The Military Librarian

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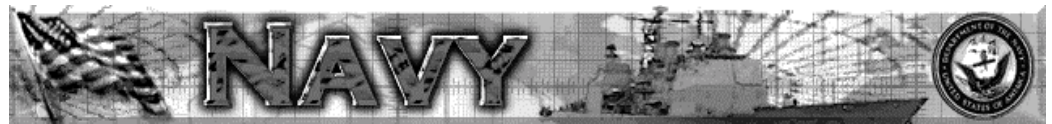
This issue will focus on web site enhancements made by two Navy libraries.

News From the Dudley Knox Library, Naval Postgraduate School

Maxine Reneker, Associate Provost for Library and Information Resources

The Naval Postgraduate School's Dudley Knox Library recently launched our first web-based library orientation. The project was a collaborative effort with the School's Office of Continuous Learning, which funded the contractor who worked with DKL's Research and Instruction Librarians to develop it.

The online orientation provides an overview to the Library's resources, services and facility, as well as an introduction to basic information seeking and searching skills. Designed to meet the needs of both resident and distance students, the Orientation is available to the NPS community in Blackboard and to the general public or NPS users without Blackboard accounts on the Library's web site at

http://library.nps.navy.mil/home/orientlaunch.htm.

On 6 January, NPS launched the nation's first curriculum in Homeland Defense and Security, enrolling 14 students who already serve in significant homeland security-related positions. In September an additional 40 students began the program. The need for this program was identified by its two sponsors, the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness and the United States Navy. These sponsors found that, despite the emergence of terrorism as a dire challenge to national security, no graduate-level program yet existed to develop the next generation of leadership to deal with that threat.

The program is structured to help strengthen US capacity to prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist attacks, and to build the interagency and civil-military cooperation that defeating

Teamwork Solves Navy Marine Corps Intranet Issue

Bob Bloudek, Technical Information Specialist,
NAVAIR Weapons Division Technical Library,
China Lake, California

When the NMCI network concept first started being discussed, folks in the NAVAIR WD Technical Library at China Lake knew they were going to have a problem. The library subscribes to hundreds of electronic resources that are accessible to China Lake and Point Mugu personnel at their workstation via internet protocol (IP) recognition technology. Technical Library Director Sandy Bradley explains, "With the legacy network, we had a firewall at each site we serve, one at China Lake and another at Point Mugu. Our vendors could verify a computer was physically at one of those two sites by checking the IP of the firewall. With NMCI, we have a number of firewalls and switch points – there isn't any way to predict or

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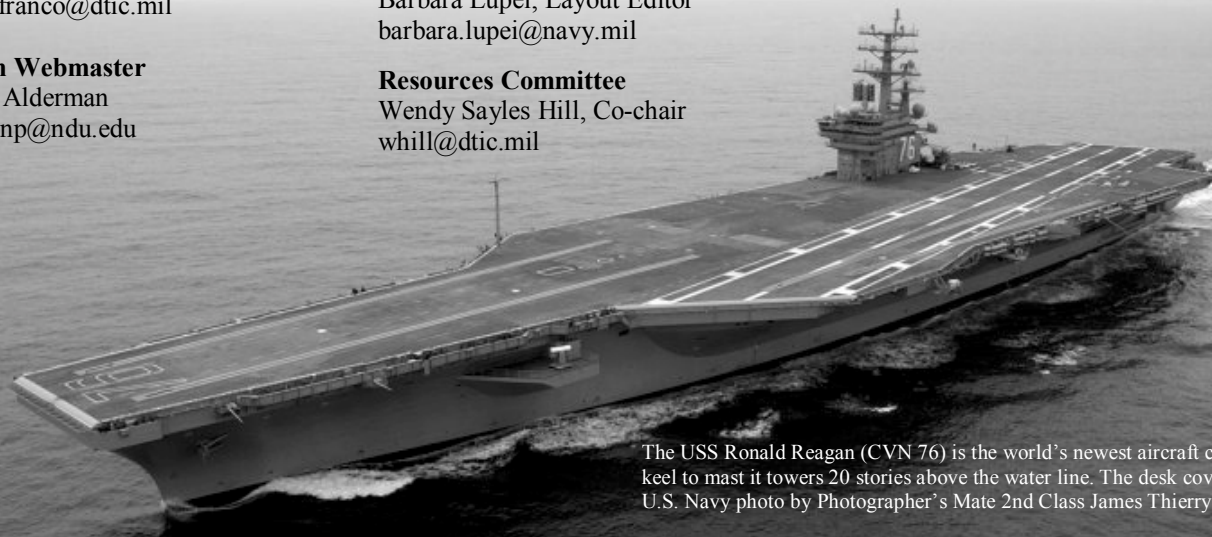Sharon.Lenius@ngbcio.ngb.army.mil

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The USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) is the world's newest aircraft carrier. From keel to mast it towers 20 stories above the water line. The desk covers 4.5 acres. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class James Thierry.

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specify which firewall our users will be routed through. Asking the vendors to allow NMCI IP recognition wasn't acceptable because it would open access to *everyone* on the NMCI network – which will eventually include the entire Navy. This represented a major problem for us. As the NMCI workstations replaced the old legacy computers, library customers found they could not access all of the electronic resources they have come to rely on. We started hearing from them – and their complaints were legitimate."

A small team consisting of Bob Bloudek of the Technical Library, James Furnish from the NMCI Information Strike Force, Larry Jenkins and Jeff Thatcher of the Information Technology/ Information Management Department, set off seeking solutions. "Since NAVAIR was one of the first Navy organizations to implement NMCI, we didn't have anyone else we could turn to and see how they handled the problem," explains Bloudek, "Now we have other Navy libraries calling us for assistance with their NMCI issues. We were able to get a lot of help from the Library at the Naval Post Graduate School – especially from Lillian Gassie who is their information systems manager. Students at NPS are able to connect to the library's web sites from home though a proxy server." With that in mind, the team began exploring the possibility of using similar technology to solve the China Lake/Point Mugu access problems.

"The team was great to work with," continued Bloudek, "Larry and Jeff knew the computer technology, James is an expert with the NMCI network, and Lillian was willing to share her experiences in setting up a proxy server. Everything just seemed to fall into place."

The team was able to secure storage space on a NAVAIR computer located in the "DMZ" – outside both the legacy and NMCI firewalls. A copy of EZ-Proxy, a software program written especially for libraries, was provided by the author for evaluation. After what Bloudek calls "a little

blood, sweat, and tears" the software was installed and configured specifically to work with NMCI's security requirements. The first attempts at testing weren't successful – neither were the second, third and fourth. "We just kept working away," said Jenkins. "We'd reconfigure the software and then we'd test again – finally it was successful!"

The proxy server and software now enable NMCI users at China Lake and Point Mugu to access the valuable electronic periodicals and databases available via the library website located at http://www.nawcwpns.navy.mil/ ~tlibrary/.

Jeff Thatcher (L to R), Bob Bloudek, and James Furnish check access to the NAWCWD Technical Library's electronic resources via an NMCI workstation in the Library.

"The technology is pretty simple," explained Bloudek. "When an NMCI user clicks on a link, data goes from his workstation to an NMCI switch point (in San Diego, Hawaii or Norfolk) back to the proxy server at China Lake and prompts him for a username and password. When that data is entered, the proxy server directs the user to the proper website. Authorization is based on both the IP of the proxy server and the username/password. A legacy user can click on the same link and the proxy server has been programmed to recognize the user is from NAVAIR WD and simply passes him through and on to the vendor's website. Now that we can access these sites from our NMCI workstations, we won't have to maintain as many legacy computers. Many offices kept their legacy computer when NMCI rolled out because they needed access to the library resources. They didn't have that access with NMCI until our proxy server was implemented, but they have it now."

Bloudek concluded by saying, "This is a temporary fix to what was a serious problem for us. We will have to continue working related issues as they come up. Meanwhile, we are more than happy to answer questions and share our lessons learned." Navy libraries are welcome to contact Bob Bloudek at 760-939-0926, DSN 437-0926, or Robert.Bloudek@navy.mil. ❏

47th Annual Military Librarians Workshop
December 9-12, 2003 • Washington, D.C.

It is time to register for MLW 2003!

This year's workshop is hosted by the National Defense University and will be held at the Wyndham City Center in Washington D.C., December 9-12, 2003. For registration forms and information, visit the website at http://www.dtic.mil/mlw/2003

Regular registration is available until November 21, and on-site registration at the hotel is available December 8-11. Payment must be received by the closing dates as indicated. Checks or money orders are accepted and should be sent to the address given on the registration form. Payment can also be made by credit card. Please remember that all attendees must register separately with the hotel for room reservations.

Regular Registration - Ends 21 November 2003 - Payment received by 21 Nov
    MLD/SLA Member $335.00   Non-member $385.00

On-site Registration at the hotel - 8 -11 December 2003
    MLD/SLA Member $375.00   Non-member $415.00

A new addition to the 2003 registration process is a separate sponsor registration page. MLW sponsorship is important to the success of the workshop and the information will be used to print badges for our sponsors and provide a list of sponsorship for attendees.

When completing the registration form, please be sure that the information for your badge includes your name, your agency name with no acronyms, and the location (city, state or country) of your agency. An attendee list will also be compiled from the information you submit on your registration form and will include your name, business mailing address, business phone, FAX and email. The attendee and sponsor list will be available at registration.

The registration form also includes the events that will be included during the workshop. If you plan to bring a guest to either the Program for Centennial of Flight at the Naval Heritage Center or the MLD luncheon, please include the number and make the adjustment to the amount submitted. These events are included as part of the 3 day registration but please indicate if you plan to attend by checking the appropriate box. A Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Library of Congress is offered on Friday, December 12, 2003 from 9:00AM - 12:00 Noon. To be included in this tour, please check the appropriate box on the registration form.

Workshop Registration will begin on Monday evening, December 8, 2003 from 5:00PM - 7:00PM preceding the Evening Welcome Reception, which starts at 6:00 PM. Daily registration will be 7:00AM - 9:00 AM, Tuesday - Thursday.

Questions regarding the registration process, please contact Candy Parker, 703.767.7039, DSN 427.7039 or cparker@dtic.mil. Questions regarding payment, please contact Claudia Tavares, 435.831.3810, DSN 789.3810 or tavaresc@dpg.army.mil ❑

MLW 2003: The State We're In …
Preserving the Past … Protecting the Present … Securing the Future

Schedule of Events

Monday, 8 December

Service Meetings (Dupont, Georgetown, and Potomac Rooms)
1500 –   : Wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery
1700 – 1900: Registration (Outside New Hampshire Ballroom)
1800 – 2000: Reception, City Center Room

All events are in the New Hampshire Ballroom, unless otherwise noted

MLW Schedule (Continued from page 4)

Tuesday, 9 December

0700 – 0900: Registration (Outside New Hampshire Ballroom)
0830 – 0900: Welcome
0900 – 1000: The Goldwater-Nichols Act Unifies the Pentagon
1000 – 1030: Break
1030 – 1130: Insight on the Business Initiative Council
1130 – 1200: Army libraries report
1200 – 1330: Lunch, City Center Room
1330 – 1430: FLICC/FEDLINK Update
1430 – 1500: Break
1500 – 1600: Openness in Government: Toward a New Security Paradigm
1600 – 1700: MERLN's Magic: Sharing Resources Online
1730 - 1900: MECC Library Working Group Meeting
Evening: On your own

Also on Tuesday: Please visit our vendors!!

Continuous: Military Libraries in Service to the Nation — Exhibit building

Wednesday, 10 December

0700 – 0900: Registration (Outside New Hampshire Ballroom)
0700 – 0830: MECC Library Working Group Breakfast Meeting. Georgetown Room.
0830 – 0900: Announcements and Introduction of Keynote Speaker
0900 – 1000: Digital Preservation: Promise and Parable
1000 – 1030: Break
1030 – 1130: The Veterans History Project: The People's Project and Digitizing and Preserving Our Most Valuable
              Resources: Collaboration Is Key
1130 – 1200: Navy libraries report; DOD Report
1200 – 1330: Lunch (on your own)
1330 – 1430: Private Museum, Public Collections: Opportunities and Challenges of Collecting, Preserving, and
              Protecting Our History
1430 – 1500: Break.
1500 – 1645: Disaster Preparedness Planning Panel
1645 – 1700: Navy libraries report, part 2.
1800 – 2000: Reception and program at the Naval Heritage Center.

Thursday, 11 December

0700 – 0900: Registration (Outside New Hampshire Ballroom)
0830 – 0900: Announcements and Introduction of Keynote Speaker
0900 – 1000: Finding the White Space: Redefining Roles for the National Geographic Society Libraries
1000 – 1030: Break
1030 – 1130: Building a Digital Library for Homeland Security
1200 – 1330: Luncheon, MLD Awards, Business Meeting, City Center Room
1240 – 1315: Change Is Coming – This Is NOT a Drill. Luncheon address by Mike Causey
1315 – 1330: Greetings from Cindy Hill, President, Special Libraries Association
1345 – 1430: Charting the History of Homeland Security
1430 – 1500: Air Force libraries Report and report from the Defense Technical Information Center
1500 – 1530: Break
1530 – 1600: Homeland Security: There Is No Revealed Truth
Evening: On your own
1800 – 2000: Lessons Learned, Program Planners, 2003 - 2005

Friday, 12 December

Tour: Behind the Scenes at the Library of Congress (limited to 20 people).

Dear Aunt Dewey
Your One Stop for Helpful Hints and Advice — Professional or Personal

Dear Aunt Dewey:

While I love serving the information needs of our troops, I yearn for a more artistic form of expression. How can I combine this love of information sharing with the diffusion of my soul?
Signed, ⎯Mightier than the Sword

Dear Mightier:
There is a way to express your artistic side while serving the military library community that you cherish! Have you considered writing for the Military Librarian? The Military Librarian, a fine newsletter geared towards the military librarian community, needs ideas for articles, and talented folks to write them. There's an extra bonus right now for Air Force librarians: our next issue will focus on the Air Force. We're looking for articles on Air Force libraries taking on interesting projects, or libraries tacking traditional problems in innovative ways. It's easy to get involved!

Dear Aunt Dewey:

Our building is running low on meeting space, and the library has gotten yet another request to host a party (we have the space for a lot of people, not to mention the tables). Now that the holidays are coming up, I'm at a loss to protect our hardware from the ravages of hot cheese dip. What can I do?
Signed, ⎯Ho Ho NO!

Dear Ho:
My first inclination is to tell you to have members of the library staff mingle with the party crowd, and remind the messy cheese-eaters that cheese, be it hot or cold, can attract insects, and insects can damage library materials, rendering them useless. However, upon further reflection, I believe that you should wrap all bookcases and computers in heavy-duty plastic wrap. It's an artistic statement that never goes out of style! Or, you can opt for plastic wrap in festive holiday colors, and cheer the party up. Alternately, you can wrap the guests in festive wrapping. Call it performance art.

Dear Aunt Dewey:

I read a newsletter geared towards Military Librarians, and have serious concerns about the content. Now they have a crazy aunt, suggesting that we wrap PEOPLE. Should I cancel my subscription?
Signed, ⎯Weary Reader

Dear Reader:
There is a way to make a difference, and ensure that this column never graces the pages of the Military Librarian newsletter again-volunteer! All you need is a good idea, and the ability to email it to the editor. Just email cashin@eodpoe2.navsea.navy.mil with your idea for an article. You'll hear back from us right away, I promise.

Now is a Great Time to Think About Volunteering!

We'll be in need of a **new treasurer** next year, and it isn't too soon to consider yourself in that role. Here's some background on the position of treasurer. The treasurer is a member of the Military Librarians Division's Executive Board. The Board determines policies within the limits of the Bylaws of the Association and of the Division; shall take such actions as it considers necessary to carry out the objectives of the Division; and shall perform such other functions as the membership may direct.

The treasurer is a member of the Board serving a two-year term. During the two years, the treasurer generally attends three meetings a year: one at MLW, one at the SLA Winter Leadership Meeting, and one at the Annual Conference. According to our bylaws, "the treasurer shall have custody of the Division funds and shall furnish such financial statements as required by the Board, the chair, and the Association. The treasurer or the chair shall sign all checks drawn upon Division funds unless otherwise determined by the Board, and perform the other duties as the chair and/or the Board may assign."

If you've been standing on the sidelines of our organization, now is the time for you to answer the call! You can learn more about the work of the treasurer by talking to our current treasurer, Claudia Tavares at MLW in December. You can also contact her at tavaresc@dpg.army.mil, phone: 1-435-831-3810 /DSN: 789-3810. ❑

Welcome New Members!

By Marie O'Mara and Helen Sherman,
Defense Technical Information Center

The Military Librarians Division now has 319 members. Please welcome the following members who have joined our group since August 2003.

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A Member Passes

John "Jack" Thompson, a member of the Military Librarians Division of the Special Libraries Association since 1965, died October 27th in Adamstown Maryland. Mr. Thompson served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. Following World War II, he received a degree in Library Science from Western Reserve University. In addition to being a librarian at Indiana University, he worked as an Information Specialist at National Security Agency from 1956 to 1979. Mr. Thompson was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

terrorism requires.

A vital component of the NPS program is the development of the Homeland Security Digital Library, developed by members of the Library staff and contractors from the Military Personnel Service Corporation. Maxine Reneker is the Principal Investigator on the grant, Lillian Woon Gassie is Project Manager and Taxonomy Development Team leader, Layne Williams is Administrative Team Leader, and Greta Marlatt is Content Development and Copyright Team Leader.

The prototype of the HSDL was launched in September and is now available for use by NPS students and faculty. It contains a digital archive of over 7000 items, a single search across over 100 licensed databases, and targeted news feeds, searches, and documents of interest in each of 46 specific topics areas. The prototype is expected to solicit significant user feedback to generate improvements in the product before the first release in February 2004.

With end of the year funds, the Library was able to purchase Social Science Citation Index with back files to 2000 and Current Contents in 4 subject areas. The Library also completed a major revision and update to a bibliography of current interest, Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear Terrorism/Warfare: a Bibliography, posted at http://library.nps.navy.mil/home/bibs/chemtoc.htm.

The Library has been undergoing major construction to install a sprinkler system on all three decks in the original part of the Library. The stacks are all covered in plastic. Starting in October many of the computer workstations on the first deck and the reference desk will need to be relocated; the construction is scheduled to be completed in December. ❏

Dudley Knox
Library Orientation

MILITARY LIBRARIANS DIVISION OF THE SLA

Notes from the Chair

Pat Alderman, MLD Chair

The 2003 47th Annual Military Librarians Workshop is almost here. Have you registered yet? See page 4 for registration information. Daily registration is also available. The price varies by day so check the web page for details.

Hotel reservation cut off was November 14. However, if you would still like to try to get rooms at the Wyndham City Center, 1143 New Hampshire Ave, NW. Washington, DC 20037, please call 202-775-0800 or 1-800-526-7495.

The MLD Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 7 from 3-5 at the Wyndham City Center, in the Potomac Room. The Board Meeting is open to Division members.

On Monday, December 8, please join us at Arlington Cemetery at 3:00 PM when the Military Librarians Division delegation places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We will depart from the hotel via Metro at 1:45 pm. In the evening, we have registration (5-7 pm) and the Welcoming Banquet in the Exhibit Hall (City Center room), from 6-8.

Between Tuesday, December 9 and Thursday, December 11, the planning committee from the Joint Forces Staff College has lined up several dynamic, informative speakers to tell us about the many challenges and opportunities facing military libraries today. Learn about the Business Initiative Council, the new MERLN group catalog, and other topics. Listen to diverse speakers on Homeland Security and disaster planning.

Tuesday night, December 9 we are re-instituting a Dinner Buddies program. Join your colleagues for dinner at one of the many Washington DC restaurants located near the Wyndham City Center.

On Wednesday night, December 10 hear Dr. Richard Hallion speak about the Centennial of Flight at the Naval Heritage Center.

Thursday, December 11, is Blue Shirt day, when we will once again don our MLD Blue Shirts. We will hold the Military Librarians Division Business and Awards luncheon. Mike Causey, *Insight* Columnist for the *Federal Employees News Digest* and the Senior Correspondent for *Federal News Radio,* will be the featured speaker. I wonder what he will have to tell us about the sweeping changes affecting DoD civilians. Cindy Hill, SLA president will also be speaking.

Friday, December 12 is tour day with behind the scene tours available for both the Library of Congress and a last minute addition of the National Archives.

See you at MLW! —*Pat*