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On the cover: *Kazu Deguchi, Kobe Seijoh High School student, tries on firefighter gear to the delight of her classmates and Presidio of Monterey firefighters Jermaine McClain (center) and Nick Colwell (right) during the students' visit to Ord Military Community Aug. 3. See page 14. Photo by Brian Lepley*

Garrison CSM reports from Fort Bragg

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

Presidio of Monterey welcomed Command Sgt. Major Roberto Marshall as the installation's senior enlisted advisor August 16.

He comes here from serving as Sergeant Major of the Theater Signal Support Company, 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Prior to that assignment, Marshall served as the battalion command sergeant major at Fort Bliss, Texas, for two battalions:

the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion and Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

Upon graduation from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy in May 2009, Marshall served as the S-5 Operations sergeant major at USASMA. He came to USASMA after two terms as first sergeant at Fort Bragg; first in Company D, 82nd Signal Battalion, then with Company C, Special Troops Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

CSM Marshall deployed twice while serving in the 82nd, once to Operation Enduring Freedom and to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Among Marshall's awards are the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters.



CSM Roberto Marshall

Ex-CIA clandestine boss praises DLIFLC mission

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The Central Intelligence Agency knows as well as any government agency the value of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

Frank Archibald, director of the CIA's National Clandestine Service from May 2013 to January 2015, reported that to DLIFLC faculty and staff Aug. 18.

Archibald spoke about how language and culture has helped him throughout his national security career and offered encouragement to the teachers in getting their students to achieve higher proficiency levels.

"Individuals in relationship to the state are more powerful today than they ever were before and that is because of technology," he said, displaying his cellphone. "Technology can be a power for good or a power for evil."

Throughout his career Archibald's work focused on international relations between states such as that between the Soviet Union and the U.S in the Cold War, but today individuals are becoming more powerful through digital connectivity.

He stressed the importance of understanding relationships down to the individual, and with that comes the thorough

understanding of language and culture.

"When I was in Zaire (Democratic Republic of the Congo), once a month I would go places in the east where they haven't had anybody from the embassy in decades," said Archibald, and then, following one particular trip, "one of the linguists said to me 'Frank, you're always so much better in French the day you come back from your trips to the east.'"

These trips are how Archibald dealt with language and culture understanding in his career.

"When speaking with someone of another culture, not only must linguists understand the

foreign language but their body language and the context of what they are saying within that culture," he said. "These things often become lost through use of interpreters."

Therefore, Archibald encouraged the faculty to motivate their students to strive for fluency, but he understands that fluency takes time and students must be committed.

"Tell them it is a lifelong journey. The ability to speak a foreign language and understand someone else's culture is a gift that they take with them throughout their life. It will broaden their life experience, but it takes commitment," he said.

Thrilled with 3rd place

2 Olympic pole vault records drop USAR 2Lt to bronze in Rio

*Story and photo by Tim Hipps,
Installation Management Command PAO*

RIO DE JANEIRO -- Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Sam Kendricks was content to walk away with the Olympic bronze medal following what he called "the most enjoyable pole vault competition of his life" Aug. 15 at the Rio Olympic Games.

It took two Olympic records, set by the gold and silver medalists, to top Kendricks' vault of 19 feet 2 inches and push him to third place on a rainy Monday night at the Olympic Stadium.

"I know that the Olympics is like a high tide, it raises all boats," Kendricks said. "It brings the best out of all of us. I was so happy to watch my friend Thiago set his personal best, in his home country, in front of his home crowd."

"I think that I thrived off that as well."

Brazil's Thiago Braz da Silva won the gold with an Olympic record vault of 19 feet, 9 inches. France's Renaud Lavillenie took the silver at 19 feet 7 inches.

"I did not set a personal best but I attempted it, and I missed it very close three times, so I cannot be ashamed of my



U.S. Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Sam Kendricks of Oxford, Miss., wins the bronze medal in the men's pole vault with a mark of 5.85 meters at the 2016 Olympic Games on Aug. 15, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.

effort," said Kendricks, 23, a University of Mississippi graduate from Oxford who has been pole vaulting for 10 years. "I'm very proud of my bronze."

"This particular competition was a lot of fun to me. I knew all of the competitors by name. They are all good friends of mine. We travel together and have competed together many times. We even trade victories very often."

Kendricks further elaborated about the "down home" atmosphere of the pole vault event at South America's inaugural Olympics.

"It didn't feel like the Olympic final while I was out there,"

Kendricks continued. "I know that's odd to say, but we all knew each other so well and there were so many bumps and hurdles in the middle, it kind of didn't feel like a smooth-running Olympic event. It felt more like friends jumping out there together."

The drama peaked as the clock approached midnight, partly because of rain delays, which made for one long night at the pole vault pit.

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Denied Denali summit, Soldier gains fiancée

Captain's climb honors comrades lost to suicide

By Joe Budnik, US Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District PAO

DENALI NATIONAL PARK, Alaska -- Braving snowstorms, hauling gear, and risking your life might not sound like fun to most people, but if you're a mountaineer, they can make for an ideal summer vacation.

For Capt. Stephen Austria, project engineer in the Army Corps of Engineers, an unguided expedition in June climbing the highest mountain in North America, Denali (formerly known as Mount McKinley), was a dream come true. He made the climb with his girlfriend, Rebecca Melesciuc, hoping to raise some awareness of Soldier suicide.

"Not many people want to do things like that. It is cool to say I have climbed it," Austria said of the 20,310-foot peak.

During the climb, Austria carried an American flag to honor Soldiers he knew who had taken their own lives, including his best friend and fellow Soldier with the 82nd Airborne Division. The flag had been with Austria on every mission while he was deployed to Iraq.

"[Soldier suicide] is a bigger issue than what some people make it out to be," he said. "I climbed for veterans in general, too. It is a unique family that we are a part of."

Austria and Melesciuc began planning their journey to Denali more than a year ago. The two winter camped in Hatcher's Pass near Palmer to master their equipment, acclimate to

the cold, and practice cooking outside. The duo also trained in avalanche and crevasse rescue and honed their knot-tying skills, Austria said. Preparation was key for the pair.

The couple packed about 280 pounds of supplies for the 28-day trek, including cold weather clothing, avalanche beacons, climbing equipment,

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Capt. Stephen Austria, USACE-Alaska District, proposes to his girlfriend and climbing partner, Rebecca Melesciuc, at the "Edge of the World" overlook at 14,000-foot elevation on Denali.

Pole vault bronze

"I learned today that nobody pays attention to the weather in Brazil because it can change so fast," Kendricks said. "We just had to adapt to that. I doubted that they would move the competition to tomorrow because the Rio de Janeiroans and the people of Brazil love to stay out late and they would stay around to watch.

"Thiago fed off that, for sure," he said.

After missing his third attempt at 5.93 meters or 19 feet 5 inches, Kendricks became a spectator, saying he will be proud to take the bronze medal home to Mississippi from Rio de Janeiro. "All my unit is watching back home, the 655th Road Dogs.

"They say back home, and jokingly in track circles, that if you win a medal it will change your life," he said. "I think your life is changed on the way to that medal. With all the journeys and sacrifices that you make and all the training that you do, and the people you leave at home to watch, that is really the value of the medal."

NAF budget crunch means PoM services cut 25%

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

A cut of more than \$100 million for Installation Management Command's Non-Appropriated Funds Category B budget means a 25 percent budget reduction in recreation programs at the Presidio of Monterey.

"Reallocation of funds to Army readiness will impact recreation services across the Army," said Col. Lawrence Brown, garrison commander of the Presidio. "Our primary goal is to examine services provided by funding that will be cut,

rate the popularity of these, and make adjustments as needed. We have determined the priority of our customers: service members, their families, and our civilian employees."

IMCOM commanding general, Lt. Gen.

Kenneth Dahl, explains the cuts in this video: <https://youtu.be/JyDtOgqdXEc>

"Please watch this to get an understanding of the CG's decision making process and hear him state for the record that childcare services and children and

youth services will not be affected," Brown said. "The CG allowed local garrisons to make their own decisions on what services to reduce."

As of Oct. 1 the Presidio's recreation services will be impacted in these ways:

- Decreased staffing in Price Fitness Center, Hobson Recreation Center and Outdoor Recreation.
- No intramural sports officials. Units will self-officiate intramural games.
- Modest decrease in weekend DJ services at Hobson Recreation Center.
- Modest decrease in staff-organized rec programs and services at Hobson Recreation Center.
- Slightly increased prices for the recreational vehicle storage lot.



Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, IMCOM commanding general, talks about NAF budget cuts on YouTube.

Denali denied

sleeping gear, probes, shovels, sleds, and 100 pounds of food. As a testament to Melesciuc's toughness, she carried more than her weight in provisions, Austria said.

Aside from the physical demands of the climb itself, the two found the psychological challenges of the excursion (like fighting boredom during bad weather) particularly difficult.

"It is mostly mental," Melesciuc explained. "I really wanted to sprint up that mountain, but it is about making the right call when the weather is bad and waiting it out. You

need to take care of yourself."

Inclement weather prevented the couple from reaching the summit, but Austria accomplished a major milestone in life by proposing to Melesciuc on an overlook at 14,000 feet in elevation -- the highest point the two reached.

"We really wanted to see this area of camp called 'Edge of the World,'" Melesciuc said. "There were two park rangers out there moving a weather station, and Stephen asked if they could take our picture. The ring was hiding in the coat. He dropped down and proposed. It was a surprise."

Ultimately, the three weeks on the side of a

mountain and the days they spent trapped in a tent served as a good test for the newly-engaged couple.

"We were not killing each other, yet," Austria joked. "We were still talking."

Both agree that scaling more mountains is in their future. They plan to return to Denali and eventually reach the summit. In the meantime, they will focus on Austria's Army career and other expeditions. Melesciuc adores the Chugach Mountain Range and hopes to climb several of its peaks this year.

Until their return, Denali will be waiting for them.

Wild finish nets Soldier silver in 5000M

Story and photo by Tim Hipps,
Installation Management Command PAO

RIO DE JANEIRO -- Spc. Paul Chelimo relied on his second personal best in three days in the 5,000-meter run at the Rio Olympic Games, where he eventually claimed the silver medal Aug. 20.

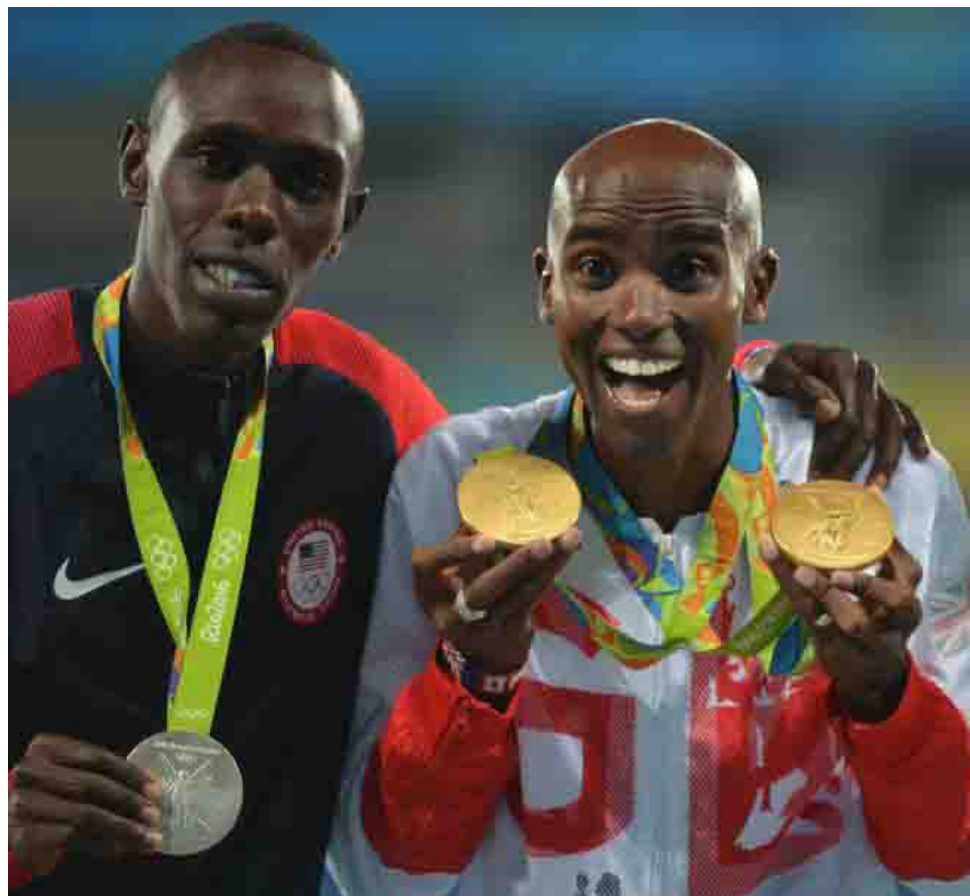
But his greatest challenge came moments after the race, when an NBC journalist informed him that he had been disqualified for lane infringement.

"Getting the news from the television reporter that I was disqualified, that was the most heartbreaking thing in my life," said Chelimo, 25, a native of Iten, Kenya, who trains in Beaverton, Oregon, as a Soldier in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. Chelimo ran his personal-best time of 13 minutes 19.54 seconds to win his qualifying heat on Aug. 17. At the finals, Aug. 20, he pushed past that time by more than 15 seconds to finish runner-up to Great Britain's Mo Farah in 13:03.94.

The race featured a lot of pushing, shoving and stumbling by numerous

runners throughout, and came down to a frenetic sprint to the finish in the final 200 meters.

"It was really tactical two or three laps into the race with two Ethiopians trying to lead," Chelimo said. "I was trying to stay in between them, but they wouldn't let me. They kept pushing me and kept blocking me the whole time because they were working as a team."



RIO DE JANEIRO -- After the 5,000 meter race, silver medalist Spc. Paul Chelimo (left), U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, poses with gold medalist Mo Farah of Great Britain.

Once Farah had worked his way to the front, Chelimo knew he had to work his way out of the box or other runners could pass on the outside to collect the silver and bronze medals.

"I was the guy inside in lane one, the guy inside behind Mo Farah" Chelimo said. "I couldn't stay there the whole time. I wanted to medal, too, so I had to look for position to get out and go into contention."

During that process, track officials briefly disqualified Chelimo for stepping on the inside lane line, but the disqualification was overturned upon appeal, and Chelimo won his silver medal.

"They said it was infringement, but going back to what happened is people were pushing back and forth," Chelimo explained.

The appeal process was the longest wait of his life, Chelimo said. Secretary

of the Army Eric Fanning, who attended the games as a member of President Barack Obama's U.S. Delegation to Brazil, said the entire delegation was pulling for Chelimo.

"I'm only here because of these Army Soldiers," Fanning said. "That's the reason I'm part of this delegation. But it was fun for the entire delegation to have an extra reason to cheer, not just for the United States but for the Army, so they were screaming loudly for him: 'Who's your Soldier? Who's your Soldier?'"

One of the delegation members, four-time Olympian and six-time Olympic medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey, believed all along that Chelimo would be reinstated.

"Pushing and shoving is a part of the sport," she said. "That's what you do, so I was glad to see our track and field federation was on it and got the protest in there. We prevailed, and I was glad to see him up on that podium."

For Chelimo, now that the Olympics are over, his real work begins. As a Soldier and member of the World Class Athlete Program, he will take his medal on tour throughout the U.S. as a trainer and an inspiration to America's youth.

Sunshine savings *Solar panels provide cheaper, more efficient energy on PoM*



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.

*Story and photo 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).

efficient energy on PoM

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.

"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 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

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Sunshine savings

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 do incur a surcharge, those savings will be reflected on their bills, Coen said. (Full disclosure: 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.

A poster for the 'Presidio Has Mad Talent Singing Competition'. The background is dark with a central image of a person in a dynamic pose, possibly singing or dancing, with a bright, starry light effect behind them. The text is arranged on the right side of the poster.

2016 **Presidio Has Mad Talent**

Singing Competition

Competition Start
9 September at 19:30

Semi Finals
16 September at 19:30

Finals
23 September at 19:30

Prizes: 1st Place—\$500
2nd Place—\$250
3rd Place—\$125

Presidio Has Mad Talent is a premier singing competition for individual performers. This competition provides a way for Active Duty Military and their Family Members to showcase their vocal talents to the world.

Note: All Contestants must sign up at HRC by COB on September 7, 2016.

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Whither China? topic for Navy expert at FAO session

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

Kathleen Walsh, associate professor of national security affairs at the U.S. Naval War College China Maritime Studies Institute, presented lectures on China at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center July 21.

Walsh spoke about two current topics of interest in international affairs in her presentation titled "21st Century China: U.S. partner, rival or adversary?" to students studying Mandarin Chinese and to Foreign Area Officers in language training at the institute.

"Western scholars don't truly understand China. They try to predict where China might fail, but they are not doing a very good job of explaining why China has succeeded despite all the challenges and obstacles," said Walsh.

The first topic covered the South China Sea and a recent ruling from the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, Netherlands. On July 12, the court ruled in favor of the Philippines in the 2013 case Republic of Philippines v. People's Republic of China in the Spratly Islands dispute.

The Spratly Islands are a cluster of more than 100 reefs, sandbanks and islets in the South China Sea. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, China and Taiwan all lay claim to some or all of the islands. The court's ruling states that China's claim of having historic rights to the islands is invalid under international law because China has artificially built up islands of

interest, while technically no feature in the Spratly Islands meets the definition of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Additionally, it is not clear if China lays claim to only land territory or all the territorial waters surrounding the islands.

Either way, China has stated that it will not abide by the court ruling.

"I think this issue is going to be a turning point in China-U.S. relations and global affairs. It will determine if China is a partner, rival or adversary," said Walsh.

Under the U.N. definition an island must be self-sufficient, with an ability to sustain human life, including producing fresh water. However, China claims that each islet is, in fact, an island and contains its own exclusive economic zone, or EEZ. This is where the South China Sea dispute is today.

Walsh further explained the significance of the Spratly's. An EEZ is 200 nautical miles from the coast under U.N. law. If each reef or islet scattered throughout the sea were to theoretically have an EEZ that belonged to China, no ships could transit the South China Sea without Chinese permission placing Southeast Asian economies and the world economy under Chinese control, according to Walsh. Modern Chinese maps already show the Spratly's as part of China.

China also interprets an EEZ to mean no presence of foreign military assets within the zone. The U.S. Navy and Air Force, along with other forces in the region, frequently enter the South China Sea which currently holds a "freedom of navigation"

status.

"Why are the Chinese doing this? Are they going to continue and what does this

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"21st Century China: U.S. partner, rival or adversary?" was the subject of a presentation by Kathleen Walsh, associate professor of national security affairs, U.S. Naval War College China Maritime Studies Institute, at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center July 21.

Whither China?

mean?” Walsh asked the students in an open ended question referring back to her opening statement that scholars do not fully understand China.

The second topic covered Chinese globalization through China’s Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-century Maritime Silk Road, which is better known as the One Belt, One Road initiative.

In this initiative China is establishing infrastructure across Central Asia, which closely follows the historic Silk Road, to better establish trade with Europe. China is also building in Africa as part of the maritime Silk Road, which passes through the South China Sea and transits the Indian Ocean to Africa.

China is expanding its economic zones outside of its own borders as an alternative to the U.S. dominated international order. According to Walsh, this is an effort to marginalize the U.S. by looking west

and uniting Eurasia and Africa under the Chinese model of globalization. The initiative is going particularly well in Africa as China is building infrastructure that the African countries otherwise could not afford, especially improvements to ports, highways and railroads.

China and the U.S. view these actions differently. Where the U.S. may perceive some things China does as a threat, China sees itself as only modernizing under its own model of globalization.

“The Chinese are succeeding. They believe their model is the best,” said Walsh, which led her to ask another open ended question. “Is communism dead in China?”

Socialism with Chinese characteristics was best described by Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader after Mao Zedong, in 1989 when he said, “You are in a room with two doors. One door says politics; one door says economics. If you open the economic door, you can go the full distance to basically whatever you want. If you open the political door, you are going to run right into walls, and eventually you are going to run into the State.”

Today, Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China, is putting ideology (Maoism/Marxism) back on the table.

“We thought the Chinese were becoming more like us – predictable if you will – but now it is going the other way,” said Walsh. “Is Xi the new China? To be determined – we’ll have to wait and see whether China is partner, rival or adversary.”

FAOs, who come from the four branches of the U.S. military, are regionally focused and are considered experts on political-military issues.



The Spratly Islands are a cluster of more than 100 reefs, sandbanks and islets in the South China Sea. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, China and Taiwan all lay claim to some or all of the islands. Courtesy image by CIA World Factbook.

Coming home

Teamwork on and off PoM a priority for commander

By Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Ronald Reagan was the commander in chief when Lawrence Brown decided to join the military as an Army Ranger and four years later the California Army National Guard before getting his commission through ROTC.

Now Col. Brown is the garrison commander of the Presidio of Monterey and shares his initial thoughts here about his newest assignment.

Q: The Presidio garrison is a disparate group of units and missions. What do you see as guiding your leadership in this assignment and how you will incorporate that here?

A: Teamwork does not just apply to our garrison workforce, but our teamwork relationship extends to the Defense Language Institute, California Medical Detachment, Fort Ord Reuse Authority, California State University-Monterey Bay, cities of Monterey, Seaside, and Marina, et. al. I'll strive to get us working together with all governmental agencies and affiliates, serving our citizens and service members and making the Monterey Peninsula a great place to live, work and play.

Q: What was the extent of your experience with Installation Management Command before arriving here?

A: After 29 years of living and interacting with Army garrisons worldwide, one over

time learns how they operate and what type of services they provide. Although I never had an opportunity to serve within IMCOM before, I am very familiar with how they operate, being a direct beneficiary of garrison services and support from the rank of private all the way up to colonel.

Q: Have you determined near-term and long-term priorities as commander?

A: In the short term I intend to maintain a good quality of life and services for our service members, DoD Civilians, and families. For a long term priority, I will assess our USAG Presidio processes and systems for optimization and evaluate whether they meet the common sense test. If they don't, we'll adjust so that they do meet common sense standards.

Q: As an operational Military Intelligence officer for the last dozen years, you're encountering a completely different assignment and environment here at the Presidio. Was there a time in your career when you faced such a drastic change, and how did you adapt and succeed?

A: The Army is about change more than anything. The Army has always been

about change. The difference today is that change comes about quicker than any time before in our nation's history. I have faced change in Haiti, Germany, Korea, Iraq, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. I have moved as a result of BRAC, inactivated units, activated units, reflagged units and deployed units. Change here at the Presidio is not as dramatic these days as the closing of Fort Ord in 1994 or the increased PoM force protection posture after 9-11. Instead, we face changes with the planned conveyance of Sharpe Army Depot in Lathrop, the building of 21st Century DLI educational facilities and barracks, the implementation of the Inter-governmental Service Agreement with the City of Monterey, and developing Lower Presidio for municipal and historic purposes.

Q: How did you end up with this assignment?

A: It's quite an honor to be the Garrison Commander here. The Presidio of Monterey is the most beautiful installation I've been assigned to in my 29 year military career. I have been assigned to several historic Army posts, but the daily view of Monterey Bay from the Presidio is absolutely breathtaking. Like most Army colonels, as part of a command assignment process, I was assigned here by the Chief of Staff of the Army. I feel especially fortunate for being here, being a California native and a former member of the California National Guard.



Col. Lawrence Brown

Nisei legacy core of DLIFLC founding

By Patrick Bray
Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center
PAO

Just prior to and then during World War II, foreign language became associated with military intelligence missions. Before then and dating back to the dawn of the United States as a nation, language served more of a diplomatic function or for the purposes of deciphering scientific and engineering texts such as those written in French during the Napoleonic Era. The U.S. Army, recognizing the importance of foreign language, began teaching French at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1803. Spanish was later added

after the 1846-1848 Mexican-American War.

Some U.S. Army officers were game changers in the field of language training such as Gen. Joseph Stilwell who had been intimately involved with China since the 1920s and into World War II. Both he and Gen. George Marshall both 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.

Considering the strained relations between Japan and the U.S. leading up to World War II, a small group of officers with previous tours of duty in Japan recognized the need for an intelligence unit, which would be able to understand the Japanese language. This group of officers was headed by Lt. Col. John Weckerling and Capt. Kai E. Rasmussen.

It was 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 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. Very 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, when 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

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Nisei legacy

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.



An early class at the Presidio of San Francisco, which served as the first location for training of Americans of Japanese ancestry, known as Nisei, to understand the Japanese language.

Courtesy photo from Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Historian's Office

75th Anniversary
Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center

Tickets are available for purchase via the DLI Foundation website at www.DLI-Foundation.org

Tickets \$75
Faculty \$45
Students \$35

Hyatt Regency, Monterey
Nov. 5, 2016
from 6 to 11 p.m.

The Hyatt Regency, home of this year's ball, is holding a limited number of rooms for ball attendees at these rates:

Single/Double Occupancy: \$205

Triple Occupancy: \$230

Quadruple Occupancy: \$255

Click here to reserve yours: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14504552/owner/4475/home>

DoD training official visits “amazing” language classes

Story and photo by Natela Cutter, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Training and Education visited the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center July 25.

On the job only since July 6, Diana Banks came west to learn more about the institute’s mission.

During her several-hour visit to the Presidio, Banks observed a Korean and Arabic Iraqi dialect language class.

“The classroom was amazing,” she said of the Korean language students. “The level of instruction is top notch and students are motivated. They clearly see the connection between what they are doing and the national security mission at large, which is great.”

As a relatively new DASD in Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Banks is charged with making sure that there is a ready force and that the services are putting a joint effort into education and training in order to defend the nation in the future.

“The Force Education and Training directorate was specifically put together with some of the readiness pieces that affect individual service members directly, such as education training, final readiness, etc. Putting those all together under one directorate (was the goal) so we could get some synergies out of policy coordination,” she said.

Banks recognizes the necessity for learning foreign language and culture within the ranks of the military and the Department of Defense, stating that it reflects the very diversity of our nation’s composition.

“The need for people to really understand the world around us (is important) so that we can better shape the environment we

are working in. I think that is what language and culture really drives at the heart of it,” she said.

Banks, a Stanford and Harvard University graduate, said there is recognition within the government that long-term investment in foreign language and culture education “pays off dividends in the future.”

“It is a little bit of money, when you look at the defense budget overall (and) it’s not that much money, but it really buys us a capability that can’t be matched,” she concluded.



Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Training and Education Diana Banks listens to Col. Phil Deppert (left), Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center commandant, explain learning Modern Standard Arabic and the Iraqi dialect simultaneously.

Kobe connection

ōkō hōmon includes Presidio's FD, PD



Kobe Seijoh High School students pose with Presidio of Monterey firefighters at the end of their visit to the fire department Aug. 3.

*Story and photos by Brian Lepley,
Presidio of Monterey PAO*

Supporting foreign language and cultural training is the Presidio of Monterey's primary mission and once a summer, the Presidio's Directorate of Emergency Services does the same for young visitors from Japan.

For the past 26 years, the Kobe Seijoh High School has brought 20-30 teenagers to Monterey every summer. From mid-July to the start of August, the students attend English classes at Santa Catalina School and take field trips to learn about

American culture.

One of those field trips during the last 10 years has been to the police and fire departments of PoM, a tradition that was renewed Aug. 3.

"They're always very excited to be engaged and it makes us excited to interact with them," said Issac Johnson, a firefighter who's been on hand for the visit the last two years.

"To be able to share your passion with eager people with a desire to learn is fun," he said. "I'm a hands-on learner and to see the same from young people, high schoolers, from another culture is a great experience."

PoM police Sgt. Jerry Petersen established the Kobe Seijoh High School's visit to the police department beginning in 2007. The class added a fire department visit in 2009.

His wife, Multi-Language School employee Dawn Petersen, was Kobe Seijoh's connection to PoM. The visiting students stay in local family's homes and Dawn's grandparents became a host family in 1993.

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The Kobe Seijoh High School group take pictures of their classmates climbing the ladder truck.



Presidio of Monterey firefighter Issac Johnson demonstrates a firefighter's full gear, which he donned in a minute, for visiting students from Kobe Seijoh High School Aug. 3.

Kobe connection

"In 1996 the program asked me to be a coordinator for field trips, interview families who were interested in becoming host families," she said. "They attend classes from 8 a.m. to noon and spend afternoons visiting places like the Monterey Sports Center, Cannery Row, Carmel, 17 Mile Drive. They meet the Monterey mayor."

Inviting the Japanese visitors to visit PoM emergency services exposes a unique cultural experience to the wide-eyed students.

"The reason for this trip is to learn about another culture, and be immersed in it, and the students come here with little to no formal English," Dawn said. "They are quite often scared that they will not do well. But, then in a couple of days, with the use of electronic translators and dictionaries, also some sign language, they get comfortable and enjoy their time here."



Kobe Seijoh High School students Yuto Harima (left) and Rin Emura climb back down from the Presidio of Monterey's ladder truck during their visit to Ord Military Community Aug. 3.

September is DoD Suicide Prevention Awareness Month



Buddy Pledge

I pledge to be supportive, intervene and act to help you overcome challenges and strengthen resilience. I challenge you to encourage Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, Veterans, Civilian Employees, Families, and all members of the community to seek assistance when needed. I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you as we work towards enhancing resilience and promoting wellness



POM On-Call Chaplain

831 915-1233

Suicide Prevention Service of Central Coast

831 649-8008

Military/Veteran Crisis Line

800 273-8255 (TALK)

Military OneSource

800 342-9647

Employee Assistance Program

800 937-7770

POM Staff Duty

831 242-6912



TRICARE offering dental benefit for military retirees, families

Are you a military retiree or benefits-eligible family member of a retired service member?

You may be eligible for a new benefit, the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP).

Enrollees can receive two annual exams, two cleanings (or three for Type 1/Type 2 diabetics) and an x-ray, with no out-of-pocket costs when obtained from an in-network provider.

Immediately upon enrollment taking

effect, beneficiaries are covered for routine services, 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. Network dentists have agreed to accept reduced fees for covered services— you'll pay only the expected cost share and deductible, with no "surprise costs."

To find a network dentist near you, use the "Find a Dentist" link at trdp.org.

The TRDP 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.

More than 1.5 million people have enrolled, but many more are eligible.

Visit www.trdp.org for more information or to enroll.

229th NCO at TRADOC battle of the platoon sgts

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

Staff Sgt. Emanuel Olivencia is in the fight this first week of September at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, trying to live up to his first sergeant's opinion of him.

The Training and Doctrine Command U.S. Army Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition is completed Sept. 9. Olivencia, of Company D, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, is the Presidio of Monterey's representative.

"He is a phenomenal NCO - the epitome of professionalism. He comes to his job every day with a vigor few can match," said D Co. 1st Sgt. Jacob Holland.

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 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 a PT test, followed by an evaluation of their tactical proficiency through Warrior Skills and Battle Drills testing. Nominees 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 is with his NCO this week and said Olivencia's competence, his personal drive to be the best, and to bring out the best in his Soldiers, will be the staff sergeant's best assets this week.

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



Staff Sgt. Emanuel Olivencia was recognized by Col. Phil Deppert, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center commandant, July 12 as the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion Platoon Sergeant of the Year.
Photo by Patrick Bray, DLIFLC PAO

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 battling a 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. Syllas Jumper. "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. Syllas 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.



AROUND THE SERVICES

When 26.2 miles is not enough

AF NCO tackles ultramarathons

Story and photo by Alannah Don,
6th Air Mobility Wing PAO

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.— Inspiration for the modern marathon stems from the legend of a Greek soldier who ran from Marathon to Athens to deliver news of the defeated Persian army.

More than two millennia later, one airman is working on a personal, ultra-legend.

Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Dupertuis, aircrew flight equipment superintendent, 6th Operations Support Squadron here, competes in ultramarathons, any race longer than the traditional marathon length of 26.2 miles. They run between 30 to 100 miles.

"The Big D Marathon in Dallas, Texas, was eye-opening. By about mile 18 my body started breaking down," Dupertuis said,

recalling how unforgiving the pavement had been.

His interest in running began while stationed at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, where he says he was introduced to trail running during daily physical training.

"I've always enjoyed being outside and running in the woods," Dupertuis said. "It's quieter, less crowded and lets me enjoy the wildlife and terrain around me."

Dupertuis said he continued trail running after he changed duty stations. The more he ran, he said, the more he enjoyed the sport. With the support of a nearby trail running community and his family, Dupertuis attempted his first ultramarathon.

"I started running ultramarathons because I wanted to prove to myself and

others that I could," Dupertuis said. "I had already run a marathon, and I figured that 50 kilometers wasn't much further."



But, he said, his first ultramarathon, a 50-kilometer event, started off on the wrong foot -- a failure he believes to be the result of inadequate preparation.

"I was going back out to do the last eight miles and I

tripped; caught my toe and my legs cramped up," he said. "Everything cramped up and I was exhausted. I pushed through because my wife and kids were going to be at the finish line. I wanted to show my kids that if you push, you can finish anything you start."

To date, Dupertuis has logged two ultramarathons and many shorter long-distance races. His longest run so far is a 100-kilometer ultramarathon.

2 Soldiers in WH Fellows group

DefenseLink

Five service members are among 16 men and women appointed to the 2016-2017 class of White House Fellows, the President's Commission on White House Fellowships announced.

The program was created in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson to give promising American leaders "first hand, high-level experience with the workings of the Federal government, and to increase their sense of participation in national affairs."

The service members selected are: Army Maj. Raven Bukowski last served as the director of intelligence for 5th Special Forces Group, where she

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WH Fellows group

led the intelligence effort for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Syria.

Coast Guard Lt. Linden Dahlkemper most recently served as an instructor in the department of humanities at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., where she volunteered as an intercollegiate sailing team coach, musical theater director and cadet mentor.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Lloyd Edwards led special operations SEAL teams throughout Africa, Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, and has deployed twice to Afghanistan and three times to Iraq.

Army Lt. Col. Timothy Gatlin most recently served as the strategic planner of the Army's Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention Program.

Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Morales recently served as commander of the 538th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron in Kabul, Afghanistan.

The Fellows program is designed to broaden their knowledge of leadership, policy formulation and current affairs.

26 pull ups latest fitness feat for Marine

Story and photo by USMC Cpl. Alvin Pujols, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD THE USS BOXER -- A Marine walks up to a pullup bar. She takes a deep breath; leaps up and grabs hold ... one, two, three, four. She cranks out pullup after pullup ... 18, 19, 20 ... and when she can't do any more, she drops down and smoke seems to puff up from her boots.

With 26 pullups, USMC Cpl. Tori Best, a combat engineer with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, secured her place as the female record-holder aboard the USS Boxer.

Her record is only seven behind the male record-holder aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer during Western Pacific Deployment 16-1.

Best said her upbringing in Anchorage, Alaska, gave her the tools to excel and overcome any challenge, whether physical or mental.

"I grew up really active," she said. "I did cross country running and I eventually got into rock and ice climbing. I remember every summer we'd be hiking and fishing. It was this really active lifestyle. So it was never a thought about going to



USMC Cpl. Tori Best, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

the gym and being fit. It was something we needed to be to enjoy life."

"It was the competition between me and my brother that sparked my ability to do pullups," Best said. "I was doing ten pullups at a time before I enlisted, and even before I went to boot camp I was able to do sixteen. Then, during [training], we would do pyramid workouts where we did five pullups all the way down to one and back up. I started including five pullups after every workout and during the competition on the Boxer I was able to do 26."

After graduating high school

early, Best said she was determined to fulfill her dream of serving in the military.

"I was born in the states, but my family is Canadian and it is my belief that if you enter a new country you should serve in its military," she said.

Best went to her local recruiter's office and demonstrated her abilities.

"Being an infantry Marine was something my recruiter brought up the first time I went to see him," she said. "He saw I could do pull ups and asked me if I was interested in going to Infantry Training Battalion and it really sparked my interest."



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 10

Financial Readiness training

ACS financial readiness training can help you make informed decisions about future debt, retirement savings, estate planning and more, 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at the Tin Barn (PoM). *Next class: Sept. 24.*

This training is open to all military personnel, civilian employees, and their families. Service members in an initial entry training status and their spouses are especially encouraged to attend.

To register, call (831) 242-5501 or email clifford.o.thornburg.civ@mail.mil.

September 14

Bike ride & tidepooling

Join MWR for a ride on the Coastal Recreation trail to explore Asilomar State Beach and its incredible tide pools.

Cost per trip is \$15 and includes a 2-3 hour guided trip, bicycle, lock and helmet rental. Patrons can remain with the group for the full tour, or continue exploring on their own and return equipment the next day.

Sunset Kayak Tour

Relax and gain a brand new perspective on the sights

and sounds of Cannery Row and Monterey Bay during this evening kayak tour from the Coast Guard pier.

Cost for your choice of trip is \$35 per person (includes equipment rental). Call (831) 242-5506.

September 15, 22

Garrison SHARP training

Garrison employees are reminded to attend annual employee SHARP (Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention) training before the end of this fiscal year. The next session is 3:30 p.m. at the Tin Barn (Building 518, PoM). The class is approximately 1 hour.

Additional sessions scheduled at this location: Sept. 15 (9 a.m.) and 22 (5:30 p.m.).

September 16

'Presidio Has Mad Talent' semifinals

Round 2 of the "Presidio Has Mad Talent" singing competition, 7:30 p.m. at Hobson Recreation Center. The competition continues with Round 3 on Sept. 23.

September 16-17

Laugh your way to a better marriage

Explore opportunities for couples to grow individually

and as a family during this two-day workshop, which includes 2 three-hour sessions, on Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. and Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. Register at least one week prior for free childcare (limited availability; first come, first served). Children must be registered with Presidio of Monterey CYSS; for more information call (831) 242-7765.

September 16-18

Outdoor skills training at Yosemite

BOSS program members are invited to learn outdoorsmanship and survival skills during this two-day camping excursion to Yosemite National Park. The BOSS program provides leadership, volunteer, and recreational opportunities for single service members assigned to Presidio of Monterey. For more information or to sign up, contact cassandra.r.gonzalez.naf@mail.mil.

September 22

BOSS general meeting

Single service members are invited to attend PoM Better Opportunities for Single Service Members (BOSS) general meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, 4:30 p.m. at Hobson

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Recreation Center. For more information, contact cassandra.r.gonzalez.naf@mail.mil.

September 23

'Presidio Mad Talent' finals

Final round of the "Presidio Has Mad Talent" singing competition, 7:30 p.m. at Hobson Recreation Center.

October 7

Heartsaver & Health Care CPR/AED

American Heart Association's Heartsaver and Health Care cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Tin Barn (Building 518, PoM). Free to participate, or \$10 to receive an AHA CPR card upon completion.

Upcoming sessions are Oct. 7 and Nov. 4. at the Child and Youth Services conference room (Gen. Stilwell Community Center; 4260 Gigling Rd., OMC). RSVP required. For more information, call (831) 242-7701 or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/presidio-of-monterey-fire-department-cpr-tickets-25310129278>.

October 20

Honor our Fallen 5K/10K

This 5K/10K walk and run loops gently along Pacific dunes, at the Fort Ord Dunes State Park in Marina, with views of the Monterey Bay.

Established in 2013 by a Gold Star mother and hosted by PoM MWR, participants can dedicate their run or walk in honor of a fallen service member by adding names to the Honor Our Fallen Virtual Wall of Remembrance before their run.

Packet pickup opens at 6:30 a.m. with the run beginning at 8:30 a.m. The first 500 registered will

receive a T-shirt and commemorative dog tag finisher's medal. Proceeds will be used to enhance support programs for our Gold Star Family members.

Details: <http://www.active.com/marina-ca/running/distance-running-races/honor-our-fallen-run-2016>.

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 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.

Off-limits establishments

The Garrison Commander has identified establishments that do not maintain good order and discipline and therefore has declared those establishments off-limits. Military personnel

are prohibited from conducting business with, and entering the premises of these off-limits establishments:

Mary Jane's Novelties,
744 Lighthouse Drive, Monterey

Norcal Smoke Shop,
765 Lighthouse Drive, Monterey

Twisted Roots,
492 Alvarado Street, Monterey, and
265 Reservation Road, Marina

My Care Giver,
554 Lighthouse Avenue, Monterey

Santa Cruz Patient Collective,
115 Limekiln St., Santa Cruz

MediLeafCollective,
1321-B First Street, Gilroy

Indian Summer,
220 Oliver Street, Monterey

WolMen's Alliance for Medical Marijuana,
309 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz

Patronage of unlicensed tattoo parlors is also prohibited.

Former Fort Ord burns on tap

Prescribed, controlled burns will occur on the south end of former Fort Ord between now and the end of the year in units 11, 12 and 31.

Burns remove vegetation, allowing removal of Army ordnance left over from Army training. They are also required for the recovery of rare, threatened and endangered fire-dependent plant species, Central Maritime Chaparral, and reduces the amount of excessive vegetation that can create and/or spread wildfires.

The burns will be ignited and suppressed through use of helicopters and fire crews will be present throughout the completion of the process to ensure the suppression

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of the burns.

Although there have been no dates set, occurrence of the burns depends on several factors like weather, local fire resources, and blackout dates (Salinas Airshow, Laguna Seca Raceway events, etc.).

Once a burn starts, the smoke will not be considered a health hazard according to the local air district. It is recommended though that people with asthma, emphysema, or heart conditions take extra health precautions by staying indoors or away from the burn area.

Each unit will take approximately one day to complete. South Boundary Road, Barloy Canyon, Rancho Saucito and Eucalyptus Road are expected to close during the burning process.

After the completion of ordnance cleanup, these areas will be transferred to the Bureau of Land Management as part of the Fort Ord National Monument.

To receive notifications on dates or updates about these prescribed fires, register online at www.fortordcleanup.com or call (831) 242-7383. Notifications will be sent out by email, phone, or text.

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 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.

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.*

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 escape boredom and unhealthy social situations that can lead to substance abuse while learning to appreciate the mental and physical health benefits of adventure sports and other outdoors or athletic activities.

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.

Free tutoring for K-12 students

The 2016 school year is underway and young brains are hungry.

Thankfully, Breakfast For Your Brain is also underway. A free tutoring program for students in all grade levels, BFYB meets Saturday mornings at the Naval Postgraduate School's Dudley Knox Library. Military and their spouses provide help in various school subjects. An area of emphasis is getting students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).

The program is open to all students in the Monterey bay area.

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To request a tutor, e-mail the child's grade and subject area requested to breakfastforyourbrain@nps.edu by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Saturday session (Sept. 10; Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 10). Military affiliation is not required, but parents or guardians without installation access privileges should contact the organizers for sponsorship information prior to their visit.

To volunteer as a tutor, e-mail your name, contact information, and subjects/grade levels you are available to tutor to breakfastforyourbrain@nps.edu

AAFES access remains for IRR

When service members ETS to Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), they're able to keep Army & Air Force Exchange Service benefits.

"Soldiers transitioning to IRR status are very much a part of the Exchange family and can still shop at the OMC Main Exchange," said Presidio of Monterey Exchange General Manager Doug Everett. "Their Exchange benefit, including tax-free shopping and competitive prices, remains intact during their time in IRR."

Soldiers transitioning from active duty and their families can continue to visit the Exchange, Express, mall and food court. They can also shop online at shopmyexchange.com for exclusive military pricing on many items and an expanded merchandise selection. Service members in IRR status can also continue to use their MILITARY STAR card benefits, or apply for a new account.

To gain access to the installation to shop at the OMC Main Exchange, apply for an IRR ID card at least 72 hours after discharging from active duty.

VAOs ready to assist military voters

Some voters may need a little assistance and the Army is there to help.

The Army, through its Voting Assistance Program,

makes voting registration and absentee ballot information available to all eligible Army voters, said Rachel Gilman, Army voting action officer with The Adjutant General of the U.S. Army Directorate, U.S. Army Human Resources Command's Voting Assistance Program. "We educate about the importance of voting and provide every opportunity to register and cast a ballot."

Gilman worked behind the scenes of the Army-wide kick off of the 2016 voting campaign, which got underway Nov. 4 of last year, and has been at it ever since, coordinating Voter Assistance Officer actions across the force and around the world, wherever Soldiers and their families are stationed.

The Army in particular has been conducting congressionally mandated workshops, training VAOs to help Soldiers and all eligible voters make the critical connection between wanting to cast a ballot and making sure it is counted.

"On Election Day, every vote matters," said Brig. Gen. James T. Iacocca, The Adjutant General of the U.S. Army. "Your vote is your voice as an American citizen. It is your opportunity to be heard, to hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and to have a say in important issues that affect us."

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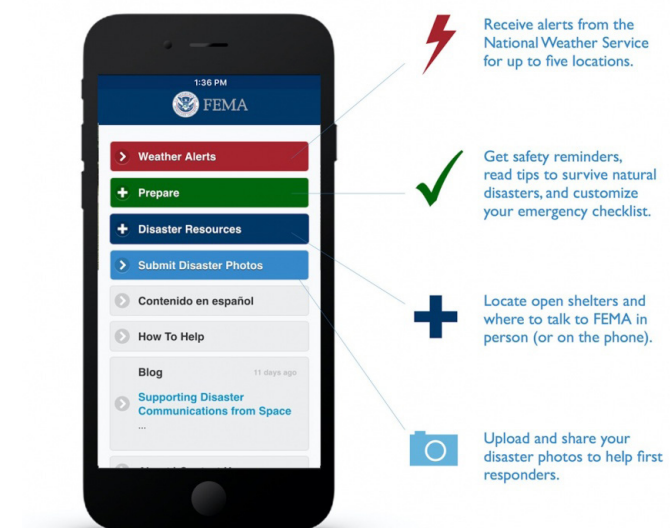
The Federal Emergency Management Agency's application is a one-stop-shop with tools and tips to keep you safe before, during, and after emergencies.

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. Find out more: www.fema.gov/mobile-app.



QR codes available for ICE

Got a customer comment - good, bad or indifferent?

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.



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The Kukkiwon Taekwondo Demonstration Team performed the traditional Korean martial art for students at the Presidio of Monterey, California, Price Fitness Center Aug. 3. The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Asian School II hosted the event. Following the demonstration, the team answered questions in Korean for the benefit of the students.

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