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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF 1 MARCH 2006

Encl: (1) MWR Activity Updates

Ref: (a) NAVPGSCOLINST 1700.2B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the MWR Advisory Board Meeting commenced at 12:01 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 March 2006, in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS).

2. Members and Guests Present

Name	Title/Organization	Email
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3. Ms. Raish asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 11 January 2006. Ms. Sierpien made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Mr. Vincent seconded.

4. Old Business

a. Swimming Pool, Ms. Raish. We still do not have an answer to whether the San Diego self-help crew will be able to help repair our pool.

b. Internet Access for Navy Lodge Guests, Ms. Collier. The Navy Lodge Manager is working with the communications group to install a separate DSL line to the Navy Lodge in the guest rooms. Guests will then be able to have Internet access in their rooms using their laptop computers, etc. At this point, we are not able to work on getting a computer for the lobby due to this year's funding.

c. MWR Focus Groups, Ms. Raish. Scheduled Focus Groups for the Leisure Services Division are: Fitness Center on 14 March at 1700; Single Sailor/Liberty on 20 March at 1800; ITT on 28 March at 1700; and Marina on 4 April at 1700.

5. MWR Activity Updates. MWR managers highlighted relevant activity updates contained in enclosure (1).

a. Peacock Press, Ms. Raish. Our Peacock Press newsletter will have a new format starting this month; we will be using two colors throughout the newsletter and glossy paper.

b. Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), Mr. White. Mr. White provided information on the upcoming investing class at FFSC. This is a very valuable class and many can benefit by attending.

6. Directorate of Community Activities, MWR-DLI, Mr. Siegrist

a. Mr. Siegrist provided packets of brochures and flyers of upcoming tours, baseball season trip schedule, March Madness Ski Package, scuba program and other activities.

b. Our paintball facility is now open; it is located next door to our RV storage lot in Fort Ord. The Grand Opening celebration will be on Saturday, 22 April 2006.

c. The Mud Run, sponsored by the Big Sur Marathon, will be held in Fort Ord during the first week of April. Big Sur Marathon is working with DLI on this program.

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Ms. Raish asked. I had a request whether there is anyplace to ride motorcycles on Fort Ord.

Mr. Siegrist replied. No, it is not allowed on Fort Ord; only mountain biking, hiking, horse-back riding are allowed on Fort Ord.

7. Navy Exchange, Ms. Collier

a. As I explained at the last board meeting, due to budgeting, our flyers are no longer being mailed out, but we are now producing a one-page flyer in-house and emailing them to departments and commands for them to further distribute; please contact me if you would like to be added to the email distribution. In the meantime, our advertising department in Virginia will be printing for us, at least once a month, a glossy 4-page version. We will be distributing to different locations and emailing, but we will not be able to mail them to our customers. If anyone has suggestions on how to distribute them to the residents of military housing, please let me know. We are going to start delivering a supply to the housing office in La Mesa and Stillwell.

b. There is a new book available at the NEX about the history of the area called *Monterey's Hotel Del Monte*; one of our customers suggested that we carry this book. Cost is only \$12.99; anywhere else in the town it costs \$19.99 plus tax.

c. We have had to begin carrying a new version of MS Office that is a special edition for the military/NEX system only for \$59.99. MS Office is generally over \$250 at the NEX or at computer stores. The only difference in this special version is that the license allows only installation on one computer verses three. We are limiting quantities for purchase to one per customer due to concerns of unauthorized distribution.

8. MWR Facilities, Ms. Raish

a. El Prado Dining Room Renovation. The first stage of the renovation by the self-help crew will start next week; this should take about one week to complete. They will remove the bar and build a temporary wall. Then they will remove the wall coverings to reveal the possible historic artwork that had been covered with the tiles and mirrors. The second phase will be HAZMAT abatement; they do not know how long this process will take until they begin the work and can make an assessment of what they find. The third phase will take approximately four

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months to complete. During phase two and three, food service will be moved from the El Prado Dining Room to one side of the ballroom. We will use the other side of the room for Catered luncheons for conferences.

b. Golf Course Upgrade Project. The archeological survey study has been completed; there were no adverse findings. It has been forwarded to the State Historical Society. There has been no upgrade time-line established yet for the design, etc.

9. New Business

a. Ms. Raish, MWR

(1) Ms. Ryan is currently conducting interviews at the golf course today for the Golf Course/RV Park Manager.

(2) We recently filled the Child and Youth Services Director position. The new director is expected to report here on Monday, 1 May.

(3) Our Community Activities Manager who has been in charge of Special Events, Single Sailor Program and movies program, Rachel Sierpien, will be leaving MWR this month to transfer with her husband.

(4) Our Marketing Assistant has been working with the Web Master to place the MWR logo on the NPS homepage; so you can click on the logo and go directly to our MWR homepage. This has been progressing and the Web Master will be having a meeting today to determine if and where the logo could be placed.

b. Ms. Reiche, ITT

(1) The automated phone service for ITT is not set up yet, we are still working through some problems. But it will be set up so that you will get a menu of the most important services we have available at ITT, or direct you to speak with ITT staff.

(2) Mazda Raceway tickets will be available at ITT. Since Saturday and Sunday tickets are free for active duty, we will only be selling the three-day passes for Friday through Sunday.

(3) We are preparing for the Leisure Fun Fair which will be on Tuesday, 18 April, in the ballroom. So far we have over

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twenty vendors signed up. They will provide local and California recreational information.

Mr. Rowley commented. The 26th annual Dixieland Monterey will be held this weekend; it's an annual event held during the first weekend in March. Friday through Sunday music events will be held at the Monterey Convention Center and a couple of venues on the wharf and other locations. There will be several free events during the weekend. I would like to see information for this event in the Peacock Press. There are youth bands that will be performing, so this is a really good family event. I suggest that you might try raffling off or selling badges next year.

Ms. Reiche commented. I was not aware of this event beforehand; but we did receive some flyers that we have displayed at ITT. I talked with the contractor for tickets to that event, and hopefully next year we can set up a contract to sell the badges at ITT.

c. Mr. Vincent, Fitness Center. We have added Judo to our schedule; Mondays and Wednesdays at 1830. The class is free; they just ask that you be part of the Judo Association.

Ms. Raish added. This is a new special interest group that is forming under MWR. It was an item of interest mentioned during one of our MWR Focus Groups. This group is just now starting; anyone interested in joining the Judo Group should contact Loy at 656-1943.

CDR Sieber suggested. If it's possible, can the gym allow patrons to check out two towels? Perhaps when signing in at the gym desk, having a place next to your name where you enter how many towels you have checked out.

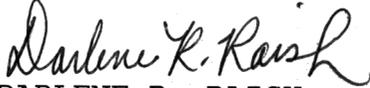
Mr. Vincent replied. This doesn't sound like a problem. We have lost quite a few towels, but we have cut it down by 50% by enforcing our existing policy.

d. Ms. Raish, FRA. Ms. Raish relayed a statement from an FRA Newsletter of 2005 indicating how FRA is working to protect and support MWR programs on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Rowley commented. The other two lobbying groups for Congress trying to maintain strong sea services are MOAA and the Navy League. It's very important that we support the MWR programs to improve morale of our military.

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10. With no other items from the members, Ms. Raish thanked everyone for attending and providing their feedback. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, 12 July 2006, at 12:00 noon in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, NPS.** NPS and tenant commands are invited to send a representative.


DARLENE R. RAISH

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MWR ACTIVITY UPDATES

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1. Leisure Services Division, Ms. Darlene Raish, Leisure Services Manager. The Leisure Services Branch of MWR will be holding focus group meetings for the following areas: fitness center, Information, Ticket & Tours, Liberty and marina. If you would like to participate in a focus group, please contact Darlene Raish at 656-7953 or drraish@nps.edu. Focus group meetings will be scheduled for March and April.

a. Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT), Regina Reiche, ITT Manager

(1) ITT Resource Office. The ITT Office is expanding into the room next door. Patrons will be able to come in and plan there vacations with tour books, maps and videos from our attractions. Look for more information in the future.

(2) Automated Telephone Service. ITT is working on setting up an automated phone system. The options will be: press 1 for hours, directions and web site information; press 2 for local attractions; press 3 for Disney information; press 4 for San Diego attractions; and 5 for an attendant.

(3) Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca Tickets. There has been a problem with the promoter, so we hope to have tickets for the 10-12 March race shortly. Call ITT for more information, 656-3223.

2. Child Development and Youth Program, Ms. Kraycirik, Acting Child and Youth Services Director

a. Tech Connection

(1) We will be taking Tee-Ball/baseball registrations until Friday, 3 March; season starts 25 March. Ages 5 - 6 Tee-Ball; 7 - 8 Coach Pitch; 9 - 11 Juniors. The cost is \$45 per child; after 28 February late fees will be \$55 per child. Please contact the Tech Connection for more information at 656-2127.

(2) We are also still looking for coaches for all ages. Please contact Steve Duran at sjduran@nps.edu.