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From the Division Chair

Gloria Miller, Redstone Scientific Information Center



First of all, I want to say a big thank-you to Connie Wiley for the successful programs she planned for the SLA Conference in Chicago.

Free breakfast is always welcome not just for our members, but also others. Even though our room was out of the way, many people found us each day. We even had several SLA Board candidates come by to say "Hi, please vote for me." MLD sponsored or co-sponsored 5 programs, not including our food events. One that I attended was standing room only. Our Open House was a "big hit," especially with the Baseball Caucus. I think we're planning on teaming up again next year. And it was a real coup for Connie to arrange a tour of the Pritzker Military Library (with

breakfast) and have Cyndee Schaffer, co-author of the book *Mollie's War*, speak about the letters her mother sent home about being a WAC in World War II.

I know that we all are facing the threat of budget cuts and sequestration, and I hope that you plan to attend this year's Military Libraries Workshop in Albuquerque anyway. It's always a valuable meeting for attendees. Once again, we will have over 40 sponsors coming. There is still time to help out, as many details always seem to come up in the last few months. Amy Tursky is chair of the planning committee; please contact her to volunteer for a short term job. More information is available on page 5.

Speaking of volunteering, running for the Board is a 2- or 3- year commitment. Thank you to everyone willing to be nominated. If you have never considered running before, please take this next year to see what is involved in each position. You may want to consider running next year. And, remember to vote; watch your email for the link.

I also want to thank Ann Jacobson of NPS for her efforts as editor of *Military Libraries* for the last few years. And welcome to Nancy Hicks, from the Navy Experimental Diving Unit in Panama City, FL, our incoming editor.

One more note of thanks—to all of you. As my year of being MLD Chair comes to a close, I appreciate this group more than ever. I have learned a lot about myself and many of you in the process. I've even become better at running meetings.

See you all in Albuquerque!

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From the Editor

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This is my last issue as editor of Military Libraries. I have greatly enjoyed and learned a lot from the experience. I regret that I was unable to achieve one of the things I had hoped to accomplish, which was to move Military Libraries to a more versatile and modern web format. Perhaps my successor, Nancy Hicks, will want to take this on.

Many profuse thanks to those of you who submitted articles, photographs and other information for the newsletter while I've been Editor. The variety of content in this issue is so typical of our Division! This time you will find articles ranging from Sharon Butcher's memories of interviewing Neil Armstrong, to Bobbi Weaver's pieces on her post-SLA adventures and on military sights of interest in the San Diego area, an article by Eddie Rozier on the recent fire at DAU, and Mimi Cirillo's piece about Transformation at Joint Base Library McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

I hope you will all support Nancy as you have me, by providing interesting and varied content to make Military Libraries something that division members and friends look forward to reading.

Should work or pleasure ever take you to Monterey, please stop by NPS to say hello!

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From the Incoming Editor

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I am Nancy Hicks and am a Solo Librarian at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit in Panama City, FL. We do Hyperbaric Medical Research, Testing and Evaluation. NEDU houses one of the world's largest technical libraries of diving information in the world. It has more than 150,000 documents on diving history, engineering, and hyperbaric medicine. Much information covers the early development of various diving tables. Researchers from around the world, both inside and outside the diving community, use the archives and resources of this unique research library

I have worked here since 2007 and am looking forward to new adventures with MLD as the Editor of *Military Libraries*. I was an academic librarian at Gulf Coast State College for 4 years as well as working at the National Marine Fisheries Library (NOAA) for 2.5 years.

I am looking forward to meeting you all at upcoming events and would love to hear what's new at your library! Please send any ideas for articles, articles themselves, pictures, book reviews, and anything else you think your fellow librarians might be interested in to my email, nancy.hicks@navy.mil or to mld.newsletter@gmail.com.

The Military Librarians Division of SLA would like to thank Ann Jacobson for her time and energy in editing *Military Libraries*. We wish her well in her new endeavors!

News from the MLD Board Meeting, 15 July 2012

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The MLD Board met on Sunday, July 15, 2012 in Chicago at the SLA Annual Conference. We discussed our progress on the motion passed last year to sponsor 5 new student members to SLA and 100 new student members to the DMIL Division. Sharon Lenius reported on behalf of Tammy Lowery that all 5 SLA memberships have been filled. These memberships required the student to select DMIL as their primary division. It was also reported that 20% of the DMIL memberships for existing student members of SLA were filled. There is still time to recommend others for this opportunity. The purpose is to give greater exposure to the division and to expose those new to the profession to the opportunities there are within the field of military librarianship. For more information contact Tammy Lowery, Student Liaison, at tammy.t.lowerey@us.army.mil.

The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012. Contact Gloria Miller, Chair, at gloria.a.miller.civ@mail.mil if you have items for the agenda or for information on attending the meeting.

From MLD's Chair-Elect—Sharing our Variety, Value, and Vision

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At the SLA Conference in Chicago, I had the opportunity to walk from my hotel to the Conference Center, passing by the east side of Soldier Field. This is a part of Burnham Park, along the shore of Lake Michigan, with many sculptures and monuments reminding us of the service and sacrifice of the U.S. Military. Seeing these various memorials got me thinking about the military librarians I was meeting with during the Conference, and the work they do.

I really started to get to know military librarians when I came to my first Military Libraries Workshop in Monterey California. The first thing that impressed me was the variety of the work they do – teaching, managing, researching, cataloging, and all the other well-known and unknown tasks of librarians. They do this work at research libraries, family libraries, medical, legal, base libraries, and so many other types of libraries, across the United States and around the world, even tucked in the nooks and crannies of ships on the high seas.

The next thing that impressed me was the value of the work they do. Military librarians serve their country by helping their service members, and those others who serve the military. Military librarians train military leaders to be library masters, make huge collections accessible, arrange for digital resources for entire armed forces, find the facts to support a decision, and accomplish dozens of other efforts that are essential for the right person at the right time.

The third thing that impressed me was the vision of what can happen next. While military librarians are serving their varied and valuable customers, they are also seeking out ways to benefit from new technology and new social networks, sharing collections and products and services, and constantly learning from each other how to solve challenges and improve what they do.

I learned about this variety, and value, and vision, by coming to Military Libraries Workshops and SLA Conferences; by listening in sessions and tours, by reading mailing lists and newsletters, and by talking to military librarians like you.

I think the biggest benefit of our Division is our ability to communicate with each other, though all these different venues, so we can hear new ideas, commiserate with those tackling similar issues, and learn from each other.

I look forward to helping the Military Libraries Division continue to provide these opportunities to communicate, so we can benefit from the Variety, the Value, and the Vision of our members.

Editor's Note:

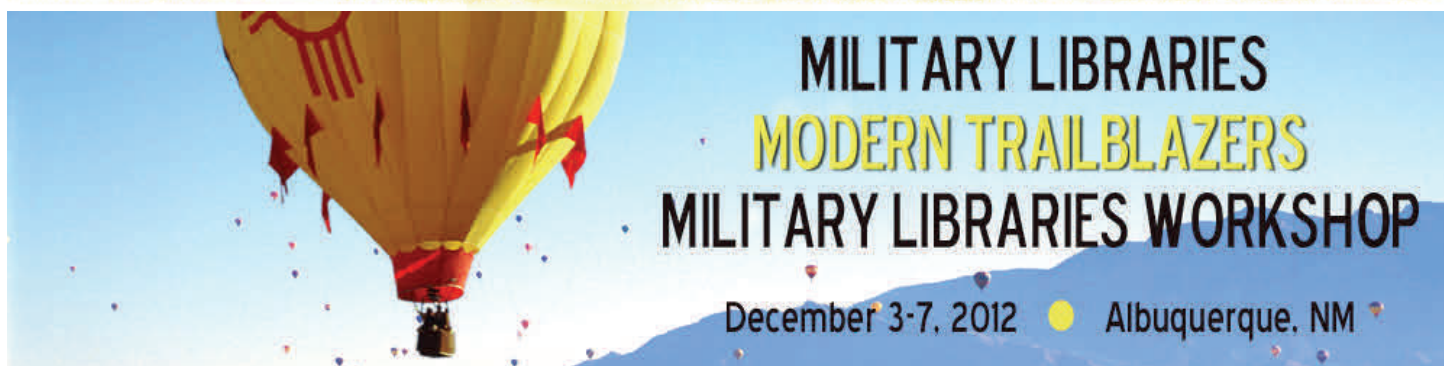
This is the text of the speech Michael originally intended to give at the MLD Luncheon at SLA.

Ways to Stay Current on Division Activities

Most of you are probably already aware of the various ways, in addition to this newsletter, that you can both stay current on division activities and communicate with your MLD colleagues. However, I (editor) thought it would be useful to compile them in one place:

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For information on this year's Military Libraries Workshop (MLW), see the website at <http://military.sla.org/conferences-workshops/>.

To register download the form at <http://military.sla.org/conferences-workshops/mlw-2012-registration/>

For more information, contact Amy Tursky, the MLW 2012 Chair, at atursky@dtic.mil

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After the SLA 2012 Conference, I stayed some extra days in Chicago to do some fun things and to do some fundraising for Haiti Reads (www.haitireads.org), an organization headquartered in Chicago that runs a community library and literacy classes in Haiti. My last SLA program was the DMIL breakfast and tour of the Pritzker Military Library (<http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/home/default.aspx>) on Thursday, July 19. While en route to the breakfast, I spotted a Notre Dame Bookstore (<http://content.efollett.com/ndbookstorechicago/>). Knowing that my father is a big fan of the Fighting Irish, I made a stop for some holiday gifts on my return to the hostel where I was staying.

On Friday, I did some more souvenir shopping. I made a stop at Macy's on State Street (<http://www.visitmacyschicago.com/>) to get some sugar-free Frango Mints for my parents as well as some regular ones for the work folks and my cat-sitter. I can get the regular ones at the Macy's here in San Diego, but not the sugar-free ones. I was sure to keep them out of the July heat. I have the ones for my parents in storage in the library until the holidays. Now, every time I open that drawer, I get a whiff of the minty-fresh aroma.

On Saturday, I went to the Square Roots Festival (<http://www.squareroots.org/>) in the Lincoln Park area of the city. There, I was entertained by various local musicians, and got to sample some beer from various local



Chicago: After the Conference

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microbreweries. The Old Town School of Folk Music (<http://www.oldtownschool.org/>) was opened as well for a restroom break and brief escape from the July heat. While indoors, I also attended a fun sing-along session of Beatles 'hits.

Finally, on Sunday, I did some fundraising for Haiti Reads at the Pilsen Community Market (<http://pilsencommunitymarket.org/>) in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. The folks at Pilsen generously supplied our group with a table, where I sold items made by our folks in Haiti as well as here in the U.S. After the market closed, I headed north to the offices of the Chicago Books to Women in Prison (<http://chicagobwp.org/>). The ERMD held a volunteer work project there during the conference on the previous Wednesday evening. While there, I joined other volunteers in selecting books in response to correspondence from inmates. I was surprised by the diversity of the requests from the inmates; however, I was told by another volunteer that many of them were in prison due to substance abuse offenses. Unfortunately, these problems affect people from a variety of economic and educational backgrounds.

In the evening, I took my flight back to San Diego. Luckily, I had Monday to recover. I was thrilled to be back in a balmy climate. Hopefully, we'll have that kind of weather in 2013.

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MLD Offers SLA Attendees Breakfast, Tour at Pritzker Military Library

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One of the tours offered on Thursday was located at the Pritzker Military Library (<http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/home/default.aspx>) at 104 S. Michigan Ave, just a few blocks north from the Hilton Chicago. This event provided attendees with a full morning of activities.

After dining on a delicious breakfast, Associate Librarian, Tina Louise Happ, provided an informative tour of the library's exhibits and collection. Due to the very specialized nature of the library's collection, Ms. Happ encouraged us to tell our colleagues about the availability of inter-library loans.

After the tour, Cyndee Schaffer, co-author of the book, *Mollie's War*, discussed her mother's experience as a member of the Women's Army Corps in World War II. Ms. Schaffer co-authored the book with her mother, who unfortunately passed away last April. More on *Mollie's War* is available at <http://www.mollieswar.com/>.



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Military Libraries Division Sponsors New Student Members

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In May, Military Libraries Division selected five MLS students to sponsor as new members of Special Libraries Association and Military Libraries Division as part of a student membership recruitment initiative. Congratulations and a warm welcome goes to selectees: **Gina Gajewski** of University of Denver; **Leslie Varrecchia** of University of Rhode Island; **Karen Kerno** of University of Washington; and **Jennifer A. Silverman** and **Jennifer Anne Wood Stubbs** of San Jose State University.

Additionally, MLD continues to sponsor division memberships for current MLS students who have joined SLA and are interested in military libraries. SLA student members wishing to join Military Libraries Division should contact MLD's student liaison, Tammy Lowery at tammy.t.lowery@us.army.mil or lowery440@hotmail.com.

Photo Montage of SLA Sights and Activities

Photos courtesy of Gail Nicula, Gloria Miller and Bobbi Weaver



Networking at one of the MLD-sponsored breakfasts (Miller)



Chihuly glass sculpture in the conference center (Nicula)



Sharon Lenius relaxes after a busy open-house breakfast (Nicula)



Chicago Public Library (Weaver)

Fire at Defense Acquisition University Library

Eddie Rozier, Library Director

Two inches of water in your library is never a welcome guest. The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) experienced a fire in Building 207 of their complex on Monday, August 13, 2012, temporarily closing the Knowledge Repository and Acker Library.

Library material collections were located in the basement and first floors of Building 207, and they sustained significant smoke and water damage. The basement contained most of the collection on 4,550 linear feet of new mobile shelving. The most current material acquisitions were located in the public area on the first floor of Building 207 in Room 114.

Upon the Library's request, the Library of Congress (LOC) sent their Preservation Team to evaluate the collections and make recommendations for further action.

On Tuesday the 14th, after inspecting the water logged building, the LOC Preservation Team concluded that much could be saved with swift action. We were advised that we had 72 hours from the time of the event to remove the materials before mold would cause permanent damage. We initially anticipated a total loss, so we quickly reached out for help.

Many different organizations assisted in this effort. Within forty-eight hours after the fire, soldiers from the 249th Engineer Battalion removed all salvageable materials from the first floor of Building 207. A DAU cleanup crew also assisted in clearing out our first floor offices. Contract support was provided by Terry Boesch and the Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC) who worked with us to execute a contract on Wednesday afternoon to have the library materials removed from the basement and relocated to Building 270. Our contractor, Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling, worked Wednesday night until 0300 and continued until Thursday afternoon removing over 1,200 boxes of material out of the basement. The Northeast Document Conservation Center was also consulted frequently and advised the library staff on matters such as proper drying techniques. We would not

have been successful without the help of so many people.

Salvage efforts centered on items that were rare and focused on DAU's mission. We were able to save the majority of our media collection including over 400 DAU Guest Lecture tapes, curriculum support materials, and professional development tapes, CD's, and DVD's. A large portion of our special collections were also rescued. These collections include DOD regulations, the DAWIA legislative history, DOD Program Papers, the Edward Hirsch collection, DAU Curriculum, and other DOD/DAU generated materials. Only about 20% of the monographs were saved. We are estimating that roughly 35% of the collection was saved.

The salvaged portion of the collection is now housed in Building 270 at the site of the old Army Management Staff College Thayer Library. We

are currently wrapping up an inventory project and expect our catalog to be accurate and functional by October 1. Donations have also started to arrive from individuals and other

Many different organizations assisted in this effort... We would not have been successful without the help of so many people.

libraries.

Look forward to more innovative services and electronic capabilities from the Knowledge Repository and Acker Library as we re-establish our collection and services.

Main Collection Suspended Due to Fire



DAU
Knowledge Repository

Message posted on the DAU website, September 2012

MLD's Sharon Lenius Recognized with SLA Hall of Fame Award

Compiled by the Editor

Congratulations to Sharon Lenius, who recently received the SLA Hall of Fame Award. There is a nice article about Sharon's accomplishments on the DC/SLA website at <http://dc.sla.org/2012/08/24/sharon-lenius-receives-sla-hall-of-fame-award/>. We all know what a workhorse Sharon has been for MLD!

The text of the award document is below:

Sharon Lenius, after a distinguished career spanning over 25 years, continues to be involved within the information profession and within SLA.

After receiving her master's degree in Library Science from Indiana University – Bloomington, Sharon went to work for the Army Library Program, managing post libraries first in Germany and later working for several public library systems in the US. She came back to the Federal Government, serving as librarian for the Headquarters, National Guard. Through her work, she consistently challenged herself to keep up with the technology developments that coincided with the evolution of the profession. The breadth of her interests and involvement in professional activities mirrors her passion for knowledge and development of her skills. As a solo librarian, she honed skills in time management, problem-solving, perseverance, and the willingness and ability to do what it takes to get the job done.

As a member of SLA, there was no stopping Sharon as she honed her networking and programming skills at the grass roots level in various Divisions and Chapters. She has held a number of leadership positions over the years: in DC/SLA she chaired the Professional Development, Public Relations, and Membership Committees; she also took on the three-year commitment of Chair-elect, Chair, and Past Chair of the Military Libraries Division and later served as its Secretary. She played a prominent leadership role in the formation of SLA's Government Information Division as a charter member. She is currently serving as Secretary. For her work in the formation of that Division, the

Association presented her with its Member Achievement Award in 2007.

Sharon chaired the Local Arrangements Committee when the Association's Centennial Annual Conference was held in Washington, DC, while working full-time. The event showcased her creativity, organizational skills, and her genius for arranging contributions from partners and volunteers. For her efforts as chair, Sharon was presented with



SLA President Brent Mai and Hall of Fame Award Recipient Sharon Lenius, photo provided by Lenius and used with permission

the Chapter's Board of Directors Award.

Sponsorship and partnership has long been invaluable to the Association and its components, and Sharon has a particular genius for developing and fostering relationships. She is currently handling sponsorships for the 56th annual Military Libraries Workshop, the Military Libraries Division's major event of the association year. Through Sharon's efforts, the Workshop is on its way to a rousing success on firm financial footing.

Sharon Lenius' record attests to her passion for librarianship, her commitment to excellence, her belief in the value and power of community, her creativity and her capacity for hard work. For her passion, innovation, and love for her profession, we welcome Sharon to the SLA Hall of Fame.

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Award, continued from previous page

The text of Sharon's acceptance speech is below:

From here to there and back again.....yes that has a slightly familiar ring to it. Bilbo Baggins said something like that when he wrote about his chapter by chapter life adventures. And so I am here to say thank you to the organization known as SLA, the Special Libraries Association for important chapters in my life. A special thank you to the members who are good friends and colleagues.

Where did it all startthis fascination with books and reading? I suppose I should say thank you to Sister Mary Cecelia who taught me to read and moved me up to the Red Bird Reading Group.

Then.... thank you to all the summer reading clubs I joined over the years. How many of you ever joined a summer reading group.....don't be shy, raise your hands! This is where I thank a Librarian!

Next my understanding of libraries, at least Public Libraries comes from working as a Page, re-shelving books, "reading" shelves, etc. Progressing to "Clerk" status while in college brought more responsibilities and knowledge of what makes a good library work for the community it serves. How many of you ever worked in a high school library, local public library or info centerI know you are out there. Smile at your neighbor!

These experiences became the basis of my perception of good and poor management. And when I attended Indiana University Library Schoollo, those many years ago, I had one class in Library Management. It was a good course, however, couldn't cover everything.

Beyond Library School I was able to learn about good library management practices through SLA Professional Development courses at Annual Conferences and via local Chapter offerings. I am very fortunate to belong to the Military Libraries Division which holds an Annual Workshop where opportunities abound to learn about new processes, new practices and innovations. We get to meet the info providers in an exhibit that reflects the needs of information professionals. Thank you to this dynamic Division and the sponsors of the workshop for the info updates.

This 2012 SLA Annual Conference in Chicago will provide you with the opportunities you need to further your professional goals through the various seminars, programs, and the Info/Expo Show. Most importantly, the SLA Annual Conference gives all of us "face time" with our colleagues. Take advantage of the many social events, dance all night, sing your favorite songs, meet your friends at networking breakfasts and make new ones here in Chicago. Here is where I say again, "Thank you SLA!"

Librarian Remembers Interviewing Hometown Favorite Son, Neil Armstrong

Sharon Butcher submitted this tribute to Neil Armstrong prior to her retirement

Neil Armstrong is a hometown acquaintance of mine from 1962. We hail from a small north-western Ohio town, Wapakoneta. Wapak, as we locals call it, lies about an hour north of Dayton, on I-75, and about 90 miles south of Toledo, OH, on I-75. When I was in junior high, I interviewed him (he was an X-15 pilot at the time) for an assignment in which I was to talk to someone in the profession I wished to pursue. John Glenn and Gus Grissom were my favorite astronauts then, but prospects of interviewing either of them, I knew, were slim-to-none. While helping a late aunt with dishes one Saturday afternoon, I mentioned my plight. I remember saying that I'd probably have to interview a nurse or a teacher, and then at least have a paper to turn in. Looking out the window to the sunny spring afternoon, she suggested that I talk to Neil Armstrong, X-15 pilot, who would soon be visiting his parents here in town. I thought, gee....he's only an X-15 pilot, and not an astronaut, but, well, that is probably as close to an astronaut as I will ever get. Aunt Rowena knew Neil's mother from Women's Club, and my mother knew Viola Armstrong as well. So a plan was hatched, and Neil kindly obliged me with an interview on his mum and dad's front porch in the spring of 1962. He emphasized taking math and science courses, and he kindly signed a page in my school autograph book (the one you used to get with those infamous school picture packages) with "May all your objectives be realized." The paper, hand-scribed in ink on white lined paper (this was before the days of copiers and personal computers), was handed in, I got an A, and then I matriculated into high school.

Fast-forwarding a bit, Neil was chosen as an astronaut a year or so later, piloted Gemini VIII, and I chose Project Apollo for my science fair project, getting honorable mention at state level. A few years later, while I was stationed in the UK at RAF Chicksands, Bedfordshire, in the late 1960's, NASA was debating about who would be on Apollo 11. When the crew was announced, I was amazed, delighted. The base newspaper ran an article, "WAF Watches Moon with Interest," and the Biggleswade Chronicle, a local paper, also ran an article. It was my 15 minutes of fame. Everyone I worked with at Chicksands was very happy and elated about the moon mission. Glued to the telly during the moon landing, I was certain something horrible would happen....a lunar monster, the Russians doing something, some sort of lethal mechanical failure. My voice was two octaves higher due to my stress and anxiety. I'll never forget it. A London newspaper even

called me during the moonwalk, but I was so stressed I don't recall which newspaper it was.

It was a no-brainer that I would fly back to the States for our hometown parade. When the date of the parade had been announced, I was put on stand-by out of Lakenheath-Mildenhall, and a co-worker drove me over in her Mini Cooper (what a delightful vehicle!) so I could catch a C-47 Gooney-Bird to the Colonies. A refueling stop at Lajes Field, the Azores, held a nice unexpected surprise. Somehow I and the lady next to me in the snack bar line struck up a conversation, and I mentioned that I was flying back for the parade to honor Neil. The medical doctor's wife was so amazed that she insisted on taking me on a tour of the island. We had a terrific couple of hours riding around this amazing place and seeing the area around Lajes Field.

Wapak was crawling with media personnel and other curiosity seekers before the homecoming parade. Mother kept insisting I call Viola right away, so after some urging, I called. I knew she and Steve, her husband, were so busy, yet Viola asked me to come to their house and pick up a ticket, one of 300, for the reception at church, following the parade. Their house then was one which Neil had bought for them, in an up-scale section of town; it is in contrast to the modest frame home where he grew up and gave me the interview. I like both of the houses, but I think the modest frame house has some real character and charm.

Things settled down in town to some degree after the parade. But the day before I flew back to the UK, Viola and I shared a special lunch at her new home, and she showed me all the things that had been sent to her from around the world; many of the items are on display in the Neil Armstrong Museum, along I-75 there in Wapak. She gave me an autographed picture of Neil in full NASA garb. It was a very special day.

When the three men came to London on their world tour, I was standing near the entrance to the American Embassy and greeted Neil as he came up along the crowd of well-wishers. He was surprised to see someone from Wapakoneta, OH, and came right over and had a nice, but brief, chat with me. Those standing nearby were astonished, so I filled them in on how I came to know Neil. The Queen Mother met the three aviators inside the embassy that day, and from London, they were whisked off to continue their world tour. *(continued on p. 14)*

Transformation at Joint Base Library McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

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Welcome to our Librar-e at JBMDL: Transforming our Focus and Space

"The library connects us with insight and knowledge... of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. ..."

Carl Sagan

The world is changing. More people are educated; more people are poor. Fewer people are seeking religion; fewer people are agnostic. Many wars are surfacing; and many leaders are sacrificing for peace.

Information and knowledge are the molecules of survival in this transforming world. It is those who seek out and acquire information that can then apply wisdom to solve the ongoing problems. Libraries contain that information. That is why we need transforming libraries.

Joint Base Library at McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is one of those changing libraries. This past year the library has focused on the accessible and technological information imperatives of the base military. The library has begun strategically implementing a plan to offer a broader scope of virtual services, more self-service operations, expanded remote access, and augmented research resources. And the library is designing a "virtual cloud" that will allow other base information facilities to consolidate their resources into our single website.

Merging of records for URLs, books, audio books, manuals, papers emerging from the community of practice, white papers, journals, government documents, archived photos and reports. This is the path the library is taking, partnering with other base facilities and incorporating their resources into our "cloud".

More databases are available and newly integrated search terms make finding materials much easier. The tool DISCOVERY is being assimilated into the library resources to narrow searching operations to fewer "clicks" and more "hits". All formats for all subjects are now displayed in the search box.

We have now incorporated OPERA, a new search browser, onto our library PCs to make searching a much more user-friendly experience. This browser allows the user

to see the actual "search page", instead of displaying only a URL listing. All our reference tools are now visually displayed on the screen as "mini" search pages, making identification and browsing a more pleasant and comprehensive experience.

As a library serving a mobile community and patrons within that culture who need 24/7 access, we have also concentrated on providing more material offerings that are electronic. eBooks and e journals better serve our troops because they are immediately accessible from any world location.

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

Stephen King

A "one-stop-shop" approach is the library goal so, not only are these e resources offered but the means to access, store, and use the resource content is also provided. Joint Base Library now has over 50 e readers, which accept ebooks, PDFs, ePubs, NetFlix, are wireless, and provide internet usage and downloading. We are leasing and purchasing hundreds of audio and e books in both fiction and non-fiction.

"The library is not a shrine for the worship of books. It is not a temple where literary incense must be burned or where one's devotion to the bound book is expressed in ritual. A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas - a place where history comes to life."

Norman Cousins

Our reference department has elevated its service to include "Text-a-Librarian". This operation allows troops anywhere in the world with phone texting service to "text" our librarians questions. Our professional staff responds to the inquiries through a web-based program, typing answers into a PC textbox. The patron receives the answer as "text" on their cell phone. This MOSIO program translates the text to computer and back to phone text.

With the transforming needs of military personnel on base comes the need to provide "space" for the military to conduct business, research, mission and career tasks. Joint Base Library is currently re-aligning and creating "focus-spaces", seating areas in the library, sequestered with tables, chairs, and outlets.

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Transformation, continued

These pockets of space will allow our troops to concentrate, research, read, study and relax – either individually or in small groups. iPads and IMacs are also available for in-house use for those specialized taskers needing dedicated software programs..

As a military library our primary mission IS our military personnel. But we cannot forget our commitment to foster family reading and youth service among our military dependents. These children are our future leaders. Our future Commanders- in- Chief. So we continue to offer traditional book collections and programs, while augmenting our youth services with computers, NOOKS and Kindles that contain children's titles and enhanced sound and reading opportunities.

"I'm sure we would not have had men on the Moon if it had not been for Wells and Verne and the people who write about this and made people think about it."

Arthur C. Clarke

The military is a warrior culture. Our people are groomed and trained to fight. But this mission is supported by knowledge and wisdom that has been passed down by example... developed and adapted in writing. Books. Manuals. Information packets. Transforming a military library in a 21st century warrior culture follows the tradition of the mission by maintaining, preserving, and delivering philosophies, goals, ways that enable our best and finest soldiers to make wise decisions and solve problems as practically and peaceably as possible.

"Knowledge is knowing... or knowing where to find out."

Alvin Toffler

The Joint Base LIBRARY here at McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is transforming because this change is an opportunity to fit the ever-changing directives of our military men and women. It is our obligation to provide transitions, innovations, and upgrades in content and technology that assist our patrons in fulfilling their mission.

And, as a final transformation, the Joint Base Library will be "pinning" on the new name "Librar-e and Resource Commons" (LRC). We are keeping our traditions and giving birth to offsprings of a new information DNA, preparing for the future.

"The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names."

Proverb, Chinese

Armstrong interview, continued

At the 25th anniversary of the moon landing, NASA Lewis in Cleveland, OH, held a banquet; my career path had taken me to an R&D center in the Cleveland area, and I met Neil there again. He remembered me and was as gracious and kind as ever.

Before the hometown parade, back in 1969, I called the English teacher who had made the assignment, asking her if she had saved the paper I had submitted. Regrettably, she had not. "Had we only known." I think those were her exact words.

Neil was a very private person, very unassuming, not a publicity hound. I think everyone in my hometown respects that. I know we all share a great loss as he is gone much too soon.....

San Diego Places Featuring Military History

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The U.S. armed forces have been an intricate part of life in San Diego County. The San Diego Military Advisory Council has estimated that approximately 311,000 jobs are currently created by the military's presence in the region, and that the region will earn an estimated \$17.7 billion in income this year from military operations in the region. (See, <http://www.sdmac.org/uploads/ExecutiveSummary.pdf>). Below are some museums that feature exhibits concerning past and present military efforts and their impact on the San Diego area.

The Embarcadero

Greatest Generation Walking Tour

<http://www.portofsandiego.org/public-art/greatest-generation-walking-tour.html>

--Walk through the Port of San Diego to see various pieces of public art, many of which memorialize events following World War II. The area is near the Midway Museum (below).

Midway Museum

910 N. Harbor Dr.

<http://www.midway.org/>

--This former aircraft carrier has been converted into a museum featuring 60 exhibits and 25 restored aircraft.

Maritime Museum of San Diego

1492 N. Harbor Dr.

<http://www.sdmaritime.org/>

--This museum features various exhibits on the maritime history of San Diego, including an exhibit on the Navy in San Diego.

Getting there from the Convention Center: Walk about ½ mile to 1st Avenue and Broadway. Go to the stop in front of the Transit Store. Take the Bus Route 992 to the destinations on the Embarcadero.

Near the Airport

MCRD Command Museum

1600 Henderson Ave, Suite 212

<http://www.mcrdmuseumhistoricalsociety.org/>

--This museum at the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot includes a Resource Center. The Resource Center is open to researchers, but appointments are recommended. Call 619-524-6720 for appointments and information.

Getting there from the Convention Center: It is probably

easier to take a cab to this destination. However, if you are an avid walker, you can take public transportation. From the Convention Center, walk about ½ mile to 1st Avenue and Broadway (in front of the Transit Store). Take the Bus Route 30 going toward UTC/VA Medical Center. De-bus at Pacific Highway & Enterprise Street and walk approximately 0.8 miles to the museum.

Balboa Park

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center

2115 Park Blvd (Balboa Park)

<http://www.veteranmuseum.org/>

--Located in a former navy chapel, this museum features exhibits of various U.S. military memorabilia.

San Diego Air & Space Museum

2001 Pan American Plaza (Balboa Park)

<http://www.sandiegoairandspace.org/>

--This museum features various exhibits, including those focusing on military aviation.

San Diego History Center

Casa De Balboa, Balboa Park

1649 El Prado, Suite #3

<http://www.sandiegohistory.org/>

--This museum includes a library, which holds various documents on San Diego history. The museum also features exhibits on San Diego history. Past exhibits have included those with a military theme.

Getting there from the Convention Center: Take the Green Line Trolley from the Convention Center Station to the 12th & Imperial Station. Next transfer to the Blue or Orange line trolley going to American Plaza. Alight the train at City College. From there, take the Bus Route 7 bus going in the direction of La Mesa (east). Ask the driver to let you know the stop for Balboa Park.

Outside of San Diego

Coronado Historical Association Museum of History and Art

1100 Orange Ave.

Coronado, CA

http://www.coronadohistory.org/current_exhibit.html

--The nearby town of Coronado is home to the North Island Naval Base. As such, the navy has been a big part of its history and is featured in the museum's collections.

Getting there from the Convention Center:

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Take the Green Line Trolley from the Convention Center Station to the 12th & Imperial Station. At that station, take the Route 901 Bus (Iris Ave Trolley via Coronado). De-bus at Orange Ave. & Loma Ave. and walk to the museum.

San Diego Air & Space Museum—Gillespie Field Annex
http://www.sandiegoairandspace.org/about_the_museum/gillespie_field_annex.php

--This museum is east of San Diego, and is the site where many of the museum's aircraft are restored. Information on other aviation museums at Gillespie Field is available online at <http://www.gillespiefield.com/museums/>.
Getting there from the Convention Center: Take the Green Line Trolley (Santee) from the Convention Center to the Gillespie Field stop.

Before you visit, you may want to contact the museums to inquire on current hours, exhibits and visitor policies. For information on public transportation in San Diego, visit www.sdcommute.com. If you are doing a lot of travelling by bus and trolley, it may be more economical for you to purchase a Compass Card for \$2 and then add a 1-, 2-, 3- or 4-day pass to it. Information about the Compass Card is available at <http://www.sdmts.com/marketing/daypassoncompass.asp>.

Retiring Colleague Words of Wisdom

Sharon Lee Butcher

I've enjoyed the library profession over the years, particularly Special Libraries. I went to grad school (Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Cleveland, OH) with the specific objective of working in sci/tech. Period. However, a brief stint in a public library, between special library jobs, proved invaluable as I parlayed that experience into some nice substitute work over the years. I'm most thankful for the public library job which was in the greater Cleveland, OH, area, where libraries are highly valued. I gained experience on a successful levy campaign, library design, etc. Never, ever discount the experiences you will gain, even in settings which may not have been in your master plan. The one specialty chemical company I worked for was so poorly managed that "BusinessWeek" eventually carried a cover story on its sad demise. However, from that interesting period of time, I learned to trust gut feelings in workplace environments, and how to detect pink and red flags. Although CWRU disappointedly closed the library school in the early 1980s., I'm eternally grateful to the wonderful professors, particularly Dr. Chris Tomer, who taught the Mother of All Reference courses. So absorb all you can, from any and all work settings. The future of our profession sometimes looks murky, and our career paths may diverge from what may once have seemed clear and unchallenged. We live in interesting times....

Archives Librarian Attends Useful Digital Preservation Training

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In August, Elizabeth Dubuisson, Archives Librarian at the Combined Arms Research Library, was privileged to attend the 1st Midwest iteration of the Library of Congress's Digital Preservation Outreach & Education (DPOE) Train-the-Trainer workshop. The mission of the Digital Preservation Outreach & Education team at the Library of Congress is to promote outreach and education about digital preservation by assembling a network of instructors and partners to provide training to individuals and organizations seeking to preserve their digital content. <http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/education/>

During the workshop she received training in the DPOE Baseline Digital Preservation Curriculum which consists of 6 modules: Identify the content you have; select what portion will be preserved; store content for the long term; protect your content from threats and emergencies; manage and implement requirements for the long term; & provide access to the digital content.

The training was exceptionally valuable. Elizabeth worked with a great group of professionals who are all struggling with some of the same preservation issues she faces at the CARL and she received training from experts in the field of digital preservation, some of who helped write the standards. She and the other twenty attendees are now tasked with holding their own training sessions so that the information they received spreads exponentially to many places that would otherwise be unreachable.

Member News

Editor's Note:

In this era of email, listservs and websites, Member News is not intended to be the “go to” source for timely or comprehensive member news items. However, I continue to compile selected information for its historical interest and for those readers who may have missed important items due to overflowing inboxes, lack of time to scan websites, etc...

Awards/Recognition

The prestigious Princeton Review annual 377 Best Colleges Report was released Aug 21, 2012 and lists the **United States Military Academy's Jefferson Hall Library** as # 2 in the survey. The library located in Jefferson Hall, West Point's new Cadet Learning Center, houses: USMA Library, Center for Enhanced Performance (CEP), and the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE). Congratulations to the hard working staff and to the Cadets who use the facility. Read more about the USMA Library at <http://www.library.usma.edu/?TabID=7&PageName=Overview>

Congratulations to MLD (and Legal Division) member **Danielle Devore**, who was featured in the SLA Legal Division's Profiles in Law Librarianship column in May (<http://legal.sla.org/2012/05/profilesinlawlibrarianship-danielledevore/>).

Sharon Lenius received the SLA Hall of Fame Award at the 2012 Annual Conference in Chicago. See more information elsewhere in this issue.

Presentations/Publications

Greta Marlatt (Naval Postgraduate School) recently updated the *Battle of Midway: a Bibliography* (4th Ed.). The full text can be downloaded in Calhoun, the new NPS Institutional Archive, at <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/6692>.

Positions

Trevor Riley recently became a Reference and Instruction Librarian at the US Coast Guard Academy Library. Last year, Trevor was a recipient of the MLD student stipend award to attend MLW. He found the time spent at the workshop to be extremely valuable, and hopes to attend again this year.

Jane Killian has been selected to initiate standing up the Forensic Science Library at the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL) in Atlanta, GA at the Gillem Enclave. USACIL provides full forensic support to all DoD entities worldwide, including training

and research. Ms. Killian came from the FBI Laboratory Library with prior experience at the FBI Academy Library and Berry College's Memorial Library.

Retirements

Sharon Lee Butcher retired in September from the AEDC Technical Library where she was Reference Librarian and Interlibrary Loan Coordinator. She plans to stay active in SLA. See a brief piece by her elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

Anne Crozier, Library Director at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center retired June 30.

Martha Knott, Chief Librarian at the Redstone Scientific Information Center (RSIC) in Huntsville, AL, retired in December 2011. Martha began her library career as manager of the Naval Ocean R & D Activity at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. She began working at RSIC in 1988 and became the Library Director in 2000. She earned her BS and MLS degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and was also a graduate of the Army Management and Staff College. Martha was a long-time member of SLA and was active in the Defense Technical Information Center User's Council. In retirement she plans to take several of her grandchildren to Europe and will continue her interest in genealogical research.

Jerry Meyer, former Library Director at National Naval Medical Center retired in June. Jerry left with over 40 years of Federal service. He had been at the Medical Center since 1968.

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