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On the cover: *Pfc. James Cartwright, A-company, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion competes in the Warrior Challenge at the Price Fitness Center field May 2. Photo by Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO*



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Photo by Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO

New PoM commander crosses Pacific



PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO STAFF REPORT

Col. Greg Ford assumed command of the Presidio of Monterey from Col. Lawrence Brown on Soldier Field June 12 under a sunny sky.

"The entire Presidio of Monterey team have been courteous and have shared their knowledge with me so readily, it made me feel like a member of the team from day one," Ford said.

He comes to the home of the Army in Northern California from being the G2, Director of Intelligence, at 8th Army, Republic of Korea.

Brown moves on to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence on the NATO Response Force in Milan, Italy.

"What a group of patriotic and caring Americans, every single one of them seated here today," Brown said of the crowd in front of him. "Before you today is one of the strongest communities in the United States; I truly believe this.

"I am truly grateful for the community leaders here today for integrating and including the Presidio of Monterey in everything they do."

The ceremony's presiding officer was Vince Grewatz, director of Army Installation Management Command – Training of Fort Eustis, Virginia. Four mounted troops from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, once stationed at the Presidio from 1919 to 1942, participated in the ceremony. The unit now calls Fort Irwin, California, home.



ABOVE: Col. Greg Ford (center) and his wife Rebecca (left) greet Tom Joyce, Presidio of Monterey fire chief, after the PoM change of command ceremony June 12.

LEFT: The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment makes a charge across the field during the ceremony. The unit was assigned here from 1919-1942.

Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO



Lovin' it ... NOT

SEASIDE, California -- The Presidio of Monterey Fire Department's Engine #61 and Truck #61 with eight firefighters supported three local departments at the McDonalds blaze here the morning of June 5. The building was a complete loss after a car crashed into it, rupturing a gas line and igniting the fire. Courtesy of Presidio of Monterey Fire Department



DLIFLC welcomes new commandant

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO STAFF REPORT

Col. Gary Hausman took charge of training the U.S. military's linguists June 12, assuming command of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center from Col. Phil Deppert at Soldier Field.

"Michelle and I look forward to serving you," Hausman said. He arrives at the Presidio of Monterey from U.S. Army Cyber Command, Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he served as deputy chief of staff and executive officer.

Presiding over the ceremony was Lt. Gen. Michael Lundy, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center commanding general, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

"This is the toughest colonel command in the Combined Arms Center but possibly one of the most rewarding," he said. "Gary, you will no doubt continue the great work the Depperts have done."

Deppert recognized the "Team of Teams," referring to faculty, NCO Military Language Instructors, and branch unit commanders, thanking them for their hard work and dedication to the institute.



Col. Gary Hausman (with guidon) assumes command of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center June 12.

Natela Cutter, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

"The institute continues to thrive because of your unwavering support and open

arms," Deppert said. "This has been the most fulfilling three years of my career."

Letter from the Garrison commander

COL. GREGORY FORD, GARRISON COMMANDER, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY

To the Presidio of Monterey Garrison team,

Thank you for your heartfelt welcome to Rebecca and me at the change of command ceremony. As the newest commander here at the Army's home in Northern California, I am humbled and honored to be part of your high-performing team.

Everywhere I look, I see dedicated professionals who are committed to providing their best to all of our mission partners, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Civilians, and Families. I keep seeing the impact that our dedicated team has made and it makes me realize what a truly special workforce we have in ensuring the accomplishment of our critical mission.

Every member of the workforce is here because you believe in what we do and the value we provide for the nation. My first choice for command was at the Presidio of Monterey. My career has demonstrated clearly to me what our mission partners do for our military. I wanted to work with a team that enables and continues that success. You will see me walking around and talking with you, as you are the Presidio of Monterey's most important resource. I look forward to meeting you, understanding what you do, and then seeing how I can assist.

We will continue to face challenges in funding, resources, personnel and, most



Col. Greg Ford attends the Fort Ord Reuse Authority board of directors meeting June 8 in Marina.

Photo by Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO

importantly, time. But I know that by working together we can find an acceptable solution for any problem. I ask that you continue to do your amazing work and look for any areas where we can be more efficient or effective. Our true measure of success is delivering the appropriate level of support to our partners, and enabling their mission accomplishment. Given your

phenomenal history of accomplishments, I have no doubt we will achieve this every single time!

Sustain, Support, Defend!

Gregory J. Ford
COL, MI
Commanding

At target-rich PoM, socially inept could face hard time

COMMENTARY BY BRIAN LEPLEY, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

It's easy to either dismiss or get lost in the headlines about social media disrupting the American electoral process and being the president's primary communications option.

For some, it's easier to see social media as a harmless time waster or a way to keep mom and dad aware of their activities.

For America's military, the digital space presents danger on a scale that could end service, with maybe a criminal conviction and hard time at Fort Leavenworth thrown in.

These 2018 headlines tell a sad story for the Army:

- A sergeant first class serving in Hawaii indicted by the FBI on charges of attempting to support the Islamic State group.
- A Fort Benning Soldier arrested and on trial for attempted internet enticement of a minor.
- A recruiter in Texas arrested after sending a nude photo of himself to a minor via Snapchat.
- A Soldier in Germany

removed from duty after posting a picture of a patient's severed body part to Snapchat.

Then there's the "Marines United" secret Facebook page discovered over a year ago that was a repository of nude female photos, many of them active duty Marines. The Corps' investigation since has resulted in more than 80 adverse actions with nearly 100 more personnel being investigated.

These examples describe U.S. military making poor decisions and acting illegally. Service members are also targets for online predators seeking money and secrets.

The military and civilian Presidio of Monterey population offers these bad actors a particularly ripe target. Most of the military here are just beginning their careers and are fresh targets that haven't faced typical threats. Nearly all the military here (and some civilians) either have, or are on their way to, earning Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information clearances.

The story about the Hawaii NCO above represents two sides of danger for all Presidio personnel. The NCO spent hours each week watching videos of beheadings and other terrorist



violence online. Concerned fellow unit personnel reported him and he was nabbed in an FBI sting.

Consider the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center student thinking that it'd be helpful for classwork to find the same kind of videos, or to seek other Islamist state videos. There could be instructors who think that going to these websites will be beneficial to their work.

Don't.

Prior to the FBI being alerted to the Hawaii NCO's behavior, it had been aware of his internet traffic. When it comes to terrorism suspicions, there are no secrets online.

The nature of a DLIFLC student's and instructor's duties make them primary targets for America's enemies. It is easier for foreign agents to target

people online than trying to buddy up to them with a beer at Duffy's.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command recommends the following actions to anyone who thinks they're being electronically targeted:

- If the safety or well-being of someone is in imminent danger, contact local law enforcement immediately.
- Do not reply to suspicious email, click on any links, or open any attachments.
- Report the email to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.
- Report the email to your email and Internet service provider.
- Move email to spam folder.
- If contacted through social media, report the contact to the social media provider.

Social media and the internet make life easier for all who use them. The digital world's benefits seem limitless. There also appears to be no limit to the depths of misery and/or criminal consequences that may result. It is a tool that easily becomes a weapon.

PoM teen to state her 3rd California case next year

BY BRIAN LEPLEY, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

Two setbacks will not deter Sydney Johnson.

Home field advantage almost paid off for the Presidio of Monterey's 2018 Military Youth of the Year at the California competition, staged at the Weckerling Center here April 25. The judges indicated she battled the winner, Travis Air Force Base's Paola Basaca, to the end.

It won't be Johnson's first or last crack at the state title. The daughter of retired Staff Sgt. Steven and Sharmaine Johnson was the Presidio's 2016 representative and the Seaside High School junior will be back next year.

"Mostly exhilarating but nerve wracking as well," she said of her April 25 experience. "It's a competition and they're all talented teens, so whoever wins it deserves it."

"It's a growing experience so I can look at what I've done and fix what I need to fix to come back at it better and with more passion."

Back in March, Sydney bested

Katherine Gerot, daughter of Army Maj. Jeremy and Janneane Gerot, and Fabio Saouma, whose parents are Adel Saouma and Georgette Kassis, Arabic instructors at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, to represent the Presidio at state.

"All of the candidates were very strong and had put in a lot of thought into their applications," said Lt. Col. Valarie Long, 517th Training Wing deputy commander. "Ms. Johnson's poise and confidence stood out, as well as her message on diversity."

Joining Long on the judging panel for Presidio of Monterey's 2018 Military Youth of the Year were Shawn Benjamin, Presidio of Monterey Fire Department, and Joe Quilenderino, Presidio of Monterey Police Department.

Johnson sees competing in these events as an opportunity to support issues important to her generation.

"Teaching our students and kids from an early age to advocate and to know their rights, how to vote, the importance of it, and why their voice matters is my passion," she said. "I believe,



Sydney Johnson makes her speech at the 2018 California Military Youth of the Year competition on April 25 at the Presidio's Weckerling Center.

Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

personally, that military youth are some of the most resilient people – having to adapt to pressure, change and constant moving."

Long's experience with the

Presidio competition gave her an appreciation for the installation's youth program.

"I believe it really helps young people prepare for college

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Not all of our military teammates wear a uniform

LT. GEN. KENNETH R. DAHL, COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND

One of the great lessons I've learned as commanding general of U.S. Army Installation Management Command is to value the diversity and contributions of Army civilians.

Before taking command of IMCOM and its 50,000 plus cohort of civilian professionals, I had little experience in leading or working alongside them. I was ambivalent about their role in making our Army ready.

I had no appreciation for how vital their leadership is to the continuity and success of all we do. Now, after witnessing the wisdom, dedication, technical expertise and professionalism of Army civilians in a personal way, I will champion their service.

After visiting 80 installation communities around the world, I am as familiar with today's Army as anyone. It is clear to me that our Army could not do all of what it is expected to do without civilians in nearly every command, in some cases side-by-side in theater.

Civilian professionals provide foundational continuity in times

of turbulence; design, test and field our weapon systems; play critical roles in supporting Soldiers and their Families; maintain our training facilities; and myriad other critical tasks that give Soldiers the freedom to focus on warfighting. Army civilians are integral to readiness, and a part of the team I have grown to accurately value and appreciate.

Can we improve the system? You bet, but we should not paint all Army civilians with the same brush based on limited experiences where a small number have made a bad impression or had a negative impact. Detractors of employing civilians should think through the alternatives. Totally contractors? Have Soldiers do everything? These solutions are often more expensive and can negatively impact Army readiness in serious ways.

Army Civilians are probably the most efficient and effective way to sustain readiness. Their contributions are priceless; our nation simply cannot purchase their level of loyalty and commitment. They are part of the Army's DNA. I encourage more Army leaders to learn and understand this important truth sooner than I did.



Fabio Saouma delivers his speech during the 2018 Presidio of Monterey Military Youth of the Year competition March 26 at Porter Youth Center. Seated to his right are fellow competitors Katherine Gerot (left) and Sydney Johnson.
Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Youth of the Year

and beyond ... the coaching, mentoring and support they get as they prepare is what really makes this program great," she said. "All of the candidates will be able to take that away and apply it to the things they do in the future."

Johnson's disappointment was as evident as her adaptability,

resilience and focus on her future.

"Because we're all military youth we all know how it feels, what we represent, what we want to accomplish," she said. "That resonates with all of us. Humility is an important thing to learn. I lost but I can accept it."

Language Day 2018

Thousands pour into Presidio of Monterey

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO STAFF REPORT

The Presidio of Monterey is atop a hill, 392 acres of fenced military training area producing service members that translate the world's secrets.

And once a year it throws open its doors for the public to get an unclassified look at what's going on here.

The 66th Language Day of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center welcomed nearly 6,000 students, educators and visitors from all over California and more than a dozen other states May 11. Consider it, in the words of Col. Wiley Barnes, 517th Training Group commander and DLIFLC deputy commandant, the Presidio of Monterey equivalent of an air show.

"It's an opportunity to show off. A lot of our students and our teachers are pouring their heart and soul into the teaching and learning in very small groups. That's not seen by a lot of people," he said. "This is an opportunity to demonstrate the hard work and some of the fruits of the labor that happen behind the scenes in the classroom day in and day out."

The Army Language School Festival debuted here on April 25, 1952. Its purpose was celebrating diversity of languages and cultures highlighting dances, skits and music from various countries.

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Spanish language students from Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Multi Language School perform the salsa at Language Day on May 11.

Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Language Day 2018

This year consisted of 48 cultural performances by students and faculty on the main stage in addition to authentic food, culture tents and demonstrations.

"DLI Language Day is the most beautiful, colorful event that we hold every year ...

it projects the true DLI," said Sameera Sharif, DLIFLC employee, who has emceed Language Day for the past eight years. "Students prepare for Language Day for four or five months and they learn the traditional dance, the traditional music and then they bring it out on the stage."

Students get ready for Language Day on their own time.

"We are in a pretty stressful program, and we get to let loose and remember that DLI is a whole community," said Airman 1st Class Neva Hendry, 311th Training Squadron. "It feels like you're part of something bigger when you're in this big melting pot of all of these different cultures." She choreographed and led instruction for the Levantine belly dance.

"I think it's great. The main thing is that I see people from different cultures doing the dances instead of just having people from each culture present their own," said Faye Collins Hill, a retired teacher and Monterey resident visiting the Presidio for the first time.

"I haven't been here since before 9/11," said area resident Jim Gilman, sitting and chatting with a Soldier studying Korean. "We used to come here all the time, especially for the 4th of July to watch the fireworks over the bay. This is a great chance to come see the Presidio."

While the locals enjoy seeing what's behind those fences, another Language Day focus are the civilian school students (2,100 this year) that make the event a field trip.

"This is my fourth year coming to Language Day," said Kristen Pacheco from Cambria High School. "It has been amazing and the best thing is the food."

For many of the visiting students, there



The Chinese dragon dance kicked off Language Day May 11 with Chinese language students from Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Asian School I. Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO

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was so much to do that they'd like to come back next year to see it all.

"I think it's nice and I want to come down here again next year – have more time to explore," said 16-year-old Bria Harley, who studies French in school but is also interested in Korean, Mandarin and now – thanks to Language Day – Japanese.

"This place is really amazing. There is a lot of culture all around," said 16-year-old high school student Annette Won.

(Thanks to Aryn Lockhart, 17th (U.S. Air Force) Training Wing PAO; Natela Cutter, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO; and Katie Lange, Defense Media Activity, who all contributed to this article.)



ABOVE: Levantine Arabic language students from DLIFLC's Middle East I School perform a belly dance at Language Day on May 11.

LEFT: Russian language students from DLIFLC's Undergraduate European & Latin American School perform at Language Day.

RIGHT: Urdu students from DLIFLC's Multi Language School perform.

Steven L. Shepard photos, Presidio of Monterey PAO.

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DLI students break for the waves

Story and photos by Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The stunning coastline and scenic beaches of the Monterey Peninsula invite water enthusiasts to the area. Surfing is a piece of the Golden State's history and culture, not just another water activity in California.

The Presidio of Monterey's Outdoor Recreation opened the door to that culture for eight Defense Language Institute students with its Introduction To Surfing class April 28 at Del Monte Beach.

Matthew Paruolo, the Adventure Programs Coordinator at Outdoor Recreation, taught the students surfing fundamentals before jumping into the water. After the short class on the beach, the students paddled out to ride their first waves.

Surfing is one of the most difficult water sports to learn because of the constantly changing terrain, but it's also the most rewarding, said Paruolo.

"You've really got to work for it. But once you're set up outside and waiting for the waves to roll in, you really get to connect with the beauty of nature and just being in the water," he said.

"It was the first time I left post since basic training, and very needed stress relief," said Pfc. Leah Kelly, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion Korean student. "It feels good to remember who you are outside of the military, and why it's



Christy McClure rides a wave at Del Monte Beach in MWR's Introduction to Surfing class.

important to maintain your whole-person success to be mentally, spiritually and physically healthy, so we can succeed here."

The Naval Health Research Center is studying the effects of surfing on service members' health and readiness, and whether surf therapy improves the psychological and physical symptoms of injured service members.

"It's absolutely important to get off post to escape from your classes and your duties -- to get experiences that you usually wouldn't get," said Pfc. Cam Tyler, also

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Waves

a 229th Korean student. "It was a good stress relief just getting out of class and in the water, and experiencing more than the Presidio."

The seemonterey.com website says "the Monterey Bay coastline is a popular destination for surfing." Rookie and advanced riders have a variety of locations they can surf year-round.

"Our surf trips are designed to provide you with a wetsuit, board, and **all** the tools you need to succeed while learning among peers" Paruolo said. "Since learning to read the waves takes time, we encourage our participants to stick with it, and either come out on additional tours or check out gear from the equipment center and head out with their battle buddies."

For more information, call 831 242-5506 or visit www.mwrmonterey.com.



ABOVE: *Matthew Paruolo demonstrates surfing techniques to students. LEFT: Pfc's Leah Kelly (left) and Cam Tyler prepare to enter the water to catch their first waves.*



"Our surf trips are designed to provide you with a wetsuit, board, and all the tools you need to succeed while learning among peers"

**Check out more
photos of the
surfing tour on our
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HQ-E Warriors rise to 229th MI Bn challenge

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOSEPH KUMZAK, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The HQ-E Company joint team proved itself up to the Warrior Challenge. Lt. Col. Toni Sabo, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, presented the Commander's Cup to the Soldiers for winning the second annual Warrior Challenge at the Price Fitness Center field May 2.

"Warrior Challenge was exciting to be a part of," said 1st Lt. Stephanie Mathias, Company D executive officer. "You had Soldiers from all ranks coming together to see which company was best. Despite the grueling exercises, there wasn't a moment where they were failing as a team. Every team, company, and cadre member were energetic."

The team competition challenged Soldiers' physical fitness and their ability to work in teams. They competed in a series of seven endurance events: equipment movement team drill, sit-ups, push-ups, air squats, 400-yard sprint, burpees and one-mile relay run.

RIGHT: Pfc. James Cartwright competes in the equipment movement team drill.





ABOVE: Lt. Col. Toni Sabo (second from right), 229th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, presents the Commander's Cup to HQ-E Company joint team. **LEFT:** Company D Soldiers compete in the equipment movement team drill. **RIGHT:** A Company C Soldier competes in the air squat competition.



Readiness determines the Army's ability to fight and win our nation's wars, and the 229th Soldiers continue to train hard to maintain their fitness to fight and win.



Motorcycle safety: your life, but the military's loss

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOSEPH KUMZAK, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month is a good opportunity for riders to evaluate their skills and risks.

Service members can check their safety awareness at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website, which has resources and prevention tools to keep them safe.

"Motorcycling has become increasingly popular in the Army," said Ramon Velasquez, safety specialist. "With more Soldiers riding, motorcycle accident rates have increased proportionately."

According to the National Safety Council website, motorcycles make up three percent of all registered vehicles, but accounted for 13 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2016.

The Army estimates that 12 to 15 percent of all Soldiers ride motorcycles. However, motorcycle fatalities accounted for 37 percent of all private motor vehicle fatalities and 30 percent of all off-duty mishap fatalities in the Army.

"As the accident rate goes up, leaders must find ways to improve motorcycle safety within the Army and protect service members," said Velasquez.

AR 385-10 requires Soldiers to complete a basic rider course before operating a motorcycle. Additionally, they must complete training for the type of motorcycle

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Motorcycle

they ride within twelve months of completing the BRC.

"The Garrison Safety Office coordinates POM motorcycle safety training in accordance with Army contract for all Army installations and the Army IMCOM registration system," said Velasquez.

The National Highway Traffic Administration recommends:

- Make sure you are properly licensed
- Practice operating your motorcycle
- Be sure your motorcycle is safe
- Wear the proper protection
- Ride responsibly
- Be alcohol and drug free



Col. Lawrence Brown presents Wayne Prishmont the Vietnam War Veteran pin May 8.

Garrison commander honors Vietnam vet

STORY AND PHOTO BY JOSEPH KUMZAK, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

Col. Lawrence Brown, former Presidio of Monterey Garrison commander, presented Wayne Prishmont the Vietnam War Veteran pin at the Presidio of Monterey headquarters May 8.

"That was nice, I enjoyed that... it brings back old memories," said Prishmont. "When we came home we got nothing, so this is really something special for me. Thank you to the Colonel."

Prishmont served in Vietnam with the 15th Cavalry Division from June 1967 to June 1968.

The purpose of the pin is to recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam war.



PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO STAFF REPORT

So far, yet so close ... and so easy, with Presidio of Monterey's FMWR.

Outdoor Recreation offers a monthly bus ride to the heart of San Francisco on June 30 for a mere \$55. The MWR bus departs the Outdoor Rec building at 7:30 a.m. arrives at Union Square at 10 a.m., and departs from there at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, go to www.mwrmonterey.com, call 831 242-5506 or text @ODRE to 81010.

The next planned trip is the San Francisco Giants at the Oakland A's baseball game on July 22.

Drilling down to the best

BRIAN LEPLEY, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY
PAO

In the Army's various "Of The Year" competitions (Soldier,

NCO, Ranger, et al.), the winner is usually the participant who made the fewest mistakes.

Staff Sgt. Carter McSwain,

Co. F NCO claims 229th MI Bn brown round crown

the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion's Drill Sergeant of the Year, admitted his biggest flub during the process involved footwear.

wear for a 12-mile ruck march," the Company F drill sergeant remembered. "For the march, I wore the boots you wear to the office."

"There's boots you wear to the office and there's boots you

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CAMP ROBERTS, California – Staff Sgt. Carter McSwain (right) talks windage with Command Sgt. Maj. Greg Kite during the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion's Drill Sergeant of the Year competition at the zero range here May 19.

Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO



StaffSgts. Damian Servin (front) and Sean Webber (background) accomplish the physical assessment of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion's Drill Sergeant of the Year competition in downtown Monterey May 17.

Joseph Kumzak, Presidio of Monterey PAO

Drill

McSwain overcame that choice, the sores on his soles, and two other staff sergeants for the right to travel to the Training and Doctrine Command-level competition in September.

"It was a tough competition for three NCOs and Staff Sgt. McSwain did not win this by a big margin," said battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Greg Kite.

McSwain and Staff Sgts. Damian Servin, Company C, and Sean Webber of Co. D, completed the land navigation course at Camp Roberts May 19 and on the van ride back out of the range, did their own back-of-the-envelope calculations.

"I kind of had an idea ... I was first in land nav and the weapons qualification," McSwain said. "We knew it was close. Staff Sgt. Webber finished one point behind me."

The men faced a gauntlet of tasks May 17-19, tasks that most Army drill sergeants train on weekly.

"Here at DLI we don't get a chance to practice these skills very often," Webber said. "For most drill sergeants, this is stuff they do on a daily basis. But for us, this is out of the norm."

All three mentioned that a main motivator in the undertaking



CAMP ROBERTS, California – Staff Sgt. Sean Webber, Company D, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, engages pop-up targets at the qualification range here May 19 during the unit's Drill Sergeant of the Year competition.

Brian Lepley, Presidio of Monterey PAO

was the challenge of taking on tasks mastered long ago and proving to their Soldiers that their drill sergeants practice what they preach.

"I love competition and it's rare to test yourself on what you've learned in training," Servin said. "This is a gut check, to remind

ourselves of what we expect from our Soldiers."

For McSwain, the rewards for the 229th MI Battalion drill sergeant title was an Army Commendation Medal and an all-expenses paid trip to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in late August for the TRADOC Drill Sergeant

of the Year competition. He said he will be taking the correct footwear and probably a few hand towels since he discovered the average temperature there at that time hangs in the mid 90s.

Presidio spouses making big impact on homeless vets

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOSEPH KUMZAK, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

Four military spouses from the Presidio of Monterey find higher purpose by assisting veterans who have fallen on hard times to help them land on their feet.

The four women work at the Veterans Transition Center in Marina where they provide a range of services from job placement to helping homeless veterans find housing. While each of these women have specific job titles, they all wear many hats to ensure the veterans receive the support and resources they need.

"Everything I do here is helping a veteran who is at a low point in his life, and we're just giving him a helping hand," said Tiffanie Newcomer, legal coordinator at the VTC.

An Air Force veteran and Defense Language Institute graduate, married to Maj. Daniel



Michelle Fox assists a veteran in his search for housing in the VTC's computer lab.

Newcomer, 517th Training Group, guides veterans through the Veterans Treatment Court program, providing them with legal resources.

Heather O'Brien, whose husband is Staff Sgt. Matthew Woodworth, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, is the VTC's Volunteer Program Coordinator. She said volunteers play an important role at the VTC and are essential to veterans' recovery and success.

"Everything I do here is helping a veteran who is at a low point in his life, and we're just giving him a helping hand"



Tiffanie Newcomer helps a veteran at the weekly housing search at the VTC.

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Homeless

"I love the fact that when the veterans come in to our programs you see the relief on their faces – finally a place to lay my head," said O'Brien. "Being able to help them from whatever situation that led them to our organization, to seeing them grow and get their feet back on the ground, and acclimate back into society is so rewarding."

While the VTC's priority is assisting homeless veterans, it also provides assistance to

active-duty service members and their families, said Maria Mola, the Organizational Development Director. She is married to Staff Sgt. Christopher Mola, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion.

"All veterans, regardless if they are homeless or not, can come in and use the food pantry or get support from any of the programs we run," she said. "We are working really hard to establish VTC as a place for active duty, reserve, and guard service members to get support to alleviate some of the

expense of living here."

Michelle Fox is a case manager and life skills coordinator. She helps homeless veterans find temporary and permanent housing. The wife of Staff Sgt. Kyle Wilson, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, said the ultimate goal is to have them move into permanent housing.

"You see a veteran come in off the street that is just grateful to have a roof over his head for the night," Fox said. "I had someone move in today that was talking about how it was

raining and cold last night – tonight he has somewhere to stay, a bed to sleep in, a roof over his head, and somewhere to take a shower and wash his clothes."

The VTC in Marina provides a supportive environment for homeless veterans to heal and work toward self-sufficiency. They employ 20 individuals who provide a range of services from counseling to housing homeless veterans.

For volunteer opportunities at the VTC, call 831 883-8024.



Maria Mola hands a box of produce to a veteran at the Marina Family Market hosted at the VTC.



Heather O'Brien organizes clothes in the VTC's donation room.

Deep cleaning on behalf of Benicia's departed



BENICIA, California – Sgt. Pablo Becerra, Presidio of Monterey USAG, power washes a headstone May 16 at the Army Cemetery here.
Laura Prishmont-Quimby photos, Directorate of Public Works

BRIAN LEPLEY, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

BENICIA, California – The Army Chaplain Corps primarily tend to the spiritual needs of the living and, when necessary, to the fallen and their survivors.

In May, Presidio of Monterey chaplain staff got a unique opportunity to take care of Soldiers dead for 169 years.

The last coffin in Benicia Army Cemetery was interred in 1958. The first grave was dug in 1849, when the Army established Benicia Arsenal on Suisin Bay in California's Solano County. In 2007, the Presidio of Monterey commander took ownership and oversight of the one-acre graveyard here.

Chaplain's assistants Sgt. George Grimes and Spc. Christina Leslie were two on a team of six, led by Presidio Command Sgt. Maj. Roberto Marshall, that power scrubbed headstones there May 16-18.

"One of the core competencies for the chaplain corps is being able to honor our fallen comrades," Grimes said. "Being able to go up and tend to really, really old graves made me feel good."

Filling out the group were Sgt. Pablo Becerra, Presidio of Monterey USAG; Sgt. Anis Karami, Company F, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, and Laura Prishmont-Quimby, Cultural Resources Manager, Directorate of Public Works, who is the command's appointed Cemetery Responsible Official.

Benicia headstone maintenance had not been performed to standard, Prishmont-

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Quimby said, and before a new contract started, the markers had to be restored to national shrine requirements. Joelle Lobo and Faye Jenkins of DPW staff completed preliminary work and the USAG cleaning crew was headed north May 16.

"We had to find a scarce cleaning agent for the stains and use a power washer at lowest possible PSI," Prishmont-Quimby said. "We cleaned each marker by hand with brushes and bamboo picks in the grooves."

Marshall brought up the

project to chaplain staff during a meeting the week before. Sensing a meaningful experience and a chance to get out from behind her desk, Leslie volunteered.

"I love history and seeing graves from the Civil War was appealing to me," she said. "I wanted to be a part of something that's bigger than what I do every day."

"To see the before and the after on the gravestones after we were done, it was like, wow. In garrison, you don't get

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BENICIA, California – Before and after images of a grave.



BENICIA, California – Sgt. George Grimes rinses a cleaned headstone at the Army Cemetery here.

Benicia

opportunities to do something like this.”

Death isn’t a primary concern to the married, 26-year-old Grimes. His experience at Benicia comforts him, knowing he has options that won’t burden his family.

“I’ve seen some stuff, been deployed, seen combat ... even after all that, I didn’t necessarily feel that connection with the military cemetery,” Grimes said. “The opportunity to be buried in a military cemetery is an honor and appealing to me

... It’s a legacy I think about.”

Only the dead have seen the end of war, according to philosopher George Santayana, but the Army’s care of its dead has no end.

“When you realize that people are taking care of military graves 100, 100 plus years later, that really resonated with me,” Grimes said. “But going up there, seeing people that were doing what I’m doing 100 years ago, and I’m scrubbing their graves, I feel connected to them in a way that I can’t explain. It was a very deep honor.”



BENICIA, California – Power washing the Army cemetery vault here is Sgt. Anis Karami, Company F, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Army’s Cali outposts tamed the wild west

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Army’s role in taming the American West in the 19th century is a largely untold story, lost in the genocidal treatment of Native Americans and their schadenfreude of Col. George Custer’s fate at Little Bighorn.

Outposts like the Presidio of Monterey fanned across the west in the 1800s, providing security for settlers and reconnaissance for enemies, real and imagined.

One of those stations was Benicia Arsenal and Barracks, established in 1849 at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers northeast of Oakland. Closed in 1964, the post was a robust presence from World War I through Vietnam, shipping ammunition and other supplies through California ports. It employed more than 6,600 employees in the early 1950s.

The cemetery was added to the National Register of Historical Places in 1976. Among the 211 graves, 123 are U.S. military personnel, 61 are civilians (including women and children), and nine are WWII Prisoners Of War (eight Germans and an Italian). The remainder are unknowns and pets.

The cemetery is open to the public Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



314th welcomes new leader

The new 314th Training Squadron commander Lt. Col. Jaclyn DeRoush (center) salutes Col. Wiley Barnes (left), 517th Training Group commander, during her change of command ceremony June 6. "When I learned that I had been selected for command of the 314th Training Squadron, I was both humbled and excited," she said. "I have seen firsthand both the tactical and strategic impact of professional linguists." The squadron bade farewell to Lt. Col. Chris Walker.

Natela Cutter, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO

Check up for your soul while you wait (or pray)

LT. COL. LOVELL, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE

Once upon a time, on an Army post far, far away, a brand new private arrived fresh from IET. Enroute, the private changed the nameplates made for his ACUs to read "Mattis."

Pvt. "Mattis" believed that if he could make others believe he was related to the Secretary of Defense, people would give him preferential treatment.

He also began to carry various ranks around with him on post. At the medical clinic, he was Maj. Mattis. At the shoppette he was Sgt. 1st Class Mattis. At the PX, he was Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mattis. One day, Pvt. Mattis took the height of his audacity to pinning on a Brigadier General's rank so that he could park in the commissary parking spaces reserved for senior ranking officers.

Unbeknownst to him was another car behind him carrying the actual Secretary of Defense, James Mattis. As Brigadier General "Mattis" raced



Lt.Col. Lovell

to get the parking spot he coveted, the Honorable James Mattis drove forward, blocked his car, got out and looked down at the cowering private. He read his nameplate, and in a commanding voice said "I don't know who you are or who you think you are,

but you now have one of three choices: Change your name, change your behavior or get out of the Army."

A common American understanding of "You shall not take the Lord your God's name in vain" has come to mean the mere abstaining from foul language, but this is, at best, only a very small part of the equation. In substance, it is invoking the reputation of your god as an excuse to serve your own agenda and/or use it as an excuse to do evil.

This principle applies to the organization you work for and the community you live in. Ask yourself "Could someone from the Army say of me, 'That person exemplifies our values?'"

Click checks in as 229th MI Bn commander

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO STAFF REPORT

The 229th Military Intelligence Battalion welcomed Lt. Col. Jeremy Click and said farewell to Lt. Col. Toni Sabo June 8 on Soldier Field.

"I give my oath of commitment to make you better every day," Click said. "Soldiers first – May you live our motto."

He reports as commander after an assignment at Fort Meade, Maryland.

"I am moved and touched, and glad to have been a part of this important mission to make these Soldiers the best possible, given the high expectations we have of them," Sabo said. "This has been the highlight of my career ... to work among the MI's best professionals."

Sabo is among "the top one percent of Soldiers I have served with," said Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commandant Col. Phil Deppert.

Staff, military service members and students lined up Friday afternoon to wish Sabo well in her assignment to Fort Knox, Kentucky, as the MI officer branch chief at Human Resources Command.

Spc. Joni Northam was in line to take a selfie with the outgoing commander, a habit the two Soldiers established every time they saw each other.

"We got here the exact same time and she is an example of a professional with a personable aspect, and at the same time honoring duty and the uniform," Northam said. "She is an inspiration."

Also waiting in line was DLIFLC Mascot, Pfc. Lingo, with whom Sabo spent a lot of time during her two years at the Presidio of Monterey.



RIGHT: Lt. Col. Jeremy Click speaks at the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion change of command ceremony June 8.

Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO

LEFT: Lt. Col. Toni Sabo (left) takes her last selfie with 229th Military Intelligence Battalion Soldier Spc. Joni Northam after the ceremony.

Natela Cutter, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center PAO



The Military Attic: an opportunity to give and receive

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOSEPH KUMZAK, PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO

The Monterey Military Attic provides household items, uniforms, clothing and other necessities at no cost to service members, E-6 and below and their family members.

Military and civilians across the community donate new and used items to help these service members offset the high cost of living in the area.

The Attic is managed by the Monterey Bay Military Housing Mayoral Program, which recruits and coordinates volunteers to run the facility and organize donated items. Volunteers also coordinate events and fund-raisers that support the community.

"This volunteer opportunity is for anyone ... we currently have E-2 spouses up to an O-4 spouse, but nobody asks what rank your husband is – we all just connect with each other and support each other," said Tabitha Williamson, the former Mayoral Program Coordinator.



Melissa Evans, assistant program coordinator, organizes donations at the Monterey Military Attic.

With no paid staff or funding, the Attic operates entirely through volunteers and donations.

"We always need volunteers, especially now with PCS season," said Denise Sexson, the Attic manager. "We get low on volunteers and can't open without them."

Assistant program coordinator, Mellissa Evans was an Attic shopper before becoming a volunteer.

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Attic

"It was so much cheaper because California prices and taxes are insane. So being able to get stuff here was a blessing," she said. "Please don't be shy ... I want people to come in and get useful things for their families."

Volunteers work hard to keep the attic's items organized and make the shopping experience easy for customers. They have a child's playroom full of toys to keep the little ones entertained while parents shop.



An Attic volunteer plays with her kids in the play room.

"This is one of the most successful volunteer programs I have seen in my years with the Army," said Sharon Rice, Mayoral Program Manager. "We consistently have volunteers who are actually working ... they're not sitting around gossiping – they are physically working and earning their volunteer hours."

The Attic is conveniently located down the street from the Monterey Child Development Center at 826 Corregidor Road.

For more info email montereymilitaryattic@gmail.com

Retirees appreciated at OMC

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY PAO STAFF REPORT

The Presidio of Monterey retirement services team partnered with the Fort Ord Retiree Council to host the annual Retiree Appreciation Day at the General Stilwell Community Center June 9.

Two guest speakers delivered keynote speeches that addressed retiree benefits and issues.

The retiree council honored Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey commander and Preston Young, Retirement Services Officer, with certificates of appreciation for their support of the retiree community.

Over 40 vendors set up booths to provide information and answer questions, while medical staff offered free dental exams and blood pressure checks.



A Retiree Appreciation Day attendee stops by an information booth.

Presidio of Monterey service member volunteers served retirees and their family members breakfast and a BBQ lunch.

For info on retirement services call 831 242-4896



A Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Sailor serves lunch at Retiree Appreciation Day.

The Presidio of Monterey honors and celebrates our retirees and family members for their selfless service and support to our nation.

April Employee of the Month

Molly F. Evans



For outstanding performance as a general engineer with the Directorate of Public Works. Ms. Evans loyalty and dedication to duty are directly responsible for the continued success of the DPW engineering division.

Ms. Evans submitted contract packages that reduced emergency response time to less than nine minutes. She coordinated planning between the Presidio of Monterey, RCI, DES, DPTMS, Safety and the City of Monterey on the City of Marina water pipeline project that will pass through General Jim Moore Blvd.

Ms. Evans continually promotes the quality of life for our service members and community. Her tireless drive and accomplishments reflect great credit upon her, the U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey and the United States Army.

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Presidio of Monterey Soldiers, their guests and other area military dance the night away at the Army Ball June 9 in Hermann Hall at the Naval Postgraduate School. The 229th Military Intelligence Battalion hosted the event.

Photo by Steven L. Shepard, Presidio of Monterey PAO