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***On the cover:*** PFC Lingo is the Defense Language Institute-Foreign Language Center's mascot. The young German Shepherd mix was surrendered to the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals) of Monterey and adopted by the school in November. Lingo lives on the Presidio of Monterey, where he is responsible for assisting with physical training and maintaining morale among students and staff. DoD photo by Amber Whittington, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Public Affairs



# A NOTE FROM THE PAO

Happy New Year, Presidio of Monterey!

Welcome to our first edition of the PoM *InBrief*, a monthly publication by and for our military community.

This newsletter is the successor to the *Monterey Military News*

You'll notice some changes – we're distributing the *InBrief* online, so it features tablet-friendly and screen-friendly format (but one that also makes it easy to print a favorite article and share it around your unit or office).

What's not changing is our commitment to providing current news and information for the entire Monterey military community.

That includes service members, employees, military families, local veterans, and even personnel assigned to neighboring installations who utilize services on PoM and at Ord Military Community.

Here at the Public Affairs Office, we often ask others to keep us informed of stories or events we might be interested in covering.

So, what kind of stories are of interest? What matters to you, matters to us. This is *your* newsletter!

In future months, we'll turn this space over to military leaders so they can share their thoughts with you. But everyone in our community is invited to contribute to the *InBrief*.

Have an activity coming up that you'd like to see on our calendar? Send us the info (*submissions for each month's edition are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding calendar month*).

Have a story idea? Give us a call!

Interested in writing an article or sharing your photos? Let's talk!


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*Let's make 2016 matter!* Help us make PoM *InBrief* a publication that serves *your* needs as a member of our incredible and diverse military community.

On behalf of the entire Public Affairs staff: we hope you enjoyed the holiday season, and we're looking forward to serving you in 2016.

*Respectfully,*

**James Laughlin**  
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Presidio of Monterey



*A handler accompanies Pfc. Lingo on his rounds. Photo by Patrick Bray, DLIFLC PAO.*

# Pfc. Lingo reports for duty

*Amber Whittington and Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Public Affairs Office*



**“Which language will he or she be learning?  
First ever polyglot dog?”**

*– Megan Kaiser Mueller (via Facebook)*

**“He will be learning  
feline,  
I hear it’s a CAT IX  
language.”**

*– Christopher Basil Jon Sandoval (via Facebook)*

***Above, Lingo participates in physical training session. Once trained, he will help lead service members during command runs.***

***DoD photo by Patrick Bray, DLIFLC PAO***

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center adopted a mascot from the SPCA of Monterey County Nov. 20. Students quickly dubbed the new recruit “Lingo,” and the school formalized his status during an enlistment ceremony Dec. 15.

Lingo is the school’s first mascot, and the first official mascot at the Presidio of Monterey installation since 1943 (another canine, “Sgt. Tippy,” served as mascot for the 11th Cavalry while it was stationed at the Presidio during World War II).

He’ll be responsible for morale and physical training.

“Pfc. Lingo will be expected to follow orders just like everyone else and will be promoted for good behavior,” DLIFLC Commandant Col. Phillip Deppert said.

With successful performance, Lingo could also be eligible for reenlistment following his current term of service.



***Above, Lingo enjoys a treat after his enlistment ceremony.***

***DoD photo by Amber Whittington, DLIFLC PAO***



*At left, PFC Lingo poses with CSM Matildo Copp, DLIFLC Command Sergeant Major (on left) and COL Phillip Deppert, DLIFLC Commandant.*

*DoD photo by Patrick Bray, DLIFLC PAO*

*Above, PFC Lingo performs duties as the school's morale officer. He is pictured with Army SGT Georgette Encinia.*

*Courtesy photo by PVT Kelly Grim, DLIFLC Student*

*PFC Lingo lives and works on the grounds of the Defense Language School Foreign Language Center, where he supports student morale.  
DoD photo by Patrick Bray, DLIFLC PAO*



# What Military Pet Owners Should Know

*Katie Lange*

*DoD News, Defense Media Activity*

If you have a dog, cat or other furry friend in the family, figuring out what to do with them when you deploy or move can be time consuming and complicated. Whether you're taking them with you or leaving them behind, you need to start planning early.

Here are some tips for what you can do when stuck in three difficult situations.



*DoD photo by Vanessa Lynch, Hawaii Army Weekly*

## If you're deploying, training or can't take care of your pet short-term...

Family and friends will sometimes take care of your animals, but they can't always, or they might not be the right fit. Many organizations provide support through volunteer services to board military pets in foster homes.

Here are a few private organizations that may be able to help you find a foster home for your pet:

[\*\*Pets for Patriots\*\*](#)

[\*\*Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet\*\*](#)

[\*\*Pact for Animals\*\*](#)

[\*\*Loving Paws Inc.\*\*](#)

*Commercial kennels may be an option for short-term stays. Be sure to visit, explore the facility, and ensure you understand the kennel's fee structure, standards for care, and any first-visit requirements (such as veterinary care documents or a behavioral assessment) before your trip.*



## **If you get PCS orders and can bring your pet:**

Permanent change of station orders can be issued abruptly.

Regardless of where you're going, be sure to microchip, photograph and get an ID tag for your pet before you go.

### ***If you're moving in the U.S.:***

[Contact the state you're moving to](#) so you can learn their pet importation rules. Make sure to have up-to-date vaccination and health papers.

If you're moving to Hawaii, contact the [Animal Quarantine Station](#) for an information packet about their strict quarantine laws. If you have to ship your pet, know the [regulations](#).

### ***If you're moving outside the U.S.:***

Contact the [consulate or embassy of the country to which you're moving](#) to find out the specific regulations they have for bringing pets into the country.

#### *Most pets will need:*

- An International Standards Organization-compatible microchip (this can be read by most scanners).
- Proof of rabies vaccination with the microchip's number on it.
- A health certificate that's endorsed by your state's Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service office. If you can't physically get to the office, your veterinarian may have to send for the endorsement.

#### *Some pets will need:*

- A Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization (FAVN) blood test
- An import form
- Flea and tick preventative
- Dewormer

These things are time-consuming, and your pet might be in quarantine for a while. It also might be costly, but there are opportunities for [pet relocation financial assistance](#).

### ***If you're flying:***

- Research airline instructions, prices and procedures for pets before you settle on one.
- Before you book, check to see if veterinary airline employees work weekends. If they don't, book a weekday flight.
- Pick a flight that's nonstop or only has one layover. Try to keep the entire trip to less than 12 hours.
- Many pets have to ride in cargo holds that aren't temperature-regulated. Your pet will need an acclimation letter that specifies the temperatures that are safe for them.
- Buy a crate that meets your airline's specifications, and give your pet time to get used to it. Have your name, your pet's name and your new address clearly marked on the crate, and have water bowls and food attached and accessible.
- Verify your pet is listed for the flight at the airport, and be sure to mention it to a crew member.

**Get more travel tips at [militaryonesource.com](http://militaryonesource.com)**



# El Nino: Are you prepared?

Kevin Paulus, PoM Plans, Training & Mobilization

Storms turned the Monterey Peninsula into a temporary island during the 1997-98 storm season and meteorologists are forecasting the current El Nino storm will bring similar storm systems into our area.

As winter continues, the potential for some type of disaster increases.

## Are you "storm ready?"

Even though the rains have already started, it's not too late to make sure you're prepared in the event of a major disaster.

Here are some ideas to help minimize the impact if severe weather strikes.

## Know the Dangers.

Storms in our area have the ability to produce a variety of hazards - including, but not limited to:

- **Flooding.** Rising rivers and super-saturated flood plains cause flooding in low-lying areas. Don't walk or drive through flooded areas, as the current can sweep you or your vehicle away.
- **King Tides.** King tides are a seasonal phenomenon that produces unusually high tidal surges. These tides can flood the coastline and increase flooding. They can also create massive waves and produce strong rip currents.
- **Landslides.** Long-standing drought,

like the one we've experienced in Central California, can actually increase the risk of landslides. When rain finally comes, the dry ground absorbs a lot of moisture all at once, loosening the soil. This is an especially severe hazard in hilly areas, such as along Highway 1 between Monterey and Big Sur.

- **Falling Trees and Branches.** Heavy rains and high winds can uproot trees (we had several trees fall on PoM last year). Exercise extreme caution when driving or walking in wooded areas.
- **Fallen Power Lines.** Falling trees and branches can knock down power lines. Don't assume the line is dead - a good rule-of-thumb is to stay at least two electric poles away.



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Find more resources: [www.acsim.army.mil/readymy/](http://www.acsim.army.mil/readymy/)

## Prepare.

Having some extra supplies around the house is always a great idea.

- **Food/Water/Cash.** In 1997, severe flooding caused local, state, and federal agencies to shut down. Even grocery stores closed, and stores that remained open accepted only cash. Emergency management officials recommend keeping at least a 5 day supply of non-perishable food and water on hand for each person and pet in your home. Those items might be in short supply during an actual emergency, particularly if roads or airports close.
- **Medications.** It's best to have a minimum of a 7-day supply of prescription medication.
- **Have an Emergency Plan.** If you are required to evacuate, where will you go? Do you have enough gas in your car to make it there? What about your pets, where will they stay and who will care for them? Keep fuel levels in your vehicle at or above  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a tank at all times, and talk to your family about what they will do if something happens and you are not there.
- **Assemble an emergency kit.** Gather batteries, flashlights, weather radios, generators, and anything else you might need to stay comfortable after losing power or heat in your home. Keep the kit in a place that is easy to access, even if the power is out.

Background:

Courtesy photo by Radoslaw Wyjadlowski, Freemages.com

- Purchase flood insurance. This is not standard coverage on most insurance policies. Protect yourself and your belongings, especially if you live in a low-lying area.

## Stay Informed.

There are several ways to stay informed during inclement weather.

- **Research your area.** Gather data to find out if the area you are residing in has ever flooded. In the Monterey Bay area, the Monterey County Resources Agency is a good source for local flood plain data and other information.
- **Register in AtHoc.** PoM will use the AtHoc system to send out mass notifications in the event of weather and other emergencies. Registration is a simple process that only takes a few minutes of your time. If you need help, contact a DPTMS representative for instructions.
- **Update your information in ADPAAS** (or your service branch's equivalent accountability system). Make sure your information is up-to-date on your

unit's accountability roster. Check the phone number for the person above and below you on the phone tree to ensure all personnel are contacted and informed in an emergency, and keep those numbers in an accessible location.

- **[Alertmontereycounty.org](http://Alertmontereycounty.org).** Register on this website for weather alerts and other important safety updates from local emergency management agencies (you may need to access this website from a personal computer/device due to network restrictions on government computers).
- **More websites:** [Weather.gov](http://Weather.gov), [floodsafety.noaa.gov](http://floodsafety.noaa.gov), and [elnino.noaa.gov](http://elnino.noaa.gov) are also great sources for information about storm hazards in ours and other areas.

*A little preparation can go a long way towards keeping you and your family safe during the El Nino storm season. If you have emergency preparedness questions or concerns at PoM, email: [kevin.m.paulus2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kevin.m.paulus2.civ@mail.mil)*

**Learn more about the 1997-1998 El Nino, and its effects on the San Francisco Bay area:**

[pubs.usgs.gov/fs/1999/fs175-99/](http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/1999/fs175-99/)



# Military voters: *Request ballots now for 2016 election*

Joshua Ford

Army Installation Management Command

According to a 2014 Federal Voting Assistance Program report, many Soldiers and their Families aren't taking advantage of one of their most basic constitutional rights - their right to vote.

The report showed that military voters and their Families lacked a "trigger" to get to the polls and vote, said Madeleine Roberts, voting assistance program manager for U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

Army voting assistance officers at Army installations around the world launched their kick-off to the 2016 voting season campaign, Nov. 4 - much earlier than previous voting seasons - in the hopes of inspiring service members to go to the polls.

"It is important for Soldiers to vote because it is one of the freedoms which they defend," said Rachel R. Gilman, the Army's voting action officer at the Army's Human Resource Command on Fort Knox, Kentucky.

"It's the job of the Voting Assistance Program to make registration, voting information, materials and assistance readily available to all eligible Army voters," she said. "We educate eligible voters about the importance of voting and provide every opportunity to register and cast a ballot."

Voting assistance officers want service members to get educated on the voting

process and make plans to vote in the upcoming presidential election early.

"Some of our population doesn't have confidence in the system and believe their vote will not count or that they should not take part in the process due to being service members," Roberts said.

"The bottom line is each individual vote matters... especially those votes coming from our military population. They are the ones fighting on the frontlines so we can continue to enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today: which includes that right to vote."

**More info:** [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)



## Understanding the Hatch Act

Army Training & Doctrine command

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Nov. 12, 2015) — The Hatch Act places certain limits on political activity by government employees, including service members. In advance of the upcoming presidential election year, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has created this Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page to help employees understand what the Hatch Act does and does not allow when using social media and email.

In general, all federal employees may use social media and email and comply with the Hatch Act if they remember the following guidelines:

- (1) Do not engage in political activity while on duty or in the workplace.
- (2) Do not engage in political activity in an official capacity at any time.
- (3) Do not solicit or receive political contributions at any time.

Some federal employees are considered "further restricted," which means they are prohibited from taking an active part in partisan political management or partisan political campaigns. Thus, they may not engage, via social media and email, in any political activity on behalf of a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race. Most further restricted employees work in law enforcement or intelligence agencies.

*The Hatch Act is applicable to most federal employees, including military service*

members and DoD civilian personnel.

Additional restrictions may apply to employees in a "further restricted" status, which includes certain personnel assigned to intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

When in doubt, federal employees should consult OSC or their agency ethics officer, such (within DoD, this is typically your Staff Judge Advocate).

**Q: May a federal employee engage in political activity on Facebook or Twitter?**

**A:** Federal employees may express their opinions about a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race (e.g., post, "like," "share," "tweet," "retweet"), but there are a few limitations. The Hatch Act prohibits employees from:

- Engaging in any political activity via Facebook or Twitter while on duty or in the workplace;
- Referring to their official titles or positions while engaged in political activity at any time (but inclusion of an employee's official title or position on one's social media profile, without more, is not an improper use of official authority); and
- Suggesting or asking anyone to make political contributions at any time. Employees should not provide links to the political contribution page of any partisan group or candidate in a partisan race, nor "like," "share," or "retweet" a solicitation from one of those entities, including an invitation to a political fundraising event. (*An employee may accept an invitation to a political fundraising event from such entities via Facebook or Twitter*).

The Hatch Act also prohibits further restricted employees from:

- posting or linking to campaign or other partisan material of a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race;

- "sharing" these entities' Facebook pages or their content; and
- "retweeting" posts from these entities' Twitter accounts.

**Q: May a federal employee use a Facebook or Twitter account in his official capacity to engage in political activity?**

**A:** No. Any social media account created in a federal employee's official capacity should be limited to official business matters and remain politically neutral. Any political activity must be confined to the employee's personal Facebook or Twitter account, subject to the limitations described in other related questions.

**Q: May a federal employee become a "friend," "like," or "follow" the social media page of a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race?**

**A:** Yes, but not while on duty or in the workplace.

**Q: May a federal employee use an alias to "friend," "like," or "follow" the social media page of a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race?**

**A:** Yes, but be advised that federal employees remain subject to the Hatch Act even when they act under an alias. Therefore, the advice provided in response to other questions applies regardless of whether or not the employee is acting under an alias.

**Q: May a federal employee continue to "friend," "like," or "follow" an official social media page of a government official after he has become a candidate for reelection?**

**A:** A federal employee may continue to "friend," "like," or "follow" the official Facebook, Twitter, or other social media page of the President or Member of Congress, even after the official begins his reelection campaign.

**Q: What should a federal employee do if an individual posts or "tweets" a message soliciting political contributions to a partisan group or candidate in a partisan race, or a link to the political contribution page for such entities, on the employee's social media page?**

**A:** Although the Hatch Act prohibits federal employees from soliciting or receiving political contributions at any time, employees are not responsible for the statements of third parties, even when they appear on their social media page.

The employee should not "like," "share," or "retweet" the solicitation, or respond in any way that would tend to encourage other readers to contribute.

**Q: If a federal employee has listed his official title or position on Facebook, may he also complete the "political views" field?**

**A:** Yes. Simply identifying one's political party affiliation on a social media profile, which also contains one's official title or position, without more, is not an improper use of official authority.

For more information about the Hatch Act, visit the Office of Special Counsel info page at [OSC.gov](http://OSC.gov):  
[osc.gov/pages/hatchact.aspx](http://osc.gov/pages/hatchact.aspx)

# *Find more than you bargained for...* *at the Mayoral Program post-wide yard sale*

*Catherine Caruso, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office*



*Pictured: Items are displayed for sale at the Nov. 7 Post-Wide Yard Sale.*

*DoD photo by Catherine Caruso, PoM PAO*

For one morning every three months, a vacant lot on the former Fort Ord is transformed into a bustling marketplace. Shoppers browse an eclectic mix of items, from clothes and toys outgrown by military families to souvenirs gathered during international assignments.

“When you are a brand new military spouse, it’s daunting going to a new place for the first time,” Chiara Leist, program coordinator for the Monterey Bay Military Community Mayoral Program, said.

The all-volunteer organization for military housing residents at U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey and Naval Activity Monterey Funds uses proceeds from the sale to support its activities.

Funds raised by offering yard sale spaces and early bird passes support the organization’s new resident welcome program, contests and activities, and the Monterey

Military Attic, which offers gently-used clothing and household items to service members in ranks E1-E6 and their families at no cost

But beyond the bargains, the sale is also a chance to forge connections between members of Monterey’s diverse military community.

At the Nov. 7 yard sale, military spouse Cassie Hamilton was selling items for a friend who was at home preparing for a Permanent Change of Station move.

Next door, Jeremiah Bryant was selling surplus items to help pay fees for an international adoption.

And one aisle over, Iffat Malik was selling household items as her family prepared to return to Pakistan, following her husband’s tour as an international student at the Naval Postgraduate school.

Malik said she’s attended many previous yard sales as a shopper, and the sales helped her do more than furnishing her quarters.

“I see this as an opportunity to learn the culture, and meet people,” she said. “(It was) the best thing for me.”

The friends she made led her to greater involvement in the mayoral program as a volunteer, where she served as mayor of the community’s La Mesa neighborhood.

Building a community is really what the yard sale is all about, said Leist.

“If you can make one person feel at home and welcome, it’s a wonderful thing,” she said.

*The OMC Post Wide Yard Sale is conducted quarterly, on the first Saturday in February, May, August and November. Spaces are offered to military personnel and families for \$15-25, and to civilians on a space-available basis.*

For more information, contact the OMC Mayoral Program: [ordyardsale@gmail.com](mailto:ordyardsale@gmail.com)



***At left, Talina Ocana (on right) barter with yard sale vendor***

***Jeremiah Bryant (on left) at the Post-Wide Yard sale Nov. 7.***

***At right, Muhammad Ibrahim (on left) inspects toys being offered to sale by Daniel Jimenez (on right).***

***DoD photos by Catherine Caruso, PoM PAO***





***Ready for anything***  
***PoM Police conduct tactical first-aid training***

*Catherine Caruso, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office*



**G**unshots. Stab wounds. Shrapnel. They're injuries are often associated with combat – but increasingly, police departments are adopting lessons learned from battlefield injuries to train law enforcement officers facing deadly situations here at home.

To help prepare and protect its officers for such a possibility, Presidio of Monterey Police Department hosted a Law Enforcement Tactical Lifesaver Course for more than 30 local and regional law enforcement officers Nov. 16.

"One of the things we've all focused on in the past few years is active shooter training," Major Stephen Krueger, PoM Police Dept. operations officer and acting police chief, said.

Officers learned about tourniquets, clotting bandages, and special bandages designed to seal a sucking chest wound.

They learned to stop bleeding, treat shock, use a nasopharyngeal tube, and identify signs of tension pneumothorax (air leaking into the chest cavity through a hole in the lungs).

Then, they trained to perform those critical, potentially life-saving interventions while under fire.

"We want to give them the tools that they need to care for anyone who's been shot, stabbed, bleeding to death," Dr. Lawrence Heiskell, owner and lead instructor for the International School of Tactical Medicine, said.

Heiskell is an emergency room physician, and has also been a reserve police officer for 25 years.



*Previous page: Sgt. Edward Tong, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, covers Nevada Lord, PoM Police Dept., as she role-plays an injured officer during the Law Enforcement Tactical Lifesaver Course Nov. 16.*

*At left, participants learn how to insert a nasopharyngeal tube to open an obstructed airway during a Law Enforcement Tactical Lifesaver Course training conducted at the Presidio of Monterey Nov. 16.*

*DoD photos by Catherine Caruso, PoM PAO*

"Good medicine can be bad tactics," he said. "They need to have the skill set so when the perp has been neutralized, they can save as many lives as possible."

In a hands-on exercise, officers role-played providing critical first aid in an "officer down" scenario drawn from a real-world incident.

The course was coordinated and funded through the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative, a partnership for San Francisco Bay-area law enforcement agencies that provides joint training opportunities for

member departments through its Regional Training & Exercise Program.

First-aid training is especially important for police officers because they may have to escape or wait for evacuation from an active crime scene before they can access care, Sergeant Marco Vazquez, PoM Police Dept. training coordinator, said.

"Medical aid can't respond until the scene is secure. We have to rely on each other (for care) until they arrive."

# *Honoring Heroes*

## **Remembering service, sacrifice at 3rd “Honor Our Fallen” 5/10K**

*Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office*

*Pictured: Participants crest a hill on the course of the Honor Our Fallen 5k & 10K Run/Walk at Fort Ord Dunes State Park. DoD photo by Steven L. Shepard, PoM PAO*

Approximately 500 runners congregated at Fort Ord Dunes State Park to honor fallen service members during the third annual Honor Our Fallen 5K & 10K Run/Walk, Oct. 24.

Army Gold Star Mother Margot Stengel founded the event in 2012 to honor the memory and sacrifice of those from Monterey County who lost their lives serving in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Stengel lost her eldest son, Army National Guardsman Sgt. Vincent Wayne Ashlock, on Dec. 4, 2010 while he was in Afghanistan.

"This year was the most exciting, yet challenging, event and I am really thrilled with the results and the community gathering in support and partnership honoring our fallen and showing respect to our active duty service members," Stengel said.

This will be the last year that Stengel organizes the event, passing those responsibilities to the Presidio of Monterey Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program. Stengel says she hopes to soon find a job that has some meaning and get a social life.

"The Army is taking over and I couldn't be happier or dreamt up a better solution," said Stengel. "When my son died there were nine fallen service members in Monterey County and nobody seemed to be aware of it. So, my mission was to make sure they would never be forgotten. I'm not a run director. I'm not an organizer. I'm not even an athlete. So I feel very accomplished and pleased right now, and although it's been rough and tough, it exceeded my expectations."

Jimmy Panetta, Navy veteran, deputy dis-



**Marines take part in the 3rd annual Honor Our Fallen 5k & 10K Run/Walk at Fort Ord Dunes State Park Oct. 24. DoD photo by Steven L. Shepard, PoM PAO**

trict attorney, Veterans Transition Center board member, and vice chair of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation was guest speaker and a run participant who addressed the crowd with inspirational words prior to the start. Panetta is also the son of former Congressman, White House Chief of Staff, CIA Director and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta.

"As someone who is from this area looking out upon this crowd it makes me very proud, and as a veteran who served in

Afghanistan I am humbled by everyone who came out here to honor those people who gave the ultimate sacrifice," said Panetta. "This community gets it and that's because of the men and women who came here; served here; stayed here; and contributed to the culture here. That is why this community will never turn its back on those who never turned back."

Panetta also brought attention to 14 service members by speaking their names one by one, those from Monterey County who lost their lives serving in Iraq and

Afghanistan and whose photos were seen as markers along both the 5K and 10K course.

"For lack of better words, it made it easier during the run when you see the portraits of those 14 fallen men and you realize what they sacrificed. It makes you realize that what you are doing out here is nothing much. But it is something for them and that gave me motivation to run harder," said Panetta afterwards.

"Monterey has a rich history when it comes to our military. Starting when Commodore Sloat landed here in 1849 through 80 years of the former Fort Ord and now with the 10 or so military institutions that lie in Monterey County. We have service members. We have veterans. We have families of those people in this community and I think it is exemplified by this race how much Monterey cares about the people who serve."

Many of the race participants were drawn from the local military community, including Lance Cpl. Jason Joliff, Marine Corps Detachment Monterey. Joliff ran in a group with six other Marines from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

"We wanted to run together because that's what we do as Marines, we stick together," said Joliff. "We had an opportunity to run for the fallen and suffer a little bit for people who have died for our country. That is a very small way to say thank you to those people who gave everything for their country."

Joliff drew inspiration from the Gold Star family members in attendance.

"Seeing those Gold Star mothers and family members here, I have nothing but

respect for them. Instead of letting life knock them down they pay it forward and come to events like this and support our troops. It warms my heart," said Joliff. "I haven't deployed yet. But when I see this support from the community for what I am a part of, even though I feel I haven't really done anything yet myself, it is that much more motivating for when I do go out there to serve my country and do something bigger than myself."

Seaman Steven Dossett, Center for Information Dominance Unit Monterey, did not participate as a runner. Dossett gave his time, along with a large number of other DLIFLC students, as a volunteer to make sure the event ran smoothly.

***A young participant in the third annual Honor Our Fallen Run/Walk event Oct. 24 reaches out his hand to members of the American Legion Riders Chapter 31, who greeted and cheered runners approaching the finish line.***

***DoD photo by Steven L. Shepard, PoM PAO***

"What better cause could there be than being out here supporting the family members of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to defend our country?," Dossett said. "I saw a family walking by with a picture of someone who had given their life in service and that definitely hit home for me. It reminds me of how much respect those families deserve."

"In the military we want to be an active part of the community. Especially here at DLI we don't want to be seen as 'those guys and gals up on the hill' doing whatever it is we do," he said. "We believe that we are a part of the community and we want to be giving back."





*Runners cross the starting line of the five-kilometer course during the third annual Honor Our Fallen 5K & 10K Run/Walk event at Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Oct. 24.*

*DoD photo by Steven L. Shepard, PoM PAO*



*The Honor Joint Service Color Guard from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center parade the colors during the ceremony prior to the third annual Honor Our Fallen 5k & 10K Run/Walk event.*

*DoD photo by Steven L. Shepard,  
PoM PAO*



## PoM DFAC employee hailed as hero

*Catherine Caruso, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs*

Police officials are calling a Presidio of Monterey dining facility employee a hero for his role in stopping an attempted child abduction Nov. 20.

Pete Vasquez, Combs DFAC afternoon shift leader and an employee of Linker, Inc. (which manages dining facilities on PoM), had stopped for lunch at the Church's Chicken restaurant in Seaside when a man entered the restaurant and approached several of the children inside.

When the man tried to grab one of the children, Vasquez intervened. The man broke free, but he fled the restaurant empty-handed.

"That was good, it got him out of there. That's all I wanted," Vasquez said.

Thanks to descriptions provided by Vasquez and other witnesses, police apprehended a suspect just a few blocks from the restaurant.

"His actions are the reason we caught that guy," Sgt. Nick Borges, Seaside Police Dept., said. "It really was heroic. Very few people would have done what he did."

Vasquez shrugged off the accolades.

"I have granddaughters, a 13-year-old and a 9-year-old... I just hope, in this kind of situation, that someone would do the same for them," he said.

***Pete Vasquez, afternoon shift leader at Combs dining facility on Presidio of Monterey, was hailed as a hero by local law enforcement after thwarting a child kidnapping attempt.***

*DoD photo by Catherine Caruso, PoM PAO*



# Battered, not broken: DLI alumnus continues to serve

*Kenneth A. Stewart, Naval Postgraduate School Public Affairs*

Defense Language Institute-Foreign Language Center alumnus Army Maj. Dennis “DJ” Skelton is featured on the latest installment of “Inside NPS,” a video program that spotlights Naval Postgraduate School students and faculty, where Skelton is currently studying military and civil relations.

Skelton’s military successes started early in his career. He was a Chinese linguist at DLIFLC before applying to the U.S. Military

Academy at West Point as a Green-to-Gold candidate. He was accepted, and after graduating he was commissioned as an infantry officer.

One year later, he deployed to Iraq. A short time into his tour, he was injured during the Second Battle for Fallujah. And overcoming those injuries became the battle that would define his career.

“[My survival] is a testament to our body armor and to our teamwork,” he said.

That team included the Soldier in his unit who performed a field tracheotomy on Skelton, using a spent .50 caliber round to keep the airway open. His injuries included extensive damage to his mouth and soft palate, right eye socket, right leg and left arm.

Skelton was assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he wrote a handbook to help other wounded warriors and families navigate the complex system of services and support available to them.

During his recovery, Skelton fought for a chance to stay in uniform - and found it at the Pentagon, helping to reform DoD policy regarding medical care for wounded warriors, and transition support to veterans.

Later, he deployed to Afghanistan as commander of the company he’d left when he was injured. It was a rewarding experience, he said, but one that led him to conclude his injuries made a continued career in the infantry unlikely.

Switching gears, he applied and was accepted to the Foreign Area Officer program. The assignment brought him back to Monterey, where he is now a Naval Postgraduate school student, and serves as president of the DLIFLC Foundation alumni association.

**Hear more from Maj. Skelton, in his own words: [NPS YouTube channel](#).**

*Editor’s note: This article is condensed from the original version. Read the full story on the NPS website, at [www.nps.edu](http://www.nps.edu).*



***Then an Army captain, MAJ DJ Skelton is pictured during his time in command of Company E, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion. Courtesy photo (released: NPS)***





# 'Horses, Hope & Kids' hosts PoM EFMP

*Jim Laughlin, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs*

Hope, Horses & Kids, a nonprofit equine learning program designed to help local kids with social and emotional difficulties or disabilities, hosted 15 children enrolled in PoM's Exceptional Family Member Program Sept. 12. Participants spent the day at the Buckeye Ranch in Salinas, learning to groom and ride horses while demonstrating positive behavior choices.

PoM EFMP provides resources, services and support for military families coping with serious medical challenges, such as physical handicaps, developmental disabilities, and chronic or severe illness.

*For more information, call (831) 242-7960.*



*At left, a volunteer with Hope, Horses & Kids, a nonprofit equine learning program designed to help local kids with social and emotional difficulties or disabilities, assists a child enrolled in the PoM EFMP during a ride at Buckeye Ranch in Salinas Sept. 12.*

*DoD photo by Jim Laughlin,  
PoM PAO*

*Above, a volunteer leads an EFMP enrollee during a ride at Buckeye Ranch in Salinas Sept. 12.*

*At right, PoM EFMP participants were encouraged to demonstrate positive life skills through horseback riding and grooming activities during their day at the ranch.*

*DoD photos by Jim Laughlin,  
PoM PAO*



# CSUMB Military Appreciation game reflects team effort

Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs

California State University at Monterey Bay hosted Military Appreciation Day during their men's and women's NCAA Division II Soccer matchup against Cal State Los Angeles, Oct. 18.

Service members, veterans, DoD civilians and their families were admitted free of charge and provided a complimentary meal at the Otter Sports Complex as division rivals battled it out in two high-caliber, competitive soccer games.

The game was a reflection of a partnership between California's newest state university and Presidio of Monterey. The school is located on property that was once part of the Army's Fort Ord, and the Presidio still manages acres of military-owned property adjacent to the school.

The communities are connected by more than proximity.

The Presidio and CSUMB also share fire and emergency response support via mutual aid agreements, and have partnered to expand child-care opportunities for students and staff at PoM's Monterey Road Child Development Center and Porter Youth Center.

Many CSUMB students live in surplus military housing, now managed by a private company contracted by the military. University students live side by side with service members and employees assigned to nearby military installations.

And most of those service members are also students, attending one of the two accredited military colleges on the Monterey peninsula, the Defense Language Institute-Foreign Language Center and the Naval Postgraduate School.

A pre-game ceremony was held in which "Otter Pups" from the Presidio's youth

center stood side by side with the CSUMB men's team while the national anthem was performed by DLIFLC's Joint Service Choir, and the school's Honorary Joint Service Color Guard paraded the colors.

The pups are youth from PoM's Porter Youth Center who volunteer as batboys and soccer ball shaggers for CSUMB's athletic teams.

CSUMB athletic department also hosts clinics for PoM's youth sports program.

Capt. Kevin Bertelsen, commander Naval Support Activities Monterey, conducted the coin toss to start an exciting men's game in which CSUMB, playing a man down due to penalties, tied the game with three seconds left only to lose 1-2 in sudden death overtime. The women Otters won their game 2-1.





*CSU at Monterey Bay thanked military members for their service with a Military Appreciation Day during a CSUMB "Otter" soccer double-header.*

*DoD photos by Steven L. Shepard, PoM PAO*





## This month:

### New Yoga class

Beginning in January, Price Fitness Center offers yoga classes on Thursdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Looking for a group cardio class? Check out:

- Zumba, M/W/F from 5-6 p.m., SAT 11 a.m.-noon.
- Spinning, M/W/F, from 5-6 a.m.
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (self-defense conditioning), T/F, 4:30-5:45 p.m.
- Circuit Training, Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m.

All PFC classes are free of charge. Registration is not required. Class schedules are subject to change — call (831) 242-5557 for current info.



## Jan. 9 & 23

### Take control of your finances

Does your new year's resolution involve getting your finances in order? It should! Even if your budget is balanced, ACS financial readiness training can help you make informed decisions about future debt, retirement savings, estate planning and more!

There are two opportunities to attend this month's class - Jan. 9 or 23 at the Tin Barn (PoM). This class is open to all members of the PoM community, and service members in an initial entry training status are especially encouraged to attend.

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

## Jan. 14

### Write a winning resume

Prepare for your next career move at the "Writing A Winning Resume" workshop, Jan. 14 from 6-9 p.m. at the ACS Gold Room (General Stilwell Community Center, OMC).

Career coach Mary Jeanne Vincent will show you how to craft a resume that captures the reader, highlights your accomplishments, and helps get you hired.

Registration required. Call (831) 242-7660.

## Jan 14-15

### Ski/Snowboard trip to Lake Tahoe

Ski or snowboard South Lake Tahoe! MWR Outdoor Recreation trip includes transportation, lodging, and all ski and snowboard equipment (skis/board, poles, boots, and helmet).

Lift tickets are not included, but the resorts offer military discounts for ticket sales on site.

And when you're not on the slopes, there's still plenty to do - we'll be lodging on the Nevada State Line, with access to extensive amenities and nightlife options.

Cost is \$249 per person. Registration is required.

To RSVP, visit the Outdoor Recreation office at Bldg. #228-Lewis Hall (242 Ft. Mervine Place, PoM).

Questions? Call (831) 242-5506.

## Jan 21

### Make PCS a "Smart Move"

Prepare for your next Permanent Change of Station with this workshop that explains military relocation benefits, entitlements, and how to budget as you prepare for your next PCS.

Registration required. Call (831) 242-7660.

## Jan. 23-24

### Whale Fest

Marine conservation agencies present a free festival celebrating the migration of the gray whales Jan. 23-24 at Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

Check out documentaries, music performances and educational displays along the waterfront, where many species of whales, dolphins, porpoises and other sea mammals can be seen throughout the year.

For a complete schedule of events, visit: [montereywharf.com](http://montereywharf.com).



## Jan. 25

### Baby "Boot Camp"

The next Healthy Beginnings prenatal education class is Jan. 25-Feb. 29. Classes meet Mondays, 6-8 p.m. at the ACS Gold Room (General Stilwell Community Center, OMC). Topics include nutrition, exercise, fetal development, childbirth options, lactation support and post-partum adjustment. Registration is required, call (831) 242-7660.

*Baby already arrived? The New Parent Support Program offers classes and services for parents of infants and toddlers. Call (831) 242-7196.*

## Jan. 26

### AFTB Social

Get involved, while learning more about your military community. The Armed Forces Family Team Building (AFTB) program hosts an informational social Jan. 26, 9-11 a.m. at the ACS Gold Room (General Stilwell Community Center, OMC). Children are welcome at this event!

Registration required: email [toni.l.mcintyre.civ@mail.mil](mailto:toni.l.mcintyre.civ@mail.mil) or call (831) 242-6890.

## Jan. 27

### Tax Center opens

The PoM Legal Assistance office offers volunteer tax-preparation services for active-duty service members, military retirees, and dependent family members of personnel in these categories, at no charge.

Appointments are available from 8-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call (831) 242-7365.

*Drop-in services are also available for service members in grades E1-E4 without dependents (must have W2s documenting all income earned during the 2015 tax year).*



## Feb. 6

### Post-Wide Yard Sale

The next Mayoral Program post-wide yard sale is Feb. 6. Registration opens two weeks before the sale, in person at the Monterey Bay Military Housing Mayoral Program front desk, located inside the Army Community Services building (General Stilwell Community Center, OMC). Early-bird passes are also available.

For info, email [ordyardsale@gmail.com](mailto:ordyardsale@gmail.com).

# Play groups offer family fun at Ord Military Community

Check out the Monday Musical, Toddlers & Tunes, and Play Morning play groups at OMC.

Play groups are a great opportunity for parents to spend time with their children, network with other parents, and have fun while helping their child learn and grow.

The Monday Musical and Play Mornings are held at the General Stilwell Community Center.

Toddlers & Tunes are at the Chapel Nursery (all on OMC).

- **Monday Musical** is for pre-school age children and parents. Upcoming dates & times: Jan. 11 & 25; 9-10 a.m.

- **Toddlers & Tunes** provides music and movement activities for children age 0-3 and their parents. Upcoming dates & times: Jan. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

- **Play Mornings** is an interactive playtime for children ages 0-3 featuring activities, craft projects, and songs. Upcoming dates & times: Jan. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Call (831) 242-7660 or 242-7196 to sign up.



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& School Services

## Feb. 20

### Chinese New Year Parade

Travel to San Francisco's Chinatown for the west's largest Chinese New Year parade Feb. 20, with PoM Outdoor Recreation.

The parade has been designated one of the top-ten parades in the world by the International Festivals & Events Association. Buses depart Outdoor Recreation (PoM) at 1:30 p.m., and from General Stilwell Community Center (OMC) at 2 p.m. Parade begins at 5:20 p.m., and ends at approx. 8 p.m.

Experience this world-class celebration of Chinese culture, featuring acrobats, tea-tasting, arts & crafts, puppetry, and the Grand Dragon "Gum Lung" - comprised of a troupe of 100 martial artists - as it performs the ritual welcome dance.

To RSVP, visit the Outdoor Recreation office at Bldg. #228-Lewis Hall (242 Ft. Mervine Place, PoM). Questions? Call (831) 242-5506.

Event info: [chineseparade.com](http://chineseparade.com).



**Above, pedestrians crowd the streets of San Francisco's Chinatown neighborhood during the city's Chinese New Year celebration Feb. 23, 2013.**

**DoD photo by Steven L. Shepard, PoM PAO**

# Birdies for the Brave

Complimentary tickets are available now for the 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (tickets valid Feb 11-14).

Service members (active and reserve components), military retirees and veterans can request four (4) complimentary tickets for use during the tournament at [birdiesforthebrave2.sheerid.com/attpebblebeach2016/](http://birdiesforthebrave2.sheerid.com/attpebblebeach2016/).

There is an administrative fee of \$1 per ticket.

Tickets can be used at any combination, ie: one each day, all four on one day, or in pairs - however, the

service member must be present and provide proof of service at the time their party is admitted to the event.

The Pebble Beach Pro-Am got its start in 1937, near Los Angeles, when singer Bing Crosby organized a tournament to give members of his golf club an opportunity to play with professional golfers while raising money for charity. The tournament was suspended a few years later, during World War II, but resumed play in 1946 at its new home on the Monterey peninsula, where it's been conducted ever since.

The tour's mix of pro golfers and low-handicap celebrities draws 150,000 spectators each year, and millions of television viewers.

Event info: [attpbgolf.com](http://attpbgolf.com).



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PEBBLE BEACH  
PRO-AM**



## Commuters - Ride the bus, on us!

If you're an Active Duty service member or DoD Employee (including NAF) who commutes to work on Presidio of Monterey, we've got your ticket to ride!

The Mass Transit Benefit Program provides monthly bus passes to commuters who commit to helping us reduce traffic by making the bus their primary means of commuting to and from work (dependents of participants are eligible for discounted monthly fares).

To apply, stop by the DPTMS office in Building 614 (DLIFLC & POM Headquarters), Room 119 during

regular office hours: 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Bring your CAC card (or, if you are a new employee, a signed DD Form 1172 from CPAC) and your home address, office phone number, supervisor's name and office phone number, and military email address. You'll be issued your first bus pass on the spot, and can start riding right away!

Service members and employees may also be eligible for ride-share and van pool programs. Questions? Call (831) 242-7590.



**GET THE FREE TICKET  
AND TAKE THE RIDE**

## BOSS SADD Shuttle

Don't start your new year with a career-ending, or even life-ending, DUI. BOSS SADD (Better Opportunities for Single Service Members - Service Members Against Drunk Driving) provides free shuttle services every Friday and Saturday night for service members assigned to USAG Presidio of Monterey and DLIFLC.

The shuttle runs 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday nights. Catch a lift from Safe Ride locations at Portola Plaza, the end of Alvarado St. (outside CVS), and 686 Lighthouse Ave.

To request a ride, call the BOSS SADD Hotline: (831) 601-7182

For more information, call Hobson Recreation Center at (831) 242-5447 or talk to your Unit BOSS Representative.

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9 PM - 12:30 AM

## Report Suspicious Activity or Behavior



The following activities may suggest terrorist surveillance. Alone, each indicator can result from legitimate recreational or commercial activities as well as criminal activity not related to terrorism. Multiple indicators, however, could suggest a heightened terrorist threat. While criminals may observe their targets for a short amount of time, terrorist surveillance may continue for weeks or months. Regardless of the duration, a criminal or terrorist is vulnerable to detection during surveillance.

- Unusual or prolonged interest in security measures or personnel, entry points, and access controls or perimeter barriers.
- Unusual behavior such as staring at or quickly looking away from personnel or vehicles entering or leaving facilities or parking areas.
- Observation of security drills or procedures.
- An increase in anonymous telephone or email threats to facilities in conjunction with suspected surveillance incidents, indicating observation of threat reaction procedures.
- Mobile surveillance by car, bicycles, motorcycles, etc.
- Static surveillance using operatives not seen in the area before, posing as panhandlers or vendors.
- Discreet use of cameras and video recorders.
- Use of sketching material (paper/pencils) near potential target areas.
- Questioning security personnel.

**Report Suspicious Behavior or Activities to  
Presidio of Monterey Police at 242-7851**