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Cover: Hope, Horses & Kids volunteers lead a child on a horse ride at Indian Springs Equestrian Center in Salinas. Photo by Marcus Fichtl.

A photograph showing three military personnel in camouflage uniforms and face masks. On the left, a woman (Lt. Col. Matthew Upperman) is handing a blue guidon to a man in the center (Command Sgt. Maj. Lourdes Barragan). Another man stands to the right, also in uniform. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

229th welcomes new command team

Photo by Marcus Fichtl

Lt. Col. Matthew Upperman passes the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Lourdes Barragan, the battalion's senior enlisted advisor, in his first act as the unit's commander.

Marcus Fichtl
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PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Army's largest military intelligence battalion welcomed new leadership during a joint change of command and responsibility ceremony on Soldier Field, July 31.

Lt. Col. Matthew Upperman and Command Sgt. Maj. Lourdes Barragan took charge of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion and its thousand plus language students and cadre. They replaced Lt. Col. Jeremy Click and Command Sgt. Maj. Chad Kite. Kite who retired earlier in the year was not present at the ceremony.

"I'm truly humbled to be afforded this incredible opportunity to command the 229th MI Bn.,"

Upperman said in his first remarks as the battalion's commander. "I couldn't be prouder to be a member of this impressive unit, to serve with you, to learn and grow with you and lead every challenge head on with you."

The Defense Language Institute's Commandant Col. Gary Hausman welcomed Upperman and Barragan to the Presidio, but made it a point to thank Click for accomplishing the unit's mission of providing military linguists during a time of pandemic.

"Under Jeremy's leadership over 1,560 Soldiers graduated from DLI, 711 earned their associates degree, and 67 Soldiers earned DLI academic performance awards," said Hausman. "

Hausman added, under Click attrition dropped from 12.4 to 8.8 percent, and during the last four months as students have been attending classes virtually due to COVID-19, graduation rates increased by another 2 percent.

Barragan, who will serve as the battalion's senior enlisted leader, said she is looking forward to her new "journey" with Upperman.

"Taking care of Soldiers is not only a team effort, but it's a privilege entrusted to all of us," she said. "Soldiers will look to us to explain the 'why' and to be the example of what right looks like."

Summer Expo readies kids for school



Photos by Marcus Fichtl

Summer Expo

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PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. — In preparation for the upcoming school year the Presidio School Liaison Office conducted its annual ‘Summer Expo’ and handed out nearly 800 sets of school supplies to the children of military families. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year’s event was held as a drive-thru giveaway.

The event kicked off in the morning at the La Mesa Community Center, before moving to the Stilwell Community Center at Ord Military Community for the afternoon. Carloads of parents and their kids lined up at each site to receive backpacks, lunch bags and other supplies.

Cara Rosson, a military spouse who drove her two kids, Annie and Sam, through the event, shared that her daughter Annie, “Enjoyed the drive-thru because she got the spiral art set, a decorative pink lunch bag and a big box of crayons. All of these items made it worth the wait!”

Rosson added that her son Sam was, “Excited to receive his camo lunch bag. Although his father is in the Navy, he wants to be a tank commander in the Army. He thought it was so cool that his camo lunch bag matched his camo gaiter mask.”

While the pandemic affected how the event was held, hundreds of families were able swing by and pick up school supplies while avoiding large crowds and maintaining social distancing guidelines.

“The event was very successful. We had a total of 394 participants at the La Mesa Community Center location and 392 participants at the Stilwell Community Center location.” Said Elaine Vrolyks, School Liaison Officer.

For four years, the Summer Expo has readied families for the return to school. This year’s event was



Annie, the daughter of military spouse Cara Rosson, shows off her new crayons during the Summer Expo event.

organized by the Summer Expo Planning Committee which has representatives from Army Community Services, the Parks at Monterey Bay, Naval Support Activity Monterey School Liaison Office, and the Monterey Bay Military Housing Mayoral Program.

“We receive school supply donations from local Dollar Tree stores through Operation Home Front,” said Vrolyks. “The Summer Expo helps us get the supplies out to the families as well as highlight the garrison support agencies.”

This annual event also has a sister-event in December, the Winter Expo where toys are donated through Operation Home Front and distributed to military families.



Presidio of Monterey Garrison Commander Col. Varman Chhoeung readies bags of school supplies for the children of military families.

Navy's IWTC changes command

U.S. Navy
Information Training Command

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. — Capt. Michael Salehi was relieved by Cmdr. Josie Moore as commanding officer of Information Warfare Training Command Monterey during a small change of command ceremony in the Senior Chief Shannon Kent Navy Yard at the Defense Language Institute, July 2.

Army Col. Gary M. Hausman, commandant of the Defense Language Institute, presided over the ceremony and praised Salehi on his tour.

“Capt. Salehi is a successful cryptologic officer, and he served in support of the fleet, and also at the National Security Agency,” shared Hausman. “As a former graduate of DLI’s Persian-Farsi school, he knows what the Sailors must overcome to graduate and also be successful in the field. He brought his knowledge of leading at the National Security Agency and applied it to the Sailors here.”

Highlighting the incoming commanding officer, Hausman continued, “Today we have a new IWTC Monterey commander—Cmdr. Josie Moore. She’s not new to challenges. She knows the trade. She didn’t join the Navy yesterday. She’s ready for this, and will do great. A unit benefits from a fresh set of eyes.”

Some of Salehi’s major achievements during his time at IWTC Monterey include a 41% reduction in academic attrition, the establishment of IWTC Monterey Det. Goodfellow Air Force Base, and the construction and dedication of the Senior Chief Shannon Kent Navy Yard.

Salehi praised the hard work and dedication of the IWTC Monterey staff, and then turned his comments toward the students and said, “To the students, I know these past few months have not been easy under the restrictions, especially as you go through



Cmdr. Josie Moore speaks during her change of command ceremony.

one of the most demanding courses of instruction that we have in the Navy.”

Salehi continued, “I’ve learned a lot from you through engagement forums to see how resilient and tough you are; your perseverance, perpetual optimism, and humor continues to humble me. Continue to be vocal and don’t suffer in silence, and, like I’ve said before, ‘learn to take a punch,’ because they will keep coming, at different times in your career, and get back into the fight. The only punch that will keep you down is the one that you let defeat you. Keep pushing through the adversity, never quit, and always keep your eye at the end state—getting on mission and

advancing our national security interests around the globe.”

A prior surface warfare officer, Moore, transitioned to the cryptologic community in 2005. Her most recent assignment was Navy Information Operations Command Georgia, serving as the executive officer.

“We are living in a difficult time. That’s an understatement, I know. I trust each of you to do the right thing and to hold each other to the naval standard,” Moore said. “As with all things, this too will pass, and we’ll be stronger for it. You’re some of the brightest, most engaging Sailors the Navy has to offer and that the nation has called to duty.”

Hope, Horses and Kids



Hope, Horses and Kids

Marcus Fichtl
Presidio of Monterey

SALINAS, Calif. – This summer the exceptional family member program brought military kids out of the house and into the corral thanks to Hope, Horses and Kids.

A horse therapy program in the rolling hills near old Fort Ord that specializes in helping children with special needs, Hope, Horses and Kids gave young riders the chance to let go of their stress and commune with the programs seasoned horses.

Each EFMP child and their sibling spent 45 minutes bonding with their horse, learning the ropes from the program's specialized trainers and finally were able to take a guided trail ride behind the stables.

Please enjoy these photos as much as the kids enjoyed their time outside of the house during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on the EFMP program, what it provides to military kids with special needs and how to enroll, please call: 831-242-7960.



Photos by Marcus Fichtl

A volunteer at Hope, Horses and Kids helps a military child into the saddle.



A child hugs her new best friend.



Kids head off on a trail ride.



A rider rings a bell after a succesful ride



A family follows kids on the trail.



A fence marks the beginning of the trail ride outside the corral.



A rider is led around the corral by a volunteer.



A military child pets the horse he's about to ride.



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FROM THE HISTORIAN

Before DLI - First Language Instruction at the Presidio



Ms. Ling-fu Yang teaches Chinese to Army and Navy officers of the Civil Affairs and Staging Area unit, Presidio of Monterey, 1945. Photo courtesy of the National Archives.

Cameron Binkley
Command Historian

DLI was not the first organization to teach foreign language at the Presidio of Monterey. In early 1945, more than a year before the Army's foreign language school moved from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, Army and Navy officers were already learning both Japanese and Chinese on post. How come?

Foreseeing the end of WWII, U.S. planners began preparing in mid-1943 to administer occupied territories. The Army established scores of specialized civil affairs staging areas known as CASA units to procure, train, and organize personnel for military government administration. Established in mid-July 1944 as a battalion size

element, the Fort Ord CASA unit supported both Army and Navy personnel. Each victory increased the need for civil affairs staff and the unit grew to 3,000 personnel. In early 1945, the unit relocated to the Presidio of Monterey, the vacant post reactivated for that purpose.

CASA units provided fitness, combat, and even amphibious training, but the Army expected these students to grapple with practical administrative and legal matters. They would provide clean water and assist displaced persons. They would liaison with local officials and had to communicate with occupied populations. Of course, CASA trainees needed Japanese language familiarity. But the Army also expected to occupy parts of Formosa (Taiwan) and coastal China. To assist, the Fort

Snelling language school dispatched several Nisei instructors to Monterey - the original Language Training Detachment. By July 1945 some 50 Japanese language classes were under way at the Presidio with another 14 in Chinese. To teach Chinese, a few CASA officers with China experience were appointed as instructors. The Army also hired an artist living in Carmel, Ms. Ling-fu Yang, herself displaced by Japan's invasion of Manchuria. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt supported Yang's immigration application.

In a note of thanks to the former First Lady, Yang stated that teaching Army language courses was her patriotic duty. Yang was the first of many who would follow a similar path to teach foreign language at the Presidio.

Remembering the Memorialized: Collins

Memorialization #6

BG James Lawton Collins, Jr., 1917-2002

Collins served as Commandant of the Army Language School from 1959-1962. In 1963 he became the first Director of the Defense Language Institute when language education was consolidated. He was an accomplished linguist, proficient in French, Italian, German, Spanish, and learned some Russian during intelligence assignments.

He also served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was the son of Major General James Lawton Collins, nephew of General J. Lawton Collins, who served as Chief of Staff of the Army during the Korean War, and older brother of Apollo 11 astronaut Major General Michael Collins. He led a North Dakota National Guard artillery battalion in Normandy in 1944, and served as the U.S. Army Chief of Military History from 1970 to 1982.

To learn more about the men and women memorialized at the Presidio of Monterey, Defense Language Institute and former Fort Ord visit the memorialization page on our website:

<https://home.army.mil/monterey/index.php/about/memorialization>



News Briefs: **Army**

'Verge of collapsing': Soldiers describe initial fight against COVID-19



WASHINGTON — It's an invisible enemy. At least that's how Soldiers felt about COVID-19 after their six-week stint at the overburdened University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, where they said it was more like a warzone.

They worked countless hours to assist beleaguered civilian doctors and nurses. From the frantic hallways in over-capacitated hospitals to quiet moments at a patient's bedside, holding their hand as they passed away alone, they said.

While there were no bombs or gunfire, the infectious disease still mounted attacks as exhausted healthcare workers hurried to save lives.

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Army Greens slated to reach all installations by mid-2021



WASHINGTON — Recruiters, drill sergeants, and initial entry trainees will be among the first to receive the new Army Green Service Uniform, as program officials look to distribute it to all installations by the middle of next fiscal year.

The uniform harkens back to the "greatest generation" of Soldiers who fought during World War II.

"For the past year, I've been wearing the Army Greens. Wherever I go, people tell me that they love the uniform," said Army Vice Chief Of Staff Gen. Joseph M. Martin.

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Cloud migration modernizes Army's financial enterprise



ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army's latest cloud migration launched this month, as the force's financial enterprise system moved over 30 terabytes of data from outdated storage centers to a modern cloud environment seven months ahead of schedule, said the program's top officer.

The Army's General Fund Enterprise Business System, or GFEBS, migrating to the cloud is the "first and largest effort of its kind to date," said Col. Donald Burton, its project manager on Thursday. "[GFEBS] pioneered its way to being the force's first fully cloud-computing financial system, and will be followed by the Army's logistics software platforms."

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News Briefs **Air Force**

Tinker AFB units produce first 3D printed engine component



TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — Members of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, an Air Force Sustainment Center wing, have produced the first additively manufactured metal component successfully tested on a U.S. Air Force aircraft engine, a significant milestone for future sustainment of aircraft like the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System and the B-52 Stratofortress.

The OC-ALC used additive manufacturing, also known as 3D printing, to create a component for the TF33-P103 engine, an innovation meant to save time and improve efficiency. A collaboration between the 76th Propulsion Maintenance Group, the Reverse Engineering and Critical Tooling Lab, and the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Propulsion Sustainment Division produced a 3D printed anti-ice gasket.

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Airman chases NFL dream



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) — An Air Force meteorologist is using the service's We Are All Recruiters program to chase his dream of playing in the National Football League.

Growing up in the northern Louisiana town of Blanchard, just outside of Shreveport, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Satcher was a self-described country boy who played outside all day.

"I played baseball, soccer, basketball and football to occupy my time," he said. "My brother and I were always the best in the neighborhood. Sports just came naturally to us."

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Air Force allows pregnant, postpartum women to attend PME



WASHINGTON — Pregnant and postpartum members may now attend professional military education without an exception to policy, and are also exempt from the requirement to have a passing fitness assessment prior to attending.

Previous policy prevented pregnant women and women within their one-year postpartum deferment period from attending PME, creating an unintended barrier to their developmental milestones.

"Empowering women to make a decision about the right time to attend PME, especially during or after pregnancy, is the right thing to do," said Gwendolyn DeFilippi, assistant deputy director of Air Force manpower, personnel and services and strategic director of the Department of the Air Force Barrier Analysis Working Group.

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News Briefs: Navy

Chief of Navy Reserve Changes Command



WASHINGTON - Vice Adm. John B. Mustin relieved Vice Adm. Luke M. McCollum as Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander, Navy Reserve Force, during a change of command ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard, Aug. 7.

Mustin, the 15th Chief of Navy Reserve, is an Alexandria, Virginia native. He is a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, served as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) and who affiliated with the Reserve in 2001.

Secretary of the Navy, Kenneth J. Braithwaite, and Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Gilday, delivered keynote remarks at a semi-virtual ceremony, which adopted Sailor and family member safety precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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U.S. Navy Littoral Combat Ship USS St. Louis Joins the Fleet



WASHINGTON — The U.S. Navy commissioned Freedom-variant littoral combat ship USS St. Louis (LCS 19), August 8.

Due to public health safety concerns and restrictions of large public gatherings related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Navy commissioned St. Louis at a private event.

“Nearly 200 years after the first ship to bear the name was launched, today we commission the seventh USS St. Louis,” said Secretary of the Navy Kenneth J. Braithwaite.


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Navy Cancels Fall E-4 Exams, Plans Rank Order Advancements



WASHINGTON — The Navy has cancelled fall E-4 advancement exams for active, full-time support and Selected Reserve (SELRES) Sailors and instead will rank order advancement-eligible E-3 Sailors to limit possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

It's the same method used successfully for this past spring's active and reserve full-time support E-4 advancements. The only change for the fall cycle will be the addition of SELRES candidates.

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News Briefs: **Marines**

LOCATION OF SUNKEN AAV, REMAINS FOUND OFF SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. --

Officials with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group positively identified on August 3 the location of the amphibious assault vehicle that sunk off the coast of San Clemente Island on July 30.

The U.S. Navy's Undersea Rescue Command confirmed that human remains have also been identified using their underwater remotely-operated video systems from the merchant vessel HOS Dominator, a ship specializing in undersea search and rescue.

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MAKING HISTORY: H&HS BECOMES A FLYING SQUADRON



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron with Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, made history by becoming a flying squadron for the first time in the unit's existence.

The Marines and sailors of H&HS took ownership of a UC-12W Huron aircraft July 31, and took the plane on its first flight with the squadron four days later.

With this addition to MCAS Camp Pendleton, every air station housing aircraft from 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing now has operational support airlift capabilities. The Huron aircraft can increase a unit's operational readiness significantly.

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MARINE CORPS RELEASES SOLICITATION FOR ROCKET SYSTEM



WASHINGTON — The Honorable Kenneth J. Braithwaite swore into the Department of the Navy as the 77th Secretary of the Navy at the Pentagon May 29.

At the ceremony, officiated by Defense Secretary Mark T. Esper, Braithwaite was joined by his family, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

"I am privileged to stand with the greatest Navy and Marine Corps the world has ever known in service to the people of America. Full steam ahead," said Braithwaite.

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