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On the cover: Taumi Borecky, California Medical Detachment pediatric clinic chief nurse, examines Nick Izzo while brother Anthony Izzo watches at CalMed's new location, the Major General William H. Gourley Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Outpatient Clinic in Marina on Aug. 11. See page six for story.



Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey commander, presents Alyssa Ellison (above) her award recognizing achievement as a Marine Corps Family Member and recognizes Arlina Bell (right) for contributions as a front desk volunteer with Army Community Services.

Giving back to those that give to PoM

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

The all-volunteer Army relies on more than those who wear the uniform.

Military and civilian volunteers provide necessary manpower to keep installation programs operating and to represent the Army to the local community.

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Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey commander, recognized installation volunteers at an Army Community Services ceremony Aug. 3.

Individuals and their award category recognized were:

Spc. Zachary Chapman, Company B, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion
Outstanding Active-Duty Soldier

Chapman contributed more than 429 volunteer hours to Presidio of Monterey's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program, where he planned, organized, and participated in over twenty events. He also volunteered for the DLIFLC Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Victim Advocate Program as a student council member.

Mrs. Sonia Lin
Army Family Member

Lin's 170 volunteer hours helped many family activities: the Exceptional Family Member Program, Mayoral Program, Marshall Elementary PTA, Ord Military Community Chapel, Army Ball Committee, and the Company E, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Family Readiness Group.

Airman 1st Class Mikaylann Sams, 517th Training Group
Outstanding Active-Duty Airman



Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey commander, presents Airman 1st Class Mikaylann Sams, 517th Training Group, her award for Outstanding Active-Duty Airman.

Sams was recognized for her contribution of over 212 volunteer hours for organizations and events such as Language Day, Big Sur Marathon, Sea Otter Classic, Laguna Seca Race Track, Presidio of Monterey Post Clean-Up, various parades, Spartan Race, and the Special Olympics Program. Her work with the Designated Driver program assisted 37 service members.

Seaman Colleen McNally, Information Warfare Training Command-Monterey
Outstanding Active-Duty Sailor

McNally's support for the Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Russo and Steele, Jewish Food Festival, Retro Auto, the California International Air Show, beach clean-up events, the Monterey Navy Ball, and the Honor Our Fallen 5K Run tallied more than 190 hours.

Lance Cpl. Bruce Jones Jr., Marine Corps Detachment Monterey
Outstanding Active-Duty Marine

Besides tutoring fellow service members in the modern basic standard Arabic course, Jones Jr. contributed more than 240 hours for the White Stag Leadership Development Academy of Monterey, Big Sur Marathon, and Calvary Chapel Monterey.

Alyssa Ellison
Marine Corps Family Member

Her willingness to help others and leadership skills were dedicated to the Monterey Bay Military Housing Mayoral Program, where she served more than 350 hours as the lead program coordinator.

Dr. Nina Gill, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center
Civilian Employee

Gill received the Outstanding DOD Civilian Employee award for her service of over 350 volunteer hours as a chapel coordinator and Urdu Bible Study host at the Presidio of Monterey chapel. Through Dr. Gill's efforts, the Urdu Bible study sessions have become a

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welcome source of spiritual growth and language enhancement for all those who participate.

Special recognition was given to ACS volunteers Christine Seda—for her immense contributions with the 2017 Summer Expo event—and Arlina Bell—for her time of over three months as a front desk volunteer, as well as summer intern Minhee Cho for her assistance with organizing the event.



Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey commander, presents Seaman Colleen McNally, Information Warfare Training Command-Monterey, her award for Outstanding Active-Duty Sailor

Bill Harter, who graduated from the Defense Language Institute in Russian in 1969, went on to become vice president of Procter & Gamble's Eastern European division.



Civilian success started with DLI graduation

*By Natela Cutter, Defense Language Institute
Foreign Language Center PAO*

It's a long journey from Army private at the Defense Language Institute in 1969 learning Russian, lugging a 20-pound reel-to-reel tape recorder with another 20 pounds of books up and down the Presidio of Monterey elevations, to vice president for the number 36 company in the Fortune 500, but Bill Harter made it.

"Graduating from the Russian Program at DLI was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life," said Harter, a Columbia University magna cum laude graduate in 1975. For some DLI graduates, the sky is the limit for a post-military career.

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CalMed, VA embark on Presidio's next partnership



MARINA, California – The recipe for the Army's newest partnership in Monterey County involved many ingredients and cooks.

A mouthful of a name (Major General William H. Gourley Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Outpatient Clinic), two congressmen (Sam Farr and Jimmy Panetta), two grand openings (Oct. 14, 2016 hosted by Farr and another on Aug. 3), \$100 million, and 150,000 square feet later, the second Army and VA combined treatment facility welcomed its first patients Aug. 14.

The California Medical Detachment of the Presidio of Monterey will serve an estimated 4,200 patients, the spouses and children of all military assigned to PoM and the Naval Postgraduate School.

"We basically took the same great pediatrics and family medicine staff, the same great care, and put it in a great new building," said Maj. Ben Ingram, CalMed chief medical officer. "We're in a great location, right around the corner from the commissary, not that far from Fort Ord housing."

Active duty military treatment stays at CalMed's clinic on the Presidio. Ingram said. "We're also close to a shopping area with a lot of fast casual dining."

The nuts and bolts of creating a clinic

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PREVIOUS PAGE: Ben Schock (right), California Medical Detachment support assistant, checks in Melissa Bandy, wife of Army Capt. Dan Bandy, for her appointment at the Gourley VA-DOD Clinic Aug. 14. **ABOVE:** Lt. Col. Brian Lanier (left), California Medical Detachment commander, speaks to Congressman Jimmy Panetta, CA-20, at the Gourley VA-DOD Clinic Aug. 14. Photos by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

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serving both VA and the military was daunting. Besides the patient populations, differences extended to the different software systems and the VA-issued access cards CalMed personnel needed.

Running logistics for the Army side was Maj. Dan Coulter, CalMed deputy commander for administration.

"Working interagency with the VA partners

and our own folks, who were used to operating in a fashion for so long, in standing up the clinic made for interesting dynamics," he said. "Information technology was one of the big challenges we faced."

Ashley Lomeli, clinical systems trainer for CalMed, brought her previous work experience at VA to the process.

"I was able to be at meetings and help with the cross talk," she said. "VA and Calmed were talking about similar services and work, there's just different terms."

Both health care groups had to maintain care at old locations and welcome patients at the new clinic on Aug. 14.

"I think the biggest challenge was making sure the mission at the Presidio and the clinics didn't suffer while we were getting this operation up and running," said Lt. Col. Brian Lanier, CalMed commander. "It's been a lot of work by our team to put a good DoD face on Gourley clinic."

He replaced Lt. Col. Bill Soliz June 15 and, as he said, "I got to oversee the sprint to the finish."

"I thought it was a very exciting prospect to come in here and deal with the challenges that came with this," Lanier said. "The VA people we've interacted



with have been amazing partners. They're keeping the long game in mind and we have the opportunity to do something here in model of care that the rest of the country can build upon."

The pediatric clinic provides primary needs ranging from acute visits to well visits such as sport physicals, immunizations and overseas screenings.

The family medicine clinic assigns each patient with a team of health care providers to receive improved access, coordinated services, and better continuity of care.

The joint facility also features an on-site pharmacy, laboratory, and X-ray. Two-way video telehealth is available from specialists at Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.



LEFT: Ashley Lomeli (top), clinical systems trainer for California Medical Detachment, collects data from a medic at CalMed's pediatric center at the Gourley VA-DOD Clinic Aug. 14. TOP RIGHT: California Medical Detachment nurse Cathy Ramos (center) examines Charlotte Whitley, 10-month old daughter of Deirdre (left) and Army Maj. Andrew Whitley, at the Gourley VA-DOD Clinic Aug. 14. Photos by Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

OMC Chapel offers students more than prayer

Story and photos by Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs

Language students at the Presidio of Monterey are known to request divine guidance in their quest to graduate, but the Ord Military Community Chapel offers something more tangible.

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students can study there with DLIFLC Wi-Fi and free childcare every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"I find it very difficult to find a place to study without, unfortunately, my kids wanting to see me in the afternoons. I've got a lot of homework

and it's really convenient to come here with the child care," said Sgt. Nathan Johnson, Company D, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion. "This is also a great break for my wife Tiffany."

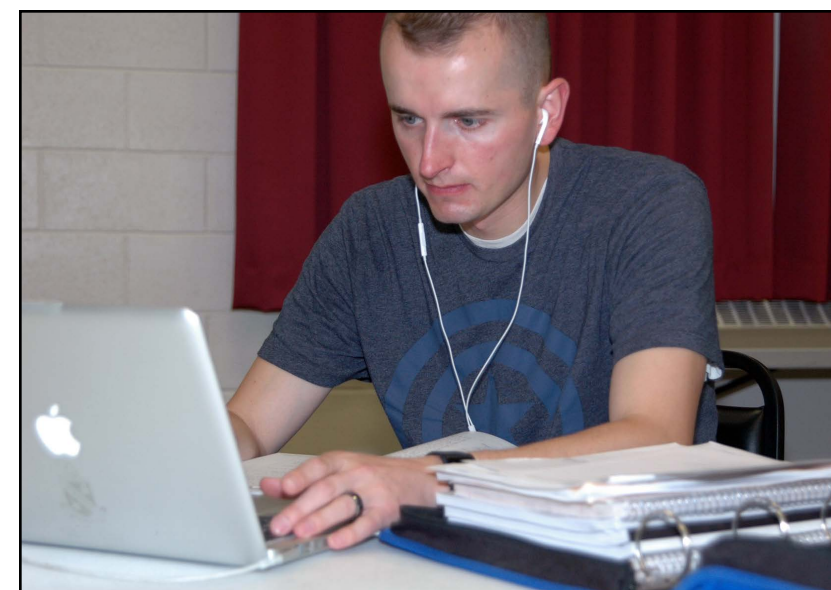
The program is the brainchild of Spc. George Grimes, chaplain's assistant, with a dual purpose: assist DLIFLC students and expose them to the chapel that is in the heart of the family housing areas.

"It's here to reach out to the DLIFLC community, to help them while they were here, something to be successful here," he said. The childcare requires one parent to be present

in the chapel during this time, but he or she can direct their focus to studying. For married couples, the service offers the other parent free time.

"This is a courtesy for students whose spouses want a child-free evening, so that students don't have to choose between babysitting and studying," Grimes said.

The chapel now offers a library room. Students can opt for the brightly-lit Fellowship Hall or library with couches, along with "Wi-Fi that gives students access to websites or emails that they don't have with their personal Wi-Fi at home," Grimes said.



LEFT: Seaman Branton Philips (left) and Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean Williamson of Information Warfare Training Command-Monterey discuss their Chinese Mandarin studies at the Ord Military Community Chapel Aug. 22. **ABOVE:** Sgt. Nathan Johnson, Company D, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, is a regular user of the Ord Military Community Chapel study hall for his Korean course work on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Red, relay and Blue: FMWR concert rocks Commander's Cup

Story and Photos by Steven L. Shepard,
Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs



Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen groove out to the tunes of DJ Jena Red during Army Entertainment's "United We Band" show at Soldier Field, July 21.

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students traded the classroom for Vitamin D and club tracks after the Commander's Cup relay races at Soldier Field July 21.

Award-winning, San Diego-based band Liquid Blue headlined Army Entertainment's "United We Band" show under a cloudless, sunny sky.

Named "America's Best Dance Band" at the National Music Awards, Liquid Blue holds a Guinness World Record for "song sung using the most languages," which seemed appropriately serendipitous for an audience of military linguists and foreign language students. The band has also earned the title of "world's most traveled band" by performing in more than 500 cities in 100 countries on six continents.

"We are putting on this show to allow the service members and their families to have an opportunity to decompress and have a good time in this beautiful Monterey weather," said Presidio of Monterey Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall.

Organized by PoM's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program, comedian Ruperto Vanderpool hosted the show and the opening act, DJ Jena Red, filled out the ticket.

"This is a big highlight of my career," said Red, who arrived here after recently performing for the Army Birthday Ball in Washington D.C. "I love to support the troops and this is my way of

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doing it.”

Red, who is originally from Pasadena, had been living in New York pursuing her music career when she was approached and pitched the opportunity to work with Army Entertainment. She stated that it took about six months to work everything out, but she did her first show in Miami for the Army during March of this year.

“This is my fourth show for Army Entertainment. I could be doing anything else but this is a blessing and I feel so honored to be here,” said Red. “If I can bring them any bit of happiness and joy and put a smile on their face, or just have them feel thankful for what they are doing for us, then that is why I wake up in the mornings and am happy I get to do what I do.”

Such sentiments were picked up by audience members who appeared to never stop dancing from Red’s first song to Liquid Blue’s closing number.

“I love music and I love dancing so the Army sponsoring this thing is fantastic,” said Pfc. Nicholas Penic, Company A, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, who had to be pulled from a dancing mob of soldiers, sailors and airmen to answer a couple of questions. “The music is great, the band is great, and it’s not just one genre of song, it’s several. It’s a lot of fun to listen to and great to have this here on base.”

Red said she feeds off enthusiasm from those



Award-winning dance band Liquid Blue headlined Army Entertainment’s “United We Band”, mixing together several genres of musical covers and original upbeat tunes.

listening to her music and she for sure felt energized by the crowd at Soldier Field.

“The energy out there was amazing, it felt like they were celebrating,” said Red. “When they saw me playing and Ruperto (Vanderpool) announcing and performing on the mic, it

got everybody hyped up and they all started dancing. Then once they got going, they couldn’t stop. I think they were ready to party.”

Penic helped to shine a light on why the crowd seemed so receptive for a chance to let loose.

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“Learning a language takes up all of our time so having this here on base definitely helps relieve the stress,” said Penic. “I think we should absolutely have more events like this.”

“I just hope they go home after this and they’re like ‘that was a great day,’” said Red.

Commander Cup Winners: Women’s Relay Team – Army; Men’s Relay Team – Marine Corps; Overall Best Combined Time – Marine Corps.

RIGHT: Lead runners for the men’s relay teams come off the starting blocks at Soldier Field as part of DLIFLC Commander’s Cup competition, held immediately prior to the Army Entertainment show. **BELOW:** The Marine Corps Detachment Monterey men’s and women’s relay teams totaled the fastest combined times and were presented the Commander’s Cup trophy by DLIFLC Commandant Col. Phillip J. Deppert and Command Sgt. Maj. Ryan J. Ramsey.



Monterey Model momentum on move, CG says

By Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

The Monterey Model is moving east, reports the commanding general of Installation Management Command.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl spent Aug. 22 at the Presidio of Monterey, praising the installation's partnerships and describing the impact elsewhere in the Army.

Dahl's day began at Team Monterey, Congressman Jimmy Panetta's working group of all military organizations in Monterey County.

The CG opened the meeting with praise for

PoM's partnerships and its Intergovernmental Service Agreement, encouraged more, and asked Panetta to keep promoting these in Congress.

"This is such a good model," Dahl said of the IGSA that provides infrastructure maintenance at PoM. "It is important that we focus on what we do best, and let others do what they know best. Take advantage of other people's talents. Come together and find that common ground."

Dahl's executive officer, Col. David Athey, shared his experience as the Fort Polk, Louisiana, garrison commander, and working out an IGSA for solid waste disposal and

getting started on an infrastructure maintenance agreement before departing to his current job.

A barracks tour followed the Team Monterey meeting, where Dahl was shown mold and deterioration that results from the central coast's unique climate. He then attended a garrison brief headed by Lt. Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey commander, and followed with lunch at Belas Dining Facility with Brown and garrison staff.



LEFT: Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, commanding general of Installation Management Command, makes his way to his table with his lunch at Belas Dining Facility Aug. 22. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO.

RIGHT: Lt. Gen. Dahl is greeted by Melody DiMaggio (left), 517th Training Group, at Air Force barracks Aug. 22. At right is Oscar Ordonez of Presidio of Monterey Directorate of Public Works. Photo by Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO.



Monterey motivates its military on Independence Day

Story and Photos by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs

An estimated 15,000 people lined the streets of downtown Monterey for the city's Fourth of July Parade, which included the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Joint Service Color Guard and marching elements of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine language students.

"It's wonderful to see these people take a few minutes today and remember the independence of our country and those who helped to facilitate that," said Cpt. Timothy Barba, Company E commander, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion and parade element officer in charge. "We have these freedoms that we are celebrating because of the sacrifices of our military men and women and these are some of the finest people I have ever had the privilege of associating with."

For many of the Presidio of Monterey service members, new to the military and at DLIFLC straight from initial training, the parade was a first opportunity to represent their service branch in a large public forum.

"This is my first time in a parade, so it's pretty exciting and it's a new experience for me," said Seaman Apprentice Larry Sauseba, Information Warfare Training Command Monterey. "It's the

Patriotism was on display from the crowd in the form of waving flags and creative red, white and blue outfits; with large rounds of cheers and applause for the service members all along the

route down Alvarado Street, along Calle Principal, and ending near Monterey's historic Colton Hall building.

"It's a great feeling to see folks waving and cheering and you could just tell that it was genuine. It was incredible to see, and it is always good to know that people appreciate what we do for our country," said Barba. "The relationship here between DLI and the community is phenomenal. This has been one of the best communities that I have lived and worked in during my eight years in the military. The support we receive by the community is evident by the attendance of this parade. It is very touching to see the amount of support at an event like this."

Not all the service members at the parade were marching though. Pvt. Bradley Parkinson, Co. B, 229th MI Bn., showed



The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Joint Service Color Guard, followed by marching elements from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force, march along Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey during the city's Fourth of July parade.

day we gained independence from Britain. So I'm showing my pride for my country and my pride in the military by representing it today."

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up with about a dozen fellow Soldiers to watch the parade on Calle Principal.

“Gave me a real feeling of esprit-de-corps and pride to see these people, some who I know personally, out there in front of everyone showing what each branch of the military is capable of,” he said. “Being out here in uniform I have received nothing but respect and support and it makes me very proud to be American and part of the United States Army. It reminds me of everything we strive and fight for. There is a great energy out here, very patriotic, and we are having a great time.”

The 1946 Fourth of July Parade in Monterey, the first after the end of World War II, was described as the biggest local parade ever. Fort Ord troops from ships anchored in the bay attended the parade and the California centennial flag raising. Photo from Monterey County Herald Archives



A family remembers



The Presidio of Monterey's Hobson Student Center was host to VIP guests Aug. 4: the daughter and widow of the building's namesake, Army StaffSgt. Kenneth R. Hobson II, a 1994 Arabic graduate of the Defense Language Institute. On Aug. 7, 1998, terrorists bombed the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, and Hobson was one of 11 Americans among the 247 people killed in that attack. His widow, Deborah Hobson-Bird (right), and their daughter Abigail (center) placed a wreath by his plaque after Chaplain (Maj.) Kevin Nagy (left) offered a prayer. The original pencil drawing that was used for the building's commemorative plaque was presented to Hobson-Bird (who was also a Nairobi embassy employee but not working on the day of the attack). Mother and daughter were given a tour of the facility, which is used as a central meeting place for language students, hosts the BOSS program, and offers a variety of recreational activities. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Army, Navy vet serves again as DLIFLC Korean instructor

Story and photo by Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO



Josephine Petkovski teaches a Korean class at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Asian School II. She graduated DLIFLC in 2004 from the Chinese Mandarin course.

One could be forgiven for thinking that an Asian woman standing an inch under five feet is intimidated to spend every day with active-duty military in a small room.

However, Josephine Petkovski served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy and graduated the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in 2004 after learning Chinese

Mandarin. So the newest teacher at DLIFLC's Asian School II can relate to both sides of the classroom.

"I'm learning a lot from my students and their physical and mental struggle," said Petkovski. "I tell them to work with their teachers if they find themselves struggling, and find balance and manage their time outside of class."

Originally from Busan, South Korea, she now lives in San Juan Bautista, California, with her husband and daughter. She first visited the U.S. in the 1980s to attend a wedding in Minnesota and visit relatives in Florida.

Petkovski then traveled for two months from Colorado to Florida to Chicago by Greyhound bus. Later, she emigrated to the U.S. in 1990 and in 1991 joined the Army Reserve, seeking education benefits.

"One day I was sitting on the couch in the living room and I saw this commercial – Be all that you can be," said Petkovski of the Army's recruiting slogan from 1980 to 2001. Her recruiter had to secure a height waiver for her to join.

"I forced myself to pass basic training because I wanted it so badly," she said.

After graduation from basic and advanced individual training, also at Fort Leonard Wood, Petkovski became qualified as an 81B technical drafting specialist. After three years in Germany, she enrolled at the University of Tennessee in 1996.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Mathematics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and faced her next challenge: Navy Officer Candidate's School in Pensacola, Florida, with another height waiver. Petkovski was commissioned in 2000.

She reported to DLIFLC in January 2003.

"I totally underestimated learning Chinese Mandarin," said Petkovski, having previously

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studied it in Korea. "I struggled for seven months.

As an officer she did not want to embarrass herself in front of her classmates, all enlisted except for a Marine captain and an Air Force Special Agent.

"I was very proud of my enlisted classmates, though. They had no background in Asian languages and they were amazingly surpassing me," Petkovski said. "I've stayed very close with them."

Overall, she says of her experience as a student "that it wasn't easy training. Chinese is not an easy language to learn."

Petkovski was assigned to Misawa, Japan, to work with Chinese Mandarin linguists.

She originally applied at DLIFLC in 2011, but was not referred. After she finished her Master's degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), her University of San Francisco adviser said she should try again. DLIFLC hired her five months later.

Now Petkovski has just finished her first semester as a Korean teacher. She finds it to be a learning experience for her just as much for the students, reminding them she was in their shoes.

"I always encourage PMA – positive mental attitude. I tell them if I can do it, so can you," Petkovski said. "I hope to be an invaluable asset, not only to the Korean School, but also DLI as a whole."

Laguna Seca race free to all vets, military Sept. 23

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca hosts Military Appreciation Day Sept. 23 for the Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix with free admission for active duty, Guard and reservists, and veterans.

One military ID or DD-214 gets an individual plus one guest free admission into the track and paddock. Additionally, children 12 and under get in free.

The Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix featuring AMERICA'S TIRE 250 will feature incredible prototype and GT sports car action from the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge, Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America, Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama, and Battery Tender Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented by BF Goodrich Tires.

Fan activities during Military Appreciation Day will include autograph sessions and a grid walk where fans will be able to step foot onto the iconic 11-turn, 2.238-mile course.

"We welcome all veterans and active members of the United States Armed Forces to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca," said Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca's Gill Campbell. "Offering veterans or those who serve and one guest free admission on September 23 is a small token of our appreciation for everything they sacrifice that allows us the freedom to put on great motorsports events for all to enjoy. We hope to extend that appreciation further by offering a fantastic show once they get in the gate and properly recognizing our Armed Forces during the event."

Go to www.mazdaraceway.com for more information.

Attendees of the 2014 Laguna Seca Military Appreciation Day were given the opportunity to take photos with professional drivers and their cars on the iconic Laguna Seca course. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs





Playing with food an art for DFAC's Garcia

*Story and photos by Angel Mendoza,
Presidio of Monterey PAO*

Turtle, penguin and shark are among the exotic animals on the Combs Dining Facility menu ... as decoration, not meals.

Ana Garcia has been an employee at Combs for 11 years and has carved animals from fruits and vegetables for the last year.

"There was a lady that used to work here on the fruit designs but when she left, I decided to pick up the task," she said. "So far, I can do around eight or ten different animal decorations."

The facility manager Pete Ornelas encouraged her to pick up the task.

"All credit to her," he said. "Just seeing people's reaction and recognition to her work, lifts up everyone's morale here"

Service members at lunch and dinner take notice of Garcia's creations.

"I see amazed looks when they see my work when they come in during lunch," she said proudly. "I see some take pictures of them."

Since the art is perishable, she works on it nearly every day. Garcia said it takes her approximately 30 minutes to complete the most detailed pieces and 10 minutes each for the simpler ones.



Combs Dining Facility employee Ana Garcia (bottom left) and samples of her food art creations.

DPW team earns Dept of Energy conservation award

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

WASHINGTON DC – The Presidio of Monterey is among eight U.S. Army units, groups and agencies receiving the U.S. Department of Energy's Federal Energy and Water Management Awards.

Directorate of Public Works employees Dan Finklea, Gary George, Tom Harris and Jay Tulley represent the PoM Garrison for their outstanding contributions in the areas of energy efficiency, water conservation, and the use of advanced and renewable energy technologies at federal facilities.

The DPW team completed three projects in fiscal 2016 that contribute to an estimated 37 percent in annual energy savings and more than \$600,000 in energy, water and maintenance costs.

The Presidio's 365,000 square-foot Building 4385 complex is the installation's largest facility and highest energy user, housing administrative offices and a large data center.

In 2012, Building 4385 consumed 19 percent of the Garrison's energy, costing \$1.2 million, and almost seven million gallons of water.

Plans to reduce both energy and water through a multi-pronged approach included installation of a grid-connected, one-megawatt solar array designed to produce 1,600 megawatt-hours annually and a xeriscaping project that

converted three acres of turf to drought resistant landscaping and a passively-irrigated field.

The Presidio also achieved savings with a utility energy service contract, which replaced building lighting and refurbished heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. These measures improved the data center's power usage effectiveness by 33 percent, saving tax dollars in the coming years.



Examples of the Presidio of Monterey's Directorate of Public Works energy savings measures at Building 4385 are refurbished ventilation systems (top right) and a solar array (above).

60-year old Chevy like family to AF NCO

Story and photo by Senior Airman
Jenna K. Caldwell, 22nd Air
Refueling Wing PAO

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kansas — Military life is transient and service members have can lose connection with their hometowns, their past, departed family members.

A 1958 Chevy Impala provides all of that for Air Force Master Sgt. Bobby McCrary of the 22nd Force Support Squadron stationed here.

Now the NCOIC of McConnell's honor guard, he fondly recalls growing up in Texas, going to car shows and swap meets with his grandfather, who rebuilt classic cars. They would travel the state, looking for parts and meeting other car enthusiasts.

When he was 13, he restored a 1958 Chevy Impala with his grandfather. It was his first restoration, and his grandfather was right, McCrary said -- restoring the car would be an experience he would never forget.

"I would say that after restoring the vehicle and working with him, going into engineering was natural for me," he said. "I threw my first torch weld in the trunk of the Impala. It took about a week. It had a little rust in the trunk, so I had to cut the floor pan out. Being my first weld, it was pretty bad. Before we sent it off to paint, he wouldn't let me grind down the weld. He told me, 'No. That weld is staying there. I want you to remember this.'"

From conception to fruition, the restoration of classic cars can be a daunting task. Most



Master Sgt. Bobby McCrary spent three of his teenage years restoring this 1958 Chevy Impala with his grandfather in Texas.

old cars, especially in Texas, are found in scrapyards or back yards, slowly rotting into the ground. With years of the elements weathering the vehicle, every bit of rust needs to be stripped off, and almost every bolt needs to be replaced.

"First, we found the vehicle sitting on its

frame -- this was the foundation," McCrary said. "We pulled it into the shop and cleaned it up. Then we sat there for two hours, just looking at it and coming up with the vision -- what parts we needed and what we wanted it to look like in the end. Then we just ripped it apart until there was nothing but a frame left.

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We labeled all the parts and started building it.”

Technical training, ideals of precision and striving for excellence were all lessons the NCO learned from his grandfather in the three-year restoration process.

“The Impala was one of my first major accomplishments, because I started something from nothing and turned it into a beautiful piece,” McCrary said. “I found the importance of doing things right. One time, I was shaping the driver’s fender, and I just couldn’t get it perfect. My grandpa wouldn’t let me go to the next step until it was. I

spent hours and hours at night. Exhausted, I finally got it right, and it paid off.”

By the time the process is finished, restorers know all of the ins and outs of the vehicle. It almost becomes part of their family.

“These classic cars, they all have soul in them,” McCrary said. “A lot of my blood is in that engine well. I know the car like the back of my hand, because I have touched every part of that car. When I get into my car and I push the gas, all the frustrations of the day disappear. You can actually feel the engine with the throttle; it becomes an extension of your body. I push the gas and nothing else matters. My mind goes blank and life is good.”

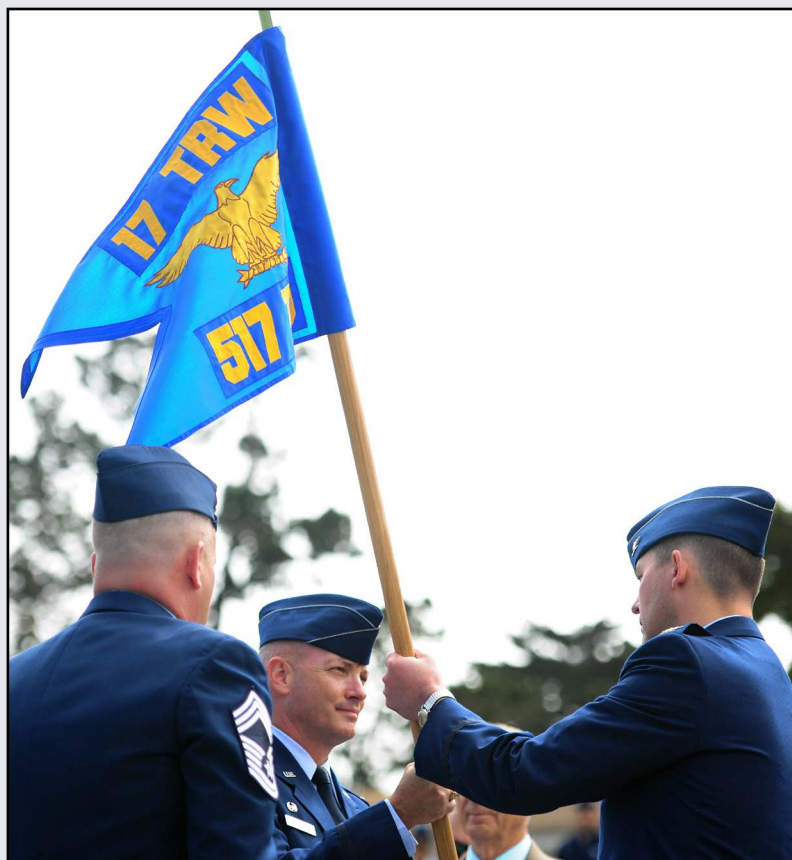
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Harter retired from Procter & Gamble in 1997 after establishing manufacturing plants at the consumer products conglomerate’s subsidiary in Eastern Europe.

“I traveled throughout Central Europe, Turkey, the Balkans, Central Asia, and picked up a few more languages such as German and some Dutch,” he said of his duties associated with iconic household brands like Ivory soap, Crest toothpaste, Olay skin care, and many others.

With the fall of the Berlin Wall and the

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517th TRG Change of Command

Col. Wiley L. Barnes assumed command of the Air Force’s 517th Training Group, relieving Col. Keith M. Logeman in a ceremony held at Soldier Field, July 13. Logeman had served in the dual role of both 517th TRG Commander and Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Assistant Commandant since June 2015. 17th Training Wing commander, Col. Michael L. Downs presided over the ceremony. The 517th TRG was established in 2009 to provide local leadership for the 311th and 314th Training Squadrons.

LEFT: Col. Wiley L. Barnes (right) accepts the 517th TRG unit flag from Downs, signifying his assumption of command. **RIGHT:** Col. Keith M. Logeman gives his farewell remarks at the podium on Soldier Field.



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reunification of East and West Germany, Harter found himself jettisoned once again into Eastern Europe, right in the middle of the Czechoslovak Velvet Revolution in late 1989, when most Eastern European nations were freeing themselves of the late Soviet Union's oppressive control.

"I am very proud of the Rakona manufacturing plant acquisition. We negotiated with the then Czechoslovak government for about 18 months and P&G became the first company to acquire 100 percent of a government owned business ... via special legislation passed by the Czechoslovak government," Harter explained.

Upon college graduation in 1960, Bob Brownson found himself before the Army draft process. An Army major spoke with him about the possibilities of learning a language and working for the then Army Security Agency, a job that would require a high security clearance.

"It sounded like a good idea. He gave me some booklet to study and told me that if I pass the exam, this would be one of the most academically challenging experiences I would ever have," Brownson said. "I thought, 'sure....OK.'"

He ended up with Russian, rather than Mandarin Chinese, the only two languages the Army needed at the time.

"The first rule was that English was not allowed to be spoken at any time during the day, period – ever, anywhere, for 12 months," Brownson said. "Obviously we struggled, but (we learned Russian well) because the people who taught us were so committed to doing it."

He returned to the Presidio of Monterey this past spring, exactly 54 years after graduating the Russian Basic Course in 1963.

Years later, Brownson would find himself conducting business around the world through his work with several international divisions of American computer companies, to the tune of 350,000 miles of travel per year that included Europe, Central America, South America, Canada, as well as North and South East Asia, and the South Pacific.

"I used my Russian even in Asia because when I would walk into senior executive or engineer offices in China and Vietnam, the first thing I would see on the wall was a Cyrillic diploma," explained Brownson. "Particularly in Vietnam. I would say 'Oh, you graduated from xyz school (in one of the former Soviet republics).... and I would speak to them in Russian. They would see this crazy American, who is sitting in Hanoi, conducting business, discussing a contract, in Russian!"

When Capt. Nathan Iglesias was deployed to Afghanistan as an intelligence officer in 2008, he quickly became a valuable asset with knowledge of the Dari language that he studied at the Defense Language

Institute Foreign Language Center.

While embedded as a trainer with the Afghan National Army, Iglesias helped Afghans establish a routine system for gathering intelligence and producing reports for their chain of command. He also found that communication itself was not a problem but that accurately reporting events and documenting them presented a challenge.

"For me to walk across the base 300 meters could take over an hour, because all the Afghans want to talk to me. Afghanistan is "a relationship-based society," he said. "Afghans are proud about knowing a lot of people and can be formal about it, spending time to chat and discuss issues over a cup of sweet chai (tea)."

Fast forward to this year. Iglesias works for Google, recruiting talent in the Technology Staffing Infrastructure department, and employs many of the lessons he learned about human nature in Afghanistan. "Google's corporate philosophy is to put the employee's needs at the center of their success model," said Iglesias.

A native of Pacific Grove, Iglesias graduated from Santa Clara University, joined the Army, attended DLIFLC in 2007 and then went to Cornell for graduate studies. Since his deployments, he has been promoted to major and continues to serve as a member of the California National Guard.

"And DLI is still the toughest school I have ever attended," he said.

From hospital to holy man: a Sailor's journey to chaplain

Story and photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jacquelyn Childs, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command PAO

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Designing curriculum for the Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command allowed Charles Wilton to serve the newest Sailors that would become hospital corpsmen.

But the petty officer first class also wanted to serve God.

Aug. 1 Wilton took another step toward that mission after being commissioned a chaplain select ensign at NMETLC headquarters here.

"I was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, in the summer of 2013 when I first felt the call to become a chaplain," Wilton said. "I had to wait at least two years since I had only recently converted to Catholicism. So, once I got back from my deployment, I used the next few years for reflection. I attended retreats, found a spiritual director to guide me, and became more involved with my parish."

Wilton became very involved with the church and community while stationed in Japan over the next couple years. He organized the volunteers' schedules, trained altar servers and readers, and became the assistant choir director.

Since arriving at NMETLC in 2016, Wilton has continued to participate in his church and successfully applied for the Chaplain Corps, all during a busy year for NMETLC's

academics, who were working on several large-scale projects -- including the curriculum revision for the Navy's largest rating, hospital corpsman.

The application process included several interviews, and Wilton had to collect letters of endorsement, his college transcripts and write a motivational statement.

"It's a fairly extensive and labor-intensive process, like most commissioning programs in the Navy, and justifiably so," he said. "The Navy wishes to separate the wheat from the chaff, determine those truly desiring and those who are not."

One of the chaplains Wilton interviewed with, Lt. Cmdr. Doyle Adams from Navy Medicine Training Support Center, remarked on the unusual nature of Wilton's commissioning after serving as an enlisted sailor.

"It's not all that common," Adams said. "I've seen maybe five enlisted service members commissioned as chaplains in the past 15 years. I've actually never seen a corpsman selected."

Next for Wilton is earning his Masters of Divinity Degree at seminary. He will also attend Officer Development School, the Navy Chaplain School, and receive on-the-job training as a chaplain candidate.

"This means a lot to me because after serving as a hospital corpsman for 13 years, I now have an opportunity to take my service to God, country and the Navy and Marine Corps team to the next level," he said. "I am putting down the stethoscope and picking up my cross."



SAN ANTONIO, Texas -- Ensign Charles Wilton (right) receives his first salute from Chief Petty Officer Felipe Rios after Wilton's commissioning ceremony at Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command headquarters here Aug. 1.



MONTEREY, California – An estimated 15,000 spectators, many dressed in colorful and patriotic outfits, came out to watch the City of Monterey's parade on July 4. Service members from DLIFLC received applause and flag waving while marching the route through the city's downtown area. Find out more about the parade in the 'Monterey motivates its military on Independence Day' article on page 14. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs

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