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On the cover: MONTEREY, Calif. — Santa Claus receives a child's holiday wish list during a reception following the Presidio of Monterey Chapel Holiday Tree Lighting event Dec. 1, 2016. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

ACS to celebrate new year, new look at Dec. 7 open house

Army Community Service at Presidio of Monterey got a make-over and will kick off the new year with a brand-new look in its newly-renovated and redesigned facility. The community is invited to join ACS staff to celebrate at an Open House and Ribbon Cutting on Wed., Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at General Stilwell Community Center, Bldg. 4260 Gigling Rd. (OMC).

Celebrate PoM Army Community Service's newly-redesigned facility, meet the staff, and learn more about programs and services that can help you make the most of your time at Presidio of Monterey.

Thinking about kicking off your new year with a fresh start of your own?

ACS programs can help you make-over your budget, plan for retirement, find a job, find quality day care and after school care, learn resiliency skills, get involved in your community, or even give back to the community as a volunteer!

Programs include Financial Readiness, the Exceptional Family Member Program, Employment Readiness, New Parent Support Program, Child, Youth and School-age Services, Family Advocacy, Installation Volunteer Program, Relocation Readiness, Army Family Team Building, the Armed Forces Action Plan, Survivor Outreach Services, School Liaison, Family Child Care and Monterey Road Child Development Center, Middle school and teen programs at Porter Youth Center, youth sports, a community lending closet, and more!

PoM ACS services are available to military personnel from all branches of service and their families in the Monterey area. Many programs are also open to military employees, retirees, and reserve component personnel who live or serve locally.

Whatever challenges you're facing, ACS staff are committed to connecting you with resources to help. For more information, call ACS at (831) 242-7660.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE OPEN HOUSE & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

**Celebrate with us as we commemorate the
remodeling of our new facility.**

Meet Our Awesome Staff
Take a Tour of the Facility
Learn About Our Programs and Services
Enjoy Refreshments & Activities

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016
10:00am–2:00pm**

"All Branches Are Welcome"



Stilwell Community Center
Bldg. 4260 Gigling Rd.
Seaside, CA 93955

Call ACS at 242-7660 or visit mwrmonterey.com/acs for more info

Presidio, cities break new ground with maintenance partnership

Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

The Army and the cities of Monterey and Seaside have approved a five-year agreement to provide facility and infrastructure operations and maintenance to the Presidio of Monterey at significant cost savings.

The "Monterey Model" began as a concept for the local municipalities to provide these services to the Presidio. Launched as a pilot program in 1998, it was authorized by the Department of Defense in 2003, and resulted in federal legislation creating Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSA) in 2013.

Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey garrison commander, sees this IGSA as a model for military installations and neighboring cities to do business together.

"Partnering with cities on municipal services allows cities and military installations to benefit from economy of scale and saves the Army resources to support readiness," he said. "It takes advantage of a wealth of existing expertise, and seeks creative means to safeguard taxpayer funding."

Signing the IGSA in front of Monterey City Hall were Congressman Sam Farr, Monterey City Manager Mike McCarthy, Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, and Brown.

The Army seeks partnerships with public and private organizations that benefit all involved, Hammack said.

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Displaying the signed Intergovernmental Support Agreement Oct. 11 that provides facility and infrastructure operations and maintenance to the Presidio of Monterey are, from left, Monterey City Manager Mike McCarthy, Congressman Sam Farr, Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, and Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey commander. US Army photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey



Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army for Installations, speaks at the ceremony for signing the Intergovernmental Support Agreement that provides facility and infrastructure operations and maintenance to the Presidio of Monterey Oct. 11 at city hall here. At right are Monterey City Manager Mike McCarthy and Congressman Sam Farr. US Army photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey

"In order to make them happen you need a strong sense of purpose, great people, and a lot of persistence and that's what really made this a success," she said. "The IGSA legislation was entered into law in 2013 ... so here we are in 2016."

Through three years of lawyer reviews, audits and negotiations, Hammack said, the new IGSA offers both sides flexibility.

"We have truly entered into a partnership where both sides benefit," she said. "That's truly what the military wants to be – a good partner with the community."

Presidio of Monterey Service Agency was the non-profit entity created in 1998 by the city of Monterey to provide services to the Presidio of Monterey.

Those services had been previously supplied by Fort Ord, the Army post closed in 1994 by Base Realignment and Closure.

Cost savings are realized by PMSA handling all necessary projects under one contract. The normal procedure at most military installations is for each project and service to be bid out to commercial providers, a time-consuming, piecemeal process, resulting in numerous separate transactions.

"The Monterey IGSA will be the largest of its kind; nearly \$10 million," McCarthy said. "Many communities from all throughout the nation have been watching to see how this was done."

Representative Farr guided the IGSA legislation through Congress and thanked many who helped him in the long process of approval.

"Today what we're doing is really proving that these last two decades of work have saved the taxpayers money, gaining better efficiency, and getting better relationships," Farr said.

"Today is another chapter in the military history of Monterey. What this does is unify two governments, federal government and local government, with one purpose," he said.

Peak performers aspire higher: BOSS members build skills, explore outdoors with MWR

This year, the Presidio of Monterey's Morale Welfare and Recreation Program and Better Opportunities for Single Service Members Program teamed up to develop outdoor adventures that combine lessons on military outdoorsmanship or survival-type skills with recreational activities.

In this letter to BOSS (and potential BOSS) members, MWR Outdoor Recreation Specialist Matthew Paruolo shares more information about the program:

Presidio's BOSS program provides no-cost opportunities for recreation to single service members as part of IMCOM "life-skills" development allowance.

Over the past six months, this collaboration between BOSS and Outdoor Recreation (ODR) has helped to connect nearly three hundred service members to the community in which they are based

through wholesome exercise, adventure, and exploration.

Events have included white-water rafting trips in the southern Sierra, camping in Yosemite National Park, overnight Surf Camps in San Simeon and Morro Bay State Parks, weekly kayaking adventures, Stand-Up-Paddle-boarding, and a number of day

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hikes in local parks and preserves.

Due to popular demand, ODR and BOSS are currently rolling out a number of rock-climbing activities, including indoor classroom instruction at Sanctuary Rock Gym and a day of guided sport climbing in nearby Pinnacles National Park. The program includes instruction on proper use and fitting of equipment, how to safely belay a climbing partner, and how to establish climbing anchors and rope management systems.

These climbing events promote strong team-building and communication skills and are designed to be safe yet challenging—educational, fun, and exercise-driven.

Overcoming anxiety, pushing one's limits, and working together to plan and execute a task is a central theme throughout these

events, and past programs have proven to help relax the mind, and prepare the participant for the intellectual and physical rigors of the coming work week.

Events are available at no-cost to BOSS eligible service members, and each activity is vetted and designed by the BOSS council and ODR staff.

Those interested in participating should inquire with their BOSS representative and are invited to attend BOSS meetings to provide input, ask questions, and collaborate on coming activities and events.

On a personal note, it has been an absolute dream come true to be able to share my knowledge of the local community and outdoor recreation with the single service member that makes up the lion's share of the Presidio garrison.



Education has been a two-way street in which myself and ODR staff get to better develop programs for students, instructors, retirees, dependents, and cadre.

I cannot possibly convey the personal pride that comes with seeing a soldier help pull their battle buddy back into a boat after clearing a class III rapid—with seeing a smile break out on the face of a Sailor who has just overcome their fear of heights by scaling a fifth class climbing route—or with checking out a surf board from the ODR rental facility to an airman who has just realized his love for the ocean.

This collaboration between BOSS and ODR illustrates how MWR and ODR staff's commitment to building better programs for our service members, whom we hold in such high regard.

If you or someone you know has never pitched a tent, built a fire, burnt a smores, guided a raft, rappelled a cliff, or studied Half Dome up close in person, make sure to remedy this by speaking with your BOSS representative or stop by the Outdoor Recreation facility at Building 228 (Lewis Hall, PoM). We would love to meet you!

Sailors see future at Fleet Week



Information Warfare Training Command Monterey Sailors tour the USS Mobile Bay during San Francisco's Fleet Week Oct. 8. Navy photo by Lt. Zachary Parmentar

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

Some of the Navy's newest Sailors had a rare opportunity to meet with the crews of guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay and amphibious platform dock USS San Diego during San Francisco's Fleet Week.

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students from Information Warfare Training Command Monterey made the 125-mile trip Oct. 8.

"We want our Sailors to see first-hand what they could soon be doing in the fleet," said

Cmdr. Andy Newsome, IWTC Monterey's commander. "We feel strongly that by giving our Sailors a vision of their future success, we can motivate them to excel in the classroom."

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More than 60 students and unit staff got a taste of shipboard life, which the students could find themselves experiencing in a relatively short period of time.

"I am grateful to have had the opportunity to tour the operational spaces of the ships," said Seaman Anastasia Mason. "It gave me a tangible way to envision my future work in the Navy."

With IW as a critical capability of the Navy's mission sets, the students may find themselves serving aboard ships with the ability to exploit a wide range of electronic emissions or as part of a naval force that includes multi-mission combatants such as USS Mobile Bay and USS San Diego.

"The Sailors attending DLIFLC are here to learn a war-fighting skill, and we want to take every opportunity to show them where their valuable skills will be used," said Newsome.

"We were thrilled that USS Mobile Bay and USS San Diego agreed to provide tailored tours for our Sailors. They really appreciated it," he said.

Experiences like the ship tours and a visit earlier this year from a Navy EP-3E Aries II crew with their aircraft provide welcome breaks from the demanding language education curriculum, while also introducing the students to future possible assignments with tactical units.

"I loved it," said Seaman Walter Dyer. "I learned more about my potential job at Fleet Week than I have in my Navy career so far. I even heard many other students who attended say that it motivated them and gave a better perspective on how their job will be."

Safety office: Frost bites! Cold brings opportunity for outdoor activity and risks

For many people, working or playing in cold weather is invigorating. Ice and snow are required for seasonal activities like skiing, skating, snowmobiling and ice fishing.

Unfortunately, all the enjoyable aspects of working or playing out in cold weather disappear if you are not dressed for the weather. They call winter an "old man," but he's far from frail. In fact, he's apt to strike a deadly blow when you least expect it.

Here are some tips for battling old man winter:

- Learn to recognize some of the environmental and workplace conditions that may be dangerous. It needn't be bone-chillingly cold with a howling wind to be at risk for developing hypothermia.
- Learn signs and symptoms of cold-induced illnesses and injuries. Use the buddy system - work in pairs so that others can recognize danger signs.
- Wear proper clothing for cold, wet, and windy conditions, including layers that can be adjusted to changing conditions.
- Wear the right gloves for the work you are doing. Gloves should have enough insulation to keep you warm and prevent frostbite, but thin enough so you can feel what you are doing if you are manipulating controls or tools.
- Avoid exhaustion or fatigue because energy is needed to keep muscles warm.

Take frequent short breaks in a warm dry shelter to warm up. Schedule outside work or play for the warmest part of the day.

- Keep moving. This helps to keep your body temperature up and circulation moving. If you think you are experiencing symptoms of hypothermia or frostbite, get to shelter and seek medical help.
- It's important to eat regularly when you are out in the cold, especially foods high in carbohydrates and fats. Your body requires an enormous number of calories to stay warm, especially if you are shivering.
- When walking on icy and slippery surfaces go slowly and take small steps. Wear shoes or boots with non-slip soles. Consider cleats for especially slippery conditions.
- Eat winter-weight meals, with enough calories and nutrients to give you the fuel you need. Consider starting with a breakfast of whole grain cereal and toast.
- Remember, you can face increased risks if you take certain medications, are in poor physical condition, or suffer from illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, or cardiovascular disease in cold weather.

With its cold and often stormy weather, winter presents many safety challenges. Being prepared and following simple safety tips can help you stay safe and warm this season.

Celebrating 75 years of DLIFLC: A look at the Nisei legacy



An abandoned aircraft hangar at Crissy Field on the Presidio of San Francisco served as the first location for training of Americans of Japanese ancestry, known as Nisei, to understand the Japanese language.

Archival photo: Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Historian's Office

*By Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute
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This year, the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center celebrates 75 years of training the Armed Forces in foreign languages.

Many of today's staff, students and

alumni know DLIFLC school traces its organizational lineage back to the training of Japanese linguists during World War II. But what many don't know is that program was the culmination of more than 150 years of effort by military strategists to bring more foreign language capabilities into the U.S. military.

Before World War II, the U.S. military's use of foreign language skills was limited to diplomatic functions and deciphering scientific or engineering texts, such as those written in French during the Napoleonic Era. The Army began teaching French at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1803. Spanish was added following the 1846-1848 Mexican-American War.

Gen. Joseph Stilwell, who was intimately involved with China since the 1920s and into World War II, and his contemporary, Gen. George Marshall, taught and studied Chinese as young officers. Stilwell established a language program in China in 1924 to teach U.S. officers and soldiers the rudiments of spoken Chinese.

A small group of officers with previous tours of duty in Japan recognized the need for an intelligence unit, staffed with personnel who understood the Japanese language, during the time of increased diplomatic tensions that led up to World War II.

This group was headed by Lt. Col. John Weckerling and Capt. Kai E. Rasmussen, names familiar to modern day faculty and students who attend meetings and functions at the Presidio of Monterey's Weckerling Center and Rasmussen Hall.

The officers decided that Americans of Japanese ancestry, known as Nisei, would be used to solve the linguistic problems presented by contact with Japan. After a survey of approximately 3,700 Nisei, it was found that the Americanization of the Nisei

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had advanced more rapidly than the public was aware.

It quickly became evident that a special training school would be a necessity if the Nisei were to be used as Japanese linguists.

The search for qualified Nisei to build a curriculum in the Japanese language began.

Maj. John F. Aiso and Pfc. Arthur Kaneko, who later became a lieutenant, were found to be qualified linguists along with two civilian instructors, Akira Oshida and Shigeya Kihara.

The four worked feverishly preparing textbooks and classroom exercises for the anticipated Japanese language course.

Utilizing an abandoned aircraft hangar at Crissy Field on the Presidio of San Francisco, the secret language school of 60 Nisei students opened as the Fourth Army Intelligence School on November 1, 1941 just five weeks prior to the Pearl Harbor attack.

Soon, the outbreak of the war prompted studies to intensify. Commencement found 35 of these language specialists being sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations, in the Guadalcanal and Alaska areas.



At first, commanders were skeptical of the Nisei linguists. But a year later, as their work was recognized by various division and Army commanders, the linguists received their first stripes and the commanders requisitioned for more men.

The first campaign in which the linguists proved themselves was the Battle of Guadalcanal. These language specialists were also instrumental in translating the Imperial Japanese Navy Battle Plans, which proved to be the deciding factor in the U.S. Navy's defeat of the Japanese Fleet off the northeast coast of the Philippines in

the San Bernardino Straits. The Japanese suffered almost total annihilation and the worst defeat in their naval history.

"The Nisei shortened the Pacific War by two years and saved possibly a million American lives and saved probably billions of dollars," said Maj. Gen. Charles Willoughby, who was Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence.

The success of the first few Nisei linguists convinced the War Department to establish more Japanese-American combat units, such as the 442nd Regimental Combat Team that fought in Italy, France and Germany.

On October 5, 2010, the 442nd, the 100th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service received the Congressional Gold Medal, officially recognizing the service and sacrifices of the Nisei in World War II.

The success of the language school would find it in Minnesota training even more linguists as the Military Intelligence Service Language School, and then in Monterey, California, as the Army Language School – both predecessors to the Defense Language Institute.

DLIFLC celebrated its 75th year training military linguists this year with an anniversary gala event in Monterey.

Looking for photos? Find them on the school's Flickr at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/stratcomm/>.

More stories about the people, history, and legacy of DLIFLC are in the 75th anniversary edition of the GLOBE, online at www.dliflc.edu.

See photos of DLIFLC's 75th celebration on Flickr!





Building as they grow: ACS New Parent Support Program

Presidio of Monterey's New Parent Support Program hosts weekly play groups for infants and toddlers.

The program also offers one-on-one guidance for new and experienced parents, using the "Parents as Teachers" child development curriculum.

Musical Mondays

Parents and children sing together and learn a new song Mondays from 9-10 a.m. at the ACS Gold Room (inside Gen. Stilwell Community Center; 4260 Gigling Rd., OMC),

Toddlers and Tunes

Children ages 0-3 and their parents are invited to join Army Community Services for a music and movement play group on Tuesdays at the OMC Chapel nursery (Gen. Jim Moore Blvd., OMC).

Wednesday Play Mornings

Enjoy a morning of playtime, singing and crafts for children ages 0-3 on Wednesdays at the ACS Gold Room (inside Gen. Stilwell Community Center; 4260 Gigling Rd., OMC).

Playgroups take place during the school day, but children ages 4-5 are welcome to participate when accompanying a younger sibling.

For more information about the New Parent Support Program or its weekly group play opportunities, call (831) 242-7660 or -7196.



Pictured: Parents and children learn and play at a Wednesday Play Morning, hosted weekly by the Presidio of Monterey's New Parent Support Program.

Play group participants have also organized a Facebook group to share information about other opportunities available for military families with newborns and young children at PoM.

You can find them by searching for "New Parent Support Group of POM" on Facebook (closed group; message an administrator to request membership).

*Photos by Catherine Caruso,
Presidio of Monterey PAO*



AROUND THE PRESIDIO

Solar panels to bring cleaner energy for PoM, cost savings for residents



Solar panels have been installed on more than 700 rooftops at the Presidio of Monterey's Ord Military Community in Seaside, California. More panels are scheduled to be installed at the La Mesa Village military family housing community in Monterey this fall. Photo by Catherine Caruso, Presidio of Monterey PAO

By Catherine Caruso, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Seaside's skyline is getting a makeover, as solar panels are installed on rooftops in Ord Military Community military housing this summer.

SolarCity, a private company, has partnered with Monterey Bay Military Housing to install solar panels on homes in Seaside. Additional installations are scheduled for La Mesa Village later this summer.

"This is good for the environment and it's going to save our residents money," said Fran Coen, project director for Monterey Bay Military Housing (the public-private partnership between Dept. of Army and Clarke Realty, which manages and maintains military family housing in the Monterey Bay area).

It works like this: MBMH leases access to the roofs. In exchange, SolarCity installs the panels, and sells electricity back to MBMH at a reduced rate - about half the current cost per kilowatt hour for electricity purchased from other suppliers.

Engineers predict that, on average, the panels will generate enough power to meet 50 percent of the electricity needs of families living in those homes each year.

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“If it’s Monterey, and a sunny day, you can be generating more electricity than is being consumed,” said Aaron Gilmore, vice president of solar development for SolarCity.

When that happens, the electricity flows back into “the grid” to meet demand for electricity elsewhere in the area, he said.

Introducing clean, renewable energy sources into military housing is a logical extension of other energy-saving programs, like individual metering, Coen said.

Because utilities are included in the rent for military housing tenants, there was once little economic incentive to encourage residents to save energy, he said.

That’s why the Army changed its policy to allow “above-average” energy users to be charged a surcharge, while below-average users receive a rebate.

When the incentive program was introduced, the average energy use by households dropped 15%, Coen said.

With solar power replacing energy generated by other sources, the Army is reducing its carbon footprint and saving residents money, he explained.

MBMH’s cost-per-kilowatt hour will now be lower. For users who incur a surcharge, that means their total bill will be smaller, Coen said. However, any rebates will also be smaller, he said.

Although some buildings aren’t suitable for solar panel installation, Coen emphasized that the electricity by panels is credited to the community, not individual homes.

“Some of our electricity will be from solar

and some from the grid, so everyone’s bills will be based on their usage and the ‘blended’ rate (which will reflect the cost of power from both sources),” he said.

A share of MBMH’s total savings will flow into the community’s property reinvestment account, which is used for maintenance and other projects to benefit the community as a whole, Coen said.

“One thing that’s really unique about it, you’re doing an entire community at once with solar. What these projects offer is an opportunity to show the impact of an entire neighborhood on the grid,” Gilmore said.

The company has also installed solar panels on Navy housing in San Diego, and at Travis Air Force base. Other projects include a project at Fort Bliss and military housing in Hawaii.

When the project is complete, SolarCity will have installed 14,700 solar panels on 1180 homes in La Mesa Village and Ord Military Community.

Combined, the panels will generate approximately 5.5 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year, said Rob Kelly, a SolarCity senior project developer. That’s an amount equivalent to the energy produced by nearly 5.9 million pounds of coal, he said.

According to Kelly, solar panels in Monterey-area military housing could keep up to 3900 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere compared to burning fossil fuels, an amount of carbon dioxide that would require planting as many as 3350 trees to offset.

Holiday gate hours

Due to operational constraints, Presidio of Monterey gate hours will be modified during the month of December. Also, no right turn from Lighthouse to Private Bolio Rd Dec. 5-23, use Artillery St. to access both Bolio and Infantry gates.

Dec. 5-18	Weekdays	
Bolio	<i>Inbound</i>	24 hours
	<i>No outbound</i>	
Infantry	<i>Outbound</i>	24 hours
	<i>Inbound</i>	6-9 a.m.
Taylor	<i>Both directions</i>	6 a.m.-1 p.m.
	<i>Outbound only</i>	4-6 p.m.
Franklin	<i>Both directions</i>	6 a.m.-6 p.m.
High St.	<i>Inbound</i>	7-8 a.m.
	<i>No outbound</i>	
Dec. 5-18	Weekends	
Infantry	<i>Both directions</i>	24 hours
Dec. 19-22	Weekdays	
Bolio	<i>Inbound</i>	24 hours
	<i>No outbound</i>	
Infantry	<i>Outbound</i>	24 hours
	<i>Inbound</i>	6-9 a.m.
Franklin	<i>Both directions</i>	6 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Weekdays & Weekends	
Bolio	<i>Both directions</i>	24 hours

229th MI Platoon Sgt. of the Year represents DLIFLC at Army competition

Catherine Caruso, Presidio of Monterey PAO



Staff Sgt. Emanuel Olivencia is the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion "Platoon Sergeant of the Year," and competed in the Department of Army-level Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition Fort Jackson, South Carolina in September. Here, the Company D, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Soldier is recognized by Col. Phil Deppert, DLIFLC commandant, July 12.

Photo by Patrick Bray, DLIFLC PAO

A Presidio of Monterey non-commissioned officer was selected to represent the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion in Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition.

Staff Sgt. Emanuel Olivencia, 229th MI Bn. Platoon Sergeant of the Year, was selected by a board of senior Army NCOs to represent the school at the Army-level competition.

"He is a phenomenal NCO, the epitome of professionalism. He comes to his job every day with a vigor few can match," said 1st Sgt. Jacob Holland, first sergeant for Company D, 229th MI.

An Army platoon sergeant's job is to continue the mentorship and development of Soldiers that began in basic training.

Platoon Sergeants lead and mentor newly-enlisted Soldiers during their Advanced Initial Training – an especially challenging job at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, where some initial entry Soldiers are enrolled in language courses for up to a year, or longer.

"The most rewarding thing is seeing them complete the 'Soldier-ization' process. And the hardest part is not being able to see Soldiers complete the transformation process, because of the length of their training," Olivencia said.

He said the intensity of the language training at DLIFLC also poses challenges for NCOs assigned to lead those students.

"We don't have a lot of interaction on a day to day basis, the way drill sergeants do. They spend so much time in school," Olivencia said. "I use my morning formations for spot corrections, to share general military knowledge, and I'm always available for my Soldiers when they say they need to talk."

The Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition begins with an Army Physical Fitness Test, followed by an evaluation of their tactical proficiency through Warrior Skills and Battle Drills testing. Nominees then appear before a board, whose members evaluate their military bearing while drilling them with questions about their military duties, experiences, and general military knowledge.

Holland, a member of the selection board, said Olivencia's professionalism, competence, and his personal drive to be the best and to bring out the best in his Soldiers were what pushed him to the top.

"I personally saw him intervene in a situation in a Soldier's life when they were in need of that help," he said. "That's what leadership is all about."

For more information about the 2016 competition, visit www.tradoc.army.mil/usacimt/Competition.htm.

PoM firefighters among thousands on scene at Soberanes fire

Story and photo by Steven L. Shepard,
Presidio of Monterey PAO

MONTEREY COUNTY, California — A Presidio Fire Department Strike Team was among thousands of firefighters that joined forces to battle large wildfire that burned tens of thousands of acres in the hills between Carmel and Big Sur this summer.

The Soberanes Fire ignited early in the morning on July 22 near Garrapata State Park and quickly spread due to wind conditions, high temperature and inaccessible terrain.

The Presidio Strike Team reported to the scene on Day 1 of the fire.

"It's smoky! Heavy smoke," said Strike Team acting captain Lt. Sylas Jumper said in a July 27 interview. "The terrain is difficult. There are a lot of challenges; steep, heavy brush terrain. The steep terrain is the hardest thing."

The department supported efforts as part of a division comprised of firefighters from CalFire, Marina, Seaside and North Monterey County.

"We are all firefighters and we all jump around the same and we all get along together and we know when to work and we know when to play," Jumper said. "We got the same equipment that everyone else has. We train the same, go to the same schools. We have dinner together and hang out then we all go off to work and bust our butts."

Firefighter Keith Fulton has served as an active-duty firefighter in the Army and as a civilian firefighter on several Army

installations. He said the close working relationship and cooperation POM has with its neighboring communities is unique.

"At other installations there is a line that divides us of 'we protect the base and they protect the surrounding city' and it's very black and white, and it was unheard of to help out on a strike team. But here I like how we do it. It's a positive thing," he said.

Fulton said his thoughts were often with the people connected to the buildings they were trying to save while he was on scene, fighting the fire.

"Especially if you meet the homeowners, you feel it on a personal level," he said.

At the time of this interview, the POM Strike Team had just completed a 24-hour shift protecting structures in the Santa Lucia Preserve, an exclusive private community of multi-million dollar homes in the Carmel Valley hills developed by Clint Eastwood.

"We were working to protect this house that was under construction, whose owner actually stopped by this morning concerned, and we were out there trying to do our job and save as much as we can," Firefighter Francisco Gonzales said.

"It's Mother Nature, and there is only so much you can do. But we do our best."



Presidio of Monterey Fire Department Strike Team members, acting captain Lt. Sylas Jumper, driver/operator Mike Smith, and firefighters Andrew Thomas, Keith Fulton and Francisco Gonzales, load gear into their fire engine at the Soberanes Fire response staging area at Monterey County's Toro Park, July 27.

Three generations of family anchored to DLIFLC

By Patrick Bray

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

In the early 1950s, seven brothers from Albuquerque, New Mexico, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, beginning a three-generation family tradition of service as linguists.

Returning for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's 75th Anniversary Ball Nov. 5, four of the original seven brothers – Stanley, Edward, Delbert and Gordon – joined other linguist family members who gathered.

"There has likely been a Lopez at every major skirmish, battle or war the Navy participated in over the last 50 years," said retired U.S. Navy Captain Bryan Lopez, Stanley's son and a Russian linguist.

All of the brothers are Spanish heritage speakers, and most learned at least one additional language through DLIFLC or a predecessor school.

The first generation

The first brothers to serve became known throughout the Navy as the "seven famous Lopez brothers" due to all of them serving in the Naval Security Group at one time. The legacy that they started would lead the family to more than 240 combined years of service in the Navy.

The Lopez family's service begins in 1951 with the two oldest brothers, Arthur and Larry, who joined together. Arthur chose the communications path and would serve all over the world, but the other six men became cryptolinguists.

Larry learned Bulgarian at the University of Indiana through the Navy in 1957 and French through the Defense Language Institute West Coast (precursor to DLIFLC) in 1968.

Younger brothers, Delbert, Clyde and Gordon, served during the Cuban Missile Crisis with Delbert

enlisting at the height of the crisis. He was sent directly to serve aboard the USNS Sgt. Joseph E. Muller, a signals intelligence ship, using his Spanish fluency on patrol as part of the blockade.

Clyde would employ his skills in the Philippines, Dominican Republic and through the mountain jungles of Vietnam, near the Cambodian border during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star. He went on to fly aboard airborne reconnaissance missions throughout the Caribbean and became the first Lopez to cross into the officer ranks, serving 40 years before retiring as a captain.

Gordon attended DLIWC in 1968 to add Russian to his native Spanish. He served a short stint on the USNS Muller before joining Larry in Spain. He deployed aboard multiple ships and flew aboard both shore and carrier-based aircraft throughout the Mediterranean and Baltic Seas, performing cryptologic monitoring operations. Gordon would follow Clyde into the officer ranks, rising to the rank of commander.

Stanley and Edward would also both attend the Army Language School to study Polish and Stanley later returned to study Russian after the name change to the Defense Language Institute West Coast.

Edward Lopez, a Polish linguist, in 1959.

Lopez family photo (courtesy photo)



The second generation

Stanley's two oldest sons, Philip and Bryan, both studied Russian at DLIFLC. Philip returned as a military instructor in Russian from 2000-2002 and again as the National Security Agency representative in 2008. Philip also studied Indonesian through DLI-Washington in 1996.

Bryan enlisted in the Navy before attending the University of New Mexico on a ROTC scholarship, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, commissioning in 1990. In 1992 he completed his Master of Science in International Relations from Troy State University in Alabama. In 1993, he began studying at DLIFLC.

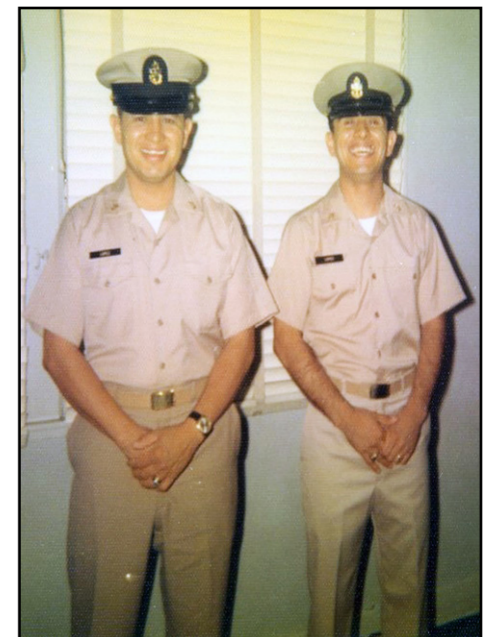
The third generation

Of Bryan's five children, three serve as enlisted cryptolinguists in the Navy.

Daughters Amanda and Lauren are Chinese linguists and son Greyson is a Cryptologic Network Technician along with Philip's son Shane.

From 1951 to today, the Lopez family has served and they all hope that their service will continue for generations to come.

The family's legacy spans 65 years, almost as long as the DLIFLC's 75 years.



Arthur Lopez, a Spanish linguist, and Stanley Lopez, a Russian linguist, in September 1968.

Presidio of Monterey service members earn German marksmanship badges

Story and photo by Brian Lepley,
Presidio of Monterey PAO

The German Army recognized 32 Soldiers and a Sailor from the Presidio of Monterey for earning the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency in November.

In testing organized by the operations section of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion this summer, the service members completed the rigors listed here: www.semo.edu/pdf/showmegold-GAFPB-event-guide.pdf.

Three German officers attending the Naval Postgraduate School, Col. Peter Frank and Lt. Cols. Stephan Klein and Alexander Handschuh, presented the medals to the service members Nov. 4 at Soldier Field.

California Medical Detachment

Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Chapman
Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Burket
Spec. Luca Hasko
Spec. Robert Fiapule-Randa
Pfc. Christopher Mendez

229th Military Intelligence Battalion

StaffSgt. Linda Rivers-Rangel
Sgt. Georgette Encinia
Sgt. William Potter
Cpl. Michael Connors
Spc. Mark Smith
Spc. Matthew Stovall
Spc. Dane Thornton
Spc. Mark Saporsky
Spc. Aaron Sanchez
Spc. Christopher Reyes



Soldiers collecting their German Armed Forces Badges for Military Proficiency, from left, are Sgt. William Potter and Pfc. Christopher Mendez and Gabriel Read. Presenting the medals, from left, are German Lt. Cols. Alexander Handschuh and Stephan Klein and Col. Peter Frank.

Spc. Jose Traverzo
Spc. Elizabeth Whittington
Spc. Cindy Covarrubias
Spc. Travis Rittenhouse
Spc. Ethan Gorecki
Spc. Alexander Dickel
Spc. James Melnick
Pfc. Evan Alexander
Pfc. Cullen Gerber

Pfc. Hailey Mark
Pfc. Gabriel Read
Pfc. Rachel Boldry
Pfc. Katie Cavenee
Pfc. Caitlin Reneau
Pfc. John Wells
Pvt. Kaden Forsgren
Pvt. Adan Sanchez-Moreno
Pvt. Michael Medina



AROUND THE SERVICES

TRICARE launches retiree dental benefit

Military retirees and their TRICARE-eligible family members may be eligible for the new TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP).

Enrollees receive two annual dental exams, two cleanings (three for patients with diabetes) and an x-ray with no out-of-pocket costs when obtained from an in-network provider.

Immediately upon enrollment, beneficiaries are covered for fillings, root canals, gum surgery, oral surgery and dental accidents. After 12 months of continuous enrollment, crowns, dentures, dental implants, and braces are also covered by the plan.

TRDP offers a large nationwide network of dentists to provide covered dental care. The program also coordinates benefits with other dental plans, allowing you to maximize your coverage under both plans and reduce or even eliminate your out-of-pocket dental costs if you choose to use TRDP as a secondary insurer.

Visit trdp.org for more information.

Commissary scholarship applications open Dec. 13

The Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House will again partner in support of the Scholarships for Military Children Program, now in its 17th year.

To date, 9,412 students, all sons or daughters of commissary patrons, have shared \$15,326,000 in scholarship grants through the annual scholarship program, including \$1.4 million for the 2016-2017 school year.

Applications for 2017-2018 scholarships will be available to download at www.militaryscholar.org, beginning Dec. 13.

The program is open to sons and daughters of active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military commissary customers.

Recipients must be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a four-year undergraduate college or university, accredited in the U. S or a two-year community college. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Fisher House Foundation, Inc., an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) charity, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Commissary business partners and others donate to Fisher House Foundation, Inc., which treats each contribution as a "restricted donation."

Every dollar received is given out as a scholarship grant. Fisher House Foundation does not charge for its services, which include the costs of administration and the scholarship management.

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community.

A total of 700 scholarship grants, each for \$2,000, will be awarded for school year 2017-18.

Defense Commissary Agency staff report



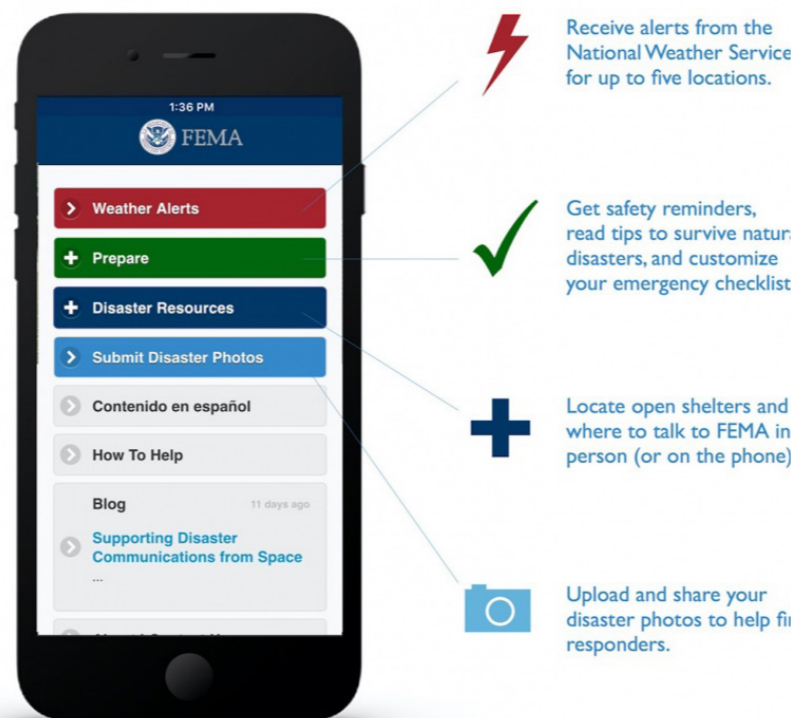
FEMA has an app for disasters

The FEMA app is a one-stop-shop with tools and tips to keep you safe before, during, and after emergencies. Within the app, you can:

- Set reminders to practice emergency plans and refresh emergency supply kits.
- Receive weather-related alerts from the U.S. National Weather Service for up to five different locations.
- Get safety tips on what to do when disaster strikes.
- Upload and share your disaster photos to help out emergency managers.
- Locate open shelters.

The FEMA app is available for iOS (Apple/iPhone), Android (Google), and Blackberry mobile devices.

More info: www.fema.gov/mobile-app.



Army COE forecasts improve state's water management

WASHINGTON D.C. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is participating in a five-year research assessment to investigate improved weather and water forecast modeling for reservoir operations.

USACE maintains more than 12,000 miles of inland navigable waterways; 900 ports and harbors; 14,000 miles of levees; 700 dams; 230 lock chambers; 75 hydropower plants; and 4,000 recreation areas.

These facilities have prevented an estimated \$48.5 billion in damages annually from storms and severe weather.

The Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations in California study will assess the accuracy of new models for atmospheric and river forecasts, and evaluate if that data can be used to better manage reservoir levels.

Better forecasts could impact decisions about releasing water ahead of a big storm to prevent downstream flooding, or decisions to retain water longer when no precipitation is expected.

Initial research is being done at Lake Mendocino, created in 1958 for flood control, water supply and recreation purposes.

The project is a collaboration by USACE and several federal, academic, state, and local partners. Tools produced as a result of this study may improve the Army's ability to reduce disaster risks for Americans and enhance national preparedness for potential crises.

USACE PAO staff report

QR codes make ICE comments easier

Got a customer comment? Put it on ICE! The Presidio of Monterey's Interactive Customer Evaluation system is easier to use than ever before. Garrison organizations around the Presidio now have QR codes displayed in customer service areas.

If you'd like to compliment the service you've received or offer suggestions about how we can do better, all you need is a QR code reader on your smartphone

to access the organization's comment card and submit your issue for review by office and installation leadership.

Submitting comments via the ICE system helps leaders look for trends and identify common issues affecting all Army installations.

If you can't find the QR code on display for a service provider, you can also access ICE through links on the Presidio's home page, at www.monterey.army.mil.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 6

EFMP Women's group

The EFMP Women's group is for women with children or spouses with special needs. Share resources, ask questions and get answers from others who understand. Registration is required. The location will be posted on the EFMP facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PresidioEFMP>. For more information or to RSVP, call (831) 242-7960.

Dec. 7

Spin class

Wake up and go for a spin during the a.m. spinning class Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 5 a.m. at Price Fitness Center (Bldg. 842; 2558 Mason Rd., PoM). For more information, call (831) 242-5557.

ACS Open House

Army Community Service invites the Presidio of Monterey community to explore ACS programs and tour its newly redesigned facility at an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Wed., Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at General Stilwell Community Center, Bldg. 4260 Gigling Rd. (OMC). For more information, call ACS at (831) 242-7660.

Dec. 8

BOSS meeting

BOSS meets at 4:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of every month at Hobson Recreation Center (Bldg. 843, PoM). Activities include volunteer service projects, morale-building activities and events, and leadership opportunities. Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is open to all single service members (or geographical bachelors) assigned to Presidio of Monterey.

Parents as Partners

Parents of children enrolled at the Monterey Road Child Development Center are invited to learn about the most recent happenings. Meet at 5 p.m. at the center, located at 7693 Monterey Rd. (OMC). Parents who attend will receive Parent Points to be used towards discounts off their child care bill.

EFMP Support Group

The EFMP Support Group meets the second Thursday of every month, 6 p.m. in the Gold Room at Army Community Service (OMC). This month, David Grady from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities will present information about due process and complaints in accordance with state and

local laws. EFMP, or Exceptional Family Member Program, provides services and support for military families with members experiencing long-term medical issues, including chronic or severe illness, injuries, behavioral health issues and developmental disabilities. Free childcare is provided by Aptitude Habilitation Services until 8 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call (831) 242-7960.

Dec. 9

Thank Goodness It's Friday

Start your weekend right with TGIF Night, Fridays at Hobson Recreation Center and the Java Cafe. Beginning at 8 p.m., get into the groove with music and beats by DJ JAM-A-LOT. The Java Cafe will be open with beverages available for purchase. Happy Hour is 10-11 p.m. *Must be 21+ to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages.*

Dec. 10

Saturday Night at Hobson Rec

Saturday nights at Hobson Recreation Center and the Java Cafe, DJ JAM-A-LOT spins tunes beginning at 8 p.m. Java Cafe will be open with beverages available for purchase. Happy Hour is 10-11 p.m. *Must be 21+ to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages.*

Dec. 12

Musical Mondays

Parents and children sing together and learn a new children's song, every Monday from 9-10 a.m. at General Stilwell Community Center, Bldg. 4260 Gigling Rd. (OMC). *Musical Mondays will be on holiday hiatus after Dec. 12. Sessions will resume in the new year.*

Line dancing

Learn new moves and have fun with fitness during line dancing classes, Mondays at 5 p.m. at Price Fitness Center (Bldg. 842; 2558 Mason Rd., PoM). Open to all members of the Presidio of Monterey community. For more information, call (831) 242-5557.

Dec. 19

Ski South Lake Tahoe with MWR

Enjoy a three-night stay at a South Lake Tahoe ski resort with MWR Outdoor Recreation. The \$250 fee includes lodging (double-occupancy rooms), transportation, and a complete ski or snowboard equipment rental package (skis/board, boots, helmet and poles). Lift tickets, lessons and meals are extra. You'll also have opportunities to shop, gamble, or check out the nightlife on the California-Nevada state line. For info, call (831) 242-5506 or visit MWR Outdoor Recreation at Lewis Hall, Bldg. 228 (PoM).



Dec. 13

Workshop: Holiday Stress tips

ACS offers Tips for Managing Holiday Stress, 9 a.m.-noon in the Gold Room at Gen. Stilwell Community Center, Bldg. 4260 Gigling Rd. (OMC). Free childcare is available for participants. Call (831) 242-6890 for more information, or email toni.l.mcintyre.civ@mail.mil.



Dec. 13

Jiu Jitsu Combatives

Jiu Jitsu and military combatives group practice is Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. at Price Fitness Center (Bldg. 842; 2558 Mason Rd., PoM). Sessions are open to military and civilian personnel, of any skill levels, who are seeking to improve their physical fitness while developing skills for self-defense and military combatives. For more information, call (831) 242-5557.

Dec. 14

Wednesday Play Group

The ACS New Parent Support Program interactive play group for children age 0-3 meets Wednesday mornings, 10 a.m. at the Gold Room inside Army Community Service's Gen. Stilwell Community Center (OMC). Call (831) 242-7660 or 7196 for more information.

Dec. 15

Smooth Move workshop

Get ready for your next Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move, 3:30 p.m. at the Tin Barn (Bldg. 518; Pvt. Bolio Rd., PoM). Topics include: Using a Checklist, Knowing your Benefits and Entitlements, and Budgeting for Moving. Registration is required. Call (831) 242-7660 for more information.

Dec. 21

Zumba

Step up your workout with Zumba's Latin-inspired rhythms and dance moves, 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Price Fitness Center (Bldg. 842; 2558 Mason Rd., PoM). For more information, call (831) 242-5557.

Dec. 22

BOSS Meeting

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers, meets at 4:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of every month at Hobson Recreation Center (Bldg. 843, PoM). Activities include volunteer service projects, morale-building activities and events, and leadership opportunities. BOSS is open to all single service members (or geographical bachelors) assigned to Presidio of Monterey.

Dec. 22

EFMP Men's group

Men with children or spouses with special needs meet at 6 p.m. at Chili's Grill & Bar (Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Seaside). Share resources, ask questions and get answers from others who understand. Registration required; call ACS at (831) 242-7960 for more information. Download the event flyer at www.mwrmonterey.com/efmp.

Dec. 28

Circuit Training

Focus on fitness during guided Circuit Training, 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Price Fitness Center (Bldg. 842; 2558 Mason Rd., PoM).

For more information, call (831) 242-5557.

Dec. 23-26

Christmas Holiday

Offices may be closed or open alternate hours during the Christmas holiday weekend. Friday, Dec. 23 is a training holiday for the Defense Foreign Language Institute Foreign Language Center. Monday, Dec. 26 is a federal holiday; most DLIFLC, Presidio of Monterey garrison, and other federal agencies are closed.

Dec. 30-Jan. 1

New Year's Holiday

Offices may be closed or open alternate hours during the Christmas holiday weekend. Friday, Dec. 23 is a training holiday for the DLIFLC. Monday, Jan. 2 is a federal holiday; most DLIFLC, Presidio of Monterey garrison, and other federal agencies are closed.

Calling ahead before making a trip to visit any office or organization on POM or OMC during the holiday weekend is advised - however, the services listed have announced limited winter holiday customer service hours.

Dec. 23:

Commissary	9 a.m.-7p.m.
ID Cards	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
ASAP	7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Price Fitness Center	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Hobson Rec Center	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
CYSS	8 a.m.-5p.m.
Porter Youth Center	7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation	9 a.m.-6p.m.
DPW Housing	7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Parks at Monterey Bay	Closes at 1 p.m.

Dec. 24

Commissary	9 a.m.-4p.m.
Price Fitness Center	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Hobson Rec Center	8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dec. 25-26

Most offices & organizations are closed.

Dec. 30:

Commissary	9 a.m.-7p.m.
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Outdoor Recreation	9 a.m.-6p.m.
DPW Housing	7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Parks at Monterey Bay	Closes at 1 p.m.

Dec. 31

Commissary	9 a.m.-4p.m.
Price Fitness Center	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Hobson Rec Center	8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jan. 1-2

Most offices & organizations are closed.

Jan. 3

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Jan. 6

First Friday at Weckerling Center

The Weckerling Center Bar opens on the first Friday of every month at 4:30 p.m. for permanent party service members and civilians, only.

Jan. 7

Bring Your Own Game night

Bring your own game night is the first Saturday of the month, 8 p.m. at Hobson Recreation Center (PoM). Play our board games or bring your own and enjoy free ice cream while you play. www.mwrmonterey.com/hrc.

Jan. 12

BOSS meeting

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Jan. 12

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EFMP Support Group

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Jan. 13-16

MLK Jr. Day observance

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Jan. 19

Smooth Move workshop

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Jan. 26

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News briefs

Family Housing updates

Free mower, weed-eater use for active duty residents

The Parks at Monterey Bay management offices at La Mesa and Ord Military Community have 2-in-1 lawn mower/weed-eater tools available for active duty residents and their families. The tools are available for single day reservations on a first-come, first-served basis at no cost to the resident.

Reminder: Trash bins are a hazard!

Family housing managers remind residents to remove garbage bins from the roadside same day as trash pickup. Removing the bins will improve visibility and safety for drivers and pedestrians, and deter unwanted animal activity.

Maintenance requests

Use the online Resident Portal to submit non-emergency work orders while at home or on the go – sign up for your resident portal account at: www.parksatmonterey.com. Maintenance requests submitted via the portal will be received the next business day, and addressed within 72 hours. For urgent or emergency maintenance requests, call (831) 333-4343.

News briefs

EFMP Adaptive Aquatics

Enrollees in the Exceptional Family Member (EFMP) program may be eligible to enroll in adaptive aquatics instruction at Kernes Adaptive Aquatics in Monterey.

Programs are available for children and adults requiring full or partial assistance in the water and for those able to participate in an unassisted exercise program. There is no cost for qualifying EFMP enrollees. For more information, call (831) 242-7960.

Alcoholics Anonymous/ALANON

Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly on Sundays to provide support for those struggling with alcoholism and sobriety. (The ALANON support group, for those struggling with the impact of a loved one's substance abuse, meets on Thursdays). For more information, call (831) 242-7436 or -6060.

Coaches wanted!

Child, Youth & School Services (CYSS) is seeking volunteer coaches to support youth sports teams throughout the year. For more information, call (831) 242-7809 or -4510.

Suicide Prevention resources

PoM Chaplain

On-call chaplain: (831) 915-1233

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

toll-free: (800) 273-TALK, or -8255

Military One Source

24/7 support: (800) 342-9647

Become an FCC provider!

Family Child Care providers earn an income while working from home, and even while staying home with their own children.

The ACS FCC program offers training, support, and funds to help interested military spouses establish their own in-home child care business. For more information, call (831) 242-5820.

Parent Points

Did you know you can earn Parent Points creditable for a discount on your Child Development Center bill by volunteering, donating items, or attending classes? Get 10% off of one child's tuition for every ten points earned. For info, call (831) 583-1050 or (831) 242-7823.

Breakfast For Your Brain

Free tutoring and mentorship in all STEM-A (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and the Arts) subjects is available for students in grades K-12 at Dudley Knox Library, Naval Postgraduate School (NSA Monterey) every Saturday, April 2 through May 21.

During sessions, NPS faculty will present "Brain Gain," a 15-minute presentation on STEM (new topic each month).

Contact breakfastforyourbrain@nps.edu with student's grade and subject before 5 p.m. the Wednesday prior to attending.

This opportunity is open to all students in the local community - for installation access information, please email the organizer at the email address above.

Youth Karate & Jujitsu

Develop your child's physical ability and confidence with Karate and Jujitsu classes, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Porter Youth Center, 4283 Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. (OMC).

For children ages 5-18. Cost: \$80 per 3-month session, 15% discount for each additional child.

For more information, contact instructor Tyler Owens at (831) 241-8795.

Registration is required, call (831) 242-7823 or visit webtrac.mwr.army.mil.

Sober Warriors Adventure Therapy

Sober Warriors Adventure Therapy (SWAT) is a new program that pairs substance abuse treatment with adventure sports activities to help participants to escape boredom and unhealthy social situations that can lead to substance abuse.

If you're a service member struggling with alcohol or substance use, find out how ASAP can help. Call (831)242-7436 or -6960 to schedule an assessment, or visit the PoM ASAP website at www.monterey.army.mil.

Designated Driver Shuttle

The BOSS program provides volunteer "designated driver" service to all service members living in barracks on the Presidio from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays.

Service members needing a safe ride during those hours can call the SADD Hotline at (831) 601-7812 for a free shuttle ride to the barracks, no questions asked.

Names of those requesting rides are not documented.

eDelivery

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Did you know it cost DoD \$2.5 million to mail the new 1095-C healthcare coverage certification form to military service members and employees last year - many of whom had already elected to receive other tax forms, such as W-2s, 1099s and LES (Leave and Earning Statement), online?

The myPay pay management system allows military members to monitor their pay and direct delivery options of important documents such as W-2s, Leave and Earning Statements and the relatively new 1095-C healthcare coverage certification.

Currently, about 60 percent of U.S. military members elect to get their W-2s online, but only 5 percent have elected electronic delivery only for their 1095-C forms.

Logging on to myPay and selecting secure electronic delivery only for each of your pay-related taxes and documents helps keep your personal information safe, and saves the government money.

"I believe many of our customers are not aware that their tax document delivery elections are not the same," said Cindy Garcia, finance and customer service director for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

"We're hoping these military members and federal civilian employees log onto their myPay accounts and make sure their choices reflect electronic delivery-only. In that way, they're increasing their own personal information security, saving their service or agency money, and enhancing the convenience myPay provides them."

The deadline to make an electronic delivery-only selection for W-2 forms is Dec. 1. IRS Form 1095 delivery selection must be made no later than Dec. 31.

The DFAS tax statement release schedule will be released in late November and will be posted on the agency's website at www.dfas.mil.

To change your tax form elections, visit: <http://go.usa.gov/xknFA> (CAC required).



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MONTEREY, Calif. — *The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's Joint Service Choir sings carols during the Presidio of Monterey Chapel Holiday Tree Lighting event Dec. 1, 2016. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO*