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On the cover: *Presidio of Monterey Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall (right) accepts the garrison colors from commander Col. Lawrence Brown at the PoM change of responsibility ceremony Sept. 9. See story on next page.*

Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Ceremonial start for CSM

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

A change of responsibility ceremony officially installed Presidio of Monterey Command Sergeant Major Roberto Marshall Sept. 9 at the Weckerling Center.

Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey garrison commander, presided.

"It will take all of us working together to ensure that all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen have what they need to graduate with a 2+ 2+ in their respective language and provide a critical asset to our nation," Marshall said. "All of us play a critical part in the quality of life that directly impacts academic performance."

Master Sgt. Mike Gabino passed the guidon, completing his time as the garrison's interim senior enlisted leader.

"The best units in the greatest military are the ones where the commander is battle buddies with the command sergeant major



and the trust between them is inherent and solid," Brown said. "I look forward to the next two years with the command sergeant major."

Marshall and his family arrived here in the middle of August from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Gabino returned to his position as the NCOIC of Undergraduate Education, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

(See story on Gabino on page 14)

ABOVE: Presidio of Monterey Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall speaks with Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey garrison commander, at the reception following the Sept. 9 change of responsibility ceremony
RIGHT: Presidio of Monterey Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall and his wife Karina greet Col. Keith Logeman (right), 517th Training Group commander, at the reception following the change of responsibility ceremony Sept. 9.

Photos by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO



USAF flies high at Mad Talent

Story and photos by Brian Lepley,
Presidio of Monterey PAO

Air power reigned and the Army was AWOL at the 2016 "Presidio has Mad Talent" singing competition final.

Shayden Olson won the \$500 first prize and T.J. Rosage was second, picking up \$250. Both are airmen first class in the 311th Training Squadron studying Hebrew.

In third, earning \$125 for his effort, was Lance Cpl. Jacob Schouten, an Arabic student in the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment.

No Soldiers were among the seven finalists on Sept. 23 at Hobson Recreation Center. Pfc. Jeremy Brown was the other Marine. Seamen apprentice Audrey Norstrom and Joe Sacchitella represented the Information Warfare Training Command and

Airman 1st Class Deonte Harry rounded out the group.

The win for Olson was a long road back after suffering a panic attack onstage at the second round of competition Sept. 16.

"I got up on stage, and I honestly don't know what came over me ... it was like this tension gripped all over my body and just held me rigid," he said about that night. "I knew the words I needed to sing, but they just didn't come out. I quickly asked to leave the stage and when I got back to the green room, all I could think of was how badly I'd screwed up."

Helping Olson conquer the episode was the camaraderie of his fellow contestants.

"I never would have been able to get back out there without their support



Airman 1st Class Shayden Olson won the 2016 "Presidio Has Mad Talent" singing competition, earning \$500, presented to him by Col. Lawrence Brown (left), Presidio of Monterey commander, Sept. 23 at Hobson Recreation Center. In front is Seaman Apprentice Audrey Norstrom; behind is Lance Cpl. Jacob Schouten.



Airman 1st Class T.J. Rosage belts out Aerosmith's "Dream On" at the 2016 "Presidio Has Mad Talent" singing competition. He finished second, collecting \$250.

... they calmed me down, and consoled me with their experiences with anxiety on stage," he said. "Without them I never would have continued the competition."

Like the television singing competition programs, "Presidio has Mad Talent" was judged by three people with musical backgrounds.

Now a Chinese Mandarin student in Co. D, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Spc. Tiffany Shomsky earned a bachelor's degree in music and taught instrument performance before enlisting. She agreed on Rosage and Olson as the top performers but had them reversed.

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Presidio Has Mad Talent

"In my opinion, Olson won because he had the vocal performance of his life; far better than I previously thought he could do, based on the previous two weeks, in addition to clearly outclassing everyone else in his showmanship and stage presence," Shomsky said.

The three judges accounted for 85 percent of the winner's totals. Crowd voting was 15 percent. The other two judges were Richard Eels, an employee of Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and a singer/song writer, and Arabic student Spc. Daniella Robichaud of Co. A, 229th MI Bn., who played flute from third grade through college.

"In my opinion, Rosage had the best voice of the group, which is why I put him first. In fact, he and Olson were tied on my score sheet after the first song -- Rosage for his voice, Olson for his showmanship," Shomsky said.

Making the final round meant going big for Rosage. He sang Aerosmith's "Dream On" as his finale, hitting the high notes in the last chorus and visibly impressing judges and the raucous crowd.

"When I found out that I was going to be in the final round, I knew I would have to challenge myself," he said. "That song comes with crazy high notes and it was definitely a risk that I wanted to take."

Both Olson and Rosage emphasized the overall enjoyment of

the competition, both insisting that winning wasn't the reason they were on stage.

"I was okay with not winning ... I was competing in the finals with six other incredible singers who all deserved to win, and we were definitely all supportive of each other," Rosage said. "I was in it for fun, and I think everybody else was, too."

"We were all very close and very willing to help each other out. I

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Spcs. Daniella Robichaud (left) and Tiffany Shomsky were two of the three judges at "Presidio Has Mad Talent."



Seaman Apprentice Audrey Norstrom vamps her way through James Brown's "It's a Man's Man's Man's World."



Applauding third -place finisher Lance Cpl. Jacob Schouten are, from left, Marine Pfc. Jeremy Brown, Seaman Apprentice Joe Sacchitella, and Airmen 1st Class Deonte Harry, Shayden Olson, and T.J. Rosage.

Mad Talent

think we all saw it as more fun than competition,” Olson said. “We were all very friendly, and I would love to do something like this again with all those fine people.”

The two young men aimed high and hit the target, with Olson finishing less than five percent above Rosage in the final tally. Ballots and interviews showed that Olson’s stage presence and flair probably clinched first for him.

“Seeing our first place winner gave me great joy because from the first week of him being super nervous, to the last performance looking super comfortable and blowing me away with not only a great performance but also a great show,” Robichaud said of Olson.

Shomsky couldn’t disagree, saying “I can see why the other judges and the audience could put Olson ahead of Rosage, especially on this particular night.”

Youth hoops signups underway

Youth basketball leagues for Presidio of Monterey children ages six to 13 are underway until Nov. 30.

Cost is \$55 per child with 15 percent discount for each additional child for a two-month season. The fee provides

uniform, team photo and recognition awards. Volunteer as a coach and your child plays free.

Practice begins Dec. 5 after a skills assessment Dec. 3. Season runs Jan. 7 until March 4.

Stop by Parent Central Services, Bldg 4260 on Ord Military Community for more information or to sign up or call 242-7765/7809/4510 for more details. Sign up is also at webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/presidiocyms.html

California caring

PoM helps homeless vets at Monterey VTC's Stand Down

*By Brian Lepley,
Presidio of Monterey PAO*

Helping homeless veterans becomes the focus of the Army's home on the Central California Coast every two years.

The installation's assistance to the Veterans' Transition Center of Monterey County Stand Down is a tremendous advantage for the event, its lead organizer believes.

"The effort from the Presidio stands out among all the community partners that make this homeless veterans support event a reality," said Terry Bare, former executive director of VTC Monterey. "The resources they provide, the volunteers, and of course the location on former Fort Ord, make our stand down a tremendous success."

More than 370 vets from 21 California counties received an array of benefits Aug. 19-21 at the Presidio's Ord Military Community site. A tent city that

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Tony Virrueta (left), a volunteer at the Veteran's Transition Center Stand Down, speaks with Col. Lawrence Brown (center), Presidio of Monterey commander, and Presidio Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall, Aug. 19.

Photo by Al Macks, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Stand down

housed, showered and fed the veterans was built, manned and torn down by more than 500 volunteers. Among the volunteer and community-funded services were medical, dental, barbers, legal and employment assistance, and benefits explained by regional veteran's services offices.

Besides the volunteers, community businesses donated \$36,000 to the stand down, Bare said. While at the VTC, he organized stand downs in 2012, 2014 and this year. The last two have been at the OMC location.

"Few societal issues unite and motivate Americans to action like the veterans'

homelessness problem," said Col. Lawrence Brown, commander of the Presidio of Monterey. "It's our pleasure and privilege to join this effort here in California."

The Presidio's employment readiness manager, Shaleena Thomasson, was there Aug. 20 in her official capacity.

"I was able to meet with 20 veterans, reviewed several resumes, and offered employment advice to them," she said. "Two of them were retirees and eligible for our ACS services so they were referred to come to my office later."

The Presidio's Family Advocacy Program Manager, Jay Ledford, volunteered at the stand down.

"It's our duty to continue to assist those who have served and pledged their lives to this country and as a combat veteran I feel the need to continue to serve my fellow brothers and sisters," he said. "The sheer number of resources available was a testament to how much the Presidio and local community cares about our veterans."

Using the military's property makes it easier for the VTC to house the homeless veterans for the three days in a tent city. Nearly \$30,000 in temporary kitchens and food donations were manned over the weekend by volunteers from American Legion Post 31 in Salinas.

Col. Jan Norris, commander of Fort Hunter Liggett (85 miles south of the Presidio) and Col. Brown visited the stand down Aug.



Lorena Vazquez (left) and Stephanie Dieguez of the Santa Cruz County Veteran's Services Office assist a veteran at the Veteran's Transition Center Stand Down Aug. 19.

Photo by Dan Presser

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Ralph Rubio, mayor of Seaside, California, speaks at the official opening of the Veteran's Transition Center Stand Down Aug. 19.
Photos by Dan Presser

Stand down

19, speaking to attendees and volunteers, including disabled Army veteran Tony Virrueta. He has volunteered at all three of the VTC's stand downs.

"Being here puts my life into perspective and is quite humbling," Virrueta said. "I see participating and helping my fellow veterans as just another form of serving. I truly know that many of us come home after our service with scars on the outside, and the inside."

Ledford and Virrueta were two of the 506 volunteers that committed more than 4,250 hours to the stand down that weekend. Nine commercial buses were hired at a reduced rate to bring homeless veterans from as far away as 125 miles east of Monterey, north from San Francisco and as far south as San Luis Obispo.



Donated clothes and towels are sorted and displayed Aug. 19 for Veteran's Transition Center Stand Down attendees to take with them upon departure.

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Garrison ghouls going into gutters Oct. 28

Halloween bowling in costume awaits U.S. Army garrison employees on Oct. 28 at Monterey Lanes, 2161 Fremont St., in Monterey.

Cost is \$28 per person for three games, shoe rental, door and team prizes, and refreshments. Sign up as a four-person team or individually.

Stop by Price Fitness Center or Hobson Recreation Center to sign up or call 242-5447 for more details. We'll see you on the lanes.



RIGHT: Julie Posey of Salinas sings the national anthem at the official opening of the Veteran's Transition Center Stand Down Aug. 19.

BELOW: Volunteers from American Legion Post 31 in Salinas did all the cooking for the Veteran's Transition Center Stand Down attendees, who stayed at the event from Aug. 19-21.

Photos by Dan Presser



Stand down

The toughest personal challenges for all homeless veterans, Bare said, are legal and health problems. Each of the VTC's three stand downs have had specific services addressing these issues.

"Six Superior Court judges from six counties heard and dismissed dozens of cases on behalf of the attendees," said Marlene Baker of the Veterans Transition Center. "DUIs, trespassing, traffic violations, and other misdemeanors were handled and some very large fines forgiven."

In a medical tent, two doctors and five nurses treated cases of diabetes, hypertension, depression, anxiety, and respiratory issues. More than 150 veterans received exams from 43 dentists and 33 hygienists, with follow-on fillings, x-rays and minor surgeries being performed.

Even the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was on site, caring for pets of the homeless vets.

"All who came through the stand down served our country and are truly deserving of any assistance they may need. Some just to start benefit claims ... some to enjoy a warm meal for a change," Virrueta said. "The stand down is an invaluable event to all the veterans who pass through. In many cases, this is just that little nudge to get them back on track."

Hail Korea!

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center color guard (BELOW) and Korean School fan dance team (RIGHT) participate in the 24th Korean Day Cultural Festival in San Francisco Sept. 17. DLIFLC Commandant Col. Phil Deppert spoke, commending the Korean-American community for their contributions to the U.S.



Photos by Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

HoH helps military job seekers here

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

"Hiring Our Heroes," a national program by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, brings its employment seminar to Ord Military Community Oct. 20.

The free catered networking reception features local employers looking to hire former or current military, their spouses, reserve component servicemembers, retirees and veterans.

Held at Stillwell Community Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m., job seekers can register at www.mwrmonterey.com/acs

Besides meeting employers, professionals will review resumes and offer advice on career planning.

Child care is available by calling 831 242-7765.





Volunteering at a grading project at American Legion Post 512, BOSS member Pfc. Zachary Chapman removes a plank past Post 512 member Frank Melicia on Sept. 10.



BOSS members Spc. Matthew Thornton (left) and Pvt. Adan Sanchez move dirt while grading a walkway at American Legion Post 512 on Sept. 10.

BOSS downtime distraction: breaking a sweat

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

Stress relief for Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center students comes in many forms: video games, exercise, visiting area attractions, enjoying cold adult beverages ... or performing free weekend labor.

Five Soldiers decided the last option suited them on Sept. 10. The members of Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers volunteered at the American Legion Post 512 in Carmel.

"With the restrictions the Soldiers have here, for such an extended period of time,

I believe BOSS is probably one of the best things the Soldiers can take advantage of here," said Staff Sgt. Emily Elsey, Company F, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion. "There's so many activities for them to do, such a wide variety."

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BOSS

With 10 years of service and three deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan behind her, Eley, who's studying Indonesian, seeks calmer off-duty diversions than most of her younger classmates.

"By Friday night I'm coming out of the classroom and I'm completely brain fried and all I want is to get out and do some things that's not language related," she said. "Having an outlet, plus the

fact that it's volunteer work, it's not 'let's go out and do something crazy,' it's 'let's do something worthwhile for somebody while we relieve stress.'"

Legion Post 512 member Melanie Barney is a librarian at DLIFLC's Aiso Library. She put in the volunteer request to DLIFLC's operations section, asking for help on grading a new walkway and cleaning the post's Memorial Hall. Ops turned the mission over to BOSS.



BOSS members enjoy lunch supplied by the American Legion Post 512 Sept. 10 after a few hours of volunteer work at the downtown Carmel property.

Joining Eley on that Saturday mission were Pfc's Rachel Parham and Zachary Chapman, Spc. Matthew Thornton, and Pvt. Adan Sanchez.

As the Co. B, 229th BOSS representative and a member of the executive council, Chapman is a believer in BOSS' mission of responsibility.

"There's all sorts of cool stuff to get into. Someone said to me, 'what are you going to do, go groom dogs?' Which is cool, I could do that at the SPCA," he said. "I volunteered at Laguna Seca, I get to see the races. I volunteer for the triathlon and get to sit there on the beach, passing out water to runners."

Prior to arriving at DLIFLC, Russian language student Chapman had heard about the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and how students here earn it because of their long tours and the numerous volunteer opportunities.

"There's so many good events that the Presi-

dio of Monterey and Monterey County put on for the public, so why not give something back to those who give us so much," he said. "It's a great opportunity to do something in the community and get your mind out of that zone of Russian, Russian, Russian, Russian, and distract you for a while."



Pfc. Zachary Chapman dumps a load of dirt from the grading project Sept. 10 at the American Legion Post 512 in Carmel.

MSG's time as CSM another step in learning, leadership

By Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO, and Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

If the Army teaches you anything, it's that life-long learning pays off.

Master Sgt. Mike Gabino learned this the hard way when a car accident threatened his graduation from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. He tries to teach the lessons he's learned about learning to junior service members. And he's expanded learning at DLIFLC as he begins his third duty assignment here since returning in 2015.

"Part of being an NCO is to be a teacher able to coach, mentor and develop others," said Gabino.

Gabino meets regularly with the institute's Military Language Instructors - NCOs who teach students in their language and mentor them about military service. MLIs bridge the gap between the military units and the civilian staff in all eight schools and every language taught at DLIFLC.

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Photo by Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

Gabino

"I use a lot of my experience as a student in the military to mentor them," said Gabino, and he expects the MLIs to do the same for their students. "Experience is the foundation of what I became and it taught me what right looks like."

He recently became NCOIC of the operations section of DLIFLC. That assignment followed a 60+ day temporary assignment as the Presidio of Monterey's Command Sergeant Major.

"I knew the vital mission of the garrison side of the house but I have a better appreciation of what the civilians there do day in and day out," Gabino said. "I truly embrace what they do and they have a great team. It's a hard mission."

Presidio garrison commander Col. Lawrence Brown arrived here soon before Gabino joined the garrison leadership team.

"Master Sgt. Gabino dove right in, with no hesitation. There was no inbrief, no transition," Brown said. "By the end of the first day on the job he was already working 10 projects or issues. Not once did I ever question any

issues or actions he took on my behalf."

Gabino served as the NCOIC of DLIFLC's Undergraduate Education department when he came back to the Presidio last year. His boss there, Command Sgt. Maj. James Southern, realized that Gabino was a different kind of NCO.

"He came up the right way - through the ranks. He truly cares, and he has no agenda other than to do what's right by the Soldiers and take care of them," Southern said. "He was the perfect individual to take on the garrison command sergeant major slot for a few months."

Besides the need for a senior enlisted advisor in the months before the arrival of Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall, the assignment was a developmental opportunity for Gabino.

"He's being considered for promotion right now," Southern said. "The timing could not have been better to highlight him as an individual and an NCO than to put him in that position to demonstrate his potential."

An example of how Gabino cares for the DLIFLC students is understanding the pressure



Master Sgt. Mike Gabino and his wife Evelyn (at right) enjoy California's off-post activities like white water rafting with sons Ekim (left) and Sebastian.

Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Mike Gabino

to succeed here and easing that stress.

He initiated a module-based, mixed martial arts class that includes Jujitsu, Judo and Taekwondo for students. He worked with the institute's leadership so that it would not interfere with class and that a mixed martial arts class would be available if a

student wanted to take it.

"Not only are they learning a new skill but they're forgetting about class for a little while. They're decompressing," said Gabino. "Creating a balance is part of the learning cycle."

He is also a proponent of the

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Gabino

Army's Performance Triad, promoting fitness through adequate sleep, exercise and nutrition, and he encourages students to incorporate the Triad into their daily habits.

"We've got people that are physical so they like to do physical stuff," Gabino added.

"But we've also got people that are more open to being mentally stimulated. So we incorporated the student learning center to be open seven days a week so they can use it and its resources as they see fit."

He relates to DLIFLC student struggle through first-hand experience. A native of Fajardo, Puerto Rico, Gabino joined active duty from the Army Reserve in 1997, reporting to DLI to become a Russian linguist.

Out shopping one night, he was hit by a drunk driver. Facing a lengthy recovery, he was medically dropped from the course. Later, Gabino was given the option to return to his Russian studies ... starting from day one.

"At that point I had been at DLI for almost two years. So I asked them to reclassify me as a Spanish linguist," he said. He took the Defense Language Proficiency Test and qualified as a linguist.

Among Gabino's assignments are the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 205th Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, as a Spanish linguist. He has a Masters in Ad-

ministration from Central Michigan University and is working on his doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of the Cumberland.

"That hunger for education came from the Army," said Gabino. "That's when I became really passionate about learning new skills and teaching those skills to others."



Master Sgt. Mike Gabino passes the Presidio of Monterey guidon to commander Col. Lawrence Brown (right) during the installation change of responsibility ceremony Sept. 9.

Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

PoM honors those that matter: 2016 volunteers of the year

Presidio of Monterey PAO staff report

Military installations could run without volunteers but it's a scenario no one wants to imagine.

Volunteers and the installation have a mutually beneficial relationship. The organizations

like the Mayor's Program, Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers, Sports and Recreation, Family Readiness Groups, and many others off and on the Presidio of Monterey offer volunteers experience and the organizations function better with the help.

Congratulations to the Presidio's 2016 volunteers of the year:

- Presidio of Monterey and Air Force spouse: Emilee Davis
- Department of Defense civilian: Xueting Wang
- Army: Pfc. Shantel Phillips
- Marines: Lance Cpl. Andrew Gomez
- Air Force: Staff Sgt. Nicholas Babian
- Army Spouse: Randi Kramer and Raymond Stewart
- Navy Spouse: Krystal Prinsen



Pfc. Shantel Phillips (right), receives her Army volunteer of the year award from Cpt. Robert Hammond, commander of Company A, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion. Phillips was honored for her work as BOSS president.



Gay Rearick (left), Presidio of Monterey housing management, extols the many virtues of Emilee Davis (right), the Presidio of Monterey and Air Force spouse volunteer of the year, for her work with the housing mayor's program. With Davis are her husband, Tech. Sgt. Brad Davis, 314th Training Squadron, and daughter Riley.

Gather for BOSS Ghoulish Gala at Hobson Oct. 29

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers looks to stage its biggest party of the year for Halloween with the Ghoulish Gala Oct. 29 at Hobson Recreation Center.

Attendees in costume get in for \$1; without costume the price is \$3. It starts at 8 p.m.

with contests for pumpkin carving, pie eating and best costumes, as well as a DJ and dancing.

The BOSS SADD van will be available by calling 831 601-7182; for more party info, call 831 242-5447 or stop by Hobson's Java Cafe.



Air Force soars to Commander's Cup fall edition

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

In a closely contested battle, the running teams from the 517th Training Group narrowly edged out the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion to claim the Fall 2016 Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commander's Cup Sept. 14.

The Air Force women's team overtook Army on the final lap after an Army team member stumbled.

Army managed to beat second place Air Force in the men's competition but the combined times were enough to give Air Force the edge, collecting the Commander's Cup from DLIFLC Commandant Col. Phil Deppert.

The Marines and Navy finished third and fourth, respectively.

TOP: The services' women's teams do battle at the Price Field track Sept. 14. **RIGHT:** Col. Keith Logeman (left), commander of the 517th Training Group, accepts the Commander's Cup from Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commandant, Col. Phil Deppert, on behalf of the Air Force's running team.



Army's 704th MI collects kudos

Unit is DLIFLC's 2016 language program of the year

By Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

The Army's 704th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Meade, Maryland, earned the Department of Defense Best Command Language Program of the Year for 2015 at a Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center ceremony Sept. 27.

Col. Rhett Cox, brigade commander, and Selena Heckman, 704th command language program manager, accepted the trophy from Col. Phil Deppert, DLIFLC commandant, at the Weckerling Center. Heckman, a 2012 Korean graduate of DLIFLC and Army National Guard linguist, has been with the 704th MI since February. "I was lucky to come in with an unbiased and outsider's view of the program," she said. "The statistics, the numbers on paper, show how over the past five years the 704th has improved annually in proficiency, training and in our processes."

Heckman also adds that things could not be more conducive to language learning for a command language program by way of command support and the operational environment than in the 704th MI. The brigade supports its linguists by always finding, evaluating and utilizing more opportunities for them to improve their language proficiency. "The recipe for an ideal CLP is talent management, command emphasis and hard driven command language program managers," she said. "This is the structure you need to build a language program. To have

one without the others, the program could fall flat."

Finalists for the DOD Command Language Program of the Year were the 3rd Radio Battalion Marine Corp Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay, the Navy Information Operations Command Bahrain and the 43rd Intelligence Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

The 2015 DOD Language Professional of the Year was Tech. Sgt. Craig Erwin, 25th Intelligence Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

The runner up for the DOD Language Professional of the Year was Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick Finneran, Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii, Honolulu. The 2015 U.S. Army Language Professional of the Year DOD Finalist was Cpl. Fabian de Araujo of the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The 2015 U.S. Marine Corps Language Professional of the Year DOD Finalist was Staff Sgt. Matthew Paisie, Company D, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

U.S. Army policy states that units with linguists must maintain a command language program and provided several hours per week for linguists to train to maintain their language. More than 150 command language program managers attend the course each year to learn trends in foreign language acquisition and new products offered to better maintain and improve their foreign language skills.

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Moving legs across PoM for life



Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commandant Col. Phil Deppert, with school mascot "Lingo," led servicemembers and staff on a run from Price Fitness Center to Soldier Field for the Sept. 16 Presidio of Monterey-DLIFLC Run/Walk for Life, supporting of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The walk began at post headquarters and finished at Soldier Field, led by Col. Lawrence Brown, PoM commander

Photos by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO



IWTC student wins Korean award

By Patrick Bray, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

Seaman Apprentice Kaylah Blackman won first place in the 25th Annual Korean Language Writing Contest for Foreign Nationals with her story "The Influence of Gloomy News."

She read her story in Korean at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center awards ceremony Oct. 6.

"Just like how Neil Armstrong walked on the moon or how Korea became independent from Japan's colonization and repression, times of cheerful and exhilarating news filled our world ... they say that the influence of tragic news affects one's mental health ..."

The Korean School's competition was judged by Seoul's Yonsei University.

"It took me more than six hours to write this essay because I had to figure out how to make the Korean sound more articulate by using different words," Blackman said.

Studying Korean language was a passion for the native Californian before she joined the Navy.

"I've always wanted to study Korean. I've studied on-and-off on my own for two years by myself. I had no teacher or textbook," Blackman said.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Honor Our Fallen 5K/10K

The Honor Our Fallen 5K/10K Oct. 20 has walk and run loops that run 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 Presidio of Monterey Morale Welfare and Recreation, 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 enhance support programs for Gold Star Families. Go to www.active.com/marina-ca/running/distance-running-races/honor-our-fallen-run-2016 to sign up.

Free tutoring for K-12

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). 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



Presidio of Monterey Commander, Col. Lawrence Brown, signs October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation at the Ord Military Community's Stilwell Center. Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO.

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



AROUND THE SERVICES

Army asst. coach means gold to women

DefenseLink

As the final seconds tick away during a championship game, basketball coach Aaron Bryant can only watch.

One point behind the Navy, the Army women drive down the court after rebounding a free throw miss. The ball is loose. Spc. Vanessa Lamison collects it and launches from the three-point line. The buzzer sounds as the ball drops in the cylinder.

Lamison's 13th point takes the title for Army, 67-65, a moment Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bryant will never forget.

"It gives me chills," he said. "I can't believe she hit that shot."

An assistant coach for the team since 2010, Bryant is a senior petroleum system technician for the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, Fort Stewart, Georgia.

His players know, through hard

work and discipline, that the tournament is not a break from duty. The women are all still Soldiers coming together to accomplish a mission, just like any other day.

"I'm hard on them, but I'm fair. You've got to give them that tough love and ensure that you instill discipline," Bryant said. "They don't like it initially, but they love me at the end when we've got that gold medal."

After winning the Armed Forces Championship in July, seven Soldiers and two Air Force players, two from the Navy, and one from the Coast Guard got the opportunity to play at the 2nd Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) World Military Basketball Championship.

After beating Canada, France, China and Germany, Team USA

lost to Brazil 61-60 in the title game at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, July 29.



CWO3 Aaron Bryant

He hopes to put together a Fort Stewart men's team this year and a women's team next year. The post has not had an organized basketball team in over 10 years.

"I'm doing my best to get this program back on its feet," he said.

"I'm serious about what I do."

Bryant's success as a player taught him something.

"Every great player cannot coach," Bryant said. "Coaching is very hard. You've got to make sure you have the right people in at the right time. They expect you to lead them."

DoD readies for January inauguration

Army News Service

The presidential inauguration is the largest, most publicized quadrennial event in the nation's capital. And since 1789, members of the U.S. military have played an instrumental role.

"This really dates back to 1789 when our local militia and Revolutionary War veterans escorted President George Washington in New York City," said Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker, commander of Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region and U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

Becker recently assumed the role of commanding general of the Joint Task Force -- National Capital

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Inauguration

Region 58th Presidential Inauguration.

To date, 150 of 820 projected servicemembers from all branches of the military have arrived at the task force. Their ranks will grow as the January 20th inauguration approaches. At full strength, a task force of 5,000 servicemembers will support the presidential inauguration.

The task force will fill a significant and highly-visible role in ceremonial support to the inauguration, including the military's five service bands, color guards, salute batteries and honor cordons.

Behind the scenes, there's an even larger operational support element: chemical, biological incident response force, explosive ordnance disposal and counter-improvised explosive device capability teams, logistics, planning and more.

Becker and his task force have already had meetings with members of Congress, the Secret Service, the FBI, U.S. Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia and others.



Valiant chocks and chains

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Demetrice Cox secures an MH-60s Seahawk helicopter with chocks and chains on the USS Chancellorsville during Valiant Shield 2016 in the Philippine Sea, Sept. 22. "Valiant Shield 2016 honed our warfighting capabilities as a joint force, but most importantly the exercise demonstrated our ability to work within complex warfighting situations," said Cmdr. Michael Posey, team lead for the exercise. "Each branch contributed to the effort of a functional joint environment." The biennial exercise focuses on joint training among U.S. forces.

Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Schneider

Army Ten Miler dominated by Soldiers

By Jessica Ryan, U.S. Army Installation Management Command PAO

Soldiers swept the men's top five spots and the best three military women's finishes at the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 9.

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program men took the top five spots within 12 seconds of each other.

Sgt. Augustus Maiyo was first in the male's overall and male's military categories at 48:20, followed by 1st Lt. Robert Cheseret a heartbeat behind at 48:20 and 2016 U.S. Olympic track and field team members Spc. Shadrack Kipchirchir (third) and Sgt. Hillary Bor (fourth) both clocking 48:22. Another 2016 Olympian, Spc. Leonard Korir, timed at 48:32 for fifth place.

Capt. Kelly Calway, of West Point, New York, was first in the female's military category and third in the female's overall at 58:56. Pfc. Susan Tanui, of Fort Riley, Kansas, clocked 59:43 for second in the female military category, outpacing third placer Spc. Ruth Keino (1:00:52) of US Army Garrison Bavaria.

The runners credited their success to teamwork. As they ran the 10-mile trek together, they faced wet streets and wind gusts.

"We worked together as a team. The



The top three military women's finishers in the 2016 Army Ten Miler celebrate their awards Oct. 9 with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley (right). From left are Spc. Ruth Keino (third place), winner Capt. Kelly Calway and Spc. Susan Tanui, second place.

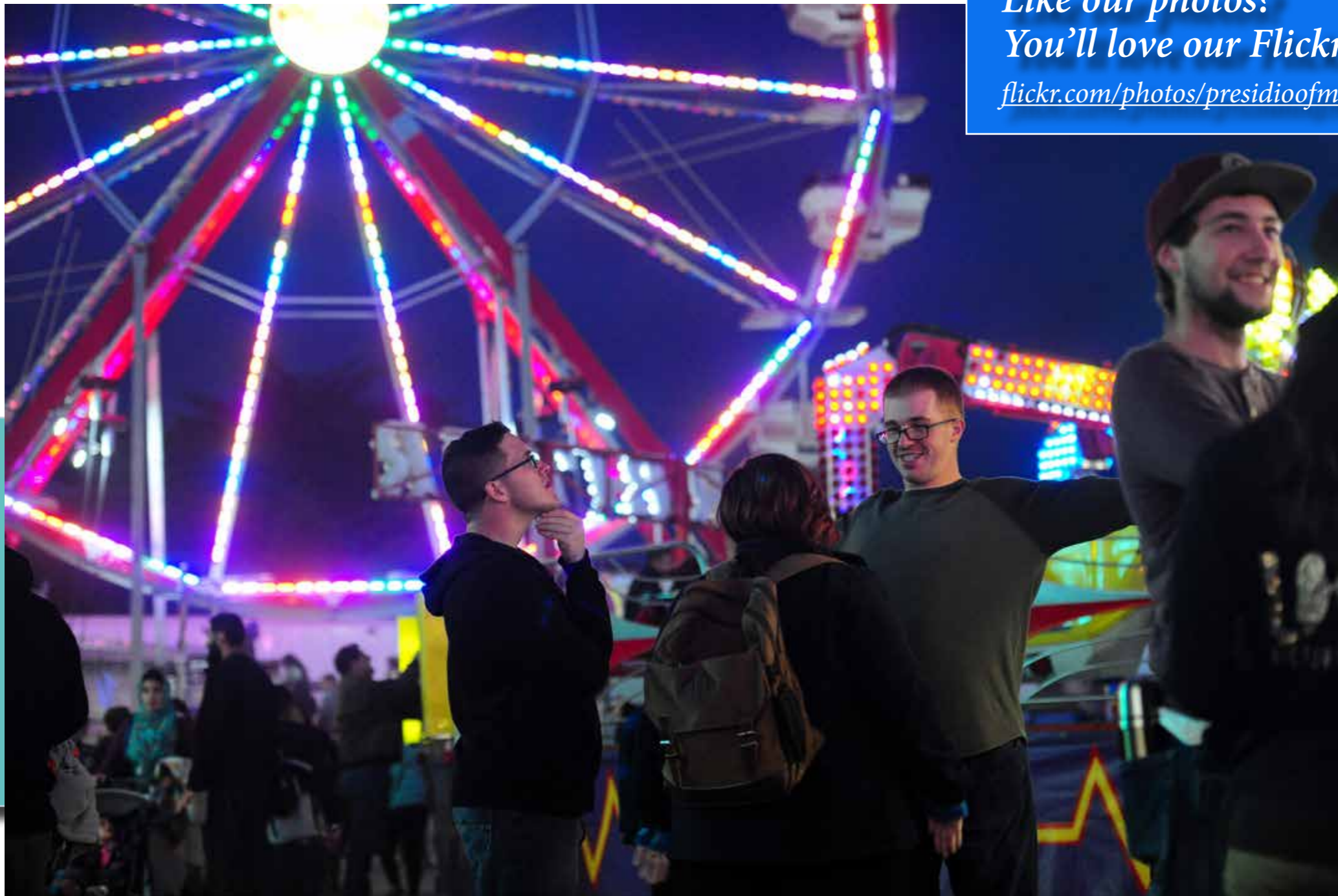
way we run as a group helped a lot," said Kipchirchir. "We stay together and motivate each other. If someone starts to slow down, we encourage them to keep up with the group."

They credited Army training and support from crowd members for their preparation and motivation for the race.

"The Army helps us train and gives us

support," said Cheseret. "Seeing all these people here was really motivational. The crowd was cheering and were so good to us.

Calway ran to honor a fallen fellow captain, Brian "Bubba" Bunting, a West Point graduate who died in 2009 while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.



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Monterey's military community turned out in large numbers to enjoy the Monterey County Fair during Military & Veterans Appreciation Day, Sept. 2. Active duty military, veterans and their family members were admitted to the fair at no cost and received reduced rates on midway carnival rides. 2016 saw the Monterey County Fair celebrate its 80th anniversary.

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