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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF 5 MARCH 2008

Encl: (1) MWR Activity Updates

Ref: (a) NSDMINST 1700.2

1. In accordance with reference (a), the MWR Advisory Board Meeting commenced at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 March 2008, in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS).

2. Members and Guests Present.

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3. Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Ms. Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Rogers seconded.

4. Old Business.

a. Ms. Ryan, MWR.

(1) El Prado Dining Room. We had our soft opening of the El Prado Dining Room on Wednesday, 13 February; the renovation project took over one year to be completed. We are preparing to have a grand reopening on Wednesday, 2 April, at 4 p.m.; you are all welcome to attend.

(2) Golf Course Upgrade Project. We have a whole team from CNIC and CNRSW meeting today for the 50% design review meeting at the golf course. They are reviewing the architect's current plans. The project will start on Tuesday, 1 April.

(3) RV Campground Renovation Project. The RV Campground project may not begin on Tuesday, 1 April, as we originally planned, but it should begin soon after that.

5. Ms. Rogers, NEX. The Retiree Council of the Monterey Peninsula will have their monthly meeting at NPS on Thursday, 6 March, in the La Novia Room. The NEX will provide reserved parking for the Council members and a shuttle from the NEX parking lot to the rear entrance of Herrmann Hall. This visit to NPS is co-sponsored by MWR and NEX.

6. Mr. Burton, FFSC. Mr. Burton briefed members on current programs at the FFSC that are available at no charge to eligible patrons.

7. MWR Activity Updates.

a. Ms. Ikstrums, Child and Youth Services.

(1) April is Month of the Military Child. During the Month of the Military Child, we have planned some special activities for the children. We will be posting announcements at various locations at NPS and La Mesa Housing.

(2) Spring Camp, 17 - 28 March. We are now taking sign-ups for Spring Camp for the school age children. Parents can sign up their children by the week or on a space available daily basis.

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There will be fun activities and field trips planned, such as swimming and roller skating.

(3) On Friday, 29 February, several of my staff and I went to San Diego to participate in the 2nd Annual Child and Youth Programs Regional Training Conference. Ms. Murphy, our CDC Training and Curriculum Specialist, and I presented on School Age Environments.

b. Ms. Molitor, Community Activities and Liberty Program. The Comics on Duty show is scheduled on Thursday, 6 March, in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom at 7 p.m. The show is free and dinner service will be available in the ballroom from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, please call me at 656-7955.

c. Ms. Wallace, Recreation Services Division.

(1) St. Patrick's Day 5K Run is scheduled on Friday, 14 March. This event is sponsored by the MWR Sports Program. Advanced registration is \$14.00, or \$16.00 at the event. Children 16 years and under are free.

(2) The Navy Region Southwest Marketing Department will be publishing the Peacock Press starting with the May/June issue. The newsletter will have a full color format. The May/June issue will be the last bimonthly newsletter published; it is going to be replaced with quarterly issues (e.g., July/August/September). The cost of producing the newsletter will basically remain the same because it will be issued only quarterly and printed by the Regional Marketing Department instead of contracting with an outside printer. We are also planning to create a weekly MWR e-newsletter that will be linked from the Intranet to highlight and promote upcoming MWR events.

Ms. Ryan added. The Regional Marketing Department has professional graphic artists who will be working on the newsletter; so we expect to have a more professional and appealing publication. We will do our very best to ensure that the information publicized in the newsletter is accurate. This will require all our managers to plan farther in advance.

LCDR Rowley, USN (Ret) asked. Is MWR planning to arrange a New Year's Eve party this year?

Ms. Ryan responded. I don't know if we will be able to have a New Year's Eve party this year; we will first need to

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determine if it would be cost effective, since we are required to pay our staff double time due to the holiday.

Ms. Cortright commented. Eagles Eye Gallery has several special events during the year, such as open houses, and we are a proud contributor to the MWR Program through the NEX. This month we are having our Spring Open House at the gallery on Friday, 14 March. We have tried before to get a higher profile by being added to the Peacock Press, so far our phone number has been included. Could we also get our events added? We hold open house events throughout the year; we can provide you with a small picture to place in the Peacock Press. Our next open house event is scheduled in November.

Ms. Ryan responded. Absolutely; please contact Ms. Wallace to give her the information and we will get it added to the publication. She can give you the deadline dates to submit information to the upcoming publications.

LT Baker commented. Starting an MWR e-newsletter would help to keep patrons updated. Would it be possible to create a public MWR calendar of events? The benefit would be that if you are using Outlook as your primary calendar, you can keep track of these events by dragging them from a public calendar to your own calendar.

Ms. Ryan responded. We can discuss the possibility and talk with you in more detail about what's going to work best for the students. We would like to improve our communications with the students by providing them easier access to our MWR programs.

8. New Business.

a. Ms. Cortright, Eagle's Eye Gallery. The Eagle's Eye Gallery, in cooperation with the NEX and Gallo Family Vineyards, will be having a Spring Open House on Friday, 14 March, from 4 to 7 p.m. outside the gallery. A representative from Gallo Vineyards will be pouring champaign and an assortment of their better red wines. We will have an assortment of decadent cheese and fruit to compliment the champaign and an assortment of luscious chocolates to compliment the assortment of wines. Gallo will also be providing discount coupons especially made just for this event for attendees. The coupons can be used at the NEX the following day to purchase Gallo wines.

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b. LCDR Rowley, USN (Ret), MOAA.

(1) I have received some feedback from our members about the club's food costs. MWR has arranged some great New Year's Eve parties in the past, but as Ms. Ryan has noted, they are not cost effective. One of the things I have mentioned before is that MWR consider contracting out the food service to bring costs down. Something needs to be done to make the club's food service more competitive. I suggest that this be included as new business at the next meeting.

(2) Can you give us an update on how long it will take to complete the Golf Course Upgrade Project?

Ms. Ryan responded. It will probably take ten to twelve months to complete.

c. Mr. Burton, FFSC. We are currently providing free tax return preparation for those who need help. Please call the FFSC if you need assistance at 656-3699. You can leave a message and Mr. Taylor will return your phone call.

d. CDR Blankenship, Deputy Director of Programs. I have some feedback about the El Prado Dining Room food service operation. The new to-go containers that are now being used are made of very hard plastic and don't seem to be as eco-friendly as the cardboard containers that were being used. I think the club needs to use eco-friendly containers.

Ms. Ryan responded. We acquired those plastic containers from a vendor who asked us to examine them for use in the dining room. We will probably use those containers until the supply has been exhausted and replace them with something different. I will keep in mind to look for eco-friendly alternatives.

CDR Blankenship commented. The other issue is that the dining room now only offers the large to-go salads for \$6.95. This is quite a lot of salad.

e. Ms. Ryan, MWR. I plan to discuss with CAPT Hobbs, who is the Dean of Students, about how we can generate more interest in these board meetings. The attendance rate seems to have declined during the last two meetings. The board originally was meeting at 10 a.m. Approximately one year ago (six meetings ago), at the request of the PSC representative, we changed the meetings to 12 noon. It was agreed that this should give the students a better

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opportunity to attend these meetings because it would decrease conflict with their class schedules. But now many of the tenant commands and other representatives are not attending. So we need to find a way to generate more participation.

8. With no other items from the members, Ms. Ryan thanked everyone for attending the meeting today and for providing their feedback. Meeting adjourned at 1234. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, 7 May 2008, at 12:00 noon in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, NPS. NPS and tenant commands are encouraged to send a representative.



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