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Planning Ahead for MLW 2005

By Barbara Lupei NAVAIR Weapons Division Technical Library, China Lake, California



Now that you are getting psyched up for the trip to Las Vegas this winter, how about some help

preparing for the trip? Like most preconference articles, I can supply a list of web sites where you can check out the weather, find maps, and see what the hotel rooms look like (see page 7), but this year, more is required. This year you need to know when, where, and how to gamble!

Do you know which slot machines pay best, or how to play table games and video poker? You can find short answers to these very questions at www.accessvegas.com/faqs/gambling-how.htm. If you don't mind ads and pop-ups, you can get minimalist guides on blackjack, craps and roulette at http://govegas.about.com/od/howtogamble/.

Like most subjects, if you actually want to learn something about gambling, you need to visit the community library or bookstore for a comprehensive gambling handbook. In my case, *Gambling for Dummies* is probably the best place to start, since the title contains the word that best describes my skill level. Authors Richard D. Harroch, Lou Krieger and Arthur S. Reber include chapters on "Games You Can Win," and "Games You Can't Beat" – good things to know in advance! They even tell you how to deal with the IRS, just in case you are a winner.

Frank Scoblete is touted to be the best (Continued on page 7)

Nominations Committee Report

By Patricia Alderman, Chair, Nominations Committee and Tracy Landfried, Nominations Committee

On behalf of the 2005 Nominations Committee, it is our pleasure to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2005-2006 Executive Board. Because SLA is realigning its business year with the calendar year, the term of these positions will run from 1 July 2005 through 31 December 2006 (or 31 December 2007) depending upon the position. This is six months longer than the normal terms which would traditionally have ended on 30 June 2006.

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Continuing on the Board will be

Chair, 2005-2006 - Carol Jacobson
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Secretary, 2005-2006 - Sharon Lenius
Treasurer, 2005-2006 - Marybeth Dowdell
Director at Large, 2005-2006 - Greta Marlatt
MLW Director, Army, 2005-2006 - Ed Burgess
MLW Director, Army, 2005-2006 - Carolyn Ray.

The Nominations Committee would like to thank everybody who considered being a candidate for the MLD Executive Board.

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"Attention Division Officers (and soon-to-be officers): Remember that the Military Librarians Workshop and SLA Annual Conference are not only great places for networking and professional development, but also good places to find your successor on the Board. Has a division member expressed interest in your work for the Division? Do you know someone who would be wonderful on the Division Board of Directors and would be available for the election of the 2007 Board. Help next years' Nominations Committee - see how many terms expire in 2006 - and inform Carol Ramkey or any Board member (POC above) of the names of Division members interested in a volunteer leadership position in their professional association. If you are interested, contact a Board member to find out what they give and what they get from a leadership role in the Division." -- editor

For Your Calendar

SLA annual conference 5-8 Jun 05 Toronto Ontario CANADA

Joint Air Force/Navy Librarians' Conference, 28-30 Jun 05 Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago IL

49th MLW – 5-9 Dec 05 Rivera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV SLA Leadership Summit – Jan 06 Houston, TX



Notes From the Chair

By Carol Ramkey, MLD Chair

RESULTS OF SURVEY ON FUTURE MLW DATES

As of 29 April, 61 people had responded to the survey on future Military Librarian Workshop (MLW) dates and no month was an overwhelming winner. Responses were so closely bunched together that it is clear that whatever month we choose to hold future MLWs there will probably be as many people who like it as dislike it. Here is the break out of responses for each month grouped into 2 large categories; FAVORABLE (strongly prefer, prefer, don't mind and don't care) and UNFAVORABLE (dislike and really hate).

	Favorable	Unfavorable
November (except T'giving week)	44	17
December (1st two weeks)	40	26
January	38	23
February	51	8

Based on these results the slight order of preference is February, November, December, and January. January presents additional problems since both SLA and ALA hold their midwinter meeting during this month and often MLD leadership is committed to attending one of these meetings (especially SLA). Therefore we cannot schedule MLW to conflict with future SLA and ALA midwinter meetings.

Responses to the question regarding holding MLW during weeks in which Veteran's, New Year's, Martin Luther King Jr. or Presidents' Day holidays fell was split pretty evenly with 29 in the FAVORABLE and 32 in the UNFAVORABLE category.

Finally the breakout for amounts that people would be willing to pay over per diem were:

\$0	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	More than \$50
17	8	19	12	3	4	3

It appears that the majority of respondents fall into the \$20/night or less categories.

Based on this survey, it appears that future MLW dates should be chosen based on the ability of the host organization to obtain per diem rate or not to exceed per diem over \$20/night at an appropriate conference hotel in the following order of preferences for times:

- February,
- November except the week in which Thanksgiving falls,
- December the first two weeks, and finally
- January, except the weeks in which SLA and ALA midwinter meetings fall.

If the hosting organization cannot get hotel rates within \$20/night of per diem for the top rated month of February, then they would try for November then December then January. Since the vote was pretty evenly split regarding holding MLW during weeks with minor holidays, the preference would be to schedule during a non-holiday week but accept a holiday week if that is available. The MLD Executive Board will have to make a final decision on this issue at Toronto. Also, please keep in mind that the dates for MLD are set for 2005 and 2006 so the earliest we could change, if the Board decides to do so, is in 2007.

Someone in their response mentioned that DOD now covers expenses over per diem rate, and that is true. However, I believe it is up to each organization to decide how much over they will cover up to 20% over the rate. So some organizations may cover overages while others may not.

SLA 2005 - Toronto

By Amy Loughran, MLD Director at Large

Remember, there are MLD Division events at the SLA conference in Toronto.

- Networking breakfasts Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
- Business luncheon on Tuesday.
- MLD open house, co-sponsored by Knovel, Newsbank, and PTFS, on Wednesday, June 8th, from 7-9 pm.
- Tour on Thursday.

See SLA's website for details of registration, housing, the personal events planner, and links to Toronto. http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2005/index.cfm

Join the discussion list for news (and questions) from attendees. [This is not the Conference Planner's discussion list - this is one for attendees.] Send an e-mail to Lyris@lists.sla.org with the SUBSCRIBE command in the body of the message as follows:

Subscribe SLA-CTOR your_e-mail_address FirstName LastName

Do not put anything else in the body or the subject line of the message.

NOTE: Bring your passport. This is the preferred form of identification. A state-issued picture identification and birth certificate may suffice, but a passport is better. If you want to get one - start now - there is a long processing time. Ask (and pay) for expedited processing if possible. See U.

S. Department of State Passport Homepage at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport 1738.html

The conference will feature at least three programs and one tour of interest to our division.

- 1. Richard Huffine, Director, EPA, Information Access Division and chair of the new Government Division will speak about the return on investment and making the business case for a government library.
- 2. Judy Russell, Superintendent of Documents will address all the changes taking place in the world of government documents and the evolution from paper to electronic format.
- 3. Kathy Eighmey, Library services coordinator for the Dept. of Homeland Security; Dr. Robison, Library director of the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism; and Greta Marlatt, Public Services Librarian for the Naval Postgraduate School, will discuss library issues and Homeland Security.
- 4. Tour the Royal Canadian Military Institute, which is a short walk from the conference center. Remember to register for the tour when you register for the conference.

Get your Military Librarians Division Business Luncheon ticket from a Division Executive Board member. And please let them know NOW that you are coming. There are only a few seats left for the Business Luncheon.

Finally, check the final conference guide for time and location of the programs, networking events, and Board meetings.

The WOW Speakers at ALI 05

By Sharon Lenius, Secretary, MLD

Army Librarians from around the world recently gathered in Monterey, California for the annual training opportunity known as The Army Library Institute (ALI), 2005. Hosting this occasion was the AISO Library of Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center. AISO staff members Margaret (Peggy) Groner, Library Director, Rita Smith, Reference Services and Roberta (Robbie) Forrest of Tech Services served on the ALI05 Planning Committee.

The California location opened the field to some experts in the library world. Joan Fry Williams, a library consultant opened eyes with her practical advice for librarians to be aware of technology around them that could be adapted/utilized in a library setting. She recommended reading industry trade journals for grocers, wholesalers, etc. Checking bar codes at the grocery store takes on new meaning! Another technology guru, Stephen Abram, of SIRSI Corp, kept the audience spellbound as he talked about cutting edge issues and answers for libraries. His future view of the information world, the way beyond, showed transformation that knowledge professionals face only ten years ahead. Abram emphasized that our customers are embracing the new technology or in the case of teenagers, taking the "always connected world" for granted. Librarians need to face that challenge.

Another futuristic message for librarians came from Richard Sweeney, Librarian at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He spoke about the Millennial Generation, those who were born 1979-1998. They have a very different expectation of information services. Sweeney questioned a panel of five service members, 2 Marines and 3 Air Force personnel currently attending the Language School classes. He talked about their last "in building" library experience, the kinds of books they read, the way they like to receive information, how they stay connected with friends....even down to what jeans they buy, what games they play - and how often, and what book store they patronize. The answers were amazing for many in the audience.

Other top notch speakers included Roy Tennant presenting about Digital Library Standards; Frank Cervone, Northwest-

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Membership Report

By Gail Nicula, Membership Chair, MLD

End of Month Statistics, March 2005

Total Division Membership: 331

Primary Members: 241

Including: 1 forty-five year member; 6 organizational members; 3 life/honorary Members; 14 retired members; 23 stu-

dent members

Additional Division Members: 90

Including: 1 forty-five year member; 2 organizational members; 2 retired members; 4 student members, and 1 virtual member

Note to all members (from editor):

Remember you have the ability to view, edit, and correct the membership information SLA has on you. To edit your SLA membership record, you will require your Membership ID and pin number – on a card SLA sent you – or contact SLA to get a new card at membership@sla.org. You also need Web access. Log in to the Member's only section of SLA website. Click on Membership, then Update Your Information.

From SLA website, visited 27 April 2005. http:// www.sla.org/content/membership/Loginhelp.cfm

"By default, your User ID is your last name and your password is your PIN (Personal Identification Number), which can be found on your SLA membership card. This login and password will always work--even if you decide to create your own User ID and password.

If you wish to take advantage of our new feature which allows you to select your own User ID and password, log in using vour User ID and PIN. Click on the "Edit Your Account Options" link. Then click "Change User ID and Password." You may change your password as often as you like; your User ID may be changed only once.

If you do not know your PIN, click on "Forgot Your Password?" Enter your membership number (also on your membership card) and your PIN will be sent to the e-mail address we have on file for you. If you still need assistance with your PIN, send an e-mail to membership@sla.org."

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DTIC Annual Conference Report

By Tracy Landfried, Editor, The Military Librarian.

31st Annual Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) User Meeting and Training Conference was held in Old Town Alexandria 4-6 April 2005. Its theme was "Defense Research and Engineering: Turn Data into Knowledge." Conference briefing slides are published as ADM001730, Distribution A: Approved for public release, distribution is unlimited. This CD contains briefing slides / slideshows from many of the speakers.

R. Paul Ryan, Acting Administrator, welcomed attendees and keynote speaker Alan R. Shaffer from the Office of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering (ODDRE.) DTIC is (as of 4 June 04) an independent Field Operating Agency, under the ODDRE.

Ryan described current DTIC achievements and initiatives. DTIC's number one priority is the R&E Portal—now available to eligible users. It is envisioned as THE place for scientists and engineers, acquisition workforce, warfighters looking for S&T data, and managers from service programs to the Director, ODDRE.

The Independent Research and Development (IRD) database is a proprietary searchable database of \$2.3 billion of contractor projects and work. IRD now offers alerts to eligible Private STINET subscribers. This database is a goldmine of partnership possibilities.

DTIC will receive SLA's "Innovations in Technology" award this June in Toronto, Ontario, CANADA. This award is presented by Lexis-Nexis.

Alan R. Shaffer, Director, Plans and Programs, ODDRE, talked about science and technology, the speed of change and the impact on war of the increasing tempo of technology. He asked that DOD users test the R&E portal and provide feedback to DTIC of any concerns, problems, or improvements. The R&E portal will include Dialog NewsEdge, a streaming newsfeed service with 25 categories of interest to users. Register for it at https://rdte.osd.mil.

Dr. Nancy D. Wright, Director, DTIC User Services, gave the first DTIC Update. She described TEMS, the new single source for DTIC IAC bibliographic (and increasingly fulltext) data. TEMS will include the new Military Sensing IAC, established in December 2004. Their website is: www.sensiac.gatech.edu. TEMS will be available only to Private STINET subscribers. DTIC is creating a web-based technical reports submission toolkit. They are re-engineering their current awareness products. All CAB and ECAB, Current Awareness Bulletin and Electronic Current Awareness Bulletin, subscribers must register for Private STINET and set-up (or ask their Librarian or DTIC to set-up) "scheduled

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DTIC Meeting (Continued from page 5)

searches." DTIC will begin notification of non-selection for a submitted document. Finally, DTIC will begin both color scanning and selling color copies of reports. Color copies will, of course, cost more.

The three day conference went quickly – with many interesting and simultaneous programs discussing topics of concern to DOD and related librarians, information specialists, and their managers, as well as to military personnel. The R&E portal, digital Homeland Security Library, RFID tagging your book collection, Information Security concerns, Open source data, portals, DTIC and its resources on NIPRNet and SIPRNet. Biometrics. What Americans think about Science. Identity Theft, Recommendations of the Interagency Committee on Government Information by the Categorization of Government Information Working Group, and Information Quality were among the topics discussed.

The FAST (Federal Scientific Technical Libraries Information Center Networking Group), formerly STILAS User Group, and the DTIC User Forum met on Tuesday in a wellhidden area that is usually off-limits to attendees.

R. Lee Hadden, of Geospatial Information Library, gave a presentation on "The Heringen Collection of the United States Geological Survey." This program was sponsored by the Military Librarians Group of the DC Chapter of Special Libraries Association.



DTIC User Council election was held and results announced. Re-elected or continuing on the Council are the following MLD members:

Tracy Landfried, Army Research Laboratory, elected as President of the Council for this year

Greta Marlatt, Naval Postgraduate School, elected as Vice-President of the Council for this year

Marybeth Dowdell, Naval Research Laboratory

The complete DTIC User Council roster will appear on the Users Council page in the Handbook for Users section of Private STINET.





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ern University Transportation Library, on Federated Searching; and a dynamic two-part presentation by Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, on Marketing Strategy and Marketing Planning.

Nancy Davenport, President of the Council on Library and Information Resources, spoke very eloquently on "Leadership: The Jeffersonian Model Works for Librarians."

Two panel presentations, one on the Defense Digital Library Research Service (DDLRS) with Bill Hansen, Ft Knox, the Armor School Library, and Barbara Harry, Ft Campbell, described the successes and challenges of Question Point and Ask-a-Librarian. This multi-service effort has been of special importance to troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A panel from the Naval Postgraduate School Library, Dr. Maxine Reneker, Greta Marlatt, and Laura Stuart, talked about "Shift Happens" and how the staff has grown the Homeland Security Digital Library.

A team of LTC Michael Prevou, and MAJ Brad Hilton, in full desert BDU's, presented a project from Ft Leavenworth called "Warfighters Community of Practice." They demonstrated how information learned on the battlefields of the Middle East can be passed on and used by new people coming in-country. This CoP can really save lives!

Informative presentations by Army Community and Family Support staff touched on such topics as the AF to NAF situation, new ILS system for Power Projection bases, Book Kits, as well as the issues and challenges of General Libraries. CFSC-Library provided databases received funding; no waiting for year-end purchases.

Ann Parham, the Army Librarian, invited Ms. Jackie Rustigian, the lead personnelist in the Army Career Field 34, to make a presentation that showed the tie in to the Presidents' Management Agenda and how that policy filters through the Army. Jackie also provided one-on-one career counseling sessions for attendees with good advice on their career paths.

The Army Library Institute is changing the name to Army Library Training Institute - ALTI to better reflect the real purpose of providing these professional development opportunities. See you next year at ALTI06 in St. Louis, MO sponsored by the Libraries of Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

New DTIC Users Council Members Front row, left to right: Tracy Landfried, Eleonore Spears, and Marybeth Dowdell Back row, left to right: Jeanne Rosser and Sharon Serzan



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selling author of casino gambling books. You can read an archive of his columns (about 384 of them!) in the *Casino City Times* at http://scoblete.casinocitytimes.com/Archives/. The columns cover everything from a "Tipping Guide" for casino service staff to "Gambling Grade School" and even the "King Scobe Graduate Degree in Casino Gambling." His popular books include *Break the One-Armed Bandit, Casino Gambling: Play Like a Pro in 10 Minutes or Less; Beat the Craps Out of the Casinos;* and *Guerrilla Gambling*. Because I work at a weapons center, this sentence describing one of Scoblete's books really caught my attention. "*Guerrilla Gambling* is the most authoritative insightful and complete guide you'll find for taking command of today's games. It's more than just a guide it is a guided missile that explodes with winning strategies that can help players win their war against the casinos."

If you come back from Las Vegas determined to become a professional gambler, you might want to pick up a copy of *How to Make \$100,000 a Year Gambling for a Living*, but I am *not* recommending such a drastic career change. Besides, that might require writing a follow-up article on finding help for gambling addiction!

Web Sites Filled with Information on Las Vegas

Top 10 Free Things to Do in Las Vegas

http://www.looktours.com/topten.html

The Fabulous Las Vegas Guidebook

http://www.vegasfreedom.com/do/guidebook/index.jsp Includes maps, promotions, and travel tips & links, plus an online form for requesting a free visitor's guide.

Welcome to Las Vegas

http://www.lvcva.com/

The official web site of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Access Vegas Newsletter

http://www.las-vegas-news-reviews.com/

Promises to deliver Las Vegas news and reviews to your email address twice monthly. This is a good way to find out when

tickets go on sale for shows and concerts that will occur during the MLW timeframe.

The Riviera Hotel

http://rivierahotel.com Superior Rooms The elegant Monaco Tower has 23 floors and is located close near The Riviera's many Conven-



tion facilities. King size or two Double Beds are available. The Monaco Tower offers some of the most breathtaking views of Las Vegas with picture postcard settings out of every window. Non-smoking accommodations are also available.

Nine Month Count Down – Getting Psyched Up for MLW 2005

By Sandy Bradley and Barbara Lupei NAVAIR Weapons Division Technical Library China Lake, California

Think of Las Vegas and your mind conjures up images of bright neon signs, hot desert sands, fabulous hotels, flashy (or even fleshy) shows, whirling slot machines, vast buffets, and nights that don't end until the wee hours of the morning. If you are a fan of the television series, *Las Vegas*, you already know a lot about the city. But if you need some extra motivation to get psyched up to visit the Nevada desert for MLW 2005, we have some book and movie tips for you.

Bill Ott recently reviewed books he dubbed "Rat Pack Noir" in his <u>Quick Bibs</u> column in the February edition of *American Libraries*. The four books he recommends are all recent titles featuring the Vegas of Sinatra and the Rat Pack. They are:



The Cold Six Thousand by James Elroy The Ivory Coast by Charles Fleming Death of a Tenor Man by Bill Moody The Devil's Wind by Richard Rayner



If you want more visual interpretations of the city, there are some classic films that should help you get into the mood for Vegas. You will find most of them on video or DVD, or the *American Movie Classics* station on television.

Viva Las Vegas

Elvis Presley and Ann Margaret sing and dance their way through this one. Elvis plays Lucky Jackson, a racecar driver who is trying to win the Las Vegas Grand Prix. The film features classic Las Vegas with a young Elvis and some songs you can sing along with. Oh, and of course, a happy ending.

Honeymoon in Vegas

Reluctant groom Nicholas Cage gets in a high stakes poker game and bets -- his fiancé, Sarah Jessica Parker. He loses to mogul James Caan and of course the plot deteriorates into a mad romp from there. But there are some humorous scenes with Elvis impersonators, and it all works out in the end.

Casino

Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, Sharon Stone and the mob are featured in this film about gambling and violence. Las Vegas is painted as the oasis of glamour and corruption that it was in the early '70's.

Bugsy

Warren Beatty and Annette Benning show us Vegas when it was just a gleam in Bugsy's eye. There wasn't much there when it all began, and you wonder at the imagination it took to envision it. He wouldn't recognize it now.

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Books & Films (Continued from page 7)

Leaving Las Vegas

Nicholas Cage won the academy award for this sad role as an alcoholic living in Las Vegas and seeming to be intent on self-annihilation. Elizabeth Shue is his hooker "girlfriend." It's depressing, but Cage and Shue are mesmerizing.

Ocean's Eleven

If you can find a copy of the original Rat Pack movie with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., and friends, see it. The remake with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon is a bit too smug and silly. It's a caper film with the big casino heist as a central theme. In both versions the cast sometimes has more fun than the audience, but it's definitely a classic Las Vegas film.



Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

This 1998 film is based on the Hunter Thompson classic. Stars Johnny Depp and Benicio Del Toro portray Raoul Duke and Dr. Gonzo. It features a desert motorcycle race, Vegas, lots of drugs, and loud rock music, in addition to a supporting cast of Tobey Maguire, Cameron Diaz, Ellen Barkin, Gary Busey, Christina Ricci, etc.

National Lampoon's Las Vegas Vacation

The hapless Griswold clan hits Las Vegas in this comedy. Chevy Chase plays Clark, who loses all of his money, and Beverly D'Angelo, plays Clark's wife Ellen, who is hit on by Wayne Newton. Add Randy Quaid, Sid Caesar, and Siegfried & Roy to the mix, and Las Vegas gets thoroughly lampooned.

If all of the above don't motivate you to attend MLW and absorb the aura of the city, the first season of the TV series *Las Vegas* is now available on DVD for hours of mood-altering viewing. And remember, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!"