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On the cover: Collage of some of the images that "made the cut" for our 2017 Year in Photos. The 2017 YIP highlights a cross section of great activities that occured in the past year involving the Presidio of Monterey and the Monterey Military Community. Photos by Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office.

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Ed Center serves students, civilians of all services

By Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO

After hours in Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center classrooms, more education might be the last thing on a service member's mind.

But as busy as Mary Anne Nguyen is at the Presidio of Monterey Education Center, she knows there are students and unit personnel who could use her services.

"The most important thing I want them, from private to a colonel, to know, is always visit your education center," the lead counselor here said. "Things are constantly changing with education and G.I. Bill benefits."

Nguyen spreads that gospel at the weekly Joint Service Inprocessing Brief and at the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion's new arrival briefings.

Education Center counselors make it easy for service members to enroll in college and educational programs – they help with tuition assistance, G.I. Bill and VA benefits, to name a few. They also help DLI students meet the requirements for Associate of Arts Degrees in their respective languages.

"We enjoy what we do and we want to give everyone all the tools and resources they have available to them to succeed," she said.

The students and cadre at DLIFLC may be the most intellectual group of enlisted in the U.S. military and the Presidio's Ed Center is a partner in their pursuits. It hosts the monthly Transition Assistance Program.

"Soldiers learn about their education



Mary Anne Nguyen, Presidio of Monterey Education Center counselor, explains the center's services to the Joint Service Inprocessing Brief Jan. 2. Photo by Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

benefits, how to apply for VA benefits, and the benefits CalVet offers," Nguyen said. "They learn how to transfer their benefits, how to write resumes, and how to apply for jobs at usajobs.com."

Through the volunteer efforts of Capt. Daniel Jimenez, Company D, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, and battalion NCOs, the Ed Center is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for student study hall.

"The Education Center has resources to support all DLI students' needs," Jimenez said. "We opened the study hall so students *Continued on page 27*

3rd Olympic berth has Monterey soldier facing future

By Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

As Sgt. Nick Cunningham trains his body for his third (and maybe final) Olympics in a USA bobsled, his mind and heart will wander back to the Central California coast.

Monterey is home to mom and dad, Tim and Wendy Cunningham, and girlfriend Sydney Daniel. He earned his associates degree at Monterey Peninsula College three years after graduating from Monterey High School in 2003.

"This is home. I have so much support here, I know what this area has done for me, and I want to give back," he said.

After Christmas and New Years with family and friends in California, <u>Cunningham</u> headed back to Lake Placid, New York, for racing, training and practice for the XXIII Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Feb. 9-25.

A member of the Army's World Class Athlete Program (WCAP), Cunningham joined the Army in 2012 after his experience in the 2010 Winter Games. He was a pusher then for driver Mike Kohn, a Virginia Army National Guard captain and now a coach for USA Bobsled.

"Mike Kohn really sold the program to me. He was my driver in 2010 and I went to a meeting he was having for WCAP," Cunningham said. "Next thing I know I'm signing up for the Army.

"They sold me that much on how WCAP is the team behind the team and I really wouldn't have been able to compete past 2014 without it."

Now at work in frigid Lake Placid, Cunningham likes the teamwork he has in the two-man and four-man sleds. His concern is for his equipment.

"I'm getting a new four-man sled and we need to get that dialed in," he said.

The US Olympic team's three drivers are Cunningham, WCAP's Sgt. Justin Olsen and Codie Bascue.

Ten years after he began his U.S. bobsled career as an alternate pusher, the 32-year old Cunningham is beginning to see his post-competition life.

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Sgt. Nick Cunningham of the Army's World Class Athlete Program lifts weights while training for the 2018 Winter Olympics at the Presidio of Monterey's Price Fitness Center on Jan. 2.

Photos by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO



Cunningham and girlfriend Sydney Daniel.

"I used the GI Bill to get my masters in athletic coaching education from Ohio University so that I'm ready for what's next," he said.

He plans on returning to his roots.

"I'm looking forward to giving back here in Monterey, being with Syd. She's been very supportive of me," Cunningham said. "My mom does everything; she's pretty much my agent."

Taking that step however, giving up athletic competition at the highest level won't be easy, he admits.

"My whole life has been goal setting and reaching these goals," Cunningham said. "Trust me, if I would've won an Olympic gold medal like (Steve) Holcomb, I would've been gone. If I would've won bronze (like Kohn), I would've been gone."

Olympic glory is both permanent (one has that medal forever) and fleeting.

Kohn's last competition was 2010, eight years after his Olympic bronze in Salt Lake City. A WCAP Soldier from 1999-2006, Holcomb earned the only U.S. men's bobsled gold since 1948 in Vancouver in 2010. He roomed next to Cunningham in Lake Placid, and died in his sleep in May 2017, from an accidental overdose of sleeping medication and alcohol.

Holcomb will be an inescapable presence in Korea for USA Bobsled. Cunningham says he will honor Steve's legacy while knowing that Steve's Olympic void is irreplaceable.

"After this Olympics, everything I do from here out, I have to continue to push myself. The athletic career will end and I have to be prepared for that," Cunningham said. "Syd and I have talked about so many paths, how to beat the post-career depression, what's next."

What's immediately next for him is the two-man bobsled competition Feb. 18-19, then driving the four-man sled Feb. 24-25. Then it's March and whatever's next.

"I see all the doors being open for me ... I've been looking at athletic director jobs, coaching jobs," Cunningham said. "I want to get some professional work experience before making any decisions about competing for the 2022 Olympics."



Cunningham, who will be competing in his third Winter Olympics this February, practices sprints at the PFC Track Jan 2.



Cultural dance on the Presidio of Monterey's Soldier Field stage during the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's 2017 Language Day on May 12.







- **1** Army's A Company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion beat Air Force's 517th Traing Group 20-0 in the intramural flag football final on Jan. 26.
- **2** The 311th Training Squadron celebrates March 11 (3/11) with food, fun and games at the Hilltop Field.
- **3** For the first time since 2004, the 229th MI Bn brought back the Griffin Warrior Challenge competition on May 3 at the Price Fitness Center field.

4 Women running teams from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines compete at the quarterly Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commander's Cup on May 31 with the Air Force winniing with the best combined mens/womens score.



1 It was Navy's Blue vs. Gold at the Information Warfare Training Command-Monterey Captain's Cup competition on Sept. 26 at Price Fitness Center field.

2 Air Force's 314th Training Squadron is a big fan of March 14 (3/14), aka "Pi Day", and celebrated with a day of fun, fitness and games at Soldier Field.

3 A flag football tournament was part of multiple activities for student service members during the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's Resiliency Day event on June 16.

4 Emotions run high during the FMWR-sponsored POM Golf Tournament on Sept. 22 at Monterey Pines

Golf Course as Lt. Col. Toni Sabo, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, misses the putt.





Want to see more? Go <u>here</u>, <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.











1 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students cut the rug (grass?) on Soldier Field during Army Entertainment's United We Band performance on July 21.

2 Company A, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, won the intramural volleyball final at Price Fitness Center on Jan. 30.

3 The Marine Corps Detachment Monterey beat the Information Warfare Training Command-Monterey team during the intramural softball championship game on Sept. 14 at Soldier Field.

4 Members of the men's relay team come off the starting blocks during the Commander's Cup competition at Soldier Field on July 21. The Marines would win the men's race and the Commander's Cup with the best men/women combined time.



Community Events

1 Famous golfer Bill Murray greets Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Soldiers on Feb. 8 during the 3-M Celebrity Challenge, a charity event preceding the PGA Tour's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

2 DLIFLC Soldiers pose for a photo under the video scoreboard at the 18th hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Links on Feb. 8 after the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am's 3-M Celebrity Challenge.

3 PGA Tour professional golfers, along with their amateur and celebrity partners, play Pebble Beach Golf Links' 15th Hole on Feb. 11, during the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. The Patriots Outpost military appreciation tent, a free relaxation area for active duty military, veterans, retirees and guests attending the tournament, is seen adorned with the Stars and Stripes to the left of the fairway.

> See more Pebble Beach service member and celebrity photos <u>here</u>











1 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students fly high above the Soldier Field stage while performing a cultural dance during the 2017 Language Day event May 12.

2 The view looking out over the Presidio of Monterey's Soldier Field during Language Day May 12.

3 Retiree Appreciation Day attendees are served a free meal June 3 at Stilwell Community Center.

4 Information booths fill the halls of the Stilwell Community Center for Retiree Appreciation Day on June 3.

See more Language Day photos <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.







1 The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Joint Service Color Guard participates in the opening ceremony of the "Honor Our Fallen - A Run to Remember" race on Oct. 21 at the Fort Ord Dunes State Park. Sponsored by the Presidio of Monterey's FMWR program, the annual event raises funds for Gold Star Family outreach services in a four-county area of central California.

2 The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Joint Service Color Guard and student marching units from the Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy are cheered by the crowd in downtown Monterey during the city's 4th of July Parade on July 4.

3 Soldiers from the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion take in the colorful sights during Monterey's 4th of July Parade.

4 Participants in the walking category of the "Honor Our Fallen - A Run to Remember" event get out of the starting gate 10 minutes after the runners began the course on Oct. 21 at the Fort Ord Dunes State Park.



InBrief



1 A little bit of rain couldn't keep the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Joint Service Color Guard from having a good old time at Pacific Grove's Good Old Days Parade on April 8.

2 The Travis Air Force Base Band's brass quintet readies for a performance during Military Appreciation Day at Laguna Seca Raceway on Sept. 23.

3 Airman 1st Class Zon Wang of POM's Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) volunteers during a track meet at Pacific Grove High School on April 28.

4 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students try their luck at one of the many midway games at the Monterey County Fair during Military Appreciation Day on Sept. 1.

> Some Good Old photos can be seen <u>here</u> and go <u>here</u> for more Fair fun.







JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018



1 The Presidio of Monterey and Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center paid special tribute to DLIFLC graduates killed in the Vietnam War during a Memorial Day observance on May 25.

2 The Air Force's 517th Training Group held a change of command ceremony at Soldier Field on July 13.

3 The 517th TRG Rifle Drill Team perform opening ceremonies for Resiliency Day on June 16.







1 The Presidio of Monterey hosted sovereign tribal nations for a repatriation and reburial ceremony of Native American remains in the POM cemetery on Oct. 22

2 Cannons fire during the Presidio of Monterey's 50-gun Salute to the Nation on Soldier Field on June 30.

3 The new Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Outpatient Clinic in Marina held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 3. The clinic, only the second health care facility in the nation bringing together Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense staff and patients, welcomed its first patients 11 days later.









1 The Army turned over 28 undeveloped acres of the former Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant that were under the responsibility of the Presidio of Monterey to the City of Riverbank during a signing ceremony on site, Oct. 17

2 The Presidio of Monterey presented the Bronze Star Medal to 94 year-old World War II veteran George Carlson during a ceremony at Cook Hall on June 22.

3 Presidio of Monterey Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall presents a personalized Army helmet to World War II veteran Sam Ginsburg during the Veterans Transition Center for Monterey County's Open House event on May 26.

> Go <u>here to see</u> more of Carlson's Bronze Star ceremony.



JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018







1 Col. Wiley Barnes accepts command of the 517th Training Group during a ceremony on the Presidio of Monterey's Soldier Field on July 13.

2 The remains of a Japanese World War II prisoner of war buried at the Presidio of Monterey cemetery were presented to representatives of Japan's government during a ceremony on March 14.

3 The 229th Military Intelligence Battalion conducted an induction ceremony for 25 new NCOs at the Weckerling Center on May 5. To see every new E-5 in the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, go <u>here</u>.



- **1** Garrison employees enjoy Organizational Day at the Porter Youth Center on Sept. 1.
- **2** The Thanksgiving meal is served at Combs Dining Facility on Nov. 23.
- **3** The Presidio of Monterey chaplain's office staged its annual Easter Sunrise Service at Monterey State Beach on April 16.











1 Ord Military Community Mayoral Program and Army Community Services sponsored a Paint & Pamper Night for military spouses at the Ord Military Chapel on May 20.

2 Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl (second from right), commanding general of Installation Management Command, has lunch with garrison leaders at the Belas Dining Facility on Aug. 22.

3 The Presidio of Monterey Fire Department celebrated its 100th birthday with a special breakfast, demonstrations and activites at the OMC firehouse on Oct. 28.

4 It was all about the children when Monterey Road Child Development Center held a parade at Ord Military Community on April 21 in honor of the Month of the Military Child.









1 Vocal talents were put to the test during the Presidio Has Mad Talent final at the Hobson Recreation Center on Sept. 29. Shown here is third-place finisher, Seaman Joseph Ogle of the Information Warfare Training Command-Monterey. To find out who won and who was runner up, go <u>here</u>.

2 It was a full house at the Porter Youth Center for the estimated 1,200 attendees on April 22 during Presidio's Celebrating Military Children event.

3 Service member volunteers placed nearly 500 flags at Presidio of Monterey Cemetery grave sites on May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.

4 Information booths were available inside the Stilwell Center Ballroom during the Town Hall and Summer Expo on July 27.

The Presidio's Mad singing talent is showcased <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> **1** Children race across the grass at Soldier Field during the Presidio of Monterey Easter Egg Hunt on April 16.

2 The widow and daughter of StaffSgt. Kenneth R. Hobson place a wreath in his honor at the Hobson Recreation Center on Aug. 4. A Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center graduate, he was one of 11 Americans among 247 killed during a terrorist bombing at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya on Aug. 7, 1998.

3 Comb's Dining Facility employee Ana Garcia shows some of her food art creations on Aug. 11.

4 The staff at Belas Hall Dining Facility presented a custom designed cake for the Army's 242nd Birthday on June 14.



More photos of the Hobson family visit are <u>here</u>.





1 The Month of the Military Child is celebrated at Monterey Road Child Development Center at Ord Military Community on April 21.

2 Presidio of Monterey Fire Department memorabilia is presented to Lt. Gen. Mike Lundy, Combined Arms Center commanding general, during an April 12 visit.

3 Hope, Horses and Kids in Salinas hosted the Presidio of Monterey's Exceptional Family Members Program on June 3.

4 A prescribed burn of more than 400 acres took place at the former Fort Ord on Oct. 5.







Miscellaneous



Presidio of Monterey's

2017 Super Bowl.





1 An enthusiastic fan imitates the 314th Training Squadron mascot during the intramural flag football final on Jan. 26.

2 Visitors take in the view from the Point Sur Lighthouse in Big Sur during a FMWR trip on Nov. 18.

3 Corporate volunteers from the wine and spirits manufacturer Brown-Forman of Louisville, Kentucky, teamed up with military volunteers March 14 at the Ord Military Community to build playhouses for youth services as part of Brown-Forman's annual Service Day.

To see more of those getting combative, go <u>here</u>.



1 Twenty-two service members from the Presidio of Monterey graduated from the Basic Combatives Course, taught by the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, on May 20.

2 Jimmy Panetta visits the Presidio on Feb. 22, about seven weeks after being sworn in to represent California's 20th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

3 U.S. Army Special Operations Command's demonstration parachute team, the Black Daggers, drop into Presidio of Monterey's Soldier Field during Resiliency Day on June 16.





May the work force be with you: PoM civilians have manager for professional development

STORY AND PHOTO BY BRIAN LEPLEY, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

Move up or move out is a motto in the US military, an ethos that ensures service members keep learning, growing and succeeding.

The Army would like its civilian employees to adopt this principle. To that end, Presidio of Monterey employees can count on seeing and hearing from Linda Moseley.

As the garrison's first-ever work force development manager, she is the installation's coordinator of training, recognition, and employment initiatives.

"The command group developed the concept of getting a dedicated person that would handle professional development for all of our employees and we got IMCOM headquarters to approve the position," said Hugh Hardin, deputy garrison commander. "We got the right person with the right experience and education in Linda."

It is her responsibility to encourage career development programs for employees and sustaining and retaining an engaged workforce at the Presidio of Monterey.

"By providing our garrison employees the opportunity for personal growth and career development, I believe we are doing our best to assist the warfighters, to make them ready for their missions," she said.

A guiding principal toward creating the position, Hardin said, was developing a bench for the garrison staff.

"We'd like to get all of our employees ready



Linda Moseley presents an orientation on the Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program to Department of Emergency Services employees at the Stilwell Community Center.

to fill in for their boss as needed," he said. "When I'm gone, Phil Sanders, our resource manager, does a terrific job because of his experience.

"Linda's work will get employees in better position to fill in for others who may be called away for TDY, by illness, or other missions."

Moseley's task list was awaiting her when she began the job in April: • Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program (the new civilian evaluation system) was being implemented for more than 260 employees.

• Presidio of Monterey awards ceremonies and quarterly town hall, recognizing top performers and the new Employee of the Month/Quarter program.

• Resurrecting the garrison Memorialization Board program with updated policy, culminating with two planned dedications to fallen service members this year.

• Establishing monthly professional development sessions at the Weckerling Center on topics like Employee Productivity, Project Management Communication, Employee, Management and Organizational Performance, and Military Correspondence.

Her Army experience started as a military intelligence officer for ten years, then a contracting job on her way to a civilian employee position. Moseley held many jobs for Army Community Services, from Outreach Program Coordinator, Recovery Care Coordinator, Mobilization and Deployment Manager, Exceptional Family Member Program Manager and acting ACS Director here before the new job.

Reacting to the main objection of civilians who don't seek training (because they don't have time for it), Moseley wants to take advantage of technology to bring development opportunities to employees.

"We are exploring training opportunities like on-going live webinars and bringing instructors here," she said.

Keep Fido off the wait list

By BRIAN LEPLEY, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

Dr. (Capt.) Emily Farmer cares so much about the family pets of the Presidio of Monterey that she drives 300 miles round trip to care for them.

Not that she has a choice. Assigned to Lemoore Naval Air Station in Lemoore, California, she and her staff make a monthly trip to the Ord Military Community Veterinary Clinic.

The vet being here one day a month could be frustrating to Fido, Fluffy and their owners. But there are pet care services offered in the Monterey area that can make better sense and cost less.

"Due to our limited availability, it's recommended that service members look for routine services in the civilian sector," Farmer said. "For instance, the Monetery County SPCA charges less than we do for vaccines."

Two specialties she does provide are vital and less costly to military pet owners here: FAVN rabies antibody testing and international health certificates.

"As a USDA-accredited veterinarian I am able to sign international health certificates," Farmer said. "Civilian vets are not. We can run FAVN testing for under \$100 through the military diagnostic lab



Dr. (Capt.) Emily Farmer (right) cradles Winston Churchill while Sgt. Daniel Sullivan (center) administers a shot at the Presidio of Monterey Veterinary Treatment Facility on Jan. 8. Mr. Churchill's owner Janneane Gerot is at left. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

and it is necessary for international travel or to Hawaii."

Appointments at the OMC vet clinic are available by calling 559 988-2753.

Ed Center

have a location to work together and with MLIs as tutors."

DoD civilians and family members can also use the education center and its counseling services. The education center is in Bldg. 636B and is open Monday thru Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walkins and appointments are welcome.

Call them at 831 242-5325 or see <u>http://</u> <u>www.monterey.army.mil/Education</u> <u>Services/education_main.html</u>

Army preps for Baltic games with 4-2 win over Canada

STORY AND PHOTO BY MIKE STRASSER, FORT DRUM PAO

WATERTOWN, New York – One hundred and twenty four miles away from where America's most iconic hockey memory occurred on Feb. 22, 1980, new puck history happened here Dec. 16.

The first-ever All-Army Ice Hockey Team won 4-2 over the Canadian Armed Forces Team at the Watertown Municipal Arena.

While it wasn't USA 4, USSR 3 from the Lake Placid Olympics 38 years ago, a group of Soldiers that hadn't ever skated together three weeks before beat a team from the country that created the sport.

Leading Army with two goals was Capt. Andrew Starczewski of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, who was a forward on the 2009-13 U.S. Military Academy Division I teams.

"It was a lot of fun. It was almost like getting that college hockey atmosphere back again for some of us," he said. "The crowd was buzzing, and that makes it a lot easier when you have that many people behind you."

Coach Capt. Jeffery Fearing, a company tactical officer at West Point, said that his men didn't know what to expect from a game against an unfamiliar opponent.

"It was a really fun, physical hockey game,"

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Sgt. Evan Hammersley of 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment at Fort Drum, New York, retrieves the puck off the boards during the All-Army Ice Hockey Team's 4-2 win over the Canadian Armed Forces Team Dec. 16.





Two truths about the Golden State: There's a lot

to see and everything is expensive. Presidio of Monterey Outdoor Recreation offers service members, civilian employees and their families opportunities to enjoy the first without the second. On Jan. 27 they make a trip to America's most notorious prison, Alcatraz (left), for the low, low cost of \$75. Back in November, they journeyed south down Highway 1 to the Point Sur Lighthouse, which has been operating since 1889. Planned 2018 trips are Hearst Castle, Lake Tahoe and Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants games.

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Hockey

he said. "We have so much respect for the Canadian team and the Canadian Armed Forces, and for them to travel here to play, it was an honor for us. This was all about two military teams showing that they can come together, play hard and still be friends."

For the Canadians, Lt. Patrick Robichaud scored first with an assist by Sgt. Andrew Glessing. Sgt. Derek Desbiens scored the tying goal on a power play in the third period to threaten All-Army's momentum.

Cpl. Yannick Beaulieu and Sgt. Lance Browne had assists for the team from up north.

The Army players managed to build a team from scratch during a three-week trial camp at nearby Fort Drum and they went undefeated in all scrimmages.

"We came here and hit the ground running," Starczewski said. "To play that level of hockey in that short of time is really something special and it takes special guys to do it. The coaches did a great job of getting the right guys together."

Next stop for the team is Lithuania for the 5th Baltic Military Winter Games in February.

"That was an early Christmas present for us, because we weren't expecting that when we first came up here," Starczewski said. "Wearing the Army colors is an absolute pleasure and honor to do so, but when we put that USA across our chest, it's a whole other thing. We're going to represent the U.S. against other countries, and I think that's going to be a blast."