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SLA in Denver, 3-6 June 2007



The Rocky Mountain Chapter has created a Conference Wiki to help you plan your trip. You will find information about traveling to Denver, the Top 10 Things to See and Do in the Downtown area, restaurant reviews, and so much more!

http://lib.colostate.edu/publicwiki/index.php?title=Special_Libraries_Association

Also join the Conference Discussion List:

The list e-mail address is <sla2007@lists.sla.org>

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Tips from members

While in Denver:

- Drink plenty of water. If you get a headache, drink a glass of water before taking a pill. Your headache may be a sign of dehydration. Plan to drink more water than usual.
- Bring lip balm, hand and body lotion, and sunscreen. Do plan on buying lotion and sunscreen in Denver. With the new 3-1-1 rules for liquids, you may not take much on a plane. Dehydration will affect your lips and skin as well as your body. Remember you are a mile closer to sun – bring sunscreen and use it.
- Do not expect a boiling hot cup of coffee. Water boils at a lower temperature, so your morning cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate will not be as hot as usual.
- Do not try to keep up your regular exercise routine – until you are acclimated to the Mile-High City.

Things to do now: Personal Calendar

Create your own Calendar with the Personal Planner for the SLA Conference in Denver. **Hint:** Last year the Personal Planner died the day before the conference – so make copies of your planned events a few days before the conference – just in case. Do not wait to the last minute to create and use the planner.

You can add personal events and meetings to the conference events in your personal planner. You can create conflicting entries, so add all of the concurrent programs you want to attend. You can narrow the list later. Add all DMIL networking and program events. Do not miss our networking breakfasts, awards/business luncheon, the Military Librarians Division reception, or the Air Force Academy Tour in Colorado Springs. Remember that some division events require a ticket and/or an RSVP.

Go to the following website to create your personal calendar. Create an account with your email address and a password.

<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/planner/index.cfm>

Remember, the final conference program may have changes – so check your printed calendar against the final program.



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Please submit material to Tracy Landfried.

Preferred file attachment formats are Microsoft Word, text files, and JPEG for photos. Do not embed photos or other items in the text.

Please include permission to reprint copyrighted materials with your submission. All submissions must be approved by Division Chair. All submissions are subject to editing.

Submission Deadlines: 2007-2008

Issue	Deadline
Summer	July 15, 2007 (post-conference issue)
Fall	October 15, 2007 (nominations and Pre-MLW issue)
Winter	February 15, 2008 (post MLW and post leadership summit issue)
Spring	May 1, 2008 (pre-conference issue)

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Join the Military Librarians Division for Exciting Programs & Fun-filled Events at SLA 2007 Denver

Executive Decision Making: Things That Go Bump In The Night

Sunday, June 3, 2007 8:00AM - 12:00PM
Location: Convention Center, 205

Executive decisions happen at the leadership level of an organization. Anyone can learn to think like a leader. This course will introduce the larger scope of executive decisions and why it is necessary to solve a library's biggest problems. Topics include understanding politics and influence, looking at the root causes of problems, typical "executive" mind issues, identifying library stakeholders and key decision makers. Simple tools to determine preferences and impacts of a decision will be shared.

Speaker: [Pat Wagner](#), Co-owner, Pattern Research, Inc.

Ticket number: 365
Member ticket price: \$199
Non-member ticket price: \$299
SLA Units: Military Librarians Division
Biomedical & Life Sciences Division
Sponsor: IEEE

Military Librarians Division Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2007 12:00PM - 2:00PM
Location: Hyatt Regency, Capitol 1

Military Division Board Meeting.

Audiences: Members Only

SLA Units: Military Librarians Division
Sponsor: Knovel Corporation

Military Librarians Division Networking Breakfast All Attendees Invited

Monday, June 4, 2007 7:00AM - 8:30AM
Location: Convention Center, 406

Come and join the Military Librarians Division for good food and fun with an opportunity to network with librarians who serve those who serve our country.

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Winning the Game: Adopting Strategies for Organizational Success

Monday, June 4, 2007 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Location: Convention Center, 401/402

Contemporary libraries continually face a myriad set of challenges revolving around organizational support and financial themes. What are some characteristics that set apart thriving information organizations versus those on a continual downward spiral? Naturalist Charles Darwin's lessons of adaptive

behavior can be used as a lens to examine models appropriate for early twenty-first century organizations. This talk will cite examples and explore strategies and metrics aimed at taking an offensive position to maximize the potential for organizational success.

Speaker: [Richard E Luce](#), Vice-Provost and Director of Libraries at Emory University.

SLA Units: Military Librarians Division
Government Information Division
Information Technology Division
Sponsor: Thomson Scientific & Dialog

Military Librarians Division Business Meeting & Breakfast

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 7:00AM - 8:30AM
Location: Convention Center, 405

DMIL Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast for members.

Audiences: Members Only

SLA Units: Military Librarians Division
Sponsor: Thomson Scientific & Dialog

To Contract or Not To Contract: Are They Mutually Exclusive?

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 9:00AM - 10:30AM
Location: Convention Center, 601

Contracting out services is a perennial issue in US government. This session will be a discussion on frequently asked questions. A panel of government and contractor representatives will discuss the A-76 process, models for contracting between all or nothing, the contractor's view, effectively designing a SOW, and pros and cons of a successful partnership.

Panelists:
[Bonnie C Carroll](#), President, Information International Associates, Inc.
[Ed Burgess](#), Director, Combined Arms Research Library
[Carolyn Ray](#), STINFO, Wright Patterson Air Force Base

SLA Units: Military Librarians Division

Military Librarians Division Open House All Attendees Invited

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 8:00PM - 9:30PM
Location: Hyatt Regency, Capitol 2

DMIL invites all friends, business partners and colleagues to share a good time with us as we socialize and enjoy the company of one another. Come one, come all!

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Military Librarians Division Events at SLA 2007 Denver, cont'd

Military Librarians Division Networking Breakfast All Attendees Invited

Wednesday, June 6, 2007 7:00AM - 8:30AM
Location: Convention Center, 503-504

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Grab the Millennial Gold!

Wednesday, June 6, 2007 11:00AM - 12:30PM
Location: Convention Center, 301

The Information Age has delivered a whole generation who are hard-wired to their computers and gadgets. To reach these patrons, libraries need innovative ways to draw young adults into a world of both information and fun. Accomplishing that requires blogs, web sites, and digital entertainment. This workshop will help librarians understand what draws millennials in and keeps their attention. **NOTE: RSVP is required to attend this session** which is limited to 30 attendees. Please contact Emily Mardis (emily.mardis@lackland.af.mil, or phone 210-977-2804) no later than May 31, 2007 to request a seat.

Speaker: [Jerri Ledford](#)

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Grab the Millennial Gold!

Wednesday, June 6, 2007 1:00PM - 2:30PM
Location: Convention Center, 301

Repeat session.

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Tour: Air Force Academy Library/Visitor's Center/Cadet Chapel/Garden of the Gods

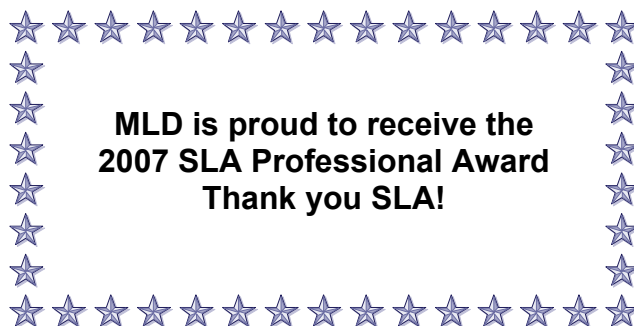
Thursday, June 7, 2007 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Location: Convention Center, Lobby D Entrance

Board your motor coach bound for one of Colorado's most charming cities... Colorado Springs! The first stop will be the fantastic United States Air Force Academy (USAFA)! From the overlook area, notice the 17 spires of steel and glass rising from the Chapel, as this is an area you will be exploring further. A stop at the McDermott Library will offer participants a trip through their special collection, a rare treat that most visitors do not experience. At the USAFA Visitor's Center you'll find exhibits on cadet life and the history of the Academy. A short drive to Manitou Springs will allow for a stop for lunch on your own and shopping in quaint little shops. Next, you'll see one of Colorado's natural wonders, the Garden of the Gods. Only Mother Nature could have turned rocks into these unusual and majestic formations. A drive through the park and a stop at the Trading Post will leave lasting memories! **SPECIAL NOTICE: Must be a US citizen. Must provide your name, social security number, and work address to be included in this tour.** Contact Emily Mardis (emily.mardis@lackland.af.mil; PH: 210-977-2804 or DSN: 969-2804) NO later than May 31, 2007. Limit of 55 participants. **NOTE: Denver is known as the Mile High City. Anyone with cardiac or pulmonary problems is advised not to participate in long or strenuous walks. Stay well hydrated. Dress comfortably with good walking shoes.** To purchase tickets, click here [Tour Registration](#).

SLA Units: Military Librarians Division

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Division program(s) and tour require RSVP — ACT NOW!



Note RSVP required by May 31, 2007 for the events listed below:

Program: Grab the Millennial Gold and Tour of the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

These sessions are limited to participants who sent an RSVP to Emily Mardis, information below.

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There are two sessions of Grab the Millennial Gold.

Wednesday, June 6, 2007 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Wednesday, June 6, 2007 1:00PM - 2:30PM

Emily Mardis

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Mark your calendar for MLW 2007

By Pamela Bennett, Chief, Public Services
Combined Arms Research Library
US Army Command and General Staff College (USACGSC)

The 51st Military Librarians Workshop in Kansas City is fast approaching -- take a second and mark these dates on your calendar -- December 3-7, 2007.

The theme for this year's Workshop is "The Military Librarians Greatest War: Preserving the Past, Capturing the Future".

In the last issue of the "The Military Librarian" you were given few of highlights of the 2007 Workshop. Since the last issue, the website for the Workshop is now up and running. More information will be added throughout the year on the site, so keep coming back to check out what is new. <http://www.dtic.mil/mlw/2007/index.html>



Jazz. Food. Fun. At this year's workshop you have the opportunity to visit some of the evening's hottest live jazz spots in KC with a "Jazzin' Up the Town" pub crawl. We will even serve you authentic KC Bar-B-Que to make your evening complete.

For those of us who will miss the film premiere at this year's ALA conference of "The Hollywood Librarian", the first full-length film to focus on the work and lives of librarians in American movies, MLW attendees will have the opportunity to see the film and have Q&A with the Director, Ann Siedl. <http://www.hollywoodlibrarian.com/>

The Workshop will be held at the newly remodeled Westin Crown Center, downtown Kansas City. Remember you need to make reservations through MLW. You may search here for information regarding the hotel: <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1039>

Correction for Air Force Library update article in last issue, Vol 52, No. 1

According to the Joint Installation Office, the closure of the Elmendorf Air Force Base Library was not due to the joint base initiative. Director of Air Force Libraries says the Air Force would not have approved the closure except for the proposed joint base Elmendorf/Ft Richardson.

Message from the Chair

The last couple of months have seen a lot of activity on the Military Librarians Listserv. The fact that the listserv is no longer moderated brings us to a new era in Division communication. We now have the ability to discuss issues pertinent to the Division. We have instituted the use of SurveyMonkey.com to track Board votes and to take the pulse of the Division over a potential name change.

The potential Division Name Change generated many comments – some positive, some negative. Communication was the key. The results of the survey are in and “Military Libraries Division” won from a very large slate of potential names. We must now move forward to incorporate this change into our Governing Documents which must then be presented to SLA for approval. As we are reviewing the Governing Documents to ensure they reflect Division practices, we will present them to SLA when the review is complete.

I have been asked what it is that I want to accomplish in my year as Chair of the Division. My goal is to increase the number of awards – we presently have one award: the MLD Distinguished Service Award. While this is really cool, I’d also like to encourage more participation by perhaps having an award for

the Best Article submitted to the Military Librarian; perhaps an award that would provide a stipend to attend MLW or SLA. Ideas I hope we discuss. Do you have a suggestion?

I would like to encourage all of you to participate in the Division—to volunteer to work on a committee, write an article for the Newsletter, and attend all of our wonderful SLA Denver networking breakfasts, programs and our reception sponsored by Thomson West. Everyone is also cordially invited to the Board Meeting: Sunday 12:00-2:00 pm Hyatt Regency Capitol 1.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Federal Library & Information Center Committee (FLICC) 2006 Award winners – military librarians and libraries! **Federal Librarian: Carla Pomager**, Systems and Acquisitions Librarian, US Army Community & Family Support Center; **Federal Library Technician: Sabrina Honda**, Hurlburt Field Library, USAF; **Federal Library (Large): Camp Butler Library**, US Marine Corps Community Services, Okinawa, Japan; **Federal Library (Small): Marshall Center Research Library**, Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch, Germany.

—Nellie Moffitt



Update your SLA membership online - soon

SLA is planning a new system for membership data and information. Data integrity is one of the key aspects for a successful implementation of the new system. Your membership data, such as name, affiliation, address, and email information is an important component – so check the online Membership Directory.

Check the Membership Directory for your name, chapter, division, section, and caucus affiliations, home and work address, leadership positions, etc. Search your primary chapter and division if a general search does not return your name.

Is there a “1” (One) in your email address instead of an “L.” Is your street address correct? Zip or Postal Code? Telephone number and Fax number? Your name may be misspelled. You may be listed twice, under both maiden and married names. Did your membership really begin in 1900?



Go to www.sla.org, log in and update your membership information on the Membership menu. Click “Update your Membership.” Remember that the changes you make will not appear immediately. Check

back in a few days to see if the changes have been made correctly. Contact the SLA Membership Director if you have problems or if your changes have not appeared after a week or so.

Or use this link, <http://www.sla.org/cfcode/profile.cfm>, to ensure YOUR membership information is correct and updated to prepare for a successful data migration. You will be asked to log in with login ID and pin. If you have questions, please e-mail Linda Jackson, <ljackson@sla.org> SLA's Database Associate (+1-703-647-4918).

All Committee Chairs – reports due to Division Chair not later than May 21, 2007

Committee reports due to Chair, Nellie Moffitt, as soon as possible, no later than May 21, 2007.

See Division website for format and other instructions. <http://units.sla.org/division/dmil/guidelines.html>

Since the organization went to calendar year operations, this is not the final report due before MLW in December. It is a mid-point report – to let the Chair know what you are doing, have done, and have planned.

Storytelling in Special Libraries: Two Sessions at SLA

By Barbara Lupei, Library Director, NAVAIR Scientific and Technical Library, China Lake, California



Sandy, Mary and Barbara holding their poster "Have I Got a Story for You".

MLD members Sandy Bradley, Mary Ray, and Barbara Lupei will be presenting a paper titled "The Value of Storytelling in a Scientific and Technical Library" at SLA on Monday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m. Storytelling has been so valuable to their library – proving the library's value to the organization, raising library support, gaining networking partners, and marketing library services – they want to share what they have learned. The three China Lakers will cover storytelling from an organizational view and from a library view. They will also discuss lessons learned from the storytelling program in the NAVAIR Scientific and Technical Library. Several other papers will be presented during the "Customer Service Issues" contributed papers session.

Another session related to storytelling features Teresa Bailey, Librarian at the Jet Propulsion Lab. Many readers will remember Bailey as a speaker at MLW 2005 in Las Vegas. She will be joined at SLA by Marie Linvill, Vice President, Content Development, ProQuest CSA. "Knowledge Management, Organizational Culture, and the Role of Storytelling" will be presented on Wednesday, June 6, at 11:00 a.m. Each of these speakers has taken storytelling in a different Knowledge Management direction. Bailey uses it to communicate the history of JPL to provide a sense of organizational identity and unity to employees. Linvill has created a database of first-person narratives that is used for locating experts.

To add these two sessions to your SLA personal planner, just log in, then type the word "storytelling" into the search field.

Training for SLA Unit Leaders

Check out this SLA website for unit leader training if you are the Archivist, Bulletin Editor, a Committee Chair, Consultation Chair, Discussion List Owner, Fundraising Chair, Government Relations Chair, Membership Chair, Professional Development Chair, Public Relations Chair, Treasurer, or Webmaster. If you are on a committee for one of the above or interested in joining the committee, this link to training might interest you too.

Check out the training available online:

<http://www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/leadtrain/index.cfm>

EEO/Career Counselor Committee

By Elizabeth Lloyd

The EEO/Career Counselor Committee is now getting organized and we are looking for ideas from MLD members about what the committee should be doing during the upcoming year. The new members include representatives from the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marines, plus one library student. Most of the members are interested in mentoring to library/information science students to inform them about opportunities in military libraries. Another topic of interest is clarifying the career development options for military librarians now that NSPS and NAF have affected the "career path" for many military librarians. If you have suggestions for other committee activities, particularly about EEO issues, please contact me at Elizabetb.lloyd@us.army.mil.

From your Membership Team

Our division has 380 members now - your membership team's goal is to boost this number to at least 400 by the end of this calendar year. How easy is that? We only need twenty members to bring in another twenty!

If you know of a potential new member, please send one of your membership co-chairs his or her name. We'll do the contacting, the cajoling, and the recruiting.

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Member News

Kelly B. Desmond--moved from NAF position as library director at Hurlburt Field, FL to NSPS position as library director of Spangdahlem AB Germany.

Amie Stone--moved from contract library director at Moody AFB, GA to NAF position as library director at Kirtland AFB, NM.

Faye Couture has left the world of AF Libraries and returned to academia at St. Mary's in Nebraska, but she still hangs out with another AF librarian, Becky Sims, from Offutt AFB.

Air Force Library Update

Air Force & Navy will be hosting the annual training workshop Jun 20-22, 2007, just prior to the American Library Association (ALA) Conference in Washington D.C. The workshop focuses on "Changing Strategies for Future Innovations." It includes success stories from installation libraries; dynamic keynote speakers – Robert Goldstein, National Public Radio Music Librarian, and Stephen Abram, President of SLA and Vice President for SIRSI/DYNIX. It will offer training on disaster planning. It will offer programs on the AF library web system, the Military Educational Resources Library Network (MERLN), and managing change. The workshop, which will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, offers AF & Navy librarians an excellent opportunity to network with other librarians as well as attend Federal and Armed Forces Library Round Table (FAFLRT) events and ALA exhibits.

Some highlights from Air Force base libraries include the following initiatives:

The BIG READ, a National Endowment of the Arts initiative to promote literacy, provides citizens the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. A team of distinguished professional writers, librarians, critics, artists, and publishers selected classic literature titles for library and community programs. Five Air Force libraries are participating with their local communities and/or public library BIG READ projects: Bolling AFB in Washington D.C.; Moody AFB, Georgia; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; Pope AFB, North Carolina; and Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

Linguists from the Offutt Language Learning Center at Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska are teaching once a week at an on-base public school and working to add multi-lingual reading to the base library Summer Reading Program. Ms. Becky Sims, Library Director, stated, "I'm hoping to encourage English-only parents to help their children become bilingual, show parents who are native speakers of other languages that we have something for them, and encourage their children to learn and retain the language of their heritage." The fifth- and sixth-graders started learning the languages last month in a pilot program at the school involving language specialists from Offutt Air Force Base. The partnership formed after representatives from the Bellevue Public Schools, Metropolitan Community College, and Bellevue University toured Offutt's language-training center.

More than 100 military personnel, Shaw Air Force Base personnel, and civilians turned out Friday, April 27, 2007, for the dedication of Shaw's new library to the late W.A. "Bubba" McElveen, a former Sumter, South Carolina, mayor. The facility, which took nearly two years to complete, was dedicated in McElveen's honor because of his tireless commitment to both the Sumter and Shaw communities. McElveen's dedicated efforts to catalogue anything remotely historical about Sumter County in his "Bubba Archives" made naming the library after him an appropriate action. The new library features more than 40,000 books in a general book collection area as well as chil-

dren and teen rooms. The library also has a 19-station computer lab with eight reference stations, two conference rooms and a coffee shop. "We really wanted this building to meet the mission of our airmen here at Shaw," said Lisa Romans, library director.

Yahoo! Yikes...Skypes! Giggling?... no, Googling! The Services (Base) Library on McGuire AFB, New Jersey, has jumped right into the 21st century. Defining itself as the base "literary marketplace", the library added new technology equipment and services to its collections of books, movies, and audio downloads. MP3 players, pre-loaded with audiobooks, are now available for 21-day checkout at the library. OVERDRIVE, a subscription audio book service, is now accessible on and off-site for McGuire library card holders. Recently, the library purchased software to provide patrons with "text-messaging" reference service. Patrons can text an inquiry to the library, and the reference librarian e-mail the response to a cell phone. This is part of the library's commitment to meet the mobile and consistently changing needs of the McGuire community. Within the next several weeks, the library will be opening its "Airwaves Room". This is a private study room housing an internet PC, a webcam, and a wireless phone. This system will provide McGuire families and airmen with FREE e-mail and phone accessibility through SKYPE internet service, to contact their friends and loved ones who are deployed, TDY, or just "miles away". Literature, e-books, fax, fiction, and user friendly technology are just the beginning for McGuire Library's mission, a mission to meet the changing needs of military communities and their families. Jump on board... take flight relax...refuel...read...re-compute @ the library!

Federal Library Technician of the Year Award:



Ms. Sabrina Honda (left), Library Technician at the Hurlburt Field Base Library, received the prestigious Federal Library Technician of the Year Award for 2006 from the Federal Library & Information Center Committee (FLICC). This award

recognizes and commends exceptional technical competency and flexibility, commitment to service, and excellence in support of the library mission. Ms. Honda planned and implemented 120 unique programs, including 2 weekly story times and a very popular summer reading program. She also organized the logistics of a complex, 3-day renovation with installation of 7,000 SF carpet, 75 shelving units, and re-shelving of 35,000 books. She and her boss, Ms. Vicky Stever, Library Director, will attend the award presentations on October 12, 2007 at the Library of Congress' annual FLICC Forum.

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**Air Force Library Program of the Year Award:
Ramstein AB, Germany**



Led by Ms. Cindy Tews, the Ramstein AB library has provided outstanding mission and education support to the Kaiserslautern community. The library offers wireless internet (even in the children's room pictured above), laptops for in-library use, and exceptional children's programs. A unique hand-held paging system allows customers to browse through the library while waiting for a computer. The library also added a state-of-the-art GO PRINT system that sends print jobs directly to a queue so customers can print as needed; this eliminated long waiting lines for copier printing. Participating with the Fitness Center, the library developed a Brains & Brawn program for mental fitness. All in all, a banner year for the Ramstein Base library!

Patents and Standards Searching

By Tracy Landfried

Do your patrons asked for patents? Standards? Grey Literature? Government Documents? Do you have favorite websites to search for these documents. Share your experiences and sources with your colleagues in military libraries. Or volunteer to guide a division member through the maze of materials that may be unfamiliar to many of us.

Patents, a form of intellectual property, were recognized early in the U.S. republic, as necessary to promote commerce and to protect the economic rights of the inventor. For a discussion of Intellectual Property, see the World Intellectual Property Office website section: <http://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/>

The US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) website is a good place to start looking at US patents. <http://www.uspto.gov>

U.S. patents from 1976 to the present are searchable on this site. Patents from 1790 to 1975 are available in Tiff format, and are searchable only by patent number. You must know patent numbers for patents prior to 1976 – they cannot be

searched by title, inventors, assignee, or keyword. You can download an image of any patent – 1790 – present (TIFF format only.)

Commercial sources like Free Patents Online, <http://www.freepatentsonline.com>, have new (after about six weeks) and retrospective patents in pdf format that cannot be obtained from USPTO. This site is still free, but requires registration to use its advanced features.

The World Intellectual Property Office, WIPO, lists 191 national and 9 regional or international patent offices on their website <http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en>

Standards are the work of national and/or international organizations that define a test, method, practice, or specification for industry or government, including the military.

There are hundreds of different standard-granting organizations. No one source seems to cover all of them. You might need a Swedish standard on seat belts or a Chinese standard on paint thinner for a researcher one day. More likely, you will need an ANSI or ISO standard or a federal or military standard.

Start a search for standards at <http://www.nssn.org/>, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) search engine.

Military standards and specifications can be found via the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST) Shopping Wizard. <http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch/> Users must register for access to this system.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) website can be searched for Unclassified NATO Standardization Agreements (STANAGs) and other documents: <http://www.nato.int/docu/standard.htm>

Check out also the World Standards Services Network, a network of publicly accessible WWW servers of standard organizations at: <http://www.wssn.net/WSSN/index.html>

Standards and Patents are most often used by researchers, scientists, engineers, acquisitions personnel, and IP attorneys.

Some of our members work with them.

One member who is willing to share her expertise is Sharon Lee Butcher, Reference Librarian at the AEDC Technical Library, Arnold AFB in Tennessee. Her contact information can be found in the Members Only section of the SLA Website, <http://www.sla.org>.

All websites were checked on April 23, 2007.



Communicating with the Military Librarians Division

There are several methods of communication within the Division.

Names of Board members are printed in each issue of this newsletter. Find their email addresses in the Members Only section of SLA Website in the Membership Directory.

If you know which Board member should get your question or comment, send it directly. Otherwise, send your message to the Division Chair and she will forward it to the pertinent Advisory or Executive Board member.

Write an article for this newsletter. It goes out in electronically to most and in print to a few members.

The Division discussion list, **SLA-DMIL** is also an excellent tool to communicate with most Division members. Any Division member may send a message to it – the list is no longer moderated so your message will go out immediately. Make sure the message is the one you want to go to everyone before sending it.

The list is an excellent source of job notices and activities within the division as well as a good way to send messages to many Division members simultaneously.

SLA-DMIL@lists.sla.org Subscription [Instructions](#) & Address: lyris@lists.sla.org

Subscribe to a List:

1. Choose a list
2. Send a message to the Subscription Address (lyris@sla.lyris.net) in the following format: Leave Subject line blank. **Subscribe listname your-e-mail_address "FirstName LastName"** (e.g. Subscribe SLA-DMIL your.email.address@domain "Your Name") (e.g. Subscribe SLA-DMIL jane.doe@service.mil Jane Doe)
Be ready to confirm your email address, else you are automatically unsubscribed.

Post to a list

Send message to: SLA-DMIL@lists.sla.org

Reply to a List Message:

1. Select the reply button in your e-mail browser, type in your message, and hit the send button. **NOTE: The message will only go to author of the message.**
2. If you would like the reply to go to the entire list: Select the reply button in your e-mail browser; enter the list e-mail address in the 'To' field (i.e. SLA-DMIL@lists.sla.org); type in your message; and hit the send button.

Unsubscribe Instructions

Send message to the Subscription Address (e.g. lyris@lists.sla.org) in the following format:

Leave Subject line blank.

Unsubscribe LISTNAME (e.g. unsubscribe SLA-DMIL) Unsubscribe instructions should come with every message.

You may also subscribe to and read list postings via the web.

Go to SLA website, www.sla.org.

Click on SLA Community, then Discussion lists.

Follow the instructions posted.

Remember to password protect your access to SLA discussion lists on the Web.

Every message received should tell you how to unsubscribe if you wish.

Darrell Shiplett is the list owner. Check out his contact information at www.sla.org. Click on SLA Community, then Membership Directory.

The Division Website at < <http://www.sla.org/division/dmil/> > includes links to Webmaster, Discussion list moderator, Division officers and Committee chairs, past issues of *The Military Librarian*, and links to the current MLW page.

For Your Calendar: May—December 2007

SLA Annual Conference, Denver CO June 3-6, 2007
<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/index.cfm>

Military Libraries Workshop, Kansas City, MO,
Dec 2-7, 2007
<http://www.dtic.mil/mlw/2007/index.html>

If you have an event you would like to see added to the calendar in *The Military Librarian*, send details to the Editor.

DMIL Denver 2007 Calendar

DMIL Calendar	Friday Jun 1	Saturday Jun 2	Sunday Jun 3	Monday Jun 4	Tuesday Jun 5	Wednesday Jun 6	Thurs- day Jun 7	Fri- day Jun 8
0700				DMIL Breakfast	DMIL Business tg/ Breakfast	DMIL Breakfast		
0730				Rm: CC 406	Rm: CC 405	Rm: CC 503-504		
0800			DMIL CE	7-8:30 AM	7-8:30 AM	7-8:30 AM	Tour	
0830			Executive Decision Making				Air Force Acad- emy	
0900				SLA Synergy	To Contract or Not To Contract	SLA Closing Ses- sion		
0930			Ticket: 365	Session	Rm: CC 601	9:10:30 AM	Rm: CC	
1000			Cost: \$199	9-10:30 AM	9-10:30 AM		Lobby D	
1030			Rm: CC 205	SLA Networking Reception 10:30- 11:30 AM			En- trance	
1100			8-12 PM opposite SLA LDI -8- 12 PM			Grab the Millennial Gold		
1130				Winning the Game		Rm: CC 301	RSVP plus Social	
1200			DMIL Board Mtg	Rm: CC 401/402		1-2:30 PM RSVP		
1230			Hyatt Re- gency	11:30-1 PM	Info-Expo Networking Lunch		Security	
1300			Rm: Capitol 1		12:30-2:30 PM	Grab the Millennial Gold	Number and addi- tional	
1330			12-2 PM			Rm: CC 301	informa- tion	
1400						1-2:30 PM RSVP		
1430					SLA Candidate Speeches		required for ac- cess to	
1500				SLA Networking	2:30-4:00 PM			
1530				Reception 3-4 PM			USAFA	
1600							8-5 PM	
1630					Association Business mtg			
1700					Report 4:30-5:45 PM			
1730								
1800			SLA General Session - Vice-		SLA Chapter and Divi- sion			
1830			President Al Gore		Cabinet 6:00-7:00 PM			
1900			5:30-7:30 PM					
1930								
2000					DMIL Open House			
2030					Hyatt Regency, Rm: Capitol 2			
2100					8-9:30 PM			