was impressed with our soldiers keeping cool and calm doing their job when confronted by some antagonistic civilian protesters near Weckerling Center. Soldiers politely answered questions, stood their ground and observed the assembled protesters in case trouble started, but it didn’t.”



DLIFLC students act as casualties during the exercise.

Marines training under the Urban Warrior experimentation had three primary missions in the Monterey area: handling a coastal urban conflict, a simulated natural disaster and providing a large-scale humanitarian assistance effort. The Marines also tested new equipment such as black and gray battle dress uniforms, hand-held computers to communicate with their commanders on land and aboard ship, and a simultaneous translator device which could instantly translate foreign languages into English.

Rich Savko, chief of the DLIFLC Emergency Operations Center, coordinated all military and civilian efforts through the Marines in charge of the military training. His communication with military and local civilian agencies provided role players, security forces, fire and police protection.

Originally, about 150 Marines were scheduled to land from Landing Craft Air Cushion vehicles by Navy Beach by the Naval Postgraduate School. Then the Marines would travel the short distance to NPS, search for terrorists and a simulated chemical bomb. Not finding the chemical weapon of mass destruction at NPS, they were redirected to the Presidio for additional action.

Meanwhile another group of 150 Marines was scheduled to land by helicopter at Soldier Field. However, both plans got scrubbed at the last minute. Instead all Marines were flown from the mother ship, the USS Bonhomme Richard, into Monterey Peninsula Airport and bussed to the two military installations.

Police and fire support

According to Alex Kerekes, chief of the POM police, the March 13 event involved two exercises and a real world scenario. Exercises included the Marine Corps Urban Warrior experimentation and the activation of the POM Antiterrorism/Force Protection Plan. The real time scenario had law enforcement people protecting the Marine forces from civilian protesters who wanted to disrupt the exercise through civil disobedience.

Police established a command vehicle near the far side of Soldier Field, but Kerekes relocated himself near the protester

area to closely observe their movements and actions. He was also designated as Incident Commander and Force Protection Officer.

“By relocating myself with actual protesters, I was able to gauge the mood, speak with civilian demonstrators, and reach tactical decisions I would not have accurately made if I would have remained in the command vehicle as originally planned,” said Kerekes. “For leaders and commanders to make the right decisions, they need to be up front with the troops to get a real sense of what is happening.

“It seemed many protesters were surprised they were allowed on the Presidio without any confrontations,” he said. “Some viewed it as a victory. However, it was actually a decision previously made by the installation commander to allow peaceful protests and a determination on the scene by myself that the protest would not interfere with the exercise. Some protesters appeared to



Photo by Staff Sgt. David K. Dismukes

A Marine Nuclear Biological Chemical Warfare team prepares to perform decontamination procedures during Operation Sea Dragon March 13 at the Presidio of Monterey.



*Operation Sea Dragon
Cont. from Page 7*

engage in conduct to provoke confrontation, others ready to engage in civil protest, but not all protesters supported these actions. The protesters were a loose coalition of about five different groups, mostly from out of town and not from Monterey County. All security personnel acted with utmost restraint and avoided any confrontation although at times they were provoked."

Total police support included 13 Marine military policemen as VIP security and 20 Marines securing the landing zone area. Another 20 POM police officers provided crowd control and event security; and 30 Monterey policemen and 20 Monterey County Sheriff Deputies provided protester and event security, mentioned Kerekes.

The primary mission of firefighters was providing aircraft rescue if any military helicopters crashed or burned during the exercise, mentioned Jack Riso, battalion chief for the Naval Support Activity - Monterey Bay at the Naval Postgraduate School.

"We had 20 firefighters from our department, the Monterey Fire Department, Pacific Grove, the North Tree Fire Department and one hazardous material observer from Seaside," Riso said. "Teams stood by at Monterey Peninsula Airport, NPS and DLIFLC with ambulances, fire engines and command vehicles."

Arabic village

Part of the exercise or experiment procedure was establishing two language villages, one Arabic and one Korean on each side of Soldier Field. Missions were coordinated with battalion headquarters and Marines from the Advanced Warfighting Experiment from Quantico, Va. The Arabic linguists' missions were distracting the Marines, asking them questions, and convincing them to buy

Arabic fruit, jewelry and other items from the village. Intermediate and advanced Arabic students, MLIs and civilian teachers were role players. Most of the students came from Delta Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion.

"We have a total of 35 people out here from Delta Company, Bravo Company, Charley Company, Echo Company, the Marine Corps Detachment and Middle East Schools I and II," said Capt. Dawn Rodeschin, commander of Company D. "This is a combined group of military and civilians from all services. Our ethnicity is Boolean, and the language of the Booleans is Arabic. We practice the Hagi religion.

"We are here today having a nice melon day and trying to sell some things. We need humanitarian assistance from the Marines, so we're looking forward to them helping us out," Rodeschin said. "We don't like the Fruzians, who are in the other village on the other side of Soldier Field."

Rodeschin mentioned the students are happy supporting the Marines in their training, who don't speak any Arabic. It also gives the DLIFLC Arabic students good interaction with their civilian teachers.

"I have a total of seven civilian Arabic instructors and several MLIs as well," she said. "Virtually everyone in the exercise has a very advanced knowledge of Arabic. These are not basic students with a limited understanding of the language. Some of the linguists have 3/3/3 proficiency levels in listening, reading and speaking the language. First Sergeant Walid Gabr from Echo Company is helping out, and he is a native Egyptian."

First Sgt. Michael Cuneo, Delta Company, mentioned the exercise is quite realistic with the Arabic headbands and costumes, the students try to communicate with the Marines who don't understand them, and the students practice their language abilities.

"This exercise has given our students opportunities to interact with their

Arabic teachers and to be in a realistic Arabic village to simulate what it would be like living in one," Cuneo said. "We had a lot of support in making the village as authentic as possible and people coming together to make it successful and realistic. Captain Rodeschin mentioned the wooden Arabic village signs which say mosque, coffee shop, police station and pharmacy were all made by Sergeant First Class Kenneth Hickey of Bravo Company."

All DLIFLC role players were required to wear Military Integrated Laser Extraction System or MILES electronic gear to simulate a casualty status when targeted by Marines firing blank ammunition from their M-16A1 rifles during the different phases of the experiment. However, company administrative support people didn't wear the MILES gear since they were not role players.

To add authenticity to the Arabic village, Staff Sgt. Kurt Nelson from Delta Company secured material so students could make the kufia headdress. Many native-speaking Arabic instructors from both Middle East Schools brought their native costumes from home, Cuneo mentioned.

When students are in the DLIFLC classrooms, do they learn something similar to these realistic situations?

"They do and that's why they are able to do such a good job at the exercise today," Cuneo said. "They receive much experience at the different language training exercises they participate in at the old Military Operations in an Urban Terrain or MOUT site at the former Fort Ord. They've been used to this role playing, and that is really bearing fruit today. Delta and Echo companies typically provide role players for those language training exercises conducted by the battalion. We normally provide squad leaders, common skills task lane graders and Arabic role players. In those exercises, you have one ethnic group opposing another, and the military gets involved supporting them with linguists.

"The role-playing today was a Marine Corps experiment testing new equipment and concepts and not an exercise like we

normally do," Cuneo said. "This way the Marines will be better able to deal with diverse situations in future deployments with chaos, confusion and dealing with natives in other countries."


Arabic training instructor Rode Khalil from Middle East School II enjoys role playing and expressed positive thoughts about helping the Marines during Urban Warrior.

"I don't know why people outside DLIFLC are mad about the whole Marine project," Khalil said. "They don't understand that these kids are like their own children, husbands or wives who are protecting the country in military service. I'm originally from Egypt and really appreciate the American military support to my country. The United States always helps us, and no other country helps others like the United States.

"Marines from outside who meet and see our linguists don't know and understand our language or customs. We talk to them in Arabic, and they are extremely frustrated and could be in trouble in the real world," Khalil said. "Marines might tell by our facial expressions, eyes and hand movements if we are friendly or enemy people. These expressions indicate if people are happy about their existence or mad about something. By participating in this exercise, our students can improve themselves in the classrooms, so I support their efforts 100 percent. They learn to use live expressions and know how certain words are used in real life situations."

Another native Egyptian, 1st Sgt. Walid Gabr, Echo Company, enjoys his role playing in the Arabic village. He echoed thoughts expressed by others, saying the training was good both for the Marines and the Arabic students.

"Students get to practice what they've learned in the classroom and improve their Arabic knowledge," Gabr said. "Marines learn about a realistic situation which could confront them in a deployment. I feel the students will take this experience back to the classroom and put this realism into improving their language

skills. Students are reacting with each other, the instructors and the Marines. This exercise is definitely valuable training for the Arabic students." 



(Left) DLIFLC students and a Royal Marine discuss an imaginary line drawn during Operation Sea Dragon.

(Below) DLIFLC students and their instructor chant in defiance while playing their part in the DLI's support of the joint Marine Operation Sea Dragon that took place Mar. 13 on the Naval Post Graduate School and the Presidio of Monterey.



Exercise develops pride among instructors

Bo Yang Park
Assistant Professor, Asian II School

I volunteered to participate in the Urban Warrior Exercises held in Monterey on 13 Mar 99. My role was as a civilian actor on Mar. 13 to support the Marines' mission, or the military mission in a larger sense.

I heard of many oppositions to these exercises for the various reasons the strongest of which was environmental concerns. I agree with these concerns. The Marine Corps worked them out, and finally put its plans into practice. The mission of the U.S. military is to protect the U.S. and its citizens, and to go abroad for the world's peace if need be. To accomplish its missions, it must have various kinds of training, one of which is the exercises they held on March 13th this year.

In my view, it is absolutely necessary to have such exercises in which they are supposed to have street fights in cities whose inhabitants are against them, and to handle problems such as being attacked by snipers or terrorists, and misled or confused by information from local citizens. It would be difficult for them to be successful in actual battles in any place where real troubles take place without training in mock situations similar to actual ones. Especially, these exercises were meaningful because this was the first time they had been carried out in an American city. They tested many kinds of new technologies - a surveillance robot which reconnoiters the situations while rolling on the streets, audio equipment designed to lock in on the source of gunfire so that snipers can be located where they are, and MILES (Multiple Integrated Laser Exercise

System) gears to simulate confirmed kills and casualties through laser technologies, etc. Monterey activities associated with Urban Warrior Advanced Warfighting Experiment included the following.

- Aviation activities involving jets and



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class T. E. "Scoop" Hansen

A DLI student is detained by a Royal Marine as part of a joint Marine exercise "Sea Dragon/Urban Warrior" that took place on the Presidio of Monterey Mar. 13

helicopters, including troop insertion and extraction.

- Humanitarian, peacekeeping and disaster relief missions involving civilian role-players and Marine opposing forces.
- Neutralization of simulated chemical weapon.
- Testing 34 new types of equipment including Chemical/Biological Incident Response Force, a portable Advanced

Surgical Suite for trauma casualties, Multi-Lingual Interview System, radios and more. Some equipment was used in conjunction with Monterey police, fire and emergency services.

The scenario designed by the Marines was interesting. The U.S. Marines would invade the land of the Greens (Assumed name) where Furzians (Assumed name) and Booleans (Assumed name) were against each other. After landing, they would come into a fictional city with situations hostile to them, fight against local terrorist and deal with massive casualties. They then were supposed to evacuate the area back to their ships. At DLI, I acted as a Furizian who was supposed to say negative things to the U.S. Marines like: "You are so violent," "You are not very good at helping people," or "Leave our country." Other Korean instructors and MLI's had different roles as Booleans who were not friendly toward the U.S. Marines. Each one more than fulfilled his or her role in the exercise fervently and enthusiastically.

I saw the Marines' strong determination to protect this country and high spirits to fulfill their duties in their sparkling eyes and sweaty faces and civilian' and MLI's' supportive spirits toward military missions in their warm attitude for these exercises. However, one regretful thing was that the Marines whom I talked with did not understand or speak Korean at all. This implied the Marine Corps needed more linguists. Even so, I wish the U.S. Military would have such valuable training as often as possible and more civilian instructors and MLI's could participate to support their military.



Panel Inspires Faculty

■ *Spiritual leaders gather to discuss spiritual development, traditions and resources*

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

"The founding fathers would have been proud," was heard while more than 55 faculty and staff from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center attended the exodus panel discussion entitled, "Faculty Spiritual Development—Traditions and Resources" held Dec. 30 at the Weckerling Center.

The panel drew upon spiritual leaders of Native Americans, East Asian religions, Muslim and Jewish faiths, Christian practice through Roman Catholic and Lutheran and Four Square Gospel trends of thought.

Subjects included the disciplines and practices of spirituality within various traditions with the aim and focus of spiritual development and resources available to assist inquirers.

Rev. Judy Blonski, inter-faith pastor, Pacific Grove, opened the event with a Native American Cleansing rite honoring the sacredness of the created order. After offering a prayer for understanding and tolerance, she outlined themes from primal religions of the world's first peoples. Blonski concluded the panel with a discussion of spirituality within Eastern faiths.

Father Michael Drury, member of Monterey's Oratorian Community and a pastor of the Presidio of Monterey's Sacred Heart Parish, described relationship with God from a Catholic perspective. All are called to holiness – whether pope or street sweeper – whether contemplative, active or hermit. Drury also addressed specific Oratorian themes of humility, simplicity and joy.

Dr. Ale-Ali, chairperson, Persian Department A, European School II focused on Muslim spiritual practice. Ale-Ali spoke of Sufi practice and Ramadan observance. As Ramadan was being observed at the time of the panel, heightened awareness of its meaning took place. Strength

for the spirit comes from fasting, prayer and inward purification. Ramadan is a happy month – as the breakfast meal after sunset sees doors open with family and friends visiting.


A Lutheran perspective on spirituality, provided by Chaplain Cynthia Bye of Monterey's Naval Postgraduate School, began with a baptism and celebration of the Eucharist. Fearlessness, forgiveness and grace, gathered from traditions of worship and Scripture, enable the faithful to be animated by God's forgiving grace.

Alena Tvrznik, administrative assistant, DLIFLC's Test Management Division and ordained pastor in the Four-Square Gospel Church, spoke of the experimental, relationship-based nature of faith within the Full Gospel, Protestant tradition. Tvrznik's musical rendition of the song, "People need the Lord" was for many a highlight of the morning.

Rabbi Bill Greenebaum, retired Army chaplain and leader for the Presidio of Monterey's Jewish community, began his talk by remarking on the refreshing, positive focus of the entire panel presentation. Too often our religious discussions focus on disagreements and differences, rather than any attempt at seeking understanding.

In Judaism, practice demonstrates faith. Depth comes through study and lifestyle. "You can't be much of a Jewish practitioner without being a student," said Greenebaum. In the question and answer time which followed each presentation, participants demonstrated sensitivity, a concern for objectivity and a desire for understanding and appreciation of the differing traditions presented. Civility, which "means that we display tact, moderation, refinement and good manners toward people who are different from us" was the guideword (*Uncommon Decency*, by Richard Mouw, page 64).

Benefits for DLIFLC and participants during this exodus panel discussion were displayed for POM faculty, staff or students. "We ought to want to know what makes our fellow citizens tick, why they think and act the way they do, how they have formed their deepest loves and loyalties. [Practicing] civility in the public square is one important way to satisfy a healthy curiosity about what is 'genuinely human'" (*Uncommon Decency*, page 64).

The exodus panel demonstrated that we can hold firmly to our own religious truth/claims, yet genuinely engage in heartfelt, sincere discussion. By being sensitive, objective and seeking to understand and appreciate another's point of view, we continue to "make our founding fathers proud" and strengthen our own spirits in the process. 

Sailors of the Year named

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

The Naval Security Group Detachment recognized its best and brightest by announcing its Sailors of the Year Feb. 11. They are Petty Officer 1st Class Sanford Thompson and Petty Officer 2nd Class Tawnia Rodriguez.

Thompson, a native of Dallas, Texas, was named as the senior sailor of the year.



"The competition was tough and so were the questions."

**Petty Officer 1st Class
Sanford Thompson**

Rodriguez, from Norristown, Pa., was selected as the command's junior sailor of the year.

A cryptologic technician (interpretive) and Chinese military language instructor with nearly 13 years in the Navy, Thompson said he didn't expect to win. "Obviously I feel great inside, but I was shocked and dumbfounded when I learned that I had won," he said. "In fact, I'm still registering a bit of disbelief because the competition was tough against the other two first class petty officers – C111 James McGuire and C111 Mark Dechambeau. Plus, it wasn't a whole series of competitions, but rather one board and an announcement in one fell swoop."

Rodriguez, a cryptologic technician (administrative) and current special security clerk at the command with nearly six years in the military, said her competition was tough as well. "Initially, I thought I was competing in the senior sailor of the year competition against

the three first class petty officers," she said. "I didn't realize that I had competed in the junior sailor of the year contest until it was announced. I gave it my best shot, and I was pleasantly surprised and happy about winning the award. The two candidates I was competing against are both excellent sailors. In fact, thinking that I would be competing in the senior category, I studied some things for the board with both Petty Officer Jeffery Crow and Seaman Lisa Mills. Lisa and I would quiz each other on current events in preparation for the selection

board."

The two were chosen by a selection board of three chief petty officers, a senior chief petty officer and the command master chief petty officer, who made their recommendation to Lt. Cmdr. Barry Phillips, the NSGD officer in charge. "Actually, the way I understand it, Lt. Cmdr. Phillips took the input from the board and made the final selections," she said.

Thompson has been in Monterey for a year and a half and says being named as Sailor of the Year is his first award of this magnitude. "I've been named as a Sailor of the Quarter once or twice during my career and have earned my aircrew wings," he mentioned. "However, this award is my highest.

"I think I had somewhat of an advantage over the other sailors because I've stood so many different types of boards in the past," he continued. "I don't get nervous. I guess it's the old adage of when you're doing more, it gets easier. The competition was tough and so were

the questions. It wasn't that I was better prepared or knew more than the other candidates – I feel I got lucky on several questions they asked, and I just knew them. Also, I know my command and community involvement, where I've been and what I've done, and how my service record looked, all played a major part in my selection."

Rodriguez, who has twice earned Sailor of the Quarter honors since being at NSGD, felt she was selected due to a combination of things. "I think it was because of how my service record looked, how I have and do perform in my customer services work relations, my off-duty education and classes I've taken and am taking, my work ethic, and the fact that I've worked every job in the administrative department here," she said. "I also think how I answered the questions presented to me and my military bearing and appearance had a lot to do with my selection.

"The board members asked several questions on current events and my opinions on certain issues," she continued. "It helped in that I've always made it my business to know what is going on in the Navy and stay well-informed. As for my opinions, well, I was honest with them and told them the truth. I studied the Navy's Blue Jackets Manual and kept myself informed by keeping up to date with news and world events with the CNN homepage. I'd say that was my winning strategy – the preparation. Also, telling them where I've been in my career, where I'm currently at in my career, where I'm going with my career and what I hope to achieve during my career."

According to Thompson, he was nominated as his department's representative for the competition by Chief Petty Officer Albert Mangles, his department chief. Meanwhile, Rodriguez was nominated by her department chief, Chief Petty Officer Catherine Chisholm.

Thompson said his wife, Michelle Branson, who is also actively involved as the command Ombudsman, was very pleased and happy about his winning the award. "She was just as thrilled as I was about the award," he

noted. "As the Ombudsman of the command, she serves as a link between the officer in charge and the sailors' families, and she really does enjoy that job."

Both sailors are heavily involved in vol-

breathing right down your neck."

Rodriguez has been at NSGD for two and a half years and has worked every job in the administrative department to include the educational services officer. She also served as the

members of the selection board, Senior Chief Petty Officer Kimberly Aldana for career guidance, and retired Chief Petty Officer Bill Barker. He was like a 'sea dad' to me and took me under his wing at Naval Security Group Kunia."


Rodriguez thanked both Crow and Mills for the help in studying together. "Obviously, we didn't know we all would be competing against one another," she said. "They both teasingly said if they knew that, they wouldn't have studied with me and helped to prepare me. I'd also like to thank Chief Evans for nominating me as the junior sailor of the quarter last year. Lastly, I'd like to thank Chief Chisholm for nominating me for sailor of the year and the board members for recommending me as the junior sailor of the year."

Both sailors said they weren't sure what benefits they would receive for winning the award. "I know it will look great in my service record," Thompson said. "And, I'm supposed to have a parking spot but I haven't seen one yet."

Phillips, had nothing but praise for Thompson and Rodriguez. "I couldn't be more proud of these two sailors and their selection as our sailors of the year. The board had an extremely tough job given the quality of the nominees, but their efforts represent a great cross section of our command."

Petty Officer Thompson is the consummate leader and is doing great things for us in the command through his efforts in our swim program and professional Navy training. He also serves as a great role model for our sailors and any other service member that he comes in contact with in his duties as an MLI," he noted.

"Petty Officer Rodriguez is the epitome of customer service through the variety of duties that she has performed while being assigned here," he mentioned. "She has performed admirably and professionally in practically every facet of our operations."

I think I'm most proud of their involvement outside of the command, though. It takes a lot of effort and drive to go the extra mile and support the community you live in and be a good Navy ambassador. The trait that these two sailors have in common is a sense of caring for their shipmates and their community. Their selection is well deserved and they will represent our command well at the Naval Security Group Command Sailor of the Year level." 



"(The two candidates) I was competing against were both excellent sailors."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Tawnia Rodriguez

unteer community activities. Thompson donates time to the 'Adopt a Beach,' and a re-vegetation project, just to name two of the many he is involved in. "The re-vegetation project is where we replant native species in their environment," he said. "Along with my wife, I also stay busy shuttling my three daughters; Geneva, age 9, Taylor, age 8, and Reide, age 4, to Girl Scouts, dance and gymnastics classes."

Rodriguez teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation and Red Cross for both the NSGD command and in the community. She is also involved with 'Christmas in April,' and the National Kidney Foundation Golf Tournament, just to name a couple. "I try and get involved as much as possible with volunteer activities," she mentioned.

Besides his normal duties, Thompson also works as the detachment's swim instructor and is a member of the Command Training Team and a Morale, Welfare and Recreation volunteer. At one point, he was a watch section supervisor as well. "My day generally begins at 5:30 a.m., and I usually get home about 6:30 p.m.," he said. "I do my best to mix my time as an MLI in the classroom with my time at the detachment. This tour has been good and is by far my busiest. My last tour was more fun because I was able to go to sea out of Kunia, Hawaii. Hitting ports and getting immersed in the job while interpreting leads to great satisfaction. Specifically when the consumer is right next to you and sometimes

leading petty officer for the NMT (Navy Military Training) for newly arrived sailors from recruit training at the Detachment .

She is scheduled to depart for her next duty assignment in July. "I will be assigned to the USDA office in New Dehli, India, as an attache assistant," she noted. "I'll be doing protocol work for two years and working out of my job specialty."

Both sailors had words of advice to any sailors who would like to achieve and excel. "Start early in planning out your career goals and don't give up on them!" Thompson noted.

"Keep a positive attitude, set your priorities, take advantage of the education possibilities and take as many classes as you can to enhance your career," Rodriguez said. "Also, have goals and know what's going on in the Navy. Keep charging and remember, the Navy is what you make of it."

Thompson said he is so busy currently that he doesn't have time for hobbies. "I'm taking two classes at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in education in pursuit of a master's degree in teaching foreign languages," he mentioned. "When I do have time though, I enjoy reading, snow skiing and scuba diving."

Rodriguez lists staying in shape as her biggest hobby. "I like jogging and dancing," she said.

Thompson thanked a few people for his success. "My wife for putting up with me,



(Above) A soldier unrolls a spool of wire while employing a M-18A1 Claymore Mine during Common Task Testing. (Left) A soldier is evaluated while applying a splint on a fellow soldier during the testing that took place Jan 30.

CTT

■ Soldiers test their skills during Common Task Testing

Story and photos by Bob Britton

Soldiers ran, crawled, sat, knelt, lay prone and stood as they tested their military knowledge at the Hilltop track Jan. 30.

Company E, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, students and cadre tested about 150 basic trainees from other companies in Common Task Training skills. Student linguists must consider themselves as soldiers first and linguists second, who must be proficient in both their language and military skills. Normally, they receive military instruction after language classes or on weekends. CTT testing indicates how well the soldiers retain their military skills and knowledge.

Subjects covered the M-16A1 rifle, movement under fire, hand grenades, Claymore mines, voice communica-



A soldier activates a training AT-4 during CTT testing at the Presidio's Hilltop track Jan. 30.



A soldier simulates decontaminating his hands at a NBC test site during CTT testing held Jan. 30.

tion and challenge and password. Other tasks included the AT-4 weapon, map reading, first aid, and nuclear, biological and chemical tasks.

Although one student had a broken leg, she was determined to pass as many tasks as possible. She rescheduled the movement under fire, Claymore mine and hand grenade testing for a makeup test at a later date.




Soldiers review employment procedures and types of hand grenades Jan. 30.

During the testing, soldiers identified different parts of weapons, fixed malfunctions, identified different terrain features on maps, set Claymore mines and low crawled with cover and concealment.

For NBC training, they donned gas masks, practiced decontamination procedures and gave themselves nerve agent antidotes.

With first aid, they checked triage situations, set splints and tourniquets and made victims comfortable.

Most of the trainees passed their tasks, and those with failures will be retested later. 

DLIFLC students, staff members volunteer time to support...



AT&T's

Pebble Beach 99' Golf Tournament

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



Vocalist Michael Bolton (left) and veteran actor Jack Lemmon chat about their golf games.

Once again, the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Golf Tournament continues to be one of the most popular community events for Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center service members to volunteer their time. Although inclement weather again played a role in the prestigious tournament forcing the cancellation of the last round, play was official because golfers were

able to complete three rounds or 54 holes. Almost 400 military members from the Institute braved the cooler temperatures while donating their time and efforts to the Ecology Committee Monterey Peninsula Y's Men in keeping the three courses clean, Feb. 1-6. The tournament was played on three courses: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill Golf Club and Poppy Hills Golf Club.

According to Ecology Committee Chairman Bob O'Neil, the Y's Men's Club is the service club for the local YMCA and has been heading the cleanup efforts for the AT&T Pro-Am for more than 20 years. "We run our operations out of the 'Bing Mobile' at our ecology campsite," O'Neil noted. "It's a dilapidated 20-foot trailer that is as old the tournament. It acts as the nostalgic nerve center for our operation.

"Our operation today is high-tech and very efficient," he mentioned. "We have volunteers using golf carts, walkie-talkies and cell phones. The DLI volunteers make up the corps of our working force with others coming from the San Carlos School and YMCA. I truly enjoy working with the military volunteers because of their reliability. They are dependable, hard working and just plain and simply good people. When the work is done, it's nice to see them having a great time and



Air Force Airman 1st Class Brandon Frie, a Spanish student, 311th Training Squadron tends the grill at the 99' Pebble Beach Golf Tournament Ecology Campsite.

telling stories about meeting this actor, or that athlete or this musician. They all seem to enjoy being out here. I'd also like to send out a special thanks to Al Macks of DLIFLC for all of his coordination and hard work."

According to Macks, the DLIFLC community relations director, who handles all requests for volunteer services of DLI personnel, service members consisted of both permanent party and students. "Again, I thought Bob O'Neil did a super job as the ecology committee chairman," Macks said. "He really enjoys working with our service members, and I know our military members enjoy working for and with him. Nobody goes hungry out at the campsite, that's for sure. Bob ensures

they eat very well and as often as they like.”

Macks said that besides their work of policing the golf courses early in the morning and after play is completed later in the afternoon, the service members are pretty much free to watch and enjoy the tournament while rubbing elbows with celebrities and professional golfers. “It’s a really good situation for our military members,” Macks said. “They may work for a total of two hours per day and then are free to roam the courses and seek autographs or meet VIPs. Plus, as I mentioned earlier, they eat extremely well and are also given the opportunity to represent the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and show off our high-standing in the community.”

According to O’Neil, most of the DLIFLC volunteers basically policed the grounds, picking up trash on or near the fairways and greens of every hole of the three courses used during the tourney. They also were responsible for the placement of cardboard trash containers on the links and the setup of the ecology campsite. “Additionally, we had volunteers assisting their fellow volunteers by serving as cooks during the week,” he said.

O’Neil again used the catch phrase that he uses every year to motivate his workers. “I would say ‘Who’s the enemy?’ and the volunteers would respond, ‘trash,’” he mentioned. “Then I would say ‘what do we do with trash?’ and the volunteers would counter with ‘we can it!’”

Big-name Professional Golf Association players such as five-time AT&T Pebble Beach champion Mark O’Meara, Fred Couples, Payne Stewart, Justin Leonard, Ben Crenshaw, Tiger



Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael Ross heads out on the course to setup trash receptacles at the 99' AT&T Pebble Beach Golf Tournament.

Woods, Fuzzy Zoeller, Phil Mickelson, Tom Watson, Craig “The Walrus” Stadler, David Duval, and Davis Love III all competed in the annual event. Stewart took top individual honors and a check for \$504,000, with a three round score of 206. He finished one stroke ahead of Frank Lickliter and three

Continued on Page 18



Actor Kevin Costner hits out of the sand trap and onto the green of Pebble Beach’s famous 18th hole. The action took place Feb. 3 during the popular 3-M Celebrity Challenge.

Continued from Page 17



Chief Warrant Officer Rick Howard, assistant officer in charge, Naval Security Group Detachment, volunteers his service as a marshal during the event.

strokes ahead of third place Craig Stadler. Three teams tied for top Pro-Am honors with a 194 score. They were Robert MacDonnell and Lickliter, Robert Scott and Neal Lancaster, and Glenn Frey and Stadler.

Besides attracting big name PGA players, the tournament formerly named the Bing Crosby Clambake, also annually draws some household names from the entertainment, sporting and corporate worlds. Some of the more recognizable celebrities who participated in this year's tournament included legendary actors Jack Lemmon (who just missed the cut once again for an estimated 25th consecutive year) and Clint Eastwood, along with fellow actors Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Costner, William Devane, "Party of Five's" Scott Wolf, Chris O'Donnell and once again prankster Bill Murray. Music stars included 1970s rock icon Alice Cooper, as well as Glenn Frey, Michael Bolton, Darius

Rucker of Hootie and the Blowfish, and country music stars Clay Walker and Glen Campbell. Other celebrities included tennis great Jimmy Connors; baseball stars Roger Clemens, Ken Griffey Jr., Mark Grace, Orel Hershiser, and newly elected hall-of-famer Robin Yount. Clemens, the five-time Cy Young Award winner, didn't make the cut, but did hit the only hole-in-one of the day on Feb. 6. He hit it at the No. 17 hole at Poppy Hills.

One of the more popular events of the week is always the 3-M Celebrity Challenge. This year, the event was held Feb. 3 at Pebble Beach before thousands of fans. Holes 1, 2, 3, 17 and 18 were played, and when the competition had ended, the team of Campbell and Devane was victorious. The event is a major fund raiser for charitable organizations.

Several service members recalled their time volunteering and the benefits that are associated with assisting quite fondly. Air Force Airman 1st Class Chris Conaway, a Persian-Farsi student with the 311th Training Squadron, volunteered his duties as a cook at the ecology campsite. I was a cook for five years at a TGIF restaurant in Philadelphia," he said. "I guess that made for a good qualification for my duties here, and I'm having fun! I'll be one of the main cooks for the entire tournament."

A couple of other Airmen 1st Class - Joyce A. Joyce and Crystal Trezza, said they were absolutely enjoying their day. "I like the game of golf and the people out here are friendly. We had our photo taken earlier with Jack Lemmon and Bill Murray," Joyce said. "I really like working with Bob O'Neil and the ecology group. It's a good feeling in keeping these beautiful courses clean and really, it's not that hard of work. The only down side today is the freezing weather," Trezza said on Feb. 4 at Spyglass Hill Golf Club.

Navy Seaman Jodie Moorman, an Arabic student with the Naval Security Group Detachment, and native of Buffalo, Texas, and Petty Officer 3rd Class DeNain Paddio, legal clerk in the administrative department at NSGD, and from Alexandria,

La., both had fun and met some celebrities.

"We've met Kevin Costner and Alice Cooper, and Ken Griffey Jr. said hello to us," Moorman said. "It's been a real nice experience out here volunteering, an opportunity we wouldn't have had if we weren't military," Paddio mentioned.

Gregg Mays, originally from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and serving here with the U.S. Army

Student Detachment from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, said he was staying fairly busy. "I just got back from picking up trash at and around the driving range with some co-workers, and that area was pretty messy, but hey, that's what

"I've only been in the military for six months and working this as a volunteer has to be one of the highlights of my time in the service thus far."

**Army Pvt. Richard Brazzle
Russian Student**

keeps us in business," he noted. "I've been out here everyday, and it definitely is a unique opportunity to help out the community and see and meet some stars. I talked to Samuel L. Jackson this morning for about half a minute and he seems to be a real nice guy. I'm having fun."

Army Pvt. Sarah Miller, a native of Lafayette, La., studying Russian with Echo Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, also said she was working hard but having fun. "I've been out here since Tuesday and am really enjoying myself," she said. "It can be a zoo, and get pretty crazy out here, specifically



Air Force Airman 1st Class Chris Conaway, Persian-Farsi student, 311th Training Squadron, volunteers his time as a cook for other volunteers at the Ecology Camp.

with the mob that is following around the foursome of Tiger Woods, Mark O'Meara, Kevin Costner and Ken Griffey Jr., but it's a major event. Plus, you never know who you will meet - I was talking to a man this morning and didn't realize he was the AT&T Chairman until we were 10 minutes or so into a conversation."

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ignacio Mendoza, a native of Carson, Calif., and permanent party mess management specialist from NSGD, where he serves as the barracks petty officer, cooked for volunteers two days of the tournament. "I'm not only enjoying myself, but also cooking for our vol-

unteers. They all seem to love my cooking too, and they better, or they won't eat!" he said with a grin. "I've also been able to get out and walk around the courses to check out some action. I was able to meet actors Kevin Costner and Scott Wolf."

Army Pvt. Richard Brazzle from Milton, Fla., and a Russian Student with Foxtrot Company, worked everyday at the tourney. "I've only been in the military for six months and working this as a volunteer has to be one of the highlights of my time in the service thus far," he said. "I've basically been out here everyday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and have been able to get Ken Griffey Jr. and Orel Hershiser's autographs."

Army Pvt. 2 Brady Berry, a Russian Student also with Foxtrot Company and native of Douglas, Wyo., with only six months in the service pretty much echoed Brazzle's comments. "We work hard, but the work we do is well compensated by just being out here where the action is," he said. "It's neat seeing celebrities like Tiger Woods and what they are like in person."



Actor Kevin Costner signs autographs for adoring fans during the 1999 Pebble Beach Celebrity Challenge Golf Tournament Feb. 3.



Actor Clint Eastwood shares a smile with his wife, Dina Ruiz-Eastwood, (former KSBW-TV News Anchor), during a break in the action of the 3-M Celebrity Challenge Feb. 3 at Pebble Beach.

Legislation sponsored for cemetery

By Bob Britton

California Sen. Bruce McPherson, R-Santa Cruz, completely supports the opening of a Fort Ord cemetery, which is a priority issue for local military veterans and retirees. He addressed about 200 veterans and retirees at the Drill Sergeant Statue by the Main Post Chapel on the former Fort Ord Jan 15.

"I called this press conference today to announce my legislation to support a Fort Ord cemetery on Artillery Hill," said McPherson. "Last year I received a lot of support from local veterans and retirees on this subject. It's long overdue and a top priority of mine, local veterans and retirees. The cemetery area will have about 156 acres. The need for a cemetery has been recognized by Marina and Seaside and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

"Every day in America, a thousand veterans die, and 100 veterans die daily in California. The need is there, and we will do our part to get this cemetery started, with the cooperation of the federal and state governments, local cities and FORA. We will pursue this idea with every ounce of energy we have," he said.

Last year McPherson introduced a feasibility study legislation on a possible Fort Ord cemetery and the transfer of Army property for that purpose. Many state lawmakers supported the measure, but former Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed that bill because he didn't think California should have another state cemetery.

"This year I decided to submit a bill authorizing the cemetery and bypass the study referral," said McPherson.

"The bill would authorize a state owned and operated veterans cemetery on the former Fort Ord. We're saying we need and want the cemetery in this area. We have had some cooperation from the federal government. It appears the land

transfer will take place, but we don't know when. It could be one year or possibly two years for the land transfer.

"Questions frequently come up about the national veterans cemetery at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, which is about 75 miles from this area," he said. "Veterans' relatives in this area say that's too far to go visit the grave of a loved one. Also, that cemetery could be filled to capacity by the year 2010 and certainly by the year 2020.

McPherson plans to inform various veterans groups and organizations on the progress of his legislation. He also encourages veterans and retirees to write letters on this important subject to the governor's office in Sacramento.

The state senator told the veterans and retirees he took his basic training at Fort Ord several years ago and has memories of his military training. This area has some tremendous military history.

Col. Peter Dausen, the Presidio of Monterey garrison commander, also supports the proposed cemetery and had these remarks: "I want to thank Senator McPherson for choosing this location for his announcement. It is fitting that we are here in front of the Drill Sergeant Statue. It once belonged by the front entrance of Fort Ord when it was a basic combat infantry training base. The Drill Sergeant Statue was paid for by officers and enlisted soldiers stationed at Fort Ord and military retirees. That's why it's still here today.

"It's appropriate from the Army's side, that Fort Ord, a place where heroes' feet once trod, view a veterans cemetery as hallowed ground and a formal resting place for veterans and retirees. We want to pursue that topic. Thank you for reintroducing this legislation, Senator McPherson, and thanks to Seaside, Marina and FORA for supporting this project."

Retired Col. Ila Mettee-McCutchon is now a Marina city council member who

completely supports the cemetery. Before her retirement, she served as a former POM garrison commander, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center commandant, and the director of the Base Realignment and Closure Directorate.


"I want to talk about the cemetery," Mettee-McCutchon said. "As you know, I am a retired Army colonel and represent about 20,000 plus retirees in this area, 42,000 veterans at least and want to recognize we have representatives from the American Legion, VFW, other veterans organizations in this area, the cities, California State University at Monterey Bay and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

This is not just a veterans issue, this is a people's issue. I'm very proud to be among many of you as a veteran and retiree.

"This cemetery will benefit veterans in six coastal county areas and many more thousands of veterans and retirees within about a 100 mile radius of the former Fort Ord," she said. "I'm proud in a way to represent all of them and to thank Senator McPherson for his efforts to get the cemetery started."

McPherson concluded by saying the federal government has approved a grant for full startup funds to construct the cemetery. The stumbling block now is the state of California's willingness to pay for the annual maintenance and upkeep of the projected cemetery, estimated at about \$500,000 per year.

If it is approved by the state legislature, the cemetery would be state owned and operated by the state Veterans Affairs Department.

According to the Monterey County Herald, if approved, this cemetery would become the first state-operated cemetery in California. The Herald stated the cemetery could accommodate up to 600,000 grave sites. 

Along with your command physical readiness program, what other training methods do you use to keep fit?

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



"Other than command PT and training for the Big Sur Marathon, I get extra exercise by running my mouth, jumping to conclusions, and throwing my weight around."

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class John Holloway, Arabic Military Language Instructor attached to the Air Force Element Training Directorate as the Arabic Area Studies Expert and English Grammar Avatar, Hometown: Houston, Texas



"I have a treadmill at home, so I run on that as well as jump rope and the regular push-ups, sit-ups/crunches, and some dumbbell workouts. Pretty simple stuff."
Army Spc. Tony Jones, Arabic Graduate, Charlie Company 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.



"The Price Fitness Center is great for staying in shape. I usually lift weights then have a sauna. Having to walk to Belas Hall for chow is a workout itself. I would go swimming in the bay, but the water here is a lot colder than where I'm from."
Air Force Airman 1st Class Kenji Matsuda, Russian Student, 311th Training Squadron, Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii



"I really enjoy playing sports, so I play a lot of softball and basketball. I also enjoy riding a bike. We live in a beautiful area - everyone should get out and enjoy it! Take a hike!"
Navy Seaman Apprentice Katy Bowen, Russian Student, Naval Security Group Detachment, Hometown: Goldendale, Wash.



"I just started working out at the Price Fitness Center everyday after school for about an hour and a half. I usually play racquetball and lift weights."
Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrea Gray, Arabic Student, 311th Training Squadron, Hometown: Corbin, Ky.



"I go to the gym in my free time, and run after work."
Army Staff Sgt. Kevin Johnson, Emergency Operations Center NCOIC, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Hometown: Minnewaukan, N.D.



"Fitness is a two part theory. Diet and keeping active. I like to keep active in the weight room in the basement of the Marine Corps Detachment. I also run from time to time."
Marine Sgt. Harry Krimm, Arabic Graduate, Marine Corps Detachment, Hometown: Detroit, Mich.

Dean's List

ARABIC

First Semester

Spc. Randal Bagwell
Lance Cpl. Jay Brown
Cpl. Christopher Cline
Airman 1st Class Anneke DeJong
A1C Jason S. Dusterwald
Seaman Amethyst Geddes
Seaman Kelly Mazur
Pfc. Shawna Morrison
Airman 1st Class Dirk Sundquist
Pfc. Jaclyn Taylor

CHINESE-MANDARIN

First Semester

Airman 1st Class Stuart Blankenship
Sgt. Matthew Connor
Airman 1st Class Andrew Denny
Capt Kenneth Fu
Pfc. Greg Henery
Sgt. Julian Lin
Pfc. Amanda Merrell
Spc. Karinthia Robledo
Airman 1st Class Norman Seeto
Staff Sgt. Michael White

CZECH

Second Semester

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Beemer

JAPANESE

First Semester

Capt. Michael Brannen
Sgt. Erik Gutt
Pvt. 2 Jerry Rawson
Pfc Michelle Sutera

PERSIAN-FARSI

First Semester

Airman 1st Class Matthew Cavaliere
Airman 1st Class Dawn Frank
Sgt. Darren Martinez
Seaman Jennifer McLaren
Seaman David Reesor
Seaman Kelli Robertson
Airman 1st Class Brean Rossiter
Airman 1st Class Nicole Simmons
Sgt. Gavin Whaley

RUSSIAN

Second Semester

Capt. James Ashford
Airman 1st Class Jason Clerico
Spc. Lawrence Cohen
Sgt. Larry Craven
Sgt. Jason Fairchild
Pfc. Jennifer Graham
Airman 1st Class Mary Higdon
Spc. John Scott III
Pfc. Kevin Terpstra
Airman 1st Class Jamie Wheeler
Pvt. 2 Kevin Zimmer
Third Semester
Staff Sgt. James Burkey
Airman 1st Class Cherae Keicher
Pfc. Thomas Luczak
Airman 1st Class Adam Triplett

SPANISH

Second Semester

Airman 1st Class Sheri Burggraff
Spc. Robert Cramer
Lance Cpl. Gregory Devlin
Maj. Kenneth Enney
Spc. Daniel Garcia
Pfc. Tarra Garcia
Pfc. Elizabeth Love
Pfc. Esteban Morales III
Lance Cpl. Jennifer Pate
Spc. Anitra Simmons
Pfc. Leah Stromain
Airman 1st Class Amber Thompson

TAGALOG

Second Semester

Pvt. 2 Carmela Ford
Seaman Apprentice Brandy Hagler
Spc. Kimberly Tamsett

THAI

Third Semester

Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin May

Graduates

Arabic

Lance Cpl. Adam Abshire
Seaman Dawn Augustine
Cpl. Jason Branch
Lance Cpl. Andrew Compton
Seaman Angela Hammond
Pfc. Crystal Hardy
Pfc. Mark Jones
Lance Cpl. Jason Levedke
Lance Cpl. Tara Long
Pfc. Andrew Mayer
Seaman Kelly Mazur
Spc. Scott McCarthy
Capt. Brian McInerny
Pfc. Alpha Nethaway
Pfc. Jeremy Parker
Seaman Adam Pearson
Pfc. Delbert Poindexter Jr.
Airman 1st Class Ray Sanders Jr.
Lance Cpl. James Russel Jr.
Pfc. Joshua Smith
Pfc. Christopher Troyer
Pfc. Brian Wredt
Airman 1st Class Eduardo Aguirre
Pfc. Suzanne Ash
Senior Airman Shawn Barstow
Pfc. Andrew Batovsky
Airman 1st Class Jeffery Beier
Pfc. Chirstina Bowers
Airman 1st Class Tricia Brown
Spc. Jennifer Burriss
Petty Officer 2nd Class Cheryl Bush
Pfc. Stephanie Buyers
Pfc. Melissa Chidester
Pfc. Alexis Claue
Spc. Douglas Connor
Spc. David Conrad
Spc. Martyn Crighton
Pfc. Elizabeth DeGraeve
Pfc. Meadow Defosche
Airman 1st Class Anneke DeJong
Seaman John Duncan
Lance Cpl. Billie Dye
Pfc. Jameson Foster
Pfc. Renee Michelli
Spc. David Harris
Seaman Brandy Hensley

Pfc. Tanya Koop
 Spc. Porfirio Martinez
 Lance Cpl. Michael Miller
 Pfc. Shannon Moore
 Pfc. Kenjala Moore-Abdullah
 Pfc. Ryan Morrison
 Pfc. Shawna Morrison
 Seaman Titus Mott
 Pfc. Jessica Muller
 Pfc. Milika Neddo
 Petty Officer 3rd Class Heidi Officer
 Lance Cpl. Oliver Olinger
 Pfc. Linda Olsen
 Airman 1st Class Corrie Ostrand
 Lt. Wendy Phillips
 Airman 1st Class Erica Rosmus
 Lance Cpl. Michael Sellnow
 Airman 1st Class Louis Settele II
 Spc. Sharla Shipman
 Spc. Douglas Skinner
 Pfc. Kyiandra Somerville
 Airman 1st Class Douglas Steward
 Pfc. Sara Thomas
 Airman 1st Class Joshua Tulloch
 Seaman Leanne Updyke
 Pfc. Erin Wright
 Lance Cpl. Jesse Zeck

Italian

Lt. Col. David Gilbert
 Sgt. Donald Jenkins
 Bonnie Marlar
 Capt. Robert Marlar
 Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan
 Staff Sgt. Johnny Saldate

Korean

Pfc. Damian Avera
 Airman 1st Class Aaron Bingner
 Seaman Shannon Buford
 Airman 1st Class Jesse Gage
 Pfc. Steven Garate
 Senior Airman Martha Garza
 Airman 1st Class Mollie Grant
 Pfc. Aaron Johnson
 Airman 1st Class Thomas Jones
 Airman 1st Class Jennifer Kennedy
 Spc. Lance Nakayama
 Pfc. Jared Osterhage
 Seaman David Powell

Lance Cpl. Benjamin Roberts
 Airman 1st Class Gina Ryan
 Pfc. Aaron Schwarz
 Chief Warrant Officer 2 Vergina Smith-Kundinger
 Spc. Stephen Warren
 Seaman Mara Stewart
 Pfc. David Waller
 Pfc. Wendy Whitehead

Russian

Capt. Keith Anthony
 Sgt. Donald Asquith
 Pfc. Carolyn Atkins
 Pfc. Joey Beall
 Capt. Richard Bilby
 Airman 1st Class Windy Hart
 Pfc. Charles Bova
 Airman 1st Class Welbourne Bronaugh
 Sgt. Kurt Bruken
 Airman 1st Class Henry Burgess
 Staff Sgt. James Burkey
 Seaman Crystal Calovich
 Pfc. Sara Cherrier
 Pfc. Kaspar Davis
 Pfc. Acacia Dunlap
 Pvt.2 Sara Jane Fife
 Lance Cpl. Brian Foote
 Spc. Jonathan Gary
 Spc. Walter Gonzales
 Spc. Joshua Harris
 Spc. James Helms
 Airman 1st Class Jennifer Hinrichs
 Airman 1st Class vanessa Hoffman
 Sgt. Carson Jacobs
 Spc. Charlton Johnson
 Airman 1st Class Amy Jones
 Pfc. Jeremiah Jones
 Spc. Michael Kanabrocki
 Airman 1st Class Cherae Keicher
 Pfc. Michael Keir
 Pfc. Sara Kennedy
 Capt. David Kosinski
 Spc. Joseph Kruml
 Airman 1st Class Scott Lipchak
 Pfc. Russel Lodge
 Airman 1st Class Melissa Longoria
 Pfc. Thomas Luczak
 Petty Officer 2nd Class Laura Lynch
 Pfc. Christopher Martin
 Pfc. Chandra May

Pvt. Carl McCorkle Jr.
 Pfc. Mark Merae
 Airman 1st Class Aeron Miller
 Spc. George Olufsen Jr.
 Airman 1st Class Kenneth Parker
 Lance Cpl. Brenna Perniciaro
 Seaman Gary Pittman
 Airman 1st Class Marguerite Prestfield
 Spc. Ted Price
 Pfc. James Richardson
 Staff Sgt. Marc Roderick
 Sgt. 1st Class Robert Ryan
 Staff Sgt. Eric Schultz
 Airman 1st Class Justin Shadden
 Spc. Louis Sheperd
 Spc. James Shields
 Airman 1st Class Jeremy Spearing
 Spc. Brandon Stephens
 Airman 1st Class Christen Stone
 Lance Cpl. Brett Stout
 Airman 1st Class Adam Triplett
 Seaman Michael Wailes
 Pfc. Shane Ward
 Pfc. Deanna Weatherwax
 Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Wilson

Visit the
 Defense
 Language
 Institute and
 Foreign Language
 Center's World
 Wide Web Site at:

<http://pom-www.army.mil>

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center
Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944-5006

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Marines surround the Presidio of Monterey's Weckerling Center during a joint Marine exercise held March 13. See related story and photos on Page 6. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class T.E. "Scoop" Hansen)