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A Message From The Commanding General

By: BG Lester Martinez-Lopez

The holiday season is a time of celebration, a time of reflection upon last year's accomplishments, and a time to renew our commitments to our family, friends and above all, our Country. For CHPPM, there is much of which to be proud. The Center's response following the 11th of September has been nothing short of outstanding. We have been challenged in ways we did not think possible and so far, our response has been timely, sound and relevant. We continue to be recognized as one of the premier leaders in preventive medicine. I'm very proud to be part of this team of true professionals and champions.

As we reflect, we must remember that many of our soldiers and civilians have been called away from home and have placed their lives on the line to ensure our freedom and safety. Unlike most of us, they will not be spending their holiday with their loved ones. We should keep all of them and their families in our prayers and thoughts over the holidays and give thanks for their selfless service.

Finally, we must renew our commitment to provide the best support to those deployed and all those we serve. We owe them the best science, the best effort, and our unconditional support. As in the past, I'm confident that CHPPM will continue to stand ready to respond whenever and wherever we are needed.

Lydia and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your devotion to duty and your contribution to our nation. We wish each and every one of you Happy Holidays and a Great New Year.



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Military News

ARRIVALS

CPT David Arday – CHPPM-North
MAJ Brian Barthelme –CHPPM-Pacific
SSG Holly Bruce – CHPPM-Pacific
1LT William Clark – CHPPM-North
2LT Jennifer Cooper – CHPPM-North
MSG Berta Ganaway – CHPPM-Pacific
2LT Peter Gray – CHPPM-West
1LT Cynthia Harrison – CHPPM-North
SPC Jennifer House – CHPPM-Europe
LTC John Hughes – CHPPM-North
LTC Paul Hulkovich – CHPPM-Europe
MAJ Annette Hildabrand – CHPPM-Europe
MSG Jeffry Jackson – DCSOPS
CPL Aku Johnson – CHPPM-Pacific
2LT Naomi Johnson –CHPPM-West
SFC Steven Kenyon – CHPPM-North
SPC Philip Lucksavage – DLS
MAJ Eric Lund – CHPPM-Europe
SPC Raymond Mann – CHPPM-Europe
SGT Michael Manville – CHPPM-Europe
2LT Paul McBride – CHPPM-South
CPT David McIlwain – CHPPM-Europe
SGT Matthew Nicholls – CHPPM-Europe
2LT Amy O’ Dea – CHPPM-South
SFC Barrington Peart –CHPPM-Europe
SGT Lisa Phillips – DOHS
SPC Robert Rossman – CHPPM-Pacific
LTC William Shepler – CHPPM-Europe
CPT Kimberlee Short – CHPPM-South

PROMOTIONS

2LT Joseph Hout to 1LT
1LT Michael Terry to CPT

DEPARTURES

CPT Brian Bonds – CHPPM - North
MAJ Lisa Forsyth – CHPPM - North
1LT Jennifer Hampton – CHPPM - South
LTC Steven Jones – CHPPM - North
SPC Daniel Kittleson – CHPPM - North
SGT Nikki Lewis – DLS
2LT Noreen Nazario – CHPPM - North
SGT Anita Price – CHPPM - North
LTC William Rice – CHPPM -Europe

AWARDS

Army Commendation Medal

LTC Roxanne Baumgartner– DT
2LT Ryan Bible – CHPPM-North
LTC Charles Cannon – CHPPM-North
SSG Joel Marcrum – CHPPM-Pacific
CPT Dennis Palalay – CHPPM-North

Army Achievement Medal

MAJ Tamra Barker – DEDS
LTC John Campbell – POPM
CPT Michael Desena – DOHS
SSG Tony Hemphill – DCSOPS
MAJ Carl Hover – DOHS
COL Richard Kramp – DCPM
MAJ Robert Mott – DEDS
CPT Ricardo Reyes – DOHS

Certificate of Achievement

SFC Jennifer Brown – DHPW
SPC Brian Bryan – DOHS
SPC Laura Williams –DOHS
SPC Jans Williams – DLS

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Civilian News

ARRIVALS

Colleen Brust – DEHE
 Desiree Bowman – DLS
 Stacey Davidson – CHPPM-Europe
 Rachel Hartford – CHPPM-Europe
 Jerald Jordan – CHPPM-Pacific
 Christopher Salice – DTOX
 Anne Warhurst – CHPPM-Pacific
 Kevin Wisniewski – DOHS

AWARDS

Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Patricia Cowin – DOHS
 Donna Doganiero – DOHS
 Stephan Graham – DOHS
 Brad Hutchens – DESP
 John Litynski – DESP
 Wilbert Moultrie – DESP
 John Resta – DESP
 Ralph Rogers – DOHS
 Coleen Weese – DCPM

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

Geoffrey Braybrooke – DOHS
 John Cevis – DEHE
 Lary Cook – DEHE
 Jennifer Filippelli – DEHE
 David Gilbride – DEHE
 Paul Hopp – DEHE
 Joe Sutphin – DEHE

Department of the Army Certificate

Catherine Artis – CHPPM-Pacific
 Christopher Carroll – DOHS
 Vickie Hawkins – DOHS
 Shahid Haque – DOHS
 Jack Heller – DOHS
 Julia Keithley – DOHS
 Irene Richardson – DOHS
 John Ryea – DOHS

DEPARTURES

Michael Graham – CHPPM-Europe
 Margaret Giffing – DHPW
 Gaylen Roberts – DOHS
 Philip Terry – DLS
 David Tremblay – DCSIM
 Sherri Whiteman – DHRM

Quality Achievement Award

Ben Bunger – DCSIM
 Brian Barn – DCSIM
 Carolyn Colburn – DCSIM
 Leon Conjour – DCSIM
 Warren Crellin – DCSIM
 Mark Fischer – DCSIM
 Mark Johnson – DT
 Joyce Kopatch – DCSIM
 Thomas Morris – DCSIM
 Normal Pospisil – DCSIM
 Karen Steiger – DCSIM
 Marilyn Swantkowski – DCSIM
 Kerry Lawrence – DCSIM
 Gregory Johnson – DCSIM

Special Acts Award

Tom Smith – DCPM
 Mike Waltermeyer – DCSIM

CHPPM WELCOMES ITS FIRST FULL TIME INSPECTOR GENERAL



Do you have a work-related problem your chain of command or chain of civilian supervision has not been able to resolve? Don't keep worrying about it because you may now seek assistance from the CHPPM's first full time Inspector General. LTC Vergel C. Layao, has opened a full service IG shop at his location in Building E1607.

In this capacity, he will serve as BG Martinez-Lopez's

extra eyes, ears, voice, and conscience. As the extension of the CG, his main function is to provide an unbiased, continuing assessment of the "climate" of the command, as well as its efficiency, readiness, and effectiveness. Layao plans to accomplish his IG missions using inspections, assistance, investigations, teaching, training, sensing, planning, and analyzing.

Layao came to CHPPM from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) where he served for two years as the Senior Program Manager for Health Program Integration and External Affairs, Director for

Strategic Planning, and for one year as the Senior Program Manager in Health Budgets and Financial Policy. The CHPPM's IG job will be his second stint as an IG having served for three years in HQDA IG. In that capacity, he was involved in various readiness-related inspections and also assisted the Secretary of the Army's Task Force on Extremist Activities. Prior to the DAIG job, he was assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General as the Chief of Army Medical Department Accessions and Dental Care Administrator for the Chief of the Army Dental Corps. His other assignments include tours in Korea, Germany, Hawaii, Taiwan, North Carolina, and Indiana. He also spent six months in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

As the CHPPM IG, he welcomes the opportunity to be an honest broker and a sounding board for sensitive issues as well as a consummate fact finder. He wants to remind everyone at CHPPM, including family members, that to complain to the IG without fear of reprisal is their right; after all, problem solving will be his primary mission. However, he also wants anyone who has an issue with the system to be sure that he or she has a real problem and not just a peeve. He wants to make sure that his or her chain of command is given the chance to solve the problem first.

ORDER OF MILITARY MEDICAL MERIT

By: Evelyn B. Riley

On 15 November, BG Lester Martinez-Lopez presented the Order of Military Medical Merit to Kenneth E. Williams, Manager, Method Development and Consultant on Special Projects with the Directorate of Laboratory Sciences.

Williams was recognized for his technical expertise, outstanding contributions to environmental health issues, and dedication during his 28 years of active Federal service.

The Order of Military Medical Merit recognizes outstanding soldiers and civilians who have made significant contributions to the Army Medical Department. Williams was recognized at a ceremony in his honor and welcomed as a member of this prestigious order. He has consistently exhibited exemplary commitment in the identification of health impacts throughout the Department of Defense and has provided realistic and novel solutions for their remediation.

During his tenure with this organization, Williams has demonstrated extraordinary skill and exceptional creativity in the analysis of nonstandard samples for military-unique materials. He has conducted developmental work to establish new methods and coordinated unprecedented analytical projects with major health and environmental implications. As an analytical chemist, he developed and supervised a quality assurance services program during which time the laboratory received U.S. Environmental Protection Agency certification for the Army's Drinking Water Surveillance Program.

Within CHPPM, he holds the distinct honor of being awarded the designation of Master Consultant - Laboratory Scientist. He has received 22 awards and honors to include two U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency Commander's Awards and the U.S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command Commander's Achievement Medal.

In addition to his CHPPM responsibilities, Williams serves as technical advisor to the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory. As the TAML representative for analytical chemistry, he is responsible for selecting field-ready equipment valued at \$2 million and for the training program to assist assigned soldiers to conduct their mission. He provides technical consultation for special studies to include environmental and health risk assessments in Bosnia, Honduras, Hawaii, and continued assessments in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Williams' academic and professional credentials are exceptional. He has co-authored nine publications in peer review scientific journals and given 26 presentations at Department of Defense, other government agencies, and national scientific technical conferences. He is Vice-Chairman, Committee D-22, Sampling and Analysis of Atmospheres, and Chairman, Sub-Committee D22.04, Workplace Atmospheres, of the American Society for Testing and Materials.

The Army and Department of Defense have benefited from his experience in addressing critical environmental health problems, especially as they pertain to air emissions. He is an outstanding example of a dedicated civilian employee who truly makes a difference.



BG Lester Martinez-Lopez adjusts the medal on Williams.

ORDER OF MILITARY MEDICAL MERIT

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(l to r) MG Patrick Sculley, BG Lester Martinez-Lopez and LTC Donald McDuffie.

MG Patrick D. Sculley presented the Order of Military Medical Merit award to LTC Clem Donald (Don) McDuffie and welcomed him as a member of this prestigious order. The event took place during the CHPPM Annual Anniversary Ball.

McDuffie is the program manager of the Tri-Service Vision Conservation Program in the Directorate of Clinical Preventive Medicine. He has been a member of the CHPPM family since July 1998 when he received his MBA at the Northeastern State University, College of Business and Industry and finished his residency in Family Practice Optometry at the NSU College of Optometry.

During his tenure at CHPPM, he served with the Defense Vision Information System and the Tri-Service Vision Conservation Program. His efforts ensured that

this program will improve vision, optical health readiness of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines; decrease the incidence and cost of eye injuries; and improve clinical efficiency and reduce the cost of vision services.

McDuffie holds licenses in both North Carolina and Texas and has served in Germany, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Bragg, and Fort Lee as well as CHPPM. He holds numerous awards, including the Parachutist Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal

By: Sue Scott, CHPPM-West



(r to l) LTC Thomas Little adjusts the medal on MAJ William Sames

LTC Thomas Little, Commander, CHPPM-West, presents MAJ William Sames, Chief, Entomological Science Division, CHPPM-West, with the Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal for providing over 300 hours of dedicated voluntary service at Fort Lewis and within the local civilian community from 1998-2001. MAJ Sames devoted his time to school activities and Boy Scout functions as well as serving as an exemplary ambassador for environmental stewardship. Sames has served as Chief of ESD, since April 2000. Sames and his wife Martha reside at Fort Lewis with their son William.

Quality Advocates of the Year

By: Evelyn B. Riley

The Quality Advocate of the Year is an annual award given within CHPPM to a person who has had the greatest impact on improving the quality of its processes, products, or services. This year there were two winners, Jane Gervasoni and Thomas Smith. Dr. George A. Luz received an honorable mention.

Ms. Jane Gervasoni, Public Affairs Specialist, Strategic Initiatives Office, is responsible for the development and dissemination of promotional material and exhibits to support our worldwide mission. Her technical and common sense knowledge of marketing and marketing principles enabled her to excel in these duties.

As Deputy Director, Annual Force Health Protection Conference, she visits potential conference sites to provide input on conference location. She assists the Conference Director by developing contractual relationships with the convention center, area hotels, decorator, security firms, and others in support of the conference. Her knowledge of the Army medical community and her engaging personality have enabled her to actively recruit top-notch plenary speakers and VIPs. She also coordinates with the Directors, Public Affairs, Protocol, Audiovisual, Information Management, and Track Chiefs. Gervasoni coordinates room setup and space requirements and provides oversight on brochures and other printed materials. She acts as liaison between the Conference Director and the Tri-Service Conference Director.

Gervasoni's strong expertise in communication techniques, to include verbal and non-verbal communication skills, presentation skills, and knowledge of display and exhibit methodology has led to a highly respected exhibit program. She worked tirelessly as chair, Marketing Quality Management Board. Her resourcefulness and strong sense of dedication to promoting the capabilities of CHPPM to current and potential customers were key in shaping a marketing plan that is both comprehensive and innovative. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm were instrumental in developing consensus among a Board comprised of members with diverse opinions and requirements. She has, without question, gained the respect and confidence of the Board members for her depth of knowledge, sound judgment, and initiative. She is a true quality champion.



(l to r) MG Patrick Sculley, Jane Gervasoni, BG Lester Martinez-Lopez: the medal was presented at the CHPPM Annual Anniversary Ball.



BG Lester Martinez-Lopez presents the award to Thomas Smith.

Thomas Smith, Nurse Consultant, Occupational and Environmental Medicine Program, sets the highest standards for himself; he is self-motivated and requires no instruction or prompting to complete his work. He accomplishes every task so it glistens and sparkles with quality.

In the past year, Smith single-handedly developed a web-based self-assessment tool for installation occupational health clinics within and outside the Continental United States. This tool allows installations to assess the quality of their own programs, and allows CHPPM to tap into the pulse of programs throughout the world instantly. Smith served as the individual responsible for obtaining continuing education credits for over 1500 health care professionals who attended the Force Health Protection Conference over the past 3 years. The packets require scrupulous attention to detail, documentation, and justification for each presentation for which credit is requested. Due to his outstanding skill in the preparation and submission of the CEU and CME packets, our conferences receive maximum credits. This is critical to the success of such a conference as an educational tool.

He provides exceptional support for our customers throughout the United States and abroad by evaluating the occupational health clinics for the U.S. Army Materiel Command by special request. His untiring efforts to visit these clinics, conduct assistance reviews, and provide technical consultations are legend or legion in the field. He also serves as an untiring advocate of installation occupational health clinics by documenting staff shortages, supporting their continued training, and giving voice to their concerns.

He was instrumental in developing the Preventive Medicine and Occupational Medicine Resourcing Model. This model will support adequate resourcing for all Occupational Medicine programs by identifying fundamental services that must be provided and the necessary resources. This is critically important as medical funding is increasingly diverted to TRICARE. His boundless knowledge of his field and its importance is a true asset to the continued care of soldiers and DA civilians worldwide.

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CHPPM's Holiday Party – 2001

By: Evelyn B. Riley

The annual holiday party was held at the Richlin Ballroom on 14 December and was attended by 370 people. Wayne Hardcastle, committee member, said, "It's always good to gather with my comrades every Christmas. I especially enjoyed seeing friends that I have not seen in a year. I always have a fun time, particularly if I get a chance to dance. COL K. K. Phull did a splendid job as Master of Ceremonies and in introducing contestants. I thought Santa's elf and the Grinch looked and acted very realistically. As a former U.S. Marine would say, I think this occasion gives the Center a feeling of comradeship and esprit de corps."

BG Lester Martinez-Lopez welcomed everyone. He thanked those who participated in the 11 September event and discussed how the world has changed since that time. LTC (Chaplain) Gregory Black gave the blessing. SPC Dixie Albro sang the national anthem. The Directorate of Environmental Health Engineering sponsored the party. Angela Conlon, secretary to the DEHE, was the Chairperson; committee members were:

Carolyn Crouse/Lena Blethen – Surface Water & Waste Water
Carolyn Wyatt/Wayne Hardcastle – Hazardous Waste & Medical Waste Management

Patricia Gibbs – Air Quality Surveillance
Stephanie Cregar – Water Supply Management

Geraldine Eaton – Environmental Noise

Thomas Meckelburg – Ground Water & Solid Waste

Charlotte Crouse – Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management

Santa - Geoffrey Braybrooke – Industrial Hygiene Field Services

Grinch - Richard Price - Hazardous Waste & Medical Waste Management

Phull, master of ceremony, announced the following door prizes donated by various activities:

DTS – \$30 gift certificate, Mountain Branch Golf Club Restaurant

DOHS – Gift basket, Desert Peppers Trading Co.

DEHE - \$30, lottery tickets

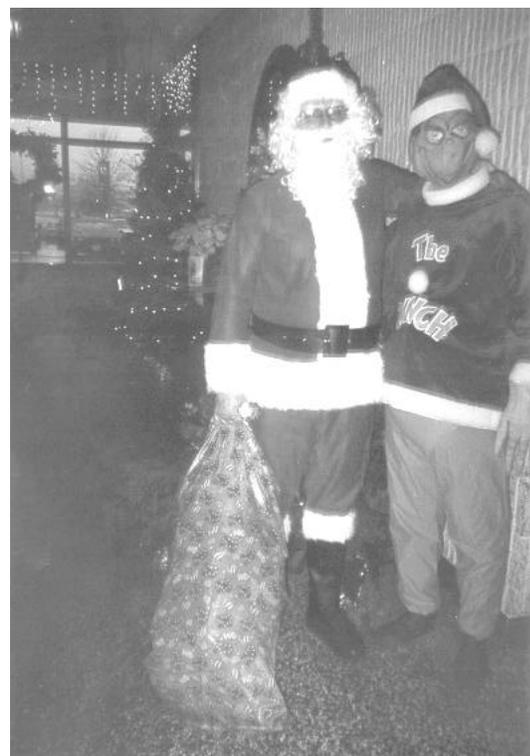
DHPW – Poinsettia

DLS - \$20 gift certificate, Harford Mall

DTOX – Gift basket, Mountain Branch Golf Club Restaurant

DCPM – Two \$30 gift certificates, Dick's Clothing and Sporting Goods

DEDS – Gift basket, DaPits Chicago Grill Marinades



(l to r) Santa Clause and the Grinch, better known as Geoffrey Braybrooke and Richard Price.

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New faces at CHPPM



2LT Naomi Johnson reported to CHPPM-West in December. Johnson recently completed the Officer Basic Course and is a graduate of Maryville University, St. Louis, MO. Prior to joining CHPPM-West she served as a 91K at Fort Hood, TX. Johnson will be working in the Environmental Health Engineering Division Section.



Colleen Brust is an aquatic biologist with the Surface Water and Wastewater Program CHPPM. Her work is focused on marine and freshwater environmental assessments at installations such as U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, and

Anniston Chemical Demilitarization Facility. Brust started working at CHPPM as a participant in the ORISE Postgraduate Internship Program. She holds a Master's Degree in Marine Science in the Department of Environmental Science at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. Her undergraduate degree from the University of Guelph is in Biology, with a specialization in Marine Biology. Brust's work experience has included studying bat behavior in Costa Rica and fish systematics at the Royal Ontario Museum.



2LT Peter Gray reported to CHPPM-West in December. Gray recently completed the Officer Basic Course and is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines. Gray will be working in the EHED.

Disney World/Disneyland salute Armed Forces

From January to the end of April, "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" will offer discounts at both the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and the Disneyland Resort in California. Active U.S. military personnel, with proper U.S. military identification, are eligible, including active members of the U.S. Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard or Reservists.

At Walt Disney World Resort, each active member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary seven-day ticket during the offer period (January 1 to April 30, 2002).

U.S. active military personnel are also eligible for discounts at select Disney resorts, starting with a \$49 per night rate (plus tax) at Disney's All-Star Resorts.

At the Disneyland Resort, each active service member may purchase, at a 50 percent discount, tickets to the Disneyland Resort theme parks for up to five friends and family members. Additionally, the service member accompanying the party will receive the same ticket for free.

For more on these and other discounts, call 407-939-7424 (Disney World) or 714-781-4565 (Disneyland), or contact your Information, Ticketing and Registration office.

Military News

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Promoted



BG Lester Martinez-Lopez (l) and LTC Steve Jones (r) do the honors of pinning on the new insignia rank of CPT on Michael Terry.

New online Military Benefits Handbook

Courtesy of Military.Com

Military.com has recently published an online handbook with easy-to-understand explanations about military benefits. The handbook provides information for active duty Guard/Reserve, Veterans, and Retired personnel on military benefits such as the GI Bill, TRICARE, Pay & Benefits, Insurance and VA home loans. The guide is a free resource for Military.com members. Those who are not members can access the guide by joining Military.com. Membership is free. To access the guide, go to: <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileVide/MainMessage.htm?ESRC=mr.nl>

Update on 2002 Defense Authorization Bill

Courtesy of MIL.COM

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Bob Stump has announced that conferees have reached agreement on the conference report to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (S.1438).

The report is said to accomplish three goals: support U.S. military personnel through improved pay and benefits, restore U.S. military readiness, and boost efforts to defend the American homeland from terrorism and ballistic missile attack.

The report provides the largest single-year increase to defense spending since the early 1980s.

For more on this report and the proposed pay and benefits changes, go to: http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=2002_Report.htm.

Quality Advocates...

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Smith developed the Army Civilian Training, Education, and Development System for the field of occupational health nursing. This important document, now approved, allows for logical career progression and maps out critical training for occupational health nurses. This plan would have been nonexistent but for the diligence of Smith. It has set the benchmark for quality in career goals in his field. He has, for many years, served as the CHPPM focal point for the Occupational Medicine Basic Course. Annually, he teaches a week-long course which serves as the "basic training" for new nurses in the field. His evaluations consistently document his excellent instruction, and he consistently receives rave reviews. Moreover, his sense of fun makes the classes enjoyable, a rare combination.



BG Lester Martinez-Lopez presents the medal to Dr. George Luz.

Dr. George A. Luz, has been the Program Manager, Environmental Noise, since January 1981. He has been instrumental in protecting soldiers, their families, Department of the Army civilians, and the general public from the adverse effects of military noise, such as sleep disturbance, speech interference, nervousness, and annoyance.

During his tenure, he has focused on improving installation environmental management Army-wide to reduce/eliminate conflict between the Army and surrounding communities. He has advanced the body of research findings on the effects of military environmental noise through cooperative projects with the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, the Federal Interagency Committee on Aviation Noise, and the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization Committee for the Challenges of Modern Society. He has assisted the units within the Continental United States in achieving compliance with national and local noise laws.

His contribution to quality has an impact on environmental noise management, both CONUS and OCONUS. He is widely respected for his professionalism and technical competence, as well as his gentle style of leadership. Just as he demands quality in his own work, he actively assists the professionals and technicians he supervises to strive for quality. As a result, the Environmental Noise Program is an important contributor to the DOD Environmental Noise Working Group, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society, and the Federal Interagency Committee on Aviation Noise. The Program's influence within DOD is far beyond what would be expected, based on the small size of the team.

Previous winners include Dr. Edward Evans, Dr. William Kavanagh, CPT Myranda Vereen, LTC Debra Schnelle, Dr. Robert Ryczak and SSG Elizabeth Simmons (tie winners), and Evelyn B. Riley.

Native American Observance

By: Linda D. Patrick



SFC Ophelia Burkholder, TAML, dressed in her traditional Native American Bridal attire.

On Thursday, 1 November, the CHPPM Native American Employment Program celebrated its Native American Observance in the lobby of E-1930, CHPPM Headquarters from 0900-1100 and in the Conference Center Annex from 1100-1400. SFC Ophelia Burkholder, Theater Army Medical Laboratory, presented some new insights to the observance as a newlywed of Native American descent. SFC Ophelia Burkholder and SGT Nathan Burkholder were married in a traditional Native American ceremony on 10 March.

The participants at this year's event were able to enjoy and review Native American displays, jewelry, arts and crafts, photo albums and posters. Participants also received education on a traditional Native American bridal basket, a cradleboard and the bride and groom attire.

The knowledge gained from this experience is designed to help employees and family members understand and appreciate many different cultures.

A complimentary Native American recipe book prepared by Denice Davison NAEP Coordinator and Jeanette England, Publication Management Division, was provided to all participants. Many thanks to SSG Burkholder for sharing her culture and knowledge of Native Americans with CHPPM; it was a wonderful experience.

Thanks to the efforts of Denice Davison; Carol Baker, Alton McDaniel, Karen Walker, NAEP committee members; and Linda Patrick, EEO Coordinator, all who attended enjoyed the celebration.

Burkholder provided the information on the Bridal Basket or Navajo Basket and the Navajo Cradleboard. The Navajo basket has its origin in the mythical history of the Navajos when the Holy People used it in the creation of the earth. Three different colors are included in the basket's design: red, white, and black. The white portions of the basket represent dawn, which symbolize health, wealth and blessings to the Navajo people. The red area represents the most obvious color in the rainbow and symbolizes the path to old age and wisdom. These red areas may also represent the sun's rays, which are included in the "correcting ceremony" sand paintings. The dark layers represent layers of clouds.

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Native American...

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The white designs in the center represent the sacred mountains either four or six, depending on whether Mt. Huerfano and Gobernador Knob are included. The very center of the basket symbolizes long-range thinking and ability to see, as well as the mental development of the child.

Today, the traditional Navajo basket is used in numerous ceremonies or “sings.” Baskets may be used to carry items from the medicine man’s pouch, as a washpan to ceremonially wash the patient, to drink herbal medicines from, or turned upside down as a drum.

The Navajo name for the cradleboard is “Aweetsaal.” Many Navajo mothers today still use the cradleboard because it is a convenient way to carry the baby and protects the baby from falls while keeping it covered. Being bound on the board is supposed to produce a calm and poised personality in the baby, as well as a strong, straight back. The cradleboard is supposed to be constructed by the father of the baby. He selects cottonwood, pine or cedar for the two back-boards. The two back boards are laced together, and the upper end of the back is cut into a V-shape. Loops of buckskin or cloth are placed along the sides of the cradleboard. Holes are made in the cradleboard by burning through the boards with heated wires. Before modern paint was introduced, the board was sanded down with a stone, and then tallow was applied. The boards were heated over a fire to insure the penetration of the tallow into the wood. Lastly, red ochre was applied to keep the evil spirits away. The Navajos believe that the evil spirits do not apply red ochre to their cradleboards.



SFC Ophelia Burkholder, TAML, displays a cradleboard used by Navajo women today.



Samples of arts, crafts, and jewelry that were on display at the NAEP observance.

Commander “toots” CHPPM’s horn

By: Linda D. Patrick

BG Martinez-Lopez toots CHPPM’s horn as he honors the following employees for their superior knowledge, dedication, and experience on a job well done at the Post Pentagon Disaster site.

CHPPM’s significant role at the Pentagon was acknowledged at a ceremony held on 4 December. This project has helped place CHPPM at the forefront of efforts to provide health promotion and preventive medicine. The project was very time- and labor-intensive, requiring a team of mechanical engineers, environmental science officers, industrial hygienists, and technicians to pull it off.

The successful completion of this project illustrates how the many facets of CHPPM come together to provide a very valuable service. CHPPM is committed to excellence, continuous quality improvement, and customer satisfaction.



Steve Kistner, LTC Thomas Logan, MAJ Michael Salamy, MAJ Anthony Intrepido, and SSG Tony Hemphill.



(l to r) Stephen Kistner, Donna Doganiero, Colleen Weese, Pat Cowin, back row; Wilbert Moultrie, Steve Graham, Brad Hutchens and Ralph Rogers.



(l to r) Steve Kistner, Jack Heller, Chris Carroll, Shahid Haque, Vickie Hawkins, Irene Richardson, and John Ryea.

Commander “toots” CHPPM’s horn

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At an award ceremony held recently, BG Lester Martinez-Lopez honored the following CHPPM employees for their direct support to the Army’s 4th Annual Force Health Protection Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Their knowledge, expertise and dedication to excellence, helped to make the conference a great success.



(l to r) SSG Tony Hemphill, MAJ Robert Mott, CPT Ricardo Reyes, CPT Michael Desena, BG Lester Martinez-Lopez, COL Richard Kramp, LTC John Campbell, MAJ Carl Hover and MAJ Tamra Barker.



(l to r) Phyllis Beckman, Lovetta Britton, Bonnie Burello, Jane Gervasoni, BG Lester Martinez-Lopez, Bell Riley, Marilyn Root, Tom Smith, and Mike Waltermeyer.



(l to r) BG Lester Martinez-Lopez, Tom Morris, Brian Barn, and Warren Crellin.



(l to r) Ben Bunger, Marilyn Swantkowski, BG Lester Martinez-Lopez, Leon Conjour, Carolyn Colburn and Joyce Kopatch. Not pictured is Normal Pospisil.

Looking for the Plans & Integration or the Quality Systems Office?

By: Jane Gervasoni
Public Affairs Specialist

We've changed more than our name. The Strategic Initiatives Office or SIO was established in FY2000 by merging the Quality Systems Office and the remaining functions of the Plans and Integration Office after the creation of the Proponency Office for Preventive Medicine. This consolidation was done in order to improve organizational efficiency and achieve economies of scale. We are part of the Commander's Special Staff, and we are responsible for providing strategic and operational planning, coordination, analysis, and integration support to CHPPM, POPM, OTSG and MEDCOM as well as information products in the form of analytical reports, marketing materials, draft policy, doctrine and guidance documents.

So, just what does that mean?

We work to develop the preventive medicine piece of the Army and Defense Health Program Objective Memorandum or POM; work on continuous quality improvement and quality management systems throughout the Center and to maintain regulatory requirements and laboratory accreditations; develop the CHPPM Strategic Plan and Balanced Scorecard system initiatives; market CHPPM products and services and maintain our focus on customer service; establish partnering relationships and business development opportunities and knowledge management initiatives; and support the Force Health Protection Conference.

Sara Parker is the Quality Team Leader supported by Gene Sinar and Michael Kefauver, CHPPM Chemists. Tina Allen is the Preventive Medicine Resourcing Team Leader. Jane Gervasoni is the Marketing Team Leader and Deputy Director of the Conference. The glue that holds us all together is Deborah Odom, an invaluable Administrative Assistant who also supports the Toxicology Directorate and the POPM. SIO is located upstairs in building E-1930. Stop by and check us out!!!

2001 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

By: Evelyn B. Riley



David H. Sliney, Ph.D., was the recipient of the 2001 President's Award given by the Laser Institute of America or LIA in gratitude and respect for the tremendous contributions he has made to LIA and the laser safety world.

Sliney is the Program Manager, Laser/Optical Radiation Program at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and has held this position since September 1965. He currently serves as Chair, Hazard Evaluation and Classification Subcommittee of the American National Standards Institute Z136.1. (The LIA is secretariat and publisher of the ANSI Z136 series of laser safety standards.) Sliney was also LIA's 1997 president, the LIA course director, and long-time chair of LIA's safety committee. He has numerous publishing credits, including coauthoring two books, *Safety with Lasers and Other Optical Sources* and *Medical Lasers and Their Safe Use*. He is senior editor of the *Journal of Laser Applications* and an editor of *Lasers in the Life Sciences*.

The award was presented during the 20th International Congress on Applications of Lasers and Electro-Optics, the premier conference for researchers and end-users to meet and discuss state-of-the-art laser technology and learn about future trends.

The LIO is the professional society dedicated to fostering lasers, laser applications, and laser safety worldwide.

Sliney said, "I was very honored to receive the recognition in front of a large audience of laser scientists and engineers from many countries, particularly in light of the fact that they had all braved the concerns of air-terrorism to come to the conference in early October."

CHPPM's Holiday Party – 2001

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DHRM - \$25 gift certificate, Giovanni's

DCSRM – Entertainment book

DCSIM - \$30 gift certificate, Olive Tree Restaurant

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DCSLOG - \$30 gift certificate, DuClaw Restaurant

DCSOPS – Snowman plate by the Workshops of Gerald Henn

One night stay each – Comfort Inn, Edgewood; Sleep Inn Suites, Edgewood; Best Western, Edgewood; Comfort Inn, Perryville; Sleep Inn Suites, Emmetsburg.

Jennie Flynn won the basket of cheer; Donna Averion-Laird won the 50/50.

DJ Fran Webb supplied music. Santa said, "It was fun - many thanks to Santa's Elf and the Grinch - and may the Christmas spirit remain with everyone throughout the New Year!" The Grinch said, "I wouldn't mind giving up my evil ways except that I'm so good at them. It's almost a shame to waste talent like that."

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