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# From the Division Chair

#### Pamela Bennett, USACGSC/Combined Arms Research Library



LA presented another great Conference in Philadelphia this year. I would like to thank Theresa Taylor for putting together the successful programs for the Military Libraries Division. We would not be able to present such great programs without the dedication of the Directors at Large. A great big thank you to all of those that contributed to the success of the MLD programs at this year's SLA Conference.

FYI -- The actual count of SLA attendees this year was 4,301, which is a 24% increase from the 2010 conference. Ms. Janice Lachance, Chief Executive Officer of SLA, wrote in an email to the SLA Leadership "How does this attendance compare to the last couple of years? It is hard to compare without taking into account that Washington, DC was our centennial celebration and members and others who might not have usually attended conference did so. A combination of the economic situation and the perceived attractiveness of the venue affected attendance in New Orleans. Philly is somewhere in the middle but on a positive upswing". She goes on to say that there is a member-recruit-a-member campaign underway until 1 October. I would like to take this opportunity to challenge all of the MLD members to recruit at least one professional to join SLA MLD and to attend our Division's 2011 MLW and the SLA Annual Conference in Chicago, 15-18 July 2012.

MLD's big event is the Military Libraries Workshop in Norfolk, Virginia, December, 4-9, 2011. Gail Nicula and her team have put together a very impressive event. It includes a

Veterans History Project workshop, an offsite at the MacArthur Museum and Archives, and a "Jazzy" cruise aboard the Spirit of Norfolk. The 2011 MLW is no doubt going to be very informative and entertaining, and I hope everyone will be able to attend.

I hope everyone is able to keep cool and dry in your neck of the woods. See you all in Norfolk in December!



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Chair Elect, Gloria Miller, introducing the panel of the MLD sponsored program "Embedded Librarians: Becoming Force Multipliers, Revolutionizing Libraries" at the 2011 SLA Conference.

#### From the Editor

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reetings from Monterey, where we are finally having some nice weather after a long, foggy summer! I enjoyed meeting many of you at SLA in June. I was so impressed with the calibre of the MLD-sponsored programs and agree that the planning team did a fabulous job.

While at SLA I participated in a panel of newsletter editors and had the opportunity to see what some of my innovative editor colleagues have been doing. The trend is definitely moving towards presenting newsletters in a web-based (vs. pdf) format, so I was delighted to have the chance to meet with Joyce Green, our Di-

vision webmaster, when she was here in Monterey this summer. You can expect some changes in 2012! If you are interested I posted my presentation materials, including a summary of the results of the survey I conducted of the MLD members in March, at <a href="http://libguides.nps.edu/slanewsletters">http://libguides.nps.edu/slanewsletters</a>.

With so many other avenues to disseminate time-sensitive Division information (web page, blog, email list, etc), the newsletter is no longer really needed for that purpose. So given the significant time that it takes to produce it, and the challenge of obtaining substantial, meaningful content, I am no longer aspiring to a quarterly schedule and will aim to publish 2-3 times a year. I'd like to experiment with having some issues focused on particular themes, so if you have any suggestions I'd welcome them!

The next newsletter deadline is January 15. Thank you in advance for your thoughts and contributions.

In the survey I conducted this past spring, more than 80% of the respondents indicated that they read the Member News in the newsletter. So please consider submitting YOUR news so this section better reflects the wide array of members and organizations (-:

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**Next Newsletter Deadline** 

January 15, 2012

# **Corporate Commons**

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## Air Force Research Laboratory Phillips Research Site Technical Library, Kirtland AFB



porate Commons column debuted in the Spring Issue of Military Libraries. The purpose of the column is to facilitate communimembers who communities, but

currently are not civilian or military employees. It includes government contractors, information industry representatives, students, faculty and others in the division.

In the Spring Issue, I challenged MLD members who fit the profile described above to respond to two questions:

How in the world did you become \_\_\_\_\_ What things have you learned

about being a successful

Dr. Anne Marie Casey, a relatively new MLD member (2010) graciously responded. Dr. Casey is the Library Director at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) in Daytona Beach, Florida. Many of you may know ERAU through its longstanding relationship with the military as a provider of undergraduate, masters, and doctoral degree programs in a variety of scientific, technical, engineering, business, management and administrative areas related to aviation, aerospace and other aeronautical disciplines. Given her position at ERAU, it's not surprising that Dr. Casey is also an SLA Engineering

he Corcation among MLD have an interest in or support the military, defense and/or security

and Aerospace Division member.

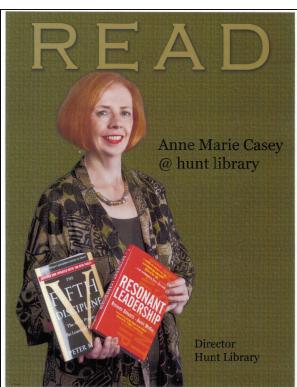
In responding to the first question, Dr. Casey, rephrased the question as, "How in the world did I become the director of a library at a university dedicated to aviation science and aeronautical engineering?

She answered: "Librarianship was not my first choice but with a BA and MA in the humanities, it was a smart one. I have worked in a variety of libraries, mostly academic, and often in support of distance learners. The large and established distance programs attracted me to Embry-Riddle but the excellent and dedicated staff, not to mention the climate in Daytona Beach, keeps me here."

Dr. Casey answered the second question in terms of the things she has learned about being a successful director:

- "Get to know the mission and politics of the organization – that is number one anywhere.
- Delegate as much as possible -this is my first director's job and I had to learn how to let go some of the details so I could concentrate on the job a director needs to do - communicate a vision and work with the upper administration.
  - When the organization asks for a sacrifice from the library, agree with it and take the opportunity to ask for something else you need. People respect players much more than whiners or doormats."

We are off to a good start with Corporate Commons feedback thanks to Dr. Casey. I appreciate her willingness to be a communications risk-taker and share her views on her own experience and current responsibilities. If you would like to follow-up directly with Dr. Casey, her email is CASEYA3@erau.edu.



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# News from the MLD Board Meeting, June 12, 2011 in Philadelphia

he highlights of the MLD board meeting during SLA in Philadelphia are:

# Pamm Gross, IHS. (Board Secretary)

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The awards committee is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the Student Grant for MLW 2011. To nominate someone for either of these awards, please contact Faye Couture at faye.outure@us.army.mil.

In response to the SLA treasurer's request for help from the divisions during this year's budget crunch, the board passed a motion for a \$3,500 sponsorship of SLA Leadership and Management activities. This amount is equivalent to what SLA has passed on to our division from annual dues of members in years past.

The board approved the fee structure for MLW 2011. The registration fees will be the same as last year. There will be early bird fees, advanced fees and onsite fees for members and non-members of MLD. In addition, to encourage larger enrollment, the board agreed we should charge SLA members who are not MLD members \$50 more than member fees. This is still a \$100 discount over non-member fees but still allows differentiation between members and non-members of MLD. Additionally, in an amendment passed on July 13, 2011, the board agreed to add Unemployed to the Student/Retiree pricing level. (Registration fees are listed on the Division web site at: <a href="http://military.sla.org/conferences-workshops/mlw-2011/home/">http://military.sla.org/conferences-workshops/mlw-2011/home/</a>.

The next board meeting will be held at MLW in Norfolk, VA on December 4, 2011.

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#### For Your Calendar

MLW 2011, Norfolk, VA, 5-9 December 2011

# Plan Now to Attend MLW 2012, December 4-9 in Norfolk, VA

As described in the publicity flier distributed to the MLD list



he 55<sup>th</sup> Military Libraries Workshop (MLW) with the theme "Riding the Information Wave" will focus on current topics of benefit to all military libraries, their management and their customers. These topics include social media analysis; open source integrated library systems; research that helps define threats in Mexico and Latin America; and resources for helping wounded warriors. Over 50 vendors with the latest in information content and technology will showcase their products and will be available for individual consultation.

WHERE: MLW 2011 will be held at the downtown Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main St, Norfolk, VA 23510. The host agency is the Joint Forces Staff College of

National Defense University.

Monday, Dec 5 – Pre-Workshop Training and military service meetings; vendor exhibits (Dec 5-7) Tuesday-Thursday, Dec 6-8 - Main Training Workshop Friday, Dec 9 - Post Workshop military facilities/history tours

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: This workshop will appeal to a broad array of communities, including librarians, information and open source professionals, analysts/scientists/researchers and technologists both managerial and practicing – anyone who is concerned with providing the best content resources, information services, and supporting technology to ensure our military forces, their families, and those who support them get the information they need. Anyone who supports warfighters and their families would benefit from attending.

**EXPERTISE:** Invited and confirmed speakers have been chosen for their subject matter expertise.

MONDAY, DEC 5, FOCUS: Hands-on pre-workshop training will provide extended sessions on "Denial and Deception in Social Networking Sites;" "Veteran's History Project-Preserving Military History-Interviewing Techniques; and "DTIC Boot Camp-How to Use the Resources of the Defense Technical Information Center." DTIC Boot Camp will be especially useful for qualified non-librarian attendees not too familiar with DTIC resources. Services meetings bring together the information professionals who support the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. Monday evening will be your first opportunity to visit and interact with the vendors.

**TUESDAY, DEC 6, FOCUS:** The focus on Tuesday is more futuristic with a keynote presentation on "Information Overload;" "Open Source Library Systems and Related Technologies;" and the ever-popular vendor showcase where exhibitors highlight their new products and services. Tuesday ends with a look back at how history might inform the future with a presentation and tour of the MacArthur Memorial Museum and Archives.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 7, FOCUS:** Wednesday's focus is practical and focused on sessions that can provide immediate take-aways for all attendees. "Managing Your Library's Managers," "Resources for Helping Wounded Warriors," "Diplopedia-An Information Model," and "Organizing Your Work, Home and Personal Life" will all discuss some practical and innovative methods that attendees can put to immediate use.

**THURSDAY, DEC 8, FOCUS:** Thursday features presentations on topics that will expand our "tool kits," such as how libraries can better partner with IT Departments," "Coast Guard Missions and Information Resources," "Threats on Our Borders: Mexico and Latin American Issues," and "Future Ready" by SLA president Cindy Romaine.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Registration is now OPEN <a href="http://military.sla.org/conferences-workshops/mlw-2011/">http://military.sla.org/conferences-workshops/mlw-2011/</a> Other information about the Military Libraries Division can be found on the Home Page: <a href="http://military.sla.org/">http://military.sla.org/</a>. You can also contact Dr. Gail Nicula, Chief, Library Division, lke Skelton Library, JFSC (<a href="mailto:niculag@ndu.edu">niculag@ndu.edu</a> ) or Maria Ruckman (<a href="mailto:maria.ruckmanl@gmail.com">maria.ruckmanl@gmail.com</a>).

# Very Successful MLD-Sponsored Programs & Events at SLA

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As submitted (edited) to the MLD list, June 2011

he Programs and Events that the Military Libraries Division sponsored at SLA 2011 were well attended and folks had kudos all around!

This is due to the Lead MLD Planner and Director. Theresa Taylor, who planned varied and stimulating programs including our "now famous" MLD Networking Breakfasts. All our programs had overflow crowds.....so frustrating....people sitting on the floor in front of the speaker and in the aisles and crowding around the doors. Many thanks to our own members, Rachel Kingcade, Deborah Keller, Kathy Buker, Michael Moore, Pam Bennett and Gloria Miller as speakers and facilitators. The SPOT-LIGHT Program with Hyrum Smith, even at 8 a.m. had a crowd. The Open House on Wednesday, had a slow start, only about 30 people but at 8 p.m. the floodgates opened (people finished dinner) and about 40 + more people came through. Lots of attendees gravitated to the "Philadelphia Puzzle Table." Puzzle completed in a timely manner after much searching. The final piece was inserted by a guest from Barbados!

And the Tastykake Tour.....so interesting and we had people reminiscing about their school lunches with a favored Tastykake. The facility was bright, clean and energy efficient with much use of robotics. Machines were imported from Australia, Germany and other countries to make this one of "greenest" facilities on the East Coast. 41 people participated. We learned that the new Tastykake Factory is located in the Old Philadelphia Naval Yard, a BRAC Base.....at the site of the Navy Brig. After our tour and many pictures in front of Tastykake signs and symbols, we took a drive through the Navy Yard past ships ready for scrap, a commercial shipbuilding company and the familiar family housing, Officers' Row, you see on many bases.

Thank you to all our Sponsors for their support: IEEE, Thomson Reuters, WT Cox Subscriptions, LexisNexis, Safari Books Online, Gale - Cengage Learning, Dow Jones, Swets, and Mango Languages. It was good to see you at the Info-Expo and at the Events.

I salute Theresa Taylor for all her work on the MLD events at SLA 2011 and wish her well as she recovers from serious eye surgery. Theresa was unable to attend SLA 2011 but her good pre-planning allowed MLD to shine!

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Maryhelen Jones for providing the photos below and on the next page of MLD members with our vendor sponsors. Apologies to **Safari Books Online,** we didn't have a photo but we still appreciate your support!



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# Vendor Photos, continued





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Photo Caption: Barbara Lupei, Head of the Scientific & Technical Library at Naval Air Warfare Center, China Lake, CA, with Erin Horansky of IHS Jane's, and two more China Lakers, Mary Ray and Ann Moorehead.

"The INFO-EXPO at SLA 2011 was an extremely valuable part of the conference experience," according to Barbara. "I visited the vendors I currently do business with to see what platform improvements they are planning to launch, and to invite them to visit the library to train our staff and customers on the new enhancements. I don't hesitate to recommend improvements we would like to see in their products! At each conference I meet new vendors and learn about their products as well. This comes in very handy for future planning." (Photo by Jim Scanlon, IHS Jane's)

# A Big Thank You to All of Our Vendors For Your Support

# Summaries of Two SLA Sessions Targeting Professional Development

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# So They Say You Have to Publish?

Leslie Reynolds, Editor, Practical Academic Librarianship

Lisa O'Connor, Editor, Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship

Tony Stankus, Editor, Science & Technology Libraries

Anita Ezzo, Science Collections Coordinator, Michigan State University

his panel was directed primarily toward academic librarians who must publish in order to get tenure. The panelists focused primarily on publishing research results. Most of the content from the panel, though, would also apply to librarians who would like to write for non-research oriented publications, as well.

The panelists emphasized the importance of being familiar with the literature. Librarians who know the literature will both know what has already been researched and which journals are likely to publish articles on a given topic. Choosing a tightly focused journal may increase your chances of getting published as small journals get fewer submissions than the large, broader journals.

Some tips for coming up with ideas included: read outside of the traditional library literature to find topics that complement information science from outside of the field; identify problems that you confront every day and address them. For large problems start small and address portions of the problem incrementally and systematically; replicate or update other studies. This option is especially useful for librarians who may feel challenged by methodology since they can use already establish methodology. Write reviews or columns to get experience. Think of topics that a specific editor might want to see. An example for a journal that publishes on science librarianship would be to have a biography with citation analyses of a Nobel Prize winner: what has he published and where.

Lisa O'Connell addressed the importance of planning out methodology prior to beginning research. Most rejections, for her journal, at least, are because of methodological problems. Unlike writing issues, researchers usually can-

not address methodology after the fact. She suggested doing a small pilot, if possible, to test a methodological approach. Again, replicating or updating a study provides a valuable contribution to the field while allowing an inexperienced researcher to follow previously established methodology. She also recommended poster sessions and conference sessions as good ways to get started in research.

Leslie Reynolds focused on the discipline librarians must develop to become successful research writers. First she emphasized the importance of getting into the habit of writing. She suggested keeping a log of ideas including responses to what you are reading in the literature. As with many others who write on this topic, she suggested scheduling time for writing and keeping to that schedule. Keeping to the routine is important, especially for those who need to publish for tenure. Once you have submitted you should begin the next project. You should also fix and resubmit, elsewhere if necessary, rejected submissions.

The panelists also discussed some of the nuts and bolts of getting published. Writers should know journals' submission guidelines and follow them. Proofread submissions before sending them. Do not use color images, charts, or graphs without first discussing them with the editor as they are generally costly to reproduce and many journals will only print them in black and white. The peer review process can be very slow. The process of putting a journal together can sometimes leave editors with a page shortfall. If you've established a reliable reputation with an editor that editor could turn to you to fill the gap so have something ready to submit at all times.

# Kirk Summaries, continued

# Alternative Use of the Library Degree

Bethan Ruddock, George Plosker, Jean Fisher, Kim Dority, Ruth Wolfish.

he focus of this session, of course, was on alternative careers for information professionals.

Most of the advice, however, applies to those who want excel in traditional careers or as an independent information professional, as well. In fact, one of the speakers pointed out that everybody should consider their jobs alternative careers since traditional librarianship is changing so much.

Who is a good candidate for an alternative career? Somebody who accepts challenges, can live with uncertainty, is quick to learn and not afraid of change, can find cost saving alternatives, and has a positive attitude. Not surprisingly, the types of people who are successful in our organizations are the types of people who would also be successful in alternative careers. They are outgoing and approachable, knowledgeable and responsible. They have excellent communication skills both in one-on-one situations, in group settings, and are comfortable speaking in public. They are diplomatic and able to work with diverse groups.

All of the panelists emphasized the importance of networking. Those looking for non-traditional careers should also get involved in professional organizations for non-library professionals.

In addition to the soft skills, though, individuals who are looking to work outside of the profession need technological skills. Again, this requirement is similar to that of information professionals who excel in more traditional environments. Because technology changes so quickly individuals should concentrate on the three or four most relevant skills and change and update those skills as needs change. How do you determine which skills are most relevant? Pay attention to the market – what is it saying it needs? Focus on learning new skills that have a return on investment. In addition to technical skills, the speakers emphasized the importance of being able to communicate with the people in IT, especially to effectively communicate requirements.

The panelists also talked about keys to being successful that, while also helpful to those in traditional careers, may

be a bit less usual. Public speaking and publishing are important tools for self-marketing and branding. Branding yourself and your services especially to show how you offer a unique service is also important as is diversifying your service offerings. When you have chosen a career field you must learn the business side of the industry quickly in order to be able to show how your service can add value.

The panelists offered advice on finding jobs, as well. One panelist offered that you musts first figure out what you want to do and then figure out how to do it. More practically, the panelists recommended following the Infonista blog and joining the ALA LinkedIn subgroup, LIS Career Options. They also suggested creating your own job. Identify a problem that you can solve and convince a company to create the job and put you in it. In an alternative career you cannot be a job title. You must be the solution to problems.

The panelists pointed out that in this economy we are all self-employed/independent contractors. The investments we make in ourselves will define our career options. We must plant seeds (network!) all the time and focus on resiliency, not perfection. We must build our own brands outside of our companies (be portable) and always have an exit strategy to ease planned and unplanned transitions.

While this session was aimed at those looking for alternative uses of their library degrees, was just as useful to those of us who prefer to work in traditional career fields. It was a nice reminder that the skills that make us successful in our own community mirror those of people who are successful in other fields.

#### **Editors Note:**

Did you enjoy Tammy's session summaries, or Gloria's on the next page? If so, next time YOU attend a conference considering sharing with your colleagues by writing something about it for Military Libraries.

#### Summaries of Two Excellent Sessions at SLA

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# **Knowledge in Judgment: Making Good Decisions**

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nowledge isn't the most important thing in decision making; people also need judgment. It isn't a new concept, Aristotle called it "practical wisdom;" Thomas Aquinas also wrote about it. Individuals, organizations, and even countries need judgment with knowledge.

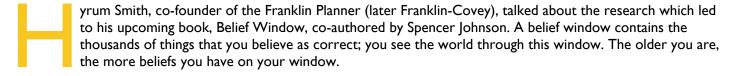
Organizational judgment is opening ourselves to different types of knowledge. This can be achieved through cognitive diversity—people with different ideas, education, background, and world views work together. Some years back, the Army started teaching "ground truth" to the Cadets at West Point. They bring in Soldiers recently retuning from battle to tell the Cadets what war is really like on the ground, to supplement the (abstract) strategy they learn.

The democratization of knowledge is good; the more democracy in an organization (or country), the better the outcome. Good judgment is living with the shadow of the future. An example of this is NASA after the Challenger disaster. Now, there is a Go/No-Go meeting prior to every launch, led by the chief engineers. If anyone has reservations about a launch, it is brought up in the meeting for everyone to discuss.

Democracy is a good way to ensure better judgment. Practical wisdom includes caring for and working with others. The wisdom of crowds means that the average of all (knowledgeable) people is better than any one expert. So, encourage discussions and conversations in your organization. But remember, it does cost money to transact knowledge.

# Power of Perceptions: Dealing with Change (MLD Sponsor)

Hyrum W. Smith, Galileo Initiative



- I. If the results of my behavior do not meet my needs in the long term, there is a harmful belief on my belief window, and I experience pain.
- 2. Finding a better belief is fun and will remove my pain.

Families and groups all have belief windows. When you see a behavior (good or bad), it has its basis in a belief.

# Montage of Photos from SLA 2011





# **Editors Note:**

Many thanks to the MLD members and friends who contributed these photos and gave their permission to use them.







#### **Member News**

#### **Awards/Recognition**

**Eleanor Uhlinger**, (Naval Postgraduate School) University Librarian, was awarded the 2011 Meritorious Civilian Service Award, U.S. Navy, Naval Postgraduate School, for her leadership role in the successful reaccreditation of the School resulting in 10-year reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Congratulations to Rachel Kingcade (Library of the Marine Corps). Her Gettysburg Staff Ride Research Guide was selected for inclusion in LibGuides: Making Dynamic Web Design and Management Simple for Non Web-designers—A LITA Guide in Chapter 14—Showcase of Exceptional Lib-

Guides, to be published by Neal-Schuman Publisher, Inc.

#### **Presentations/Publications**

Ann Jacobson (Naval Postgraduate School)
participated in the Breathing Life Into Your Newsletter
panel at SLA in June. Her presentation materials are
posted at <a href="http://libguides.nps.edu/slanewsletters">http://libguides.nps.edu/slanewsletters</a>.

#### **Positions**

**Irene Berry** (Naval Postgraduate School) has been promoted to Digital Services Librarian where she is leading NPS's scholarly communications and institutional archive projects. Learn more about this exciting project at <a href="http://www.archive.org/details/navalpostgraduateschoollibrary">http://www.archive.org/details/navalpostgraduateschoollibrary</a>.

**Stacy DeMatteo** (Naval Postgraduate School) recently joined Dudley Knox Library as the Systems Manager. Stacy previously worked at the Salinas Public Library as the Technology and Innovation Manager. She received her MLIS from San Jose State University. She is passionate about open source alternatives and implementing innovative technologies to meet the needs of the user community.

**Tom Doughty** (Naval Postgraduate School) recently joined Dudley Knox Library as the Metadata Services Manager. Tom previously worked at the Salinas Public Library as the Support Services Librarian. He received his MLIS from San Jose State University. He is interested in emerging metadata applications and standards, institutional repositories, and print/digital preservation.

#### **Retirements**

Mary Barravecchia, (Naval Underwater Warfare Center Newport) retired this summer. Through four decades, Mary was a very strong library advocate and actively participated in the transition from card catalogs to avatars. We will miss her and wish her happiness in this next stage of her life.

Margaret Groner, Chief Librarian of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Libraries, Presidio of Monterey, retired 30 June 2011 with 34 years of distinguished federal service. Ms. Groner came to DLIFLC in

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1991 as systems librarian and became chief in 994. Among her many innovations, she implemented the library's first electronic integrated library system and developed its web site. She represented federal libraries as president of the American Library Association's Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table, 2003-2004. Prior to joining DLIFLC, Ms. Groner served in Army and DoD libraries including Defense Information Systems Agency, National Defense University, 53rd ASG Library, Bad Kreuznach, Germany and Command and Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth. Before entering federal service, she was a faculty librarian at the University of Nebraska and the University of Kansas. Ms. Groner will enjoy travel and leisure activities in her retirement.

Ann Parham (Librarian of the Army) retired in September. As described in an email Greta Marlatt submitted to the MLD list, "She has had a wide variety of experiences in her exciting military librarian career including numerous overseas and domestic postings culminating in her most recent position as Librarian of the Army where she has helped institute many changes. She is looking forward to her next 'career' and hopes to stay involved or at least in touch with the military library community."

We wish all of our retiring colleagues "Fair Winds and Following Seas!"



#### Join the Team

Contact Division Chair Pam Bennett or any Board member if you are interested in volunteering for the Board or one of the committees. Be active, make a difference!

A current list of Directors and Committees is on the MLD website at: <a href="http://military.sla.org/about-us/board-structure/">http://military.sla.org/about-us/board-structure/</a>

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