The Military Librarian

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What you missed in Denver ...
Why weren't you there?!

By Emily Mardis

If you have spoken with anyone who attended SLA 2007 in the Mile High City, you already know that you missed a fabulous conference. The city was absolutely beautiful, the Convention Center very accommodating, and the staff were experienced and knowledgeable.

Our division owes much of our success to the solid vendor sponsorship we continue to receive over the years. Without their support, we would not be able to enjoy the fabulous food that we had at several breakfasts, our Business Meeting and at our Open House. Speaking of the Open House…what a blast! We had over 125 folks show up and they did not want to leave. The Hyatt was kind enough to let us keep the rooms longer and keep the food and drink flowing. Just about everyone participated in a Human Scavenger Hunt in which they found out some interesting tidbits about some of the division members. I have been asked to provide the names to the fun facts that were provided. That information can be found in this newsletter.

Three sessions were presented by the division in addition to the fun and festivities celebrating the awards taken by the division and Ms Sharon Lenius. Mr Rick Luce presented "Winning the Game" in which he compared library survival with evolution. This WOW program was one of 18 selected by SLA as one not to miss. Ms Jerri Ledford presented two session of "Grab the Millennial Gold" and discussed wikis, blogs, and texting, the main forms of communication by the millennial generation. Ms Barbara Busch, Ms Bonnie Carroll, and Mr Ed Burgess shared their experiences, trials, and tribulations on a panel discussion "To Contract or not to Contract." Feedback from attendees to the session was positive.

Special thanks goes out to Dr Ed Scott and his fabulous staff at the USAF Academy Library. The tour participants were treated to a look at the jewel of the Library's collection, as well as get a glimpse into a day in the life of a cadet. The Visitor's Center and Chapel were also highlights of the visit to Peterson AFB. Afterwards lunch and shopping were provided in a picturesque mountain town, Manitou Springs, and followed by a drive through the Garden of the Gods, a unique natural rock formation.

Since you missed Denver, set your sights on Seattle from 15-18 June, 2008, at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center. Pam Bennett is the planner and organizer for the division and promises a very interesting and contemporary agenda.

Denver-SLA group: from left, back: Nellie Moffitt, Darrell Shiplett, Sharon Lenius, Edna Paulson, Tracy Landfried. front: Patricia Alderman, Wendy Hill

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Expanding Digital Access for NRL Researchers

by R. James King and Bill Murray

With the cost of scholarly publications continuing to rise and Naval Research Laboratory library users needing online access to its repositories, Chief Librarian James King and his staff had to take action.

King faced a problem that confronts many librarians: how to harness technology to broaden library access, lower operating costs, and pay for increased content expenses.

The result of the NRL Research Library's efforts, the TORPEDO *Ultra* digital archive, has 8 million searchable documents in PDF format from more than 3,000 scholarly journals, including content that dates back to 1826. "The future of this library and increasingly other libraries is digital," King says.

Founded in 1923, the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) is the Navy & Marine Corp's corporate laboratory, employing nearly 4,000 researchers, engineers, technicians and support personnel. Investigations have ranged widely from monitoring the sun's behavior to analyzing marine atmospheric conditions to measuring parameters of the deep oceans, and inventing core technologies such as Radar, the Global Positioning System (GPS), the first spy satellite, and shipboard fire suppressions systems.

In addition to employees and contractors at NRL's Monterey, CA; Stennis, MS; and Washington, DC locations, users at 20 federal installations including the National Science Foundation, Naval Warfare Centers, NASA centers, and the Office of Naval Research can access the journal content stored in TORPEDO *Ultra*.

Building a robust and searchable digital library

TORPEDO *Ultra* searching is based upon Convera Retrieval-Ware® and the Sybase relational database management system. This combination has provided advanced searching and indexing capabilities in TORPEDO *Ultra* since 2000, including term expansion and statistical ranking algorithm, according to King.

The NRL Research Library has been using RetrievalWare since 1994, and the software enables professionals to search more efficiently than they would with a consumer-focused search technology.

"There is no way that we could create and manage an ontology for the span of research that NRL is involved in," King says. "It's helpful to use a product like RetrievalWare because of the access to semantic search capabilities such as those that a scientific organization would need."

TORPEDO *Ultra* is only one of a handful of North American digital libraries that locally loads scholarly journal content – the other locations are Los Alamos National Laboratory, OhioLink, and the University of Toronto.

The NRL Research Library is scanning an average of 2,000 journal pages a week and converts them to PDF with embedded OCR text. NRL is also taking in 30,000 pages of already-digitized content from publishers on average each week. Sixty percent of the NRL Research Library journal collection is now on TORPEDO *Ultra*, and King thinks that within a few years TORPEDO *Ultra* could have up to 80 percent of the collection online.

Efficiencies gained by digital archives help pay for increased content costs

Users at the various agencies have downloaded more than 400,000 PDF documents from the system since 2001, and the library can control what journals each agency is able to access through TORPEDO *Ultra*.

With researcher interactions increasingly shifting from walk-in uses to online resources, the 25,000 square foot library has been shifting resources towards supporting the digital library. Over the course of four years, the library's gone from a headcount of approximately 40 employees to about 30, not having to fill some positions because of efficiencies afforded by increased automation – all with an essentially flat budget.

TORPEDO *Ultra* visitors save time by accessing the library through the Internet, rather than taking an hour or two out of their day to visit the physical library. "An increasingly important part of our job is to provide our user community with the advanced tools they need to navigate the wealth of information now available," King says.

TORPEDO *Ultra* helps to support NRL's research mission while cutting down on time and costs. The TORPEDO *Ultra* digital archive as a tool will continue to evolve to meet the needs of researchers, increasingly deploying data mining capabilities to discover trends and hidden data in the vast archive of 8 million documents. Convera helps to make TORPEDO *Ultra* a robust and searchable digital library for thousands of government researchers.

R. James King, Chief Librarian, Ruth H. Hooker Research Library, Naval Research Laboratory

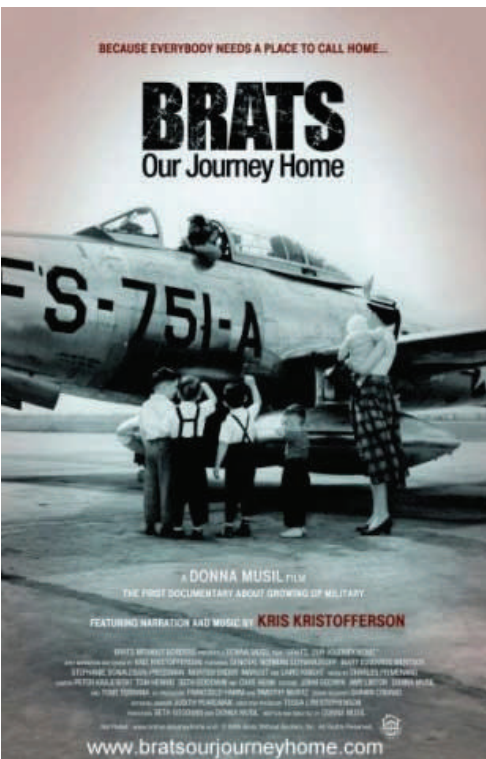# Oh Brats! The Journey of Growing Up … Military

By Dorothee Bennett

You know you are a military brat if
  -you cannot answer the question "Where are you from?"
  -you flew before you could walk.
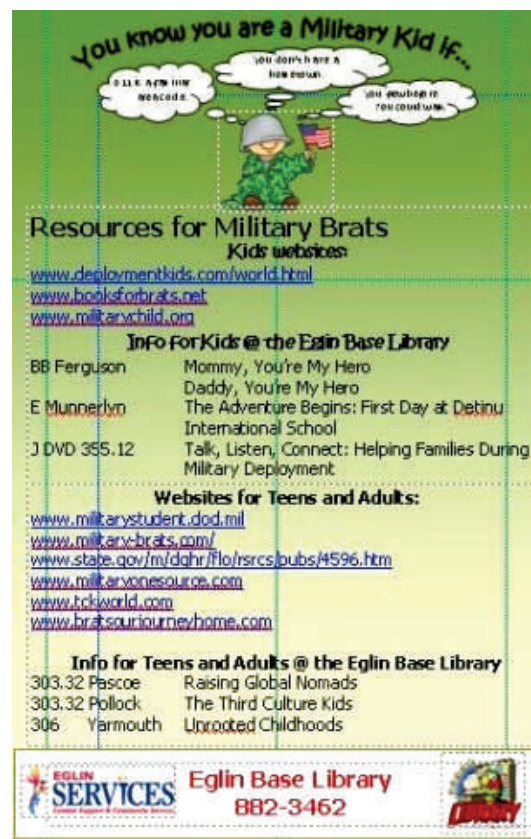 -001 is a familiar area code.

Adult military brats tend to get antsy after living in the same house for more than a couple of years and they often feel like they never quite fit in with their civilian counterparts. Most adults, who grew up with a parent in the Armed Forces, do not even realize how their childhood has shaped them into the person they are today. It's hard to imagine a military brat's childhood. Moving from base to base around the world, they are at home everywhere - and nowhere. There are 1.2 million children being raised in the military today. An estimated 15 million Americans are former brats. They include actors Jessica Alba and Robert Duvall, Senator John McCain, and basketball star Shaquille O'Neal.

What we did…

After learning about military brats and gathering resources, the Eglin Base Library decided to bring the documentary "Brats; Our Journey Home" to the base. We invited Donna Musil, the writer-director-producer of the documentary to show her film on the base and to be available for a question and answer session afterwards. Multiple showings created awareness for military children past and present. A bibliography of materials (online sources, books and videos) targeting both children and adults was handed out at the showing of the film and also at the library. Children entered an art contest and shared a special military kids' story time with Michelle Ferguson-Cohen, children's author and former military brat. To round out the program for the adult military brats the library offered a special workshop with Jennifer Paveglio, who is a family counselor and former military brat. The military brats attending the workshop enjoyed sharing their experiences

Poster created for Eglin Base Library

Movie poster displayed at Eglin Base Library

and are now meeting at the library on a monthly basis. We shared the film and additional materials with the professionals at the Life Skills flight on one of the staff training days. A staff development day at the base youth center is planned for the end of the summer.

How we did it…

Planning the event involved a lot of networking and a little bit of luck. We started talking about the subject with a civilian family counselor who turned out to be a military brat. Our author had done a story time at our library before. When we brought up the possibility to do a program for and about military kids, she sent me a link to the movie. Instead of just purchasing the film with the public viewing rights (our initial plan) I went on and called the producers to see what it would take to have Ms. Musil show the film. Everyone we asked for help with this program was willing do what they could.

What we learned…

We did offer a pre-screening to squadron commanders and 1st Sergeants about two weeks before the big event. If we were to repeat this program I would invite everybody to the main showing and not do the prescreening.
The additional showings after the event were not well attended, but since they didn't require any additional work I would repeat them for those who could not attend the main showing. The key is to get as much information out as possible.

Invite 1st Sergeants, commanders, Base Commander, staff from Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC), Youth Center, Child Care Center and Life Skills, School Superintendent, teachers and counselors (at schools who deal with military children).

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I would recommend sending a link to the movie (www.bratsfilm.com) along with the invitation.

What we achieved…
This comprehensive program was well received by the adult military brats who attended and by the base leadership. We have received several comments about how the film has touched and changes peoples' lives. A group of adult military brats now meets at our library monthly for networking and support. We will definitely continue offering resources and programming for this target group.

Nominations Committee Report

by Carol Jacobson

- Emily Mardis for Chair-elect, Military Librarians Division SLA.
- Carol Jacobson for Director-at-large for 2010

No other positions require nominees for the 2008 election to be held at the Military Libraries Workshop in Kansas City KS in December 2007.

Biography for: Emily C. Mardis

Emily C. Mardis began her federal career in the medical arena at the Overton-Brooks Veteran's Administration Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. She lived abroad in Europe for seven years where she worked as a Library Technician in Ghedi, Italy, a branch of the Library Service Center located in Ramstein, Germany. She later moved to Ramstein and worked for the Library Service Center and commenced studies for a Masters of Library Science. She moved to San Antonio, Texas to take a cataloging position with the Air Force Information Warfare Center's Technical Library. After completing her Master's Program she took over the Librarian duties as well.

Ms Mardis is a member of SLA and has been so for several years. She was elected to the Military Librarian's Division's Executive Board as the Director-at-Large for July 2005- December 2007. Mardis was responsible for planning the networking events and programs for the Military Librarians Division at SLA in Denver 2007. All were well received by the membership and included an author book signing by Ms Jerri Ledford, a technology business writer. Mardis served on the MLW 2006 Planning Committee for the Workshop in San Antonio, Texas. She chaired the ad-hoc Air Force Advocacy Subcommittee and built the AF Advocacy site on the AF Portal. The AF Advocacy Subcommittee presented their Advocacy program to their peers at the AF/Navy Workshop held in Baltimore in June 2006.

Ms Mardis has earned a BA in General Studies from Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Florida; an MS in Business Administration and Management from Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; an MS in International Relations from Troy State University-Europe, Troy, Alabama; and a Masters of Library Science from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas.

The Dynamics Research Corporation Library

By Sheila Elfman

Fifty- two years ago, when Dynamics Research Corporation was established, Jack Anderegg, the founder, believed a Library to be an integral part of his organization. Over the years, the Library has evolved into the Learning Resource Center (LRC) that now serves the research and information needs of approximately 1,500 employees housed at a variety of customer sites and more than 25 offices nationwide.

There are over 6,000 books, CDs and DVDs in the collection. Topics of information include defense/military (Army, Air Force, Navy, etc.) , information technology, computers, human resources, training, statistics, management and communications. Our collection has expanded in many directions, over the years, as the Company has adapted to our customers' needs and grown.

Originally there were several manufacturing divisions and a systems division, which concentrated on defense contracts. The Company's focus has changed, and we are now concentrating on our information technology skills and how they can be applied to defense work.

I have been with DRC, in the Library/LRC, as a solo Librarian for over 31 years. During that time, I brought the Library into the Computer Age with electronic searching for information, emailing, and online ordering of new acquisitions. In late 2005, our Card Catalog became an Online Public Access Catalog through EOS, Inc. Our employees are quite pleased with this new capability and I have enjoyed the challenge of bringing this new resource tool to the Company.

As the Corporate Librarian, my services include processing interlibrary loans, managing cataloging, searching and answering research requests for proposals, purchasing all acquisitions, finding standards and specifications and responding to all information needs. I also have created a Library Brochure which is available in the Library/LRC section of the Company's intranet.

I am a member of the Special Librarians Association and belong to the Military Librarians Division, the Solo Librarians Division, Information Technology Division and the Boston Chapter of SLA.

I am pleased to have played a role in the company's 52 year history of helping customers meet their challenges, solve their problems, and perform their missions.

A First Timer's View of SLA 2007

by Thomas Lynch

The 2007 Annual Conference in Denver, CO was my first SLA conference. I joined SLA back in 2005 after getting hired as a library technician at the Library of the Marine Corps (LOMC), Breckinridge University Library. Even though I was a library tech, I had started to think about becoming a librarian. Military librarians are an extremely supportive group of people when it comes to nurturing new members to join the ranks of the profession. Since then, I have taken advantage of SLA membership, earning 20% tuition remission for the courses I take online for the Master's degree in Library and Information Science via Drexel University.

LOMC librarians brought home exciting tales from the Toronto and Baltimore conferences. I was close to finishing one year of graduate courses back in January '07, so I thought it would be a good time to go to my first SLA conference. Student member fees are greatly reduced, making that aspect easier on the wallet. (I'm also pretty cheap: I stayed in a Guest Hostel about 2 miles from the Denver Convention center, walking in most days, and purchased the flight via Cheaptickets.com back in January.) I was set to jet!

First timers need to relax and take it easy at the Information Expo. There was so much going on that it felt a bit overwhelming. There should be a nap area with cots and pillows for first-timers to rest up on that first Sunday at the Info-Expo. My Info Passport filled up in no time even though I had only wandered down several rows of booths. (I didn't win the drawing, sadly.) I reminded myself that I had two more days to check out the sights. Also, honestly, I wondered how to decide which info booths to visit. Which booths might be important for future jobs? Which booths could be useful for my current position? Which booths had the best swag?!? (Be warned: the hand outs are addicting! Remember you have to either carry it all in your suitcase, or pay to ship the stuff home.)

Come to the Info-Expo with a list of the current issues, problems, and needs affecting your library or information center. I regularly talk to the librarians about work issues and aspects of information science that I cover in my online classes. I have a general grasp of the nature of the work specific to my environment. At the Info-Expo I was able to talk to one of the vendors about a real need for my library. We receive hardcopy of all the Marine Corps Bases' newspapers in order to digitize them for preservation and access. The vendor talked me through the process, gave me some new definitions and terms specific to digitization that I had heard of, but had no real idea of what they meant exactly. The vendor even talked me through some of the "Request For Proposal" (RFP) Government Agency bid process. I was able to bring home solutions for real workplace needs, complete with contact information and a face to put with the company name.

The SLA annual conference offers hundreds of sessions. I asked my boss if there were any sessions I should attend, but was given free rein to choose sessions. I had prepared my list of sessions to attend beforehand with the SLA conference planner tool on the sla.org website. (As a student, I decided not to attend the CE courses offered prior to the start of the conference, and decided against volunteering for the Click U live courses. I was still finishing final projects for two classes, Humanities Resources and Legal Bibliography.)

As Monday swung into full gear, I realized I needed to be more flexible. Many of the sessions were packed. I only attended crammed sessions that I had deemed really important or useful. However, I started to look for alternative sessions that I had noted. There were often interesting sessions offered concurrently. I offer that the best place to sit was in the front row, and not the back row. Few people sat in the front, so I could walk in and climb in front without cramming into packed rows in the back. It was easier to leave the session if it became necessary. Social networking was my favorite part of the conference! Meeting so many strangers offers pleasure and pain: It can be hard to talk to people you don't know. (I cringe as I remember my mother talking to strangers in line at the grocery store. Ugh! Now I know why I do the same thing so easily.) The thing to remember is that most other people feel the same way! So, just say hello and introduce yourself to someone. Don't wait for others to break the ice: jump in. Meeting new friends and colleagues reduces the anxiety of feeling alone.

I was spared too much anxiety by focusing my time within my SLA division: the Military Librarians Division. Before I had even met anyone I walked into the opening session with Vice President Al Gore and sat with the Division to receive the SLA Professional Award! Meeting for breakfast in the morning created a relaxed, pleasant setting to meet and greet folks before the hustle and bustle of the day carried everyone away. The alumni reunion reception was rather nice, too. I met other folks from Drexel University. The biggest moment of the conference related to social networking and the power of connecting with others also involved my alma mater, Michigan State University. I ran into a friend from undergrad who I hadn't seen in several years who is now a transportation cataloger librarian at Northwestern University. He almost had a heart attack that I was suddenly there in Denver. I am the third person from my group of friends from MSU to enter the journey toward the Information Profession. My time in the Air Force revealed that I have a predilection for service to my country. SLA and the Military Librarians Division allow me the chance to continue to serve my country in ways I never dreamed by becoming an Info Pro.

Hope to see you in Kansas City and Seattle!

2007 DTIC Conference

By Tracy Landfried

The 2007 Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) Conference showcased DTIC products, services, and plans for the future. Keynote speaker Debra Filippi described the challenges of information sharing within and outside of the Department of Defense (DOD). Speakers from the DOD Science and Technology community discussed D-STAG, the Defense Science Technology Advisory Group that sets science and technology (S&T) policy for DOD dollars. DTIC Administrator R. Paul Ryan described the successes and challenges of the current year and the years ahead. Speakers at breakout sessions discussed aspects of DTIC's products and services, and related technologies. The User Council met. The User Group approved the Council's new bylaws and elected the next User Council members. Jeanne Rosser, CBRNIAC, is the 2007-2008 User Council President.

The DTIC conference is the best place to meet and greet the leaders of DTIC Divisions and put a face to a name and voice on the telephone. Technology vendors described their work and their wares to conference attendees. DTIC Marketing and other personnel helped users address their issues.

DOD CIO Information Sharing Executive

Keynote speaker Ms. Debra Filippi, the Information Sharing Executive for the DOD Chief Information Officer, is the DOD executive responsible for implementing Executive Order 13356/88, "Strengthening the Sharing of Terrorism Information to Protect Americans." She must balance the information sharing needs of DOD, the Services (Army, Navy/Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard), Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, other federal agencies, plus state, local, and tribal partners with trusted private companies and international partners in her quest to protect Americans by sharing necessary information with the right agencies in a net-centric, adaptable, and trusted environment. Also, she must perform this balancing act while following the 250 statutes and agency regulations that forbid or limit sharing of controlled unclassified information (CUI).

Six years after 9/11, it will still require changes in law, policy, and mindset within and outside of DOD to share the necessary information to protect us from future attacks. Technology alone will not help solve the problem of accessing, authenticating, moving, protecting, and sharing data on the global information grid.

D-STAG Defense Science and Technology Advisory Group Panelists:

Dr. Andre van Tilborg, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Science and Technology).
Dr. Robert F. Leheny, Deputy Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).
Mr. Terry J. Jaggers, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering.
This panel described the formulation of S&T policy for the $13

billion spent on research by DOD, bridging the gap from laboratory to acquisition programs and from those programs to fielded equipment used by the military.

DTIC update

Mr. R. Paul Ryan, DTIC Administrator, and Dr. Nancy Wright, Director, DTIC User Services, each described what DTIC has been involved in and what they have been working on this year.

The DOD Research and Engineering (R&E) Portal, https://rtde.osd.mil, is still DTIC's top priority. The R&E Portal has a new look and should be easier to navigate after the current update. The R&E Portal was launched in 2005 to provide a single site for every DOD scientist, engineer, researcher, laboratory manager, acquisition professional, tester, and operator to find from their desktop the answers to questions like: What is DOD doing in R&D? Why is the work being done? When will the work be completed? Who is the expert on this work?

The R&E Portal tracks financial data from Program Manager to Secretary of Defense level. It is useful for the managers of science and engineering work in DOD. The R&E Portal will have a single CAC sign-on capability and will provide access to multiple DTIC and DOD databases, if the user is authenticated on them. The customer base for the R&E Portal is the DOD R&E community, civil service, military, approved contractors, and foreign employees.

R&E applications include a biomedical research database, congressional budget queries, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts Community of Scholars Funding (CAS/COS) database, Defense Science and Technology Planning, Information Analysis Centers Total Electronic Migration Systems (IAC TEMS) database, DTIC's Private Scientific and Technical Information Network (Private STINET); RDTE Budget data, Executive Tracking, and Thomson NewsEdge with 14 news feeds in DOD S&E areas of interest: batteries and fuel cells, lasers, materials, photonics, etc. DTIC will soon add business intelligence tools to analyze trends and metrics via the R&E Portal.

The R&E Portal working group is re-designing the site to improve usability. For R&E Portal questions, email RDTE_Help@dtic.mil.

Congressional budget items related to DOD Science and Technology (S&T) are posted on the web (in the DOD R&E Portal) within 24 hours. DTIC posts this information - vital to many different agencies within DOD - so that the work is not duplicated within programming offices throughout DOD and other federal agencies, which need to track the progress of their programs and Congressional queries and testimony related to their work.

DTIC Information Analysis Centers (IACs) had Technical Task Orders from military commands worth over $600 million in FY06. They are doing good work for the warfighter.
http://iac.dtic.mil/

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Scientific and Technical Information Network (STINET) now uses FAST search and FAST technology behind its search page. http://www.dtic.mil

DTIC has an Open Architecture Initiative (OAI) to make its 700,000 unclassified unlimited (U2) reports discoverable to Web Search engines: Google™, Ask.com™, Yahoo, and MSN. Most of these U2 reports will be available in OCLC WorldCat by the end of 2007. DTIC has provided metadata on its U2 reports in multiple formats: COSATI, Dublin Core, MARC-Machine Readable Cataloging, and HTML. DTIC's OAI is primarily to help DOD researchers discover relevant information and link back to STINET, the source they should be using.

DTIC maintains its involvement in CENDI, the Federal Scientific and Technical Information Manager's group. DTIC Administrator, R. Paul Ryan, is the chair of CENDI for 2007. http://www.cendi.gov/

DTIC's ADLR, Advanced Discovery and Learning Registry, provides access to all DOD learning objects. https://adlregistry.dtic.mil/2/index.htm

NARA, National Archives and Records Administration, has signed a partnership agreement for managing off-site storage and backup of DTIC data.

DTIC's Web Hosting team, Component Information Support, has created collaborative work environments for many DOD activities and agencies. Most of these websites are limited access. The publicly accessible sites include: DEVenCI, Defense Venture Catalyst Initiatives, a public-private partnership to find Venture Capital for start-up companies in defense technologies. http://devenci.dtic.mil/

DTIC seeks to improve E-gov data calls. They strive to prevent re-keying of data or reprogramming of input systems within the military agencies. DTIC is working on a strategic plan for preserving and handling digital data.

DTIC works with ICSTI, International Council of Scientific and Technical Information, http://www.icsti.org/; Military Librarians Division, Special Libraries Association, http://www.sla.org/division/dmil/index.html; National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services, NFAIS, http://www.nfais.org/; and Federal Library and Information Center Committee, FLICC, www.loc.gov/flicc to communicate with its users and customers in these organizations. DTIC continues to work with other government agencies, organizations, and non-profit associations in its areas of interest.

Other general and concurrent sessions covered older technical reports still useful today, searching Private STINET, the Information Support Component, using STINT to input data on technical reports, DTIC IACs, and other subjects of interest to DTIC users.

The DTIC User Group voted on its new bylaws, elected its new Council members, and asked questions of DTIC experts who attended the User Council meeting.

Most conference presentations will be available on the CD report of the DTIC Conference, as ADM001910.
The conference agenda with many links to many presentations is available at: http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/annualconf/Conf07/pptSchedule.htm.

Human Scavenger Hunt

By Emily Mardis

The attendees to SLA 2007 commented about the rockin' good time they had at the Military Librarians Division Open House. The participants of the Human Scavenger Hunt asked to have all the answers revealed. Many thanks to the members who answered my call for the bits of personal information they were willing to share.

I love bunnies, birds, and teddy bears…..Teri Taylor
I went to high school with singer Gloria Estafan…..Emily Mardis
My three best friends are named Mr Herman, Miss Maybelline, and Miss Blackie…..Sharon Butcher
I work at a site that was a former Army base and HQ for 6th Army, but is now a National Park…..Barbara Janis
I am a retired Civil War reenactor…..Pat Sproehnle
I once made a teepee with a friend and lived in it one summer…..Barbara Lupei
I am a spinner, weaver, and knitter…..Mary Ellen McMurtie
I climbed Mt Fuji…..Lance Wiscamb
I love to volksmarch…..Cathryn Jordan
I am purple- I have worked for the Departments of the Air Force, Army, and Navy…..Gloria Miller
I have over 4000 names in my family tree all related by blood or marriage…..Carla Pomager
I am not only a twin, but a Navy vet…..Tammy Kirk
I am a Russian linguist…..Tom Lynch
I weave diamond twill…..Michael Moore
My secret passion and college major are one in the same— painting!.....Rit Reisman
I recently became certified to drive a motorcycle on post. Now I only need to get a license and a motorcycle to actually do it…..Beata Walton
I tracked orangutans in Bornea on an Earthwatch project…..Maxine Becker

And since Michael Moore was repeatedly asked about weaving diamond twill, he offered a bit more information on that topic: Diamond twill is similar to herringbone twill, but you reverse the pattern regularly, so you get diamond shapes. My latest project has been weaving white linen towels with blue stripes and patterns along the edges, using diamond twill for the rest of the towels.

Book review: *American Battlefields of World War I: Château-Thierry —Then and Now*, by David C. Homsher

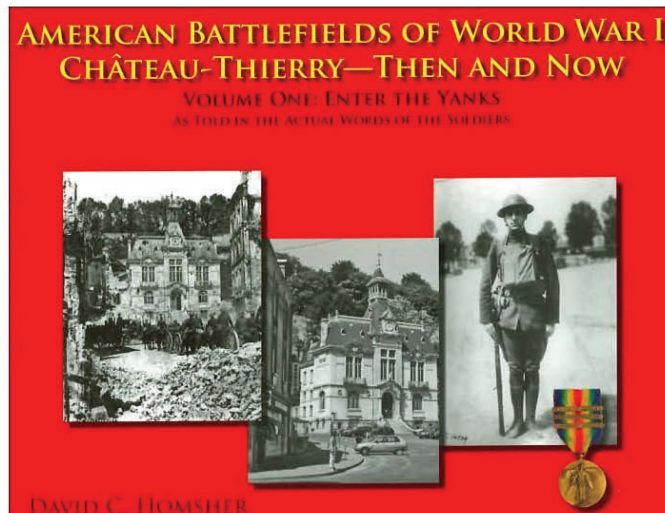By Deborah Keller and Emily Mardis

From the title of this monograph, one would assume that an historical account of World War I battlefields would be presented. Not so. Instead, amateur historian David Homsher surprises the reader with a unique twist in his book about American battlefields in the Aisne-Marne region of France. While he presents an overview of the Château-Thierry battle and its place in World War I, he does so through the eyes of the soldiers who experienced it using their own words. He also intends for his historical account to serve as a tour guide of the Château-Thierry battlefield itself, merging together the soldiers' experiences with their observations.

Mr. Homsher begins his book with a bit of background about World War I, giving his reader a sense of the atmosphere around the globe at that time. He then transports the reader back in time to visit with the soldiers personally. He explains who the doughboys were and tries to provide his readers with a window into the leadership that fought the Great War. The reader will learn from the soldiers themselves of the hardships, boredom, sacrifices, and devastation that is war by reading their diaries, letters, and books.

Interspersed with the primary source writing are beautiful pictures that illustrate the "then and now" comparison that Homsher creates. Complementing the photos are detailed maps of the areas discussed, pictures of the French and American monuments that readers can visit, and driving directions from the Charles de Gaulle International Airport on a self-guided tour of the American Expeditionary Forces battlegrounds in the Marne salient region of France. Homsher points out that the battles here were extremely important to the French because Paris was only 55 miles away.

Homsher asserts that the battles at Château-Thierry represented a turning point in the Great War. From the perspective of the American soldiers and leaders that he highlights, it was the surge of American troops to the French front lines that broke the stalemate that had existed between the Allied and German trenches. Individual soldier's reports frequently reveal that they had little understanding of the entire battle, campaign, or war from their vantage point. Yet, nearly all of them expressed feelings that their participation would make a difference in the outcome of the war.

The appendix of this book is as much a treasure as the primary source material that Homsher has selected for its body. Travel tips, information about associations such as the Doughboy Historical Society including contact information, and important facts and figures about the war and the troops who fought in it bring this era into focus. The Great War was fought almost 100 years ago and preservation of the stories and documents of this era is essential to the safeguarding of American history. The American Overseas Memorial Day Association has adopted as

their Association motto: LEST WE FORGET. Homsher responds to this caution by making the war personal to his readers and by drawing connections between the experiences of American servicemen then and battlefield visitors today.

Mr. Homsher promises that this volume focusing on the American involvement in the battles at Château-Thierry is the first in a series of guidebooks to the European battles of Belgium and France. He sets a fine example of how historians can connect the lives of those in the past with those of people living today. It is also a wonderful companion to the Legacy Project (http://www.warletters.com) started by Dr. Andrew Carroll. This volume would be an excellent addition to any historical collection or library, but it is especially of interest to Military Libraries.

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Minutes of the Military Librarians Division Board Meeting

Sunday, Dec 3, 2006
6:30-9:00 p.m
Bowie Room, St Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, TX

1. Carol Jacobson, Chair of the Military Librarians Division called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.. She acknowledged the sponsorship of CSA for this meeting and thanked them for providing refreshments.

2. Introductions of Executive Board Members, Committee Members and MLW Planners for 2006 and 2007 were present.

   Marybeth Dowdell, Tanny Franco, Margie Buchanan, Wendy Hill, Candy Parker, Shirley Laseter, Emily Mardis, Nellie Moffitt, Carol Ramkey, Carol Jacobson, Ed Burgess, Sharon Lenius, Greta Marlatt, Gloria Miller, Carolyn Eaton, Kathy Buker, Susan Fowler, Pam Bennett and Ursula Scott.

3. Welcome Remarks:
   3.1 Carol Jacobson welcomed all to this final Board Meeting where she will serve as Chair. She thanked the various members and committee members. Very glad so many could attend.
   3.2 Nellie Moffitt welcomed all and was happy to see the number in attendance.
   3.3 Carol Ramkey gave words of welcome to all the planners, board and committee members.

4. Approval of Agenda and Electronically Voted issues:

   4.1 Ed Burgess moved to approved to the Agenda.. Seconded by Greta Marlatt. Motion carried. Approved.

   4.2 Electronic Voting: Change free registrations for Host MLW Planning Committee from 4 to 6. Moved by Ed Burgess, seconded by Greta Marlatt. The Division Guidelines, Appendix needs to be changed to reflect as many as six (6) free registrations for MLW by Host of Planning Committee. Motion carried. Approved.

5. Approval of Minutes of MLD 2006 Board Meeting at Baltimore, MD, Jun 11, 2006. Moved by Carol Ramkey and Seconded by Gloria Miller. Motion carried. Approved.

6. Treasurer's Report
   Gloria Miller, MLD Interim Treasurer reported that there were no outstanding funding issues. She reported that there were several cancellations; 2 emergency refunded except for $50 and one (1) organization pull back of funding – no refund in that case. Gloria circulated a written report showing a balance of $107,549.60 in the pooled funds; $30,743 in the MLD Fund and over $144,000 in the MLW funds before payment of MLW 2006 bills.

   Carol Jacobson requested that Gloria Miller prepare another report after bills for MLW 2006 have been paid to include in the Year End Chair's Report to SLA. Distribute to Executive Board Members both 2007 and new 2007.

   Greta Marlatt moved to approve and accept the Treasurers Report. Seconded by Carolyn Eaton. Motion carried. Approved.

7. Membership Report: Carol Jacobson requested that the Membership Report be delayed until the Business Meeting on Thursday when Gail Nicula could present it. The news will be good.

8. Old Business

   8.1 MLW Updates
   MLW 2006 – San Antonio. Shirley Laseter, Host for MLW 2006 displayed the bags and reported that all seemed to be on track. She had checked on all the rooms with the St. Anthony staff planner and all seemed in agreement. The MLW office will be in the Lafite/Lafayette Room on the 3rd Floor. The Internet Corner will be in the 3rd Floor Crockett Room with 6 PC's; it will be opened from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There are three keys for the MLW Office. The Field Trips are on course. Emily Mardis said that there will be CAC check for access to Lackland Battlelabs, however photo ID will be ok too.

   Shirley reminded the Board that the contract said "prevailing per diem rate." So even though some may have made reservations under the prior year's rates, the 2007 rate is $103.00 per night. Be sure you file your tax free form with the Hotel Registration desk. The Anacacho Ballroom will be set up Classroom style.

   Shirley passed around an example of the 50th Anniversary Pin which will be available at the MLW Registration Desk. She said that the 50th Anniversary Coin will be for all registered attendees.

   MLW 2007 – Kansas City, MO. Ed Burgess Host for MLW 2007 along with the staff of the Combined Arms Research Library (CARL) at Ft Leavenworth, KS are very far along in their planning. A special tri-fold brochure is included in the MLW2007 Workshop bags. A schedule of programs and events was passed out. The newly renovated Liberty Memorial will be set as soon as possible. This will be a daytime event. Bus will be required. Inquiry as to whether there should be separate breakout service meeting rather than 30 minute presentations by a service representative to all attendees. The sense of the Board seemed to favor the 30 minute presentations so that all could learn what other services are doing. A possibility of a Jazz Crawl was surfaced. Ed will research this.

   MLW 2008 – Hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. Greta Marlatt reported that the facility at Asilomar could not accommodate our needs. The host

organization is looking at San Francisco. This would reduce air fare costs for attendees. In January they will pursue more active planning.

MLW07 – Cost for Registration. Gloria Miller moved that the same fee structure listed for 2006 be retained for 2007. Seconded by Ed Burgess.   There followed a discussion on the fees and especially Early bird registration. Candy Parker commented that we do have many early bird registrations and it is very helpful to the host organization to get an idea of attendance. Motion carried. Approved.   Registration fees will remain the same as the last 4 years.

Candy Parker brought up a suggestion that Board and Committee members who are essential to the business of MLD but not funded or may be funded late in the registration process by their organizations register at the Early Bird rate. There was some discussion. No motion was made of this topic.

8.2 SLA 07 Denver – Update. Emily Mardis reported that the preliminary schedule was released by SLA in late Nov 2006. The Continuing Education (CE) Course was accepted by SLA; the course on Leadership Decision Making with Pat Wagner will be Sunday morning, 8-12; cost $199 for members, $299 for non-members. Cost of AV will be factored into overall cost for programs and events. Much depends on request by speaker.

Some set items of interest to the Board are: Board Meeting 12-2 p.m, Sunday, Jun 3, 2007 – there will be a box lunch served.   We have a WOW program, so designated by SLA with Rick Luce. This is also sponsored with DGI, and ITE Divisions. The MLD Business Meeting will be a full Breakfast Meeting, Tuesday, Jun 5. The program on Contracting Out will be a panel with Bonnie Carroll, Carolyn Ray and Ed Burgess. The Open House will be Tuesday – microphone will be required. Networking Breakfasts hosted by MLD will be Monday and Wednesday.   "Grab the Millennial Gold" will be offered two times to accommodate expected attendance. A T3 Line at $995 will be required in addition to other AV needs. The tour to the Air Force Academy requires special early registration. This registration will close May 31st. The nature of access to the Air Force Academy requires this though it will eliminate any sign ups at the Conference. It was determined that early/often advertising would be required to fill this tour by the deadline of May 31st. Bus contract signed. Pam Bennett requested that Emily send her a copy of the bus contract.   Jerry Ledford may have a book signing in the SLA Marketplace.

8.3 MLW Practice Documents. Carol Jacobson said they need to be reviewed.

8.4 MLW 2007 - Will be announced on Thursday, before the MLD Business Luncheon. Ed Burgess has a video to

present on Kansas City.   This is being done to reduce the need for large AV set up at the Luncheon closing ceremonies.

8.5 Military Librarians Division Name Change: Ed Burgess moved to change the Division name to Military Division. Carol Ramkey seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Ed Burgess withdrew his motion. Greta Marlatt made a motion to present the membership with an opportunity to vote for the following division names: Military Division, Military Libraries Division, Military Librarians Division. Emily Mardis 2nd the Motion. The Board recommended that Survey Monkey, a free service provided by SLA be used to learn the sense of the membership. Motion passed. One abstention.   The Board recommended that the Secretary check with SLA on procedures. This will be an action item for the new Board.

8.6. Shadowing for newly elected/appointed board members. This idea worked well for the Treasurer position where Gloria Miller was coached by outgoing Treasurer Marybeth Dowdell. Other positions could benefit from this practice.

9.   Communications.

9.1 The MILITARY LIBRARIAN: Tracy Landfried asked that each Executive Board Member write an article for TML. Request conveyed by Carol Jacobson.

9.2 DMIL Web Page. Pat Alderman was not present for report.

9.3 DMIL Discussion List.   Tanny Franco is looking for someone to shadow her position. She will be glad to help train another individual. Tanny explained why the DMIL list is hosted on the SLA server; it is a FOIA situation. When DTIC hosted the DMIL Discussion List there was a FOIA request that involved some additional work. There are 360 members on the Discussion List. Some SLA employees requested access. There are 2 or 3 honorary SLA Members.

Discussion followed about what is acceptable material for the Discussion List. Carol Jacobson mentioned that she had requests from college students for surveys. Carol Ramkey has an employee who would be interested in mentoring college students. Many other chapters and divisions of SLA have a Mentoring Committee. Greta Marlatt questioned how to make the list a meaningful communication tool. Job Announcements are a lure, but other material and real discussion might be interesting. AOL accounts not receiving MLD messages. Tanny Franco recommended that this remain a closed/moderated list. Check with SLA to see how they handle un-moderated lists. This is a good place to advertise the MLD Business Luncheons, for attendance count, etc.

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10. New Business

10.1 Use of Survey Monkey. MLD will use survey monkey for Executive Board votes as well as other Division Business that requires some sort of consensus. Thorough discussion by Board should happen before survey posted for vote.

10.2 Carol Jacobson thanked Shirley Laseter and her 2006 MLW 50th Anniversary Committee Members at Maxwell and in the San Antonio area. They are Shirley Laseter, Joan Phillips, Tyler Evans, Kim Hunter and others who remained in Montgomery; San Antonio committee members Margie Buchanan and Emily Mardis. A special thank you to Greta Marlatt who will again serve at the master of ceremonies. We are looking forward to a great MLW 2006.

11. Adjournment. Carol Jacobson called for a motion to adjourn. Carol Ramkey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greta Marlatt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approved. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Lenius
MLD Secretary

Member News

Lorna Dodt, Team Leader for Reference and Research, at the State Department's Ralph J. Bunche Library in Washington DC, retired on May 1, 2007. She and her husband will remain in the Northern Virginia area.

Division members photographed after Division leaders Nellie Moffitt, Carol Jacobson, and Sharon Lenius accepted the 2007 SLA Professional Award for the entire division.

While the attendees were lining up for the 2007 SLA General Session, featuring former Vice-President Al Gore, a special section was prepared for the entire division. We separated division members and held them to go in as a group. Everyone was directed to the roped off section. For the first time in its history, the SLA Professional Award went to an entire Division. The Military Librarians Division won the award.

See the citation for this award on SLA's website at:
http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/
professionalaward/index.cfm

Division member Sharon Lenius won an individual award, the Member Achievement Award.

It was so good to be a member of the Military Librarians Division in Denver.

For Your Calendar: December 2007—June

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

SLA Leadership Summit, Louisville, KY, January 23-25, 2008
http://www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/
LeadershipSummit/08leadsummit/index.cfm

SLA Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, June 15-18, 2008
http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2008/index.cfm

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