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"E-Learning: Telling War Stories" Military Librarian's Division Program at SLA

"Anytime-Anywhere" was the theme that Rebecca Slingerland, U.S. Navy Fleet Support Command used when she spoke at the "E-learning" program on Monday, June 11 in San Antonio.



From l to r: Amy Loughran, Rebecca Slingerland, BJ Fox and Carol Emery.

However, her theme could have applied to both other panelists, Amy Loughran, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center and Carol Emery, U.S. Force Air Combat Center, as the three librarians discussed their roles in supporting distance education for the U.S. military personnel stationed ashore and afloat around the world. BJ Fox moderated the panel.

ments of the program, The "session on e-learning was the most interesting session I attended at SLA... The extent to which information services and e-learning opportunities are available to military personnel was just amazing to me."

Jan Sykes, from Ameritech, summed up the feelings of many of the program attendees when she emailed, BJ Fox her com-

The presentations from Rebecca Slingerland and Amy Loughran are on page 4.

Military Librarians Division Events at SLA 2001

By Sharon Lenius, MLD Chair, National Guard Bureau

The Military Librarians Division "Events of Interest, SLA San Antonio, 2001" directed Members and Guests to a Reception at the Marriott Rivercenter sponsored by Sirsi Corporation. The Reception provided an opportunity for Members and former military librarians to meet and reminisce.

On Monday, many SLA folks gathered to hear Armed Forces Library personnel

speak about library support for soldiers, airmen and sailors in Distance Education situations. "E-Learning: Telling War Stories" featured Carol Emery,



Military Librarians Division Business Luncheon

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Greetings from the New Chair



**Sharon A. Lenius,
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The Military Librarians Division (MLD) has recently expanded the Board of Elected Officers to include a representative from the various Services who has previously served on the Military Librarians Workshop (MLW) Board. This has been a transition year. The MLD members who attended the Business Meeting on June 12, 2001 saw Treasurer Claudia Tavares cast one vote for the uncontested slate of officers presented. Enlarging the Board provides for input from the various

MLW Host Services and more involvement by key service representatives. Board growth of this kind is going against current trends for fewer members on boards within the other units of the Special Libraries Association (SLA).

Members leaving the Board in 2001 include **Barbara J. "BJ" Fox** who had served as Immediate Past Chair of MLD. BJ has been very helpful with her knowledge of the inner workings of SLA, MLD and organizations in general. She definitely has the "consultant gene." Another Board Member, **Vakare Valaitis** has re-

signed as Secretary. Her position will be filled by an appointment by

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the Chair from the ranks of the members. Thank you to both of these people who have worked so successfully for MLD.

Three vital Committee Chair positions have new leaders. Membership is now chaired by **Connie Wiley** of the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). **Jane Butler**, who served for three years as Membership Chair and also as an MLD Director, has taken up the duties of the

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Notes from the Past Chair



**Tracy Landfried
US Army Research Lab**

I enjoyed being Chair, now as Past Chair, I may have time to reflect on the year and the division. It was a good year professionally. The SLA annual conference in San Antonio is over. It was a good conference and I now have a small idea of the WORK that makes the conference a success. Congratulations to Jim Mears, SLA HQ staff, Conference planners and fellow Division chairs!

Sharon has work for me (and anyone else who cares to volunteer.) Re-member volunteers "run" the divi-

sion. Everything you see and receive from the division is the work of numerous volunteers from all branches of service and types of libraries, related defense industries, non-profit organizations, universities, and the vendors who provide our libraries with necessary access, automation, books, equipment, serials, and other products. Division programs at annual conferences and Military Librarian Workshops (MLW) are the work of the division leadership and the MLW host/hostess (and their staffs and committees and sponsors). It will not happen without us. If you want it to continue, vote with your time and talents and help the Division grow. If you don't know what is needed, volunteer your talent. Write an article for the newsletter. Review a conference, a book, a website for newsletter or website. Join a



Tracy Landfried presents special Award of Merit to Barbara Wrinkle, Director of Air Force Library and Information Systems who served MLD as the Military Librarians Workshop Chair for three years.

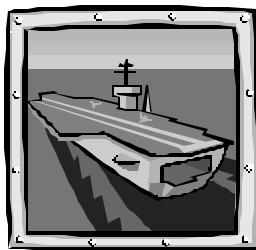
committee. Talk to the Chair - she is looking for board and committee positions (present and future) to fill. There are always opportunities for a little help with small jobs - if you are not overburdened with spare time. Can you make a few phone calls? Forward email to a distribution list? Send a pertinent article on military

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Sea Stories : Tales about Delivering E-Learning to the Fleet

By Rebecca Slingerland, U.S. Navy Fleet Support

There are 295 ships and submarines in today's Navy. These ships are positioned all over the world. They are homeported at Groton, Norfolk, Mayport, Pascagoula, Ingleside, San Diego, Seattle, Pearl Harbor, and overseas in Japan, Bahrain, and Italy. Although attached to a homeport, these ships and submarines deploy on six month cruises every two years with shorter deployments in between. A typical scenario is in port for two weeks, out for a week, then in port for a month and out for two months.



The constant movement of ships and subs makes providing educational and training opportunities to today's Sailors a real challenge. The Chief of Naval Education (CNET) and the Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC) commands are responsible for developing, coordinating and providing this education and training. How it is done and the impact on Sailors' lives make for great "war stories."

Using the theme of ANYTIME - ANYWHERE, I told the stories of our Sailors deployed all over the world and how, while fighting for our country, they receive the very best education that can be offered.

FC3 Anthony McCloskey, attached to the USS TICONDEROGA (CV 47), home ported in Pascagoula MS, is presently taking History 1302 (1865-Present) through the Navy's Program for Afloat College Education (PACE). The course resides on the ship's server and FC3 McCloskey goes to the ship's Library Multimedia Resource Center (LMRC) to access the courseware. He likes to get away from the ship's routine and relax in the LMRC even though he is studying and working on his course. This is the 5th course he has taken through the PACE program. It's a 12-week self-paced course that is interesting and meaningful. To quote Anthony, "I loved studying the Panama Canal Treaty as the ship was actually going through the Canal - WOW."

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E-Learning Downrange— There's More than Books in the Balkans

By Amy Loughran, Acquisitions Librarian, U.S Army Community and Family Support Center

It was an honor to be able to speak to librarians who attended SLA's 92nd annual conference. I was invited to speak on behalf of Sherrie Floyd, who was unable to be present, and to focus on e-learning with respect to soldiers in deployed areas. In December 2000, Carla Pomager and I joined Sherrie Floyd in Bosnia to help establish 3 libraries at Camp Eagle Base, Camp Comanche and Camp Dobol. This experience proved to be a rare opportunity for me. Life for a soldier deployed to Bosnia is a series of 12-hour days; work weeks are 7 days in length, and any available free time is restricted to activities sponsored by the camp. Travel is very limited not to mention the cultural and language differences a soldier would encounter outside the barbed wire fences.



It became apparent to the camp commanders that the library materials initially available were not sufficient. In 1999, Sherrie established the first library at Camp McGovern. She was requested to return to help with the second library at Camp Eagle Base. Ultimately, we set up 4 libraries with an opening day collection of over 350 titles. In addition to the libraries, the cyber cafes have Internet access and at these places, as well as the education centers, a soldier can tap into any of the five databases that were purchased. This gives the soldier the ability to retrieve full text magazine articles, do basic research for a project or practice the GMAT or LSAT. This availability of information resources anytime, anywhere is the mantra of the digital libraries.

Four points for future planning when developing library services for deployed areas come to mind. First, ebooks are a real viable alternative to sending hard cover books, especially fiction, to remote areas. They have the capacity to change font size and are backlit to aid soldiers reading in dim lights or in less than optimal situations. Second, the online databases need continued funding and instruction, teaching the soldiers how to effectively use this information resource. Third, there is a

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE Connie Wiley, Membership Committee Chair

The Military Librarians division brings together members from all the U.S. military services, the Canadian Combined Armed Forces, other international military services, other DoD agencies, contractors and vendors, academic institutions and anyone with an interest in military librarianship.

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Remember that as a Member you:

Get the inside track on employment opportunities at military installations and DoD organizations around the world

Network with colleagues from all services; a small community which spans the globe, through our discussion list and at meetings

Keep current with technology and trends

Develop leadership skills by participating on committees and planning programs, moderating panels, or delivering presentations.

Receive a discount rate to attend the annual Military Librarians Workshop.



BOOKMARK THESE WEBSITES.....

The Military Librarians Website:—<http://www.sla.org/dmil/index.html>

The Military Librarians Workshop Website:—<http://www.dtic.mil/mlw2001>

MLD Events (continued)

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Air Force Librarian, Amy Loughran



The Military Librarians Division Open House provided members, sponsors, and guests a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

from Army and Rebecca Slingerland, Navy Fleet Librarian. Carol talked about the Air Force projects to support education through electronic means in a variety of situations. Amy's experience was more "hands on" as she worked to provide access to databases and internet sites that supported education goals for the Army and Allied Forces/United Nations Troops in Bosnia and Kosovo. Rebecca showed that the Fleet takes care of the student-sailor by providing electronic resources for ship-board study. Moderator for this program sponsored by DIALOG and EBSCO was MLD Immediate Past Chair, Barbara J. Fox.



Marie O'Mara enjoys a quiet moment at the Open House.

Two Networking Breakfasts allowed members to begin their "Conference Day" with healthy continental fare. Hosts for the breakfasts were PTFS and Carroll Publishing.

At the Annual Business and Award Luncheon sponsored by ISI, 55 members voted on new Bylaws, elected new officers, and

listened as Chair, Tracy Landfried listed the year's accomplishments. New Awards Chair, Addie Ross, arranged a special Award of Merit for Barbara Wrinkle, Director of Air Force Library and Information Systems who served MLD as the Military Librarians Workshop Chair for three years. Tracy Landfried presented MLD Coins and Pins to the 2000-2001 Board and Committee Members present. Additional SLA sessions co-sponsored by MLD included "Electronic Publishing and the Economics of Information," and one of the SLA series "Measuring Return on Investment: Assessing the Impact of Information Services on the Bottom Line."



Claudia Tavares (l) and Sharon Lenius (r) exercise their First and Twenty-First Amendment rights at the Open House.

Presentations from the "E-Learning: Telling War Stories" session will be available on the MLD Website.

"Can I hear 'that Frog Song' one more time?" "Ride 'em, Cowboy!" Wednesday morning --- laugh 'til your ribs ache! You tell them Dave!

All these statements were signs of the way SLA Conference goes relaxed before and after long days of intense sessions and hours spent at the high-energy exhibits and demonstrations. San Antonio, we'll be back! Adios!□

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Membership Chair of the Solo Librarians Division, one of the largest of SLA Divisions. **Patricia Alderman** of the National Defense University, has undertaken the important communications position of Web Master. She follows the MLD's first Web person, **Dolores Knight** of DTIC. Dolores made a clean Web Page that was very well received among the members.

Addie Ross made her first appearance as Awards Chair at the San Antonio meeting and even had an award to present to Barbara Wrinkle of the Air Force. Thank you outgoing chair people!

Let's get to work new Board Members! Several Committee Chairs will be recruiting for members at MLW. If you are interested, please contact **Sharon Lenius**, MLD Chair, and let her know your background, interests and talents. MLD needs members to step forward for future leadership. Serving on the Board or working on a Committee is great preparation for more responsibility both within the Division and in your job setting. Leadership is a highly valued skill. Cultivate it working with MLD□

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DONT FORGET TO REGISTER FOR

□ Military Librarians Workshop
Oct 30-Nov 1, 2001
Colorado Springs, CO
[Http://www.dtic.mil/mlw/2001](http://www.dtic.mil/mlw/2001)

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librarians (paper/electronic of a citation/abstract/full-text) to SLA's public relations department and your division chair. Help set up a business meeting at one of the planning sessions? If you are there, ask the Chair if you can help.

The MLW 2001 website should be up soon. There will be a link from the division website (<http://www.sla.org/division/dmil>). The workshop in Colorado Springs (at the Antlers Adams Mark Hotel) will be hosted by **Dr. Edward Scott**, Director, U.S. Air Force Academy Library, and will be held 30 October - 1 November 2001. Army, Navy, and Air Force service meetings will precede and follow the conference. Army, Navy, and Air Force Library meetings will be held on 29 October 2001. Air Force librarians will continue meeting on 2 November 2001. A tour of Cheyenne Mountain on Monday afternoon, 29 October 2001 will be offered to the first 40 full-conference registrants. (So register early.) Note: We regret this tour is not handicapped accessible.

The following advice is from local librarians (and their spouses) to help prepare you for Colorado Springs. Come a day early. A little time may also help acclimate you to the 6200 foot above-sea-level altitude. The weather is unpredictable. Bring plenty of body lotion--the altitude dries your skin. Drink plenty of water--the altitude dehydrates you. Drink a glass of water before taking aspirin if you get a headache; the headache may be caused by dehydration. Do NOT try your usual exercise routine - the altitude prohibits it. Do not expect a steaming hot cup of anything - the physics of altitude prohibits it. Do not expect to do much sightseeing after dark - the magnifi-



cent mountains and vistas are invisible and most tourist attractions (except the malls) close at or before - dusk.

SLA Los Angeles 2002 program planning is already underway. SLA is offering very early registration (\$195 through 1 Oct 2001 for the 2002 summer conference.)

If you want to be involved in this or future conference planning, take note of future planning meetings. These meetings will take place in Colorado Springs (MLW - Oct 2001); Chicago (SLA - Jan 2002); Los Angeles (SLA - Jun 2002); Richmond (MLW - Dec 2002 hosted by the Marine Corps University); New Orleans (SLA - Jan 2003); New York (SLA - Jun 2003) and Washington DC (MLW - TBA 2003 hosted by the National Defense University). Choose any one, two, or more and join us.

The Division Bylaws were approved at the annual business meeting. Thank you, **Irene Cordova**, Division Bylaws Chair, for all your work on the numerous revisions of the bylaws. [Irene received SLA's Diversity Award in San Antonio.]

Our primary program at San Antonio, "**E-learning: Telling War Stories**" was wonderful. **BJ Fox** introduced **Amy Loughran**, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center; **Rebecca Slingerland**, U.S. Navy Fleet Support Command; and **Carol Emery**, U.S. Air Force Air Combat Center, who discussed their roles supporting distance learning for U.S. troops overseas, especially in some of



GOOD BYE, TRACY.

Thank you very much for all of your hard work as Chair of the Military Librarians Division this past year.

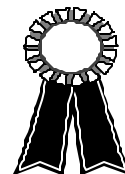
We could not have accomplished so much without you.

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today's danger zones. We heard some interesting "war" stories and saw the diverse ways that our colleagues are using traditional librarian skills and new technology to support U.S. soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen around the world.

Our business meeting was standing room only. It was so crowded that it was difficult to move around the room. My apologies to the individuals who were turned away from this ticketed event.



Thank you to our sponsors at conference events: **SIRSI** for the networking reception; **PFTS** for Monday's networking breakfast; **ISI** for the business luncheon; and **Carroll Publishing** for Tuesday's networking breakfast. We could not do it without you!□

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Everyday Leadership: The Tools of Influence

Military Librarians Workshop, Colorado Springs, Oct 29-Nov 1, 2001

By Sharon A. Lenius, Chair, National Guard, Bureau

Plans are firm for the **Military Librarians Workshop (MLW) 2001** scheduled for the **Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs, Oct 29 through Nov 1, 2001.** Host for this 44th Annual MLW is the **United States Air Force Academy Libraries** under the leadership of **Dr. Edward A. Scott.** Lead Program Planner and MLD member, **Charmagne (Char) Moss** did much of the early planning work. It is through her recommendation that **Patricia Wagner** of Pattern Research will be speaking with us. Many interesting and unique experiences await the Conference attendee in the magnificent Colorado Springs setting.

Our prime facilitator, **Patricia Wagner** of Pattern Research in Denver, CO is an experienced and fascinating presenter of management and out-

reach issues. Pat has over 30 years' experience in the private and non-profit sectors. Before joining Pattern Research in 1978, she worked in graphic arts and publishing. Pat has written for a variety of regional and national publications and has a liberal arts degree in theatre and written communication. Because Pattern Research continually researches and designs new programs to improve productivity and promote better working relationships, these themes are incorporated into the MLW presentation. Pat presents the results of research in the areas of leadership, customer service, communications, productivity, planning, and marketing. She conducts about 100

programs a year.

In partnership with the MLW Planning Committee, the Military Librarians Division Board looked for a program that would offer the attendees

This year's MLW — "...a program that would offer the attendees something solid they could try back home."

something solid they could try "back home." Conference goers will create a sample research and response project during the Workshop that could be accomplished during the first

month back at work. Pat Wagner promises to be available on e-mail to critique your efforts and act as your support group.

MLW offers the various DOD library groups an opportunity to meet as a

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Explosive International Special Librarian's Day

By Ann Cashin, Director, Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technical Library

The Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technical Library staff took full advantage of International Special Librarian's Day (ISLD) this past Spring to promote their collection. The library exists to support EOD research, so the collection consists of a variety of documents on explosive ordnance around the world.

Library staff turned the ISLD theme, A World of Information Within Your Reach, to their advantage by setting up seven tables, each representing a different country. Country flags and maps were included in the signage, and each exhibit included an ordnance item from that country (explosives removed, naturally). Library staff re-

searched each ordnance item, retrieving relevant unclassified documents to complement the ordnance item. In many cases, photos and x-rays were on display. Other library materials relevant to the country, such as foreign language dictionaries and documents, were also out for the public to peruse.

SLA recommends serving food as a way to celebrate ISLD, and we believe in following the guidance offered by SLA! Each member of the library staff researched recipes for her or his chosen country: Austria, China, Iran, Italy, Spain, Sweden, and Yugoslavia. We had decided in advance that we would only serve finger food, which presented a bit of a challenge

in identifying foods to serve. Culinary highlights included Chinese "Firecrackers" and Swedish "Chocolate Bombs."

Visitors enjoyed the snacks and the displays, as members of the library staff took apart portions of their ordnance items, shared what they had learned, and described sample searches used to locate the documents. In short, a fine time was had by all. We can't wait to see if next year's theme lends itself to explosive ordnance disposal!

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Partnerships - A Way of Sharing

By Sharon Lenius, Chair, National Guard Bureau

The U.S. Armed Forces has had close ties with civilian organizations that support the goals and objectives of the military. I would like to see a closer relationship, a partnership if you would, with such institutions and libraries of all kinds. I do not purport to know all the non-governmental organizations and veterans group, however a few prominent ones spring to mind: The Association of the United States Army (AUSA), The Navy League, The Surface Navy Association, the Air Force Association and the Marine Corps Association. There are many more local and specific associations organized around a certain piece of equipment, i.e., airplanes, tanks. Then there are the geographic organizations, not to mention the many and varied Veterans organizations. A plethora come to mind!

There are many you can work with to help military libraries. And that's the point of this communication. Some of you may know of situations where a particular library is already working with outside associations or groups. We would like to learn how that support is working. Success stories about library partnerships are good for all groups and make great public relations. Long term support is harder to garner. It is easier to get a



of active support.

group to do a one-time thing once a year than to get on-going support. Those of us who have worked with volunteers know about this aspect

I would like to see the Military Librarians Division work to get the sponsorship of one of the major service or veterans associations for all kinds of libraries. Some libraries are easier to "love," such as the post, base or shore libraries that have childrens' programs. That could be a starting point for many libraries. Another possible starting point could be the alumni of the various service academies and senior service schools. Many "classes of..." have given specific books, art work and collections to the service academy libraries in the past. Our purpose here is to provide on-going partnerships that could bring yearly support to military libraries.



We need to get the idea of library support ingrained into the service organization or veterans groups. Recently, AUSA came out with a new Book Program. Perhaps this would a place where Army libraries could step in; ask the local AUSA Chapter to buy and then donate the books to the local post library. The library would need to give credit to AUSA, and let patrons know about the Book Program. This is a little "down in the weeds," but even this example could be a beginning. The thought here is to institutionalize the idea of partnering with libraries.

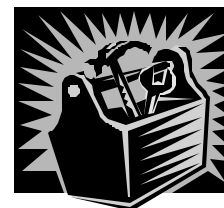
WIIFM or "what's in it for me" for the organizations? What can libraries do for the supportive organizations?

"I would like to see the Military Librarians Division work to get the sponsorship of one of the major service or veterans associations for all kinds of libraries."

Number one is probably to publicize the association's cooperative partnership projects. Write something for the organizations newsletter. Pass on Internet links of particular interest to the group. Make it on-going without being burdensome. Remember this kind of linking works both ways.

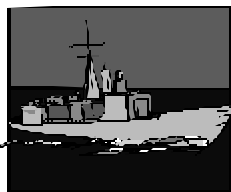
Partnering can also mean working with other local libraries or libraries having mutual interests. We are probably doing that now. SLA is going the route of other library and industry associations in their partnering efforts. This idea of going to the services and veterans organizations is just a step beyond that program. Think about what you can do to further your library and another organization. A sort of synergy can develop that is very beneficial to both institutions.

Pat Wagner will be talking about some of these same ideas at the Military Librarians Workshop 2001. Use your "Tools of Influence" to gain a partner for the library.□



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SN Jackson, stationed aboard the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), home ported in San Diego CA, was one of two Sailors scoring at the 2nd Grade level on his Math and Science Assessment. He was pulled for special tutoring by a PACE instructor. Now SN Jackson is testing out at the 8th grade level and says a whole new world has opened up for him.

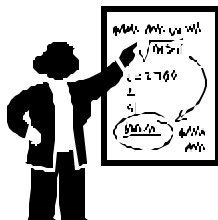


Suzanne Reynolds, was a PACE Instructor on the USS COLE (DDG 67) in 2000. On Thursday, 5 October, Suzanne finished teaching her English course and caught a flight back to the United States. One

week later, the USS COLE was bombed and a number of Suzanne's students were killed. She said some of those killed had expressed a fear of a possible terrorist act in the port of Yemen. It is very common for English instructors to use their PACE classes on ships as avenues of therapy. Students may often write about their feelings of loneliness, fear, isolation and unhappiness.

RPCS Hicks, aboard the USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV 67), home ported in Mayport FL, took his first PACE college course as a Seaman 2nd Class. He took as many courses as he could get and earned his Master's Degree in Biology. He is now a doctoral student at Old Dominion University (ODU) Norfolk VA, where he is currently stationed. While aboard the JFK, he took an instructor-based course that met in the classroom near the LMRC.

His instructor was one of five instructors from a worldwide pool of 500 instructors who live aboard ship while teaching college courses. RPCS Hicks' instructor taught a variety of subjects because he had two masters degrees and a doctorate. This instructor was flown out to the ship and lived on board with the crew for the duration of the course. Courses were taught "around the clock" to accommodate varying schedules and to allow all an opportunity to participate. Two graduation ceremonies were held each year aboard the ship with over 200 graduates at each ceremony.



These highly qualified instructors or Professors were and are integral to the success of the PACE program. Their dedication to providing quality education to Sail-

ors is phenomenal. During Desert Storm, ninety instructors were deployed in the war zone. They were all given the opportunity to withdraw from their contract and return to the US. Only three of the ninety withdrew and went home and two of these were because they had clauses in their life insurance policies forbidding being in a war zone.

LT Sandra Blade, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and LT Betty Bostick, USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3) are on ships in or near the Mediterranean Sea. It is 6 PM Sunday on the USS



GEORGE WASHINGTON and a few hours difference on USS KEARSARGE. Both officers are taking one of the courses in the MBA Program from ODU in the VTT Classroom of their respective ship. For the next four hours, 35 students on each of the ships will interact with each other and their instructor who is in a VTT Classroom at ODU Norfolk. This happens every Sunday evening. LT Blade, a pilot, just returned from flight ops and, after dropping her gear, ran into the classroom. LT Bostick said she had to go back to sea to complete her Masters Degree. Both officers maintain a 3.5 GPA. One of the highlights of LT Bostick's deployment was when her family "watched" her get promoted via the ship's VTT capabilities. This service is often provided so that deployed family members can connect with their families back in the states.

The Executive Officer of the USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750), home ported in Norfolk VA, graduated from the Navy's Nuclear Power School and received 12 hours of college credit for his work. While deployed under the sea, he is taking 42 hours of courses available on 6 CD-ROMs. When he finishes he will have a Master's Degree in Engineering Management with a Nuclear Power Emphasis from ODU. He is one of 13 submariners enrolled in this outstanding program.

How do libraries fit into these war stories? Well, all ships and submarines have state of the art libraries with computers, audiovisual equipment and materials to support and complement any of the above educational programs. Libraries are there for Sailors as they earn their



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need to utilize a commercial ISP. The dot mil domain is too slow and too restrictive. Fourth, we must be able to provide reference assistance 24/7.

Of course, the speech was not complete without some of our war stories. Two of my favorites are the incredible ride we had in an armored HUMVEE on a fog plagued night. And the moniker we received by one of the MWR warehouse workers - "Book Babes". □



Amy "Book Babe" Loughran and Tracy Landfried

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Service Group. The Army Library Steering Group under the leadership of the Army Librarian, Ann Parham, plans to meet on Monday, Oct 29th. Also on Monday, the Navy Library leadership plans a Joint CNL/CONSATL meeting. The Air Force Steering Group will gather on Monday and Friday for special programs and discussions.



A special feature of this MLW is an opportunity to tour "inside the tunnel" at the Cheyenne Mountain Facility – NORAD. The first 40

fully paid registrants who would like to tour this facility will be able to join a bus tour to the Cheyenne Mountain Facilities on Monday, October 29, 2001. If you are planning to participate in the tour, be sure you time your arrival in Colorado Springs to fit the departure time. Attendees will be able to see the Space Command Center and SMWD. The bus for this tour will leave the Antlers Hotel promptly at 12:30 pm. and return at approximately 5 p.m. Regrettably, this tour is not handicapped accessible. There are several flights of stairs to climb and much walking - all at 6500 feet above sea level! Please consider these possible limitations when making your reservation for this event. There is no charge for this tour. We are the guests of Space Command.

Two additional opportunities for

unique experiences are a Gala Banquet on Wednesday evening featuring Mr. Thomas Jefferson, Humanitarian Scholar and special friend of books and libraries. There will be time after the presentation to make inquiries of the speaker. Another event planned by the Academy hosts is a tour of the Air Force Academy Library. Time permitting, other areas of the Academy may be visited. The buses will depart the Antlers Hotel on Thursday, Nov 1, 2001 at 1:30 pm. A drive through the famed Garden of the Gods will be included. Return time to the hotel is 5 pm for those who may travel that evening.

Hotel Reservation: Make your hotel arrangements by calling the Antlers Adam's Mark Hotel directly at 1-719-473-5600. Be sure to mention the Military Librarians Workshop to get the lowest rate which is currently \$59, the government per diem. This may increase slightly in the new Fiscal Year. All registrants are entitled to this lower rate as long as the reserved rooms are available. An extra person sharing a room is \$15 per person. All must pay the applicable taxes. Reserve early! The next price for rooms is \$91 per night.

Fees for the full workshop are \$275 for MLD Members who register by Oct 19, 2001. Non Members registration fee is \$325 per person. Late registration for MLD Members is \$325 and for non members, \$375. Single Day Registration Fees are: Tuesday

\$125; Wednesday, \$150; Thursday \$100.

To check out the Antlers Hotel see: <http://www.antlers.com/indexenter.html>. For some interesting photos of the historic Antlers Hotel see the American Memory Project site at: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/codhtml/hawpSubjects09.html>.

There has been a bit of remodeling since 1910! □

Photo Nook — The Faces behind the Names



Do you think that Connie Wiley enjoyed 3 Dog Night during the SLA Conference?



Stopping by the Ebsco Booth. Can you identify these individuals? (Hint: Elizabeth Bircher, Ebsco and Phyllis Cassler, Ft. Belvoir are on the right.)

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degrees, hone their personal skills, or just relax and get away from a hectic work schedule. Libraries on ships are no different than those in local communities with one exception: the Sailors on ships are more appreciative of library services provided to them during long deployments away from families and friends. Libraries are Quality of Life programs that have made a difference and they will continue to support Navy distance learning initiatives in the future. □

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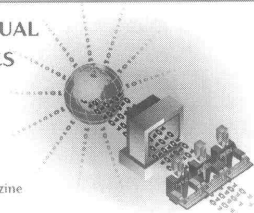
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