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SLA Annual Conference Overview

By Carolyn Eaton, NAWCAD, Patuxent River, MD

SLA's Early Bird registration deadline, 1 May 2004 is upon us! Yes, the Annual Conference is just around the corner, 5-10 June, in Nashville at Gaylord Opryland Resort. The Military Librarians Division (DMIL) is hosting and co-hosting a number of programs during the conference, so bring along a copy of DMIL's complete schedule! You won't want to miss a minute of the fun, excitement, and learning.

To help get your bearings at Opryland, it has four areas: Cascades, Delta, Garden Conservatory, and Magnolia. According to the resort's brochure, "the Delta is home to five acres of tropical gardens, a stunning 85 foot fountain and a gushing waterfall that flows into a winding river dotted with Mississippi-style flatboats" In addition, there are a variety of shops and restaurants, such as the Coca Cola General Store, Old Hickory Traditional Steakhouse, and a food court on Level O. You can leisurely stroll through the Garden Conservatory and relax at the Jack Daniel's Saloon or Ristorante Volare. You will want to see the view from the Cascade's revolving lounge or stay in shape at its fitness center. Located in Music Valley, the Grand Ole Opry is located near the resort. Shows

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Confessions of a Nashville "Insider"

By Wendy Hill, DTIC, Belvoir, VA

Planning your June trip to the SLA conference in Nashville? There's more to Nashville than the Grand Ole Opry! Certainly set aside some time to explore Opryland during your stay, but do not hesitate to expand your horizons.

Let's start with an ALERT for all country music fans. The Country Music Association (CMA) Music Festival, also called Fan Fair, officially begins on Thursday June 10th. However, various activities are scheduled the preceding week when SLA will be in town. One great example is Chely Wright's Reading, Writing & Rhythm Benefit Concert Tuesday night June 8th. **Insider tip**: Chely's Fan club members get best seating and she includes guest performers whose names you know! An added benefit is a visit to the Wildhorse Saloon (more about that later). Visit the Fan Fair Web site at http://www.fanfair.com. And for those interested in staying after SLA, get reservations NOW!

If you are a country music junkie, events begin concurrent with the SLA activities. One aficionado to another, don't miss the signings at Tower records. No commuting, just walk over to Opry Mills (shopping, anyone?) from your hotel room. You will want to get a schedule so you don't miss your favorites!

Plan a day in downtown Nashville! **Insider tip**: You will find this much easier prior to (Continued on page 7)



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This volunteer position focuses on writing and editing the Military Librarian's Division's quarterly newsletter. Challenges: Involves cajoling talented (and busy) librarians into writing articles. Perks: Honestly, can you put a price on fame, and improving the lot of Military Librarians by sharing information? Also involves working with Barbara Lupei, our brilliant layout editor. Interested parties should contact Ann Cashin at cashin@eodpoe2.navsea.navy.mil.

Notes from the Chair

By Pat Alderman, MLD chair

How many of you are going to Two-Step over to Nashville for the SLA Annual Conference? Congratulations to **Janice Pepper**, from the Marine Corps University Library, for winning MLD's free conference registration. (SLA awarded the Military Librarians Division a free conference registration for the Division who had the largest percentage increase in membership during SLA's membership drive between September and December 2003.)

The Military Librarians Division is offering a wide variety of events including a CE Course, an Open House, two programs (and two more as co-sponsor), three networking breakfasts, a Business/Awards Luncheon, and a trip to the Andrew Jackson's home, the Hermitage. Read Director **Carolyn Eaton's** "SLA Annual Conference Overview" to find out more about these events and about the Opryland Hotel. She has continued a recent conference tradition of providing you with a handy two-page handout that you can use to quickly identify all of the MLD events, where they are located, and who the generous sponsors are. Please stop by the booths (numbers provided for your convenience) and thank our sponsors.

This year's conference is right before Fan Fair, Nashville's annual salute to country music and its fans. Read **Wendy Hill's** "Confessions of a Nashville Insider" to find out what else to do in Nashville? Wendy, who is your insider source?

If you are going to the Conference, please be sure to attend the Business/Awards luncheon on Tuesday, June 8, 12:15-1:30 in Delta Island E, at the Opryland Hotel. The luncheon is free to all Military Librarian Division members. Nomination Committee Chair and Past President, **Suzanne Ryder** has brought together a slate of candidates for next year's board. (See the list in this issue.) We will also be discussing the possibility of transforming the Military Librarians Division into a Military Librarians Section of a new Government Division. Is this what you want to do? Read **Sharon Lenius's** article to find out more about this could mean. We will also be announcing the winner(s) of this year's MLD Distinguished Service Award (deadline for submitting nominations is Saturday, May 1.)

This past year, SLA did away with the old bylaws. Governing Documents and Recommended Practices have replaced them. SLA provided us with the Governing Documents and a draft Recommended Practices. Chair-Elect **Carol Ramkey**, Secretary **Diane Schnurrpusch**, By-laws Committee Chair **Janice Pepper** and I have been revising the draft Recommended Practices to meet the needs of the Division. The MLD Procedures Manual (last edited two years ago by **Tracy Landfried**) has been invaluable as we are working through the process.

SLA has established Communities of Practice on their web page at http://cop.sla.org/COP/. You need to log into the SLA web page to set up your personal COP homepage. Did you know that the Military Librarians Division has a Communities of Practice site? It currently has two threads of conversation: Should the Military Librarians Division become the Government Division? Will the Toronto, Canada location of next year's conference be an impact on you? MLD's Community of Practice page will only be as good as your input.

See you in Nashville! — Pat

Concepts for New MLD Logo Design

By Pat Alderman

Now that the Special Libraries Association is "doing business as" SLA, it is time to update the MLD logo which contains the words "Special Libraries Assn." Sandra Scroggs has been working on the concept, and four of her designs appear below.



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are at 7:30 PM Fridays, 6:30 PM and 9:30 PM Saturdays, and 7:30 PM Tuesdays. Call 877-456-OPRY for information and tickets (\$27.50). Also in Music Valley, you can visit the Willie Nelson & Friends Museum, shop Opry Mills with 200 outlets, and more.

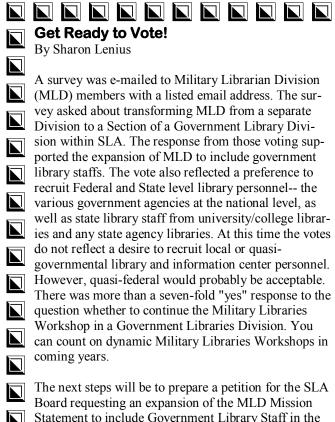
Let all your current and former military library friends know that they are welcome to attend DMIL's Open House, Saturday, 5 June, 8-10 PM at Delta Island E. Air Force and Navy Librarians are meeting, 2-5 June, for a combined workshop at the nearby Radisson Hotel. Many will be staying for the conference, but if some are departing, join us Saturday night before you leave town. Sponsors are Thomson Scientific, Jane's Information Group, and Landmark Audio Book. That same evening, the DMIL Board Meeting will be 6-8 PM in the Delta Island Boardroom and all DMIL members are welcome. Sponsor is Swets Information Services.

Also on Saturday, Wireless Technology: Secured? is 8 AM-Noon in Canal C. Lieutenant Colonel Clifton Poole, Professor of Information Systems, Information Resources Management College, National Defense University is the instructor for a Continuing Education Course, Ticket #125, \$199 Members/ \$299 Non Members. He will present the security pros and cons of wireless technology for learners at a beginning level. Sponsor is Sirsi Corporation. Another DMIL educational program is Survive and Thrive in the Library by Pat Wagner of Pattern Research on Monday, 7 June, 2-5 PM in Govenor's Chambers D. Pat is presenting a two part program; first is Strategic Management and second is How to Stay Employable Even if You are a 'Lifer'. Pat knows how library's operate and she knows how to talk with librarians and information professionals. She always has nuggets of wisdom to share, so you will definitely want to attend, learn, and enjoy. Sponsor is DIALOG, The Information Professional Partner.

Register for a no cost Ticket #535 to attend DMIL's Awards and Business Luncheon on Tuesday, 8 June, 12:15-1:30 PM in Delta Island E. Sponsor is Thomson Scientific. Note: You must indicate Ticket #535 (\$0) on SLA's registration form in order to receive your luncheon ticket, so plan ahead to attend. DMIL is also working with others divisions on three programs that you will also want to attend. With the Information Technology and Engineering Divisions on Tuesday, 8 June, 2-3:15 PM in Bayou C, Diane Kresh, Library of Congress and Susan McGlamery, 24/7 Reference present Up All Night – The 24X7 Librarian. As the experts of 24X7 reference, they will discuss the best practices and future enhancements. Sponsor is Lexis-Nexis. With the Transportation Division on Wednesday, 9 June, 11 AM – 12:15 PM, in Canal D, a panel will discuss Gray/Grey Literature. Fay Hjartarson, National Library and Archives of Canada, Bonnie Klein, Defense Technical Information Center, and Bonnie Osif, Penn State University are the speakers and will address the challenges in managing and/or obtaining "foreign or domestic open source material that unusually is available through specialized channels and may not enter normal channels or systems of publication...." Sponsor is Elsevier. With the Social Science Division, Gaylord Entertainment has arranged a tour of *The Hermitage* on Thursday, 10 June, 8 AM – Noon. President Andrew Jackson, built his Greek Revival mansion on 600 plus acres of rolling Tennessee countryside and there in his retirement years from 1837-1845. There will be a tour of the home as well an archaeological sites on the property. The tour costs \$27.50 and it must be paid on a separate form from the SLA registration. If purchased in advance, the tour tickets will be sent directly from Gaylord Entertainment. The bus picks up at the Opryland's Presidential Portico.

See you soon at Opryland!





Board requesting an expansion of the MLD Mission Statement to include Government Library Staff in the Division. This will entail a name change. At that time (prior to a May 5th submission to SLA Board) the Governing Documents need to be examined to include several issues such as monies currently in MLD Treasury and voting MLS (Military Libraries Section) representation on the Government Library Division Board. All this would be subject to a paper ballot sent to MLD members validating the response on the E-Mail survey from April 2004.

This vote on the DMIL expansion and other Division business will be discussed at the MLD Business and Awards Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, June 8th in Nashville during the SLA Annual Conference. The luncheon is sponsored by Thomson Scientific.

Sign up and plan to attend!





Military Librarians Division Programs

SLA Conference 2004 - Gaylord Opryland, Nashville TN

Saturday, June 5

8:00-1200 Noon Wireless Technology: Secured?

Continuing Education Course

Ticket #125 - \$199Member

Location: Canal C

What makes 802.11b the preferred protocol for wireless networks? What the campus/enterprise perspectives of an 802.11b wireless network? What are the governance and cultural shifts at the campus/enterprise level?

Learn the basics of wireless technology, review wireless protocols, review when wireless technology applications are used, and discuss security problems with wireless capability.

Speaker: Clifton Poole, National Defense University

Moderator: Wendy Hill, Defense Technical Information Center

Sponsor: SIRSI Corporation (Booth 826,828)

Moderator: Patricia Alderman, National Defense University

Location: Delta Island Boardroom

Sponsor: Swets Information Services (Booth 649)

8:00-10:00 PM DMIL Open House

Moderator: Patricia Alderman, National Defense University

Location: Delta Island E

Sponsors: Thomson Scientific – ISI; (Booth 623)Jane's Information Group (Booth 255); Landmark Audio Books (Booth

131)

Sunday, June 6

Monday, June 7

7:30-8:45 AM DMIL Networking Breakfast

Sponsor: IEEE (Booth 661) Location: Governor's Chambers D

2:00-3:15 PM Survive and Thrive in the Library! (Part 1)

Strategic Management

Budget/staff cuts, increased political/security issues, new automation, cultural pressures, and changing demographics – how do you make hard choices in the workplace?

Information professionals and librarians need to make difficult choices about services and staff duties.

Learn how to create a new working strategic plan, eliminate services to make way for the new, and build alliances.

Speaker: Pat Wagner, Pattern Research Location: Governor's Ballroom C

Moderator: Sandy Bradley, NAVAIR China Lake

Sponsors: DIALOG, The Information Professional Partner (Booth 601, 804); InfoCurrent (Booth 305)

3:45-5:00 PM Survive and Thrive in the Library! (Part 2)

How to Stay Employable Even if You are a 'Lifer'

Learn how to consider your employer simply your current customer, how to keep up with the marketplace, and when and if you need to seek a promotion, a new position, a new workplace or even a brand-new career.

Learn how to better sell yourself and ten skills every employer needs.

Speaker: Pat Wagner, Pattern Research Location: Governor's Ballroom C

Moderator: Carolyn Eaton, NAVAIR Patuxent River

Tuesday, June 8

7:30-8:45 AM DMIL Networking Breakfast

Sponsor: PTFS (Booth 301,303)

Location: Delta Island E

12:15-1:30 PM DMIL Awards and Business Luncheon Ticket #535 - \$0

Moderator: Patricia Alderman, National Defense University Location: Delta Island E

Sponsor: Thomson Scientific – ISI (Booth 623)

When you register for SLA 2004 Conference, indicate Ticket #535 (no cost) to attend luncheon.

2:00-3:15 PM Up All Night – The 24X7 Librarian

Online chat and digital reference are the latest advances in reference today, offering the user convenience and the information provider the chance to connect to users beyond the library walls.

Join the experts of 24X7 reference as they discuss best practices and future enhancements. DITE/DENG/DMIL

Speakers: Diane Kresh, Library of Congress; Susan McGlamery, 24/7 Reference Location: Bayou C

Moderator: Georgia Higley, Library of Congress

Sponsor: LexisNexis (Booth 413)

Wednesday, June 9

7:30-8:45 AM DMIL Networking Breakfast

Sponsor: Thomson West (Booth 611)

Location: Canal D

11:00 AM-12:15 PM Gray/Grey Literature

According to the U.S. Interagency Gray Literature Working Group, gray literature is "foreign or domestic open source material that unusually is available through specialized channels and may not enter normal channels or systems of publication, distribution, bibliographic control, or acquisition by booksellers or subscription agents."

Do you have challenges in managing and/or obtaining gray literature? DTRN/DMIL

Speakers: Fay Hjartarson, National Library and Archives of Canada

Bonnie Klein, Defense Technical Information Center

Bonnie Osif, Penn State University Moderator: Shaun Moran, Transport Canada Sponsor: Elsevier (Booth 424-426,428,430,432)

Thursday, June 10

8:00 AM-12:00 Noon The Hermitage Tour Separate Ticket \$27.50

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was the first elected President outside the original 13 colonies. On 600 plus acres of rolling Tennessee countryside, he built a Greek Revival mansion, The Hermitage. An admired president and military hero, Andrew Jackson lived there in his retirement years from 1837-1845.

DMIL/DSOC

Pickup at Presidential Portico

Location: Canal D

<u>Tickets must be purchased on a separate form. If purchased in advance, tickets will be sent directly from Gaylord Destination Sales.</u>





Slate of Candidates for the Military Librarian's Division, 2004

by Suzanne Ryder, Naval Research Laboratory, Wash. DC

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Navy - Fred Rettenmaier, Naval Research Laboratory

DOD - Carol Jacobson, Defense Technical Information Center

Award Nominations Due May 1st.

By Alta Linthicum, MLD Awards Chair

Nominations are now being accepted for the MLD Distinguished Service Award. Nominations are due Saturday, May 1, 2004. The winner(s) will be announced at the MLD Annual Business and Awards Luncheon at the SLA Conference in Nashville on Tuesday, June 8, 2004. The Nomination Form is available at http://www.sla.org/division/dmil/nomination.html. Forms can be submitted electronically, mailed, or faxed.

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SLA. After Wednesday (June 9th), count on total congestion in the downtown area. For instance, autograph hunters converge on the convention center and are lined up in the streets. So, remember to beat the crowds and go before our conference activities begin.

Getting downtown will cost you \$12. You get a round-trip shuttle ticket from the Opryland Resort to the Wildhorse Saloon or the Ryman Auditorium. Either destination can start you on a walking tour. Start with the Ryman (http://www.ryman.com) tour between 9 and 4. Highlights include a short film, standing on stage where so many have performed, and having your photo taken on the steps near the famous Grand Ole Opry microphones. You can part with those souvenir dollars here or at your next stop, the Wildhorse Saloon.

Proceeding to the Wildhorse, you may want to duck into the Orchid Lounge, known as Tootsies to all the locals. Performers may be onstage at any time. You might be lucky enough to see stars in town for the CMA's biggest party of the year.

At Nashville's best-known saloon, a variety of headliners and other acts are featured in the evenings, but you can stop by for a bite to eat or a liquid libation during the day without paying a cover charge. For their evening schedule, be sure to consult their Web page http://wildhorsesaloon.com. **Insider tip**: for Hard Rock Café fans, the Nashville location reflects the personality of the city and culture and is only a few steps around the corner on Broadway.

With all these introductory attractions out of the way the piece de resistance, the Country Music Hall of Fame, is a "must-see"! New on the Nashville scene, the museum is open from 9 to 5. It is a good idea to plan for several hours to view the exhibits. You can take a self-guided tour through the two floors. The museum archives are housed in a glassed-in central area visible from the exhibit areas. In addition to the permanent exhibits, rotating exhibits are available throughout the year. **Insider tip**: Check out their special Fan Fair related charity auctions and signings before you plan your visit. Web site URL is http://www.countrymusichalloffame.com.

The most important insider tip is: Plan Ahead! You have a tailor-made opportunity to attend the Fan Fair. DO your homework in advance and come prepared with schedules and tickets to your choice events. If you want to attend specific performances, get tickets now and avoid disappointment. Insider tip: An all event ticket will cover entrance to the convention center, nightly concerts at the Adelphia Coliseum, and daily concerts at the Riverfront Park. Get yours online from Ticketmaster (http://www.ticketmaster.com). Daily concert tickets, to both park and coliseum, are also available.

Remember, the Fan Fair Web site should be your first stop because Nashville runs 24/7 during the festival. Start now to make the most of your experience!

A true Nashville junkie provided information for this article. Her only hope is for you to enjoy your stay!



REVIEW: "Dead and Emerging Technologies" presented at Computers and Libraries March 10, 2004 By Carla Pomager, US Army Community & Family Support Center, Alexandria, VA

MODERATOR: D. Scott Brandt, Technology Training Librarian, Purdue University Libraries

PANELISTS: Darlene Fichter, Data Librarian, University of Saskatchewan & Northern Lights Internet Solutions

Bill Spence, CTO, Information Today, Inc.

Jenny Levine, Suburban Library System & Publisher, The Shifted Librarian

Andrew K. Pace, Head, Systems, NCSU Libraries

Stephen Abram, President-elect, Canadian Library Association

These library humorists kept the standing room only crowd chuckling using the theme of the TV show "Fear Factor". Typical fears as used on the show did not seem to scare the crowd of librarians – bugs, worms, and extreme physical tasks. The fear of patrons demanding libraries provide information on their terms struck fear into the heart of the librarians. Young people are using instant messaging, text messaging on cell phones, picture cell phones and social networking to find answers. These young people will soon be the workers of tomorrow. If the library of the future is not in their technology area, the library will be the "Dead Technology".

DEAD TECHNOLOGIES	EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
Human monitoring of web sites	RSS – Rich Site Summary
Floppy disks	Memory sticks
The integrated library system	Interoperability of library systems
Email	Instant messaging
One function devices (cell phones PDAs, Laptops, wireless internet)	Multifunction devices
Plasma Screens	LCD screens
Providing Information only in a physical format in the library	Digital Information (available to patron's computers, PDAs, multifunction devices)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! By Marie O'Mara & Helen O. Sherman, Membership Co-Chairs Please welcome the members who have joined our group during January—February 2004. Felicia R. Bagby Eugene M Giudice Clara A. Myers Aerospace Corp Chicago, IL Raleigh, NC Chantilly, Va Mary J. Johnson Wilbur F. Rettenmaier Camber Corp Naval Research Lab Leslie Jacobs Barrett Warren, MI Outsell Inc Washington, DC Wakefield, VA Richard L. Krueger David E. Schein FL 4497 Base Library Pamela J. Bishop Brooklyn, NY Dover AFB, DE Grovetown, GA Heidi G. Porth Frances K. Scott Dialog Kelly R. Clifton USAF Academy, CO Colville, WA Gale Farmington Hills, MI Hannah R. Simon Bessie N. Mayes Falls Church, VA Space & Naval Warfare Amber L. Collins Systems Cir Air University Library San Diego, CA Maxwell AFB, AL

MILITARY LIBRARIANS DIVISION OF SLA

Image of Joseph Cotton Dana Seen on Pizza! Washington, DC: Librarians around the world were stunned to learn that the face of the first president of the Special Libraries Association (SLA), Joseph Cotton Dana, has appeared on a medium cheese pizza at an area restaurant off Dupont Circle. "It's a miracle," an undisclosed source at SLA headquarters is quoted as saying. "Perhaps this will give librarians the recognition that they so richly deserve."

The statement released proved to be controversial on many counts. A close friend of the president of the American Library Association reportedly said that such a sighting is "Ridiculous. If Joseph Cotton Dana appeared on a pizza, wouldn't it be Chicago style? In CHICAGO?" Adding in hushed tones, "And I'm not the only one who thinks that way." Adding fuel to the fire was the chief pizza tosser at Eddie's Place for Pizza and Other Pies, who requested anonymity. "If that's Joseph Cotton Dana, then I'm Elvis. I seen a lot here. I seen a Key Lime Pie with the face of C.A. Cutter on it. And I'm telling ya, that pizza looks like Melville Dewey... or maybe Johnny Depp, which is weird, because he generally only appears on fruit pies."

"It's all a lot of nonsense," said Ann Cashin, former Director-at-Large of the Military Librarian's Division of the Special Libraries Association. "First of all, librarians deserve recognition for their hard work, and spirit of service, and not because of some dang pizza. Second of all, because that pizza looks like Stephen Abram." Highly placed sources at SLA question Ms. Cashin's statement. "It isn't just that she was the only person who let her name be used in this article-it's that her mind has gone, ever since she started editing the Military Librarians newsletter."

Barbara Lupei, layout editor for The Military Librarian agreed. "She keeps asking me where the catsup is. I'm on the west coast, for Pete's sake! We really need to get more people to write for the newsletter."

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