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#### Fab Feds

I had a thought as I walked through the stacks and gazed fondly at the upright spines, and made mental note to come back through and straighten out those sections with gaps because books were checked out. Yes, good old books are still borrowed by the patrons, as that format works best for researchers who want to put sticky notes on relevant pages and have the books within reach rather than flip back and forth between screens on the computer. That our staff is so busy fulfilling patron requests convinces me that library services are still relevant, needed and wanted. I am also encouraged that we are hiring librarians to fill long vacant positions, and I hope these positive events reflect the larger trends for federal and military libraries.

Another great event is the upcoming ALA Annual in Las Vegas and the fantastic programs planned. Everyone is welcome to attend these two days of great information sharing:

- Innovative Talent Management Practices in Federal Libraries: Responding to the Challenges of Recruitment, Retention, and Succession
- Leveraging Librarian Expertise in Customer Resource Management
- Rebranding Yourself for a Career Change/Transition into Information Services



Don't forget to bring your business cards and join us at the Membership meeting! After we get the business done, feel free to socialize, network and brainstorm.

We are also co-sponsoring programs with the Careers in Federal Libraries (CiFL):

- Become a Social Media GURU in Your Job Search
- Alternate Career Paths: Federal Opportunities

All of these events are being presented by subject matter experts so come with you curiosity, questions and notebooks. I look forward to seeing you there!

Virginia Sanchez  
FALFRT President 2013-2014

# Join FAFLRT for the 2014 ALA Annual Conference!

Saturday, June 28

In the ALA Placement Office, time TBD:  
Joint Careers in Federal Libraries program  
on using social media



Sunday, June 29

Location: Las Vegas Hotel - Ballroom E

## 8:30-10:00 Innovative Talent Management Practices in Federal Libraries: Responding to the Challenges of Recruitment, Retention, and Succession

Description: Federal libraries are facing issues surrounding recruiting and retaining staff, and planning for continuity. Join Roberta Shaffer - Library of Congress, Mary-Deirdre Coraggio and Rosa Liu - NIST, and Kathleen Hanselmann - Defense Language Institute panelists to hear how they are managing talent in their libraries.

See more at: <http://connect.ala.org/node/223777#sthash.glcErZtf.dpuf>

## 10:30-11:30 Leveraging Librarian Expertise in Customer Resource Management

Description: Hear how the EPA Library Network implemented a customer resource management system that ensures inquiries/comments are effectively routed, managed, tracked, answered and measured.

See more at: <http://connect.ala.org/node/223777#sthash.glcErZtf.dpuf>

## 12:00-1:00 FAFRLT Awards Reception

Description: Join us for refreshments to celebrate the FAFLRT awards.

Please RSVP to Anne Harrison: [harrisonanne57@yahoo.com](mailto:harrisonanne57@yahoo.com)

## 1:00-2:30 Rebranding Yourself for a Career Change/Transition into Information Services

Description: Want to find out what bigger and better career paths exist for you in the information services arena? Wendy Nolin, professional career coach and founder of Change Agent Careers, will speak about growing careers and alternatives that you may want to pursue.

See more at: <http://connect.ala.org/node/223777#sthash.glcErZtf.dpuf>

## 3:00-4:00 FAFLRT Membership Meeting

## 2014 FAFLRT Awards

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table is pleased to announce the 2014 FAFLRT Award winners!

The Federal Librarians Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship recipient for 2014 is Sue E. Graves. The scholarship is given to a library school student who has an interest in working in a federal library. Ms. Graves is currently attending San Jose State University and works as a Metadata Technician at the Smithsonian Libraries. Ms. Graves will receive a scholarship award of \$1,500.

The FAFLRT Rising Star recipient for 2014 is Katie Rapp. Ms Rapp

is currently at the NIST (National Institute for Standards and Technology) Library. Ms. Rapp was also the recipient of the Federal Librarians Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship in 2012. The FAFLRT Rising Star Award recognizes the activities and contributions of those new to federal or armed forces librarianship and government information management.

The FAFLRT Achievement Award recipient for 2014 is Judith P. Cannan. Ms. Cannan is currently Chief, Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division at the Library of Congress. The

award recognizes an individual for achievement in the promotion of library and information service and the information profession in the federal community. Ms. Cannan will receive a plaque recognizing her accomplishments.

The FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award recipient for 2014 is Eileen Welch. Ms. Welch is currently the Information Resource Manager at the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes a FAFLRT member for outstanding and sustained contributions to FAFLRT. Ms. Welch will receive a plaque recognizing her accomplishments.

## FEDLINK Recognizes Federal Libraries and Librarians

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2013 FEDLINK awards for outstanding, innovative and sustained achievements during the fiscal year 2013! The Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) honored the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship during the 2014 FEDLINK Spring Exposition on May 13 at the Library of Congress.

### 2013 Federal Library Technician of the Year

Brandan Carroll, Library Technician, Veterans Health Administration / Veterans Integrated Service Network 1, Bedford, Mass., is recognized for exceptional technical competency and commitment to service excellence.

Read more in the press release available here:

<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2014/14-082.html>

### 2013 Federal Library/Information Center of the Year

Large Library/Information Center (with a staff of 11 or more federal and/or contract employees):

Information Services Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, Md., is recognized for its leadership role in supporting and enhancing the research activities of the NIST scientific and technological community through a comprehensive program of knowledge management.

Small Library/Information Center (with a staff of 10 or fewer federal and/or contract employees):

Joint Base Librarian and Resource Commons of the 87th Force Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., is recognized for providing access to high-quality information and materials for service members, civilians and the community in support of mission readiness, academic development and quality of life.

# Proposed Changes to the FAFLRT Bylaws

The FAFLRT Board of Directors is proposing the following changes to four articles of the Bylaws.

- The Board feels that these changes are necessary to allow greater participation by the Membership in FAFLRT meetings, votes, and on the Board.
- In particular, the revised Bylaws would allow cyber-attendance to substitute for physical attendance at Board and Membership meetings. The reductions in travel funding and authorization to attend ALA conferences by federal agencies in recent years has greatly impacted the ability of FAFLRT to meet the quorum requirements through physical attendance.
- These changes also reflect the changing priorities and functions of the Board itself, and encourage greater flexibility in who can serve on the Board.

Each of the following proposed changes is open for comment from the Membership. Suggestions may be incorporated into each proposed change, at the Board's discretion, prior to a final vote by the Membership. Please submit your written comments and suggestions related to these changes to the FAFLRT Board via the FAFLRT listserv <http://www.ala.org/faflrt/socialnetworking/discussionlist> or by direct email no later than June 22, 2014. Contact information for your Board members is posted on the FAFLRT website at <http://www.ala.org/faflrt/governance/officers>

Each of the seven changes below will be voted on separately:

1. Article III. Membership,
  - a. Section 2, Rights and Privileges.

Proposed Change 1: Change this section to read:

Rights and privileges. Members are entitled to participate fully in the organization and activities of the Round Table except that only personal members who are (a) currently employed or retired federal or armed forces library or information personnel, (b) employed at an academic or nonprofit institution with an interest in federal or armed forces library or information centers, or (c) students actively enrolled in an accredited program leading to a degree in information studies/librarianship at the time of their election and during their stay in office shall have the right to hold office.

Rationale: Board participation would then be open to more of the FAFLRT Membership, rather than just to current federal employees.

- b. Section 3, Dues:

Proposed Change 2: In the last sentence, change "present at" to "participating in".

Rationale: This will allow members to attend meetings and vote electronically in lieu of attending in person.

2. Article IV. Governance

- a. Section I. Officers.

Proposed change 3: Strike the final sentence specifying which branch of the military each Armed Forces Director must represent.

## Bylaws continued

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Rationale: Due to the joint nature of the modern US military, this is no longer relevant and unnecessarily restricts Board participation by interested members. The Membership will determine by vote, which Armed Forces Directors will be elected.

b. Section 3. Duties. B. Immediate past president.

Proposed Change 4: Strike “as the Nominating Committee Chair and/or to serve”.

Rationale: Any member could be appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee Chair, as has been the practice for many years. This clause is unnecessary.

3. Article V. Board of Directors.

Proposed Change 5: Strike mention of “the interval between meetings”.

Rationale: The Board manages the affairs of the Round Table throughout the year and this clause is redundant.

Proposed Change 6: Remove the requirement to rotate Armed Forces Directors between branches, but maintain this as a recommended practice by including the qualifier, “As much as possible” to the last sentence.

Rationale: The goal is to have the broadest representation of the varying needs of the armed forces. However, in the modern joint force environment, and given staffing shortfalls, restricting the pool of potential Armed Forces Directors to a specific branch is no longer practical or necessary. The Membership will vote to elect the Armed Forces Director who best meets the Board’s needs at any given time.

4. Article XI. Amendments.

Proposed Change 7: Replace “present at” with “participating in person or electronically in”.

Rationale: This will allow FAFLRT members who cannot be present physically at meetings to participate, vote, and count as part of the quorum.



The staff of the NAVAIR Scientific and Technical Library at China Lake CA celebrated National Library Week with an Open House. A healthy repast of carrot cake (which is a vegetable) and iced tea was provided. Pictured are, from right to left, Cynthia "Cyndy" Kitchens, Library Director Barbara Lupei, Chrissy Everett, Sang Park, Mara Bowen, Jeff Schiller, and Virginia Sanchez. Not pictured is Linda Merwin.



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# FAFLRT 2014 Election Results

**VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT:** Stephen Pomes  
(Serves 3 years: Vice-President, President, and Past President)

**TREASURER:** Vicky Crone  
(For a 2-year term)

**ARMED FORCES DIRECTOR:** Bianna E. Ine-Ryan  
(For a 2-year term)

**FEDERAL DIRECTOR:** Anne Harrison  
(For a 2-year term)

The new term begins following the ALA Annual Conference.

## U. S. Department of State Ralph J. Bunche Library Speaker Series

The U.S. Department of State Ralph J. Bunche Library created the Bunche Library Speaker Series in 2012 to highlight the Library's information and research resources and provide a forum for employees to be exposed to and interact with current authors and ideas in foreign affairs. In February 2012 the series began by featuring John Lewis Gaddis speaking on his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "George Kennan: An American Life." Gaddis was the first of five Pulitzer Prize winners to participate in the Speaker Series.

In the past two years, the library has hosted 63 presentations in the series, with a combined attendance of more than 3,600. Among the speakers was retired CIA Analyst Sandra Grimes, who discussed her book, "Circle of Treason: A CIA Account of Traitor Aldrich Ames and the Men He Betrayed" and Robert Edsel talking about his book, "The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History."



# Lively Lectures

Speakers program brings books to life

By Hugh Howard, chief librarian, Ralph Bunche Library

If bookstores can invite authors to hold talks on their publications, why not libraries, as well? That's the approach of the Department's Ralph Bunche Library, where attendees can listen to authors discussing a new book on diplomatic history or current events, all without leaving the Harry S Truman Building.

Authors in the library's Speaker Series help broaden attendees' understandings of current and historic issues and the conduct of foreign affairs. The series offers a range of opinions and fosters discussion and understanding, all in an environment where people from different offices and bureaus can interact.

The talks can be lively and informative and often have humorous moments. For instance, Stephen Kinzer, author of "The Brothers: John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles and Their Secret World War", began his talk by noting that his publisher did not want him there, since the library doesn't sell books. But he acknowledged that State Department employees are an important audience.

In his talk, he discussed the Dulles brothers' key influences, citing their belief in American exceptionalism and that "there's good and evil in the world," and America must act for good. But he also spoke of how he'd come to sense that the fame of John Foster Dulles, once a highly regarded Secretary of State, had faded. On a visit to the D.C. area, he said, he'd searched Dulles International Airport for the bust of its namesake. He finally found it had been moved from public display to a conference room near Luggage Claim.

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Current and retired Department colleagues have also spoken. They include Mark Hove on the book "The History of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security"; Lindsay Krasnoff, on "The Making of Les Bleus: Sport in France 1958-2010"; Wesley Reisser, on "The Black Book: Woodrow Wilson's Secret Plan for Peace"; and W.R. (Richard) Smyser, on "Kennedy and the Berlin Wall."

The programs cover a range of topics. Max Hasting, for instance, spoke on the book "Catastrophe: Europe Goes to War, 1914", while Robert Anders spoke on "Winning Paktika: Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan." David Satter discussed "It Was a Long Time Ago and It Never Happened Anyway: Russia and the Communist Past", and David Tirado Chase talked about "Human Rights, Revolution and Reform in the Muslim World." Other topics have included the travel industry, China, terrorism, Tajikistan, Harry Hopkins, North Korea, and Somali pirates.



**Opposite:** Robert M. Edsel tells Bunche Library attendees about his book, "The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History." **Above:** Wide-angle view shows attendance at author Mark Mazzetti's presentation. *Photos by Michelle Nolan*



Elizabeth Becker discusses "Overbooked: The Exploding Business of Travel and Tourism."

*Photo by Michelle Nolan*



Mark Mazzetti of *The New York Times* speaks on the book "The Way of the Knife: the CIA, a Secret Army and a War at the Ends of the Earth."

*Photo by Michelle Nolan*

The library has co-sponsored programs with the group Executive Women@State, with such bureaus as Intelligence and Research and International Information Programs, and with the Office of Civil Rights and U.S. Diplomacy Center. Many speakers were suggested by patrons, and these collaborations resulted in some of the most compelling presentations.

Coming events in the series are listed on the library's SharePoint site when their dates are confirmed and are included on the Bunche Library User Group's calendar page on Corridor. They're also announced in Department Notices and via flyers posted at the elevator banks in HST. There's even an RSVP email list, which sends reminders within a day or two of the event. (You can join the Bunche Library User Group on Corridor at any time, and you can add your name to the email list by sending the Library an email at [Library@state.gov](mailto:Library@state.gov).)

Because some employees are unable to attend the programs, the Bureau of Administration's Audio Visual Production Unit records and videotapes most speakers and posts the video on BNET shortly afterward. The library also catalogs copies of the DVDs, which can be checked out.

Attendees have said the programs are excellent and have brought new life to the library. Others say the presentations are a wonderful, enriching initiative. ■

# Libraries pinched over budget cuts

March 08, 2014

By Oriana Pawlyk

Staff writer for [airforcetimes.com](http://airforcetimes.com)

Need that quiet spot to study for your next specialty knowledge test? You may need to find an alternative from your base library.

Libraries at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; and Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; have closed their doors within the last year in the wake of budget cuts known as sequestration.

Three more base libraries — F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio — expect to downsize or close upon submission of closure packages, which await approval from their major commands, the Air Force and the Defense Department, according to the Air Force Personnel Center.

The Wright-Patterson library, for example, has transformed into the “Information Learning Center,” which provides airmen career development and college development study aids — but childrens’ books, leisure reading materials and many family programs have been outsourced to nearby metropolitan libraries.

“The Air Force must balance maintaining critical mission readiness and operational capability in support of national security objectives while taking care of airmen and their families under these constrained budget conditions,” said Air Force Personnel Center spokesman Mike

Dickerson. “The current fiscal uncertainty and resource reductions associated with sequestration create difficult budget decisions and careful review of support services.”

In some communities where quality libraries are located in proximity to the base, Air Force leaders are partnering with local community leaders to make use of off-base facilities through the Air Force Community Partnership Initiative.

For example, the Robins Air Force Base, Ga., library has a partnership with the Houston County Library System.

Other bases participating in the Air Force Community Partnership Initiative include Altus AFB, Okla.; Beale AFB, Calif.; Buckley AFB, Colo.; Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Joint Base Andrews, Md.; Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Moody AFB, Ga.; Nellis AFB, Nev.; Patrick AFB, Fla.; Peterson AFB, Colo.; Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; Sheppard AFB, Texas; and Tinker AFB, Okla.

The Hill library, which expects to close, also participates in this program.

But given the digital age, airmen and families can reach most local library resources online. Resources can be obtained electronically within



An airman studies his career development course materials at the library on Barksdale Air Force Base, La. (Airman 1st Class Benjamin Gonsier/Air Force)

the Air Force Portal, resources tab; [usafservices.com](http://usafservices.com); and the Military One Source website (DoD MWR Libraries) at [militaryonesource.mil](http://militaryonesource.mil), Dickerson said.

Resources include downloadable e-books, e-magazines, e-audio books and a variety of informational databases such as electronic resources for college-level practice tests, research and academic journals, and practice tests for various technical certifications.

Libraries are also getting creative and making use of new resources: The library at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., partners with “Hoopla digital,” a service that works with libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access of thousands of movies, TV shows, videos, music and audiobooks.

Members of the base can now use their library card number to download, borrow or stream content to their smartphones, tablets, computers and Apple TV.

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# JBER Library Helps Save the World Through Reading

By Marcia Lee

Library Director, JBER Library

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Library hosted its first Library Con on Saturday, February 22, 2014. This two hour Super Hero/Sci-Fi program, open to all ages, featured various activities designed around a powerful theme of "Save The World Through Reading." Activities included a Star Wars story time session led by Star Wars Storm Trooper SSgt Zachary Wolf, photojournalist with JBER Public Affairs. Hands-on activities included face painting, Batman masks, Wonder Woman crowns, build your own pipe cleaner/clothespin Super Hero, LEGO Super Hero construction, and last but not least, a Jedi Yoda puppet. Patrons were encouraged to come as their favorite Super Hero.

SSgt Wolf read "Tattooine Adventures" to an enthusiastic



crowd of approximately 70 people. Ms. Jade Pardue, dressed as a Star Wars bounty hunter, assisted SSgt Wolf by greeting families and posing for photographs. Four teens volunteered at craft tables assisting children as needed and helping with program clean up.

Two feature length movies were shown during Library Con. "The Incredibles" was shown in the lecture hall for the children in attendance. "Flash Gordon" was shown in the Military Reading Room for the adults. Popcorn, Tootsie-Pops and Superman fruit snacks were provided as refreshments.

A local business, BOSCO'S Comics in Anchorage, a supporter of the Library Con, provided stand-up displays and prizes for raffles. Prizes were Captain America and Superman action figures, various comic books, posters and canvas bags. JBER Library provided "Thor" and "Hello Kitty" coloring books as well as several graphic novels as giveaways. Classic comic books were raffled off every 15 minutes.

The purpose of this program was originally planned to



reach out to single Soldiers and Airmen who enjoy comic books and graphic novels, but it quickly morphed into a family program. Approximately 94 people attended Library Con making it a fun, literary success.

February, National Children's Dental Health Month, was also promoted by a table spear headed by TSgt Mia Tandoc, Dental Hygienist. Several members of TSgt Tandoc's staff were dressed in "tooth" related costumes and provided instruction and information to the children and parents on the importance of being a Super Hero through personal dental hygiene. Plans are underway to incorporate a comic book exchange into the JBER Library space providing a location for young adults, Soldiers and Airmen to trade comic books. While at the Library, they will learn about, and utilize, the multiple resources the Library has to assist with "Saving the World Through Reading."

## A British Librarian Commemorates Her Great Grandfather and the 1st World War

By Annette Short

Alconbury Library,

Royal Air Force Alconbury, England

To commemorate the First World War, I decided to join the

collaboration project created by the Imperial War Museum (IWM, London), which is a nationwide Centennial

Program, running from now until 2018. The project is open to any United Kingdom facility or

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institute which feels it can house an exhibit, community project or static display which will have an impact on the community around it. I believed this was an achievable objective for us at RAF Alconbury, as we have many patrons interested in military history, especially the World Wars. I also thought it was an important contribution to the inherited legacy of our younger patrons too, whilst also loosening the confines of traditional library programs and concepts.

The next question was what would I do? I wanted my contribution to be educational as well as instructive; I wanted to bridge the gap between the British and American WWI perspective and experience, and also to bring a teaching element to the project. So I decided on an exhibit, utilizing the static information displays created by the IWM as a back drop. I wanted to give the exhibit a personal flavor detailing a 'day in the life' of a Private or Sgt., and in doing so stepping away from the more common top down approach of many history books or the primary evidence record, which utilizes the famous words of war poets or the heart wrenching images of artists or photographers, often used for as propaganda at home, many of which would have originated from the educated elite, and not the average soldier dying in droves every day. Also, highlighting the difference between that war reporting (or lack of) and today's, where social media dominate and invite opinions, all being needed is a digital device or a blog.

I knew my great grandfather, John Thomas Short, had seen service in the War, but that was about all I

knew, so I decided to use his personal belongings to build up my own knowledge linking in with heritage databases and British Army Records, using my historical research background as much as possible. It was a labor of love and by the time I had finished building the exhibit, I knew that he had been a private in the Railway Companies of the Royal Engineers and had been active within the European and African theatres of war. This I surmised from his war medals, as he had been awarded the British Empire Medal and the Commonwealth medal, and my research had revealed that the service number, rank and regiments of a soldier were engraved on his medals. A huge percentage of British World War One service records had been destroyed in a fire many years ago (est. 80%), so it was very difficult to locate more than his medal cards, but I counted myself fortunate to have found those. The mystery deepened as my father could never recall his grandfather mentioning anything about the war, but as my research to reviewed to me, this was the norm, it was the war and the effect of the war, which was ignored and left undiscussed by its participants.

As well as presenting the military memorabilia, I intended the exhibit to be an example of life in the early 1900's, and to that end I also included coins from the 1890's and 1915, with a description of what you could buy then, and of course what the estimated value would be in today's markets, it was

interesting to note that a day's wage for a soldier was worth only £2 (\$3.50) today, although an officer (depending on rank) could earn up to £20 (\$35) a day. Even for the time, a city clerk could earn more than a soldier in the trench; this I found rather shocking. My great grandfather was also a Methodist lay minister and I had a few medals he had been awarded, which were a result of his contribution to the local ministry.

The feedback from the community has been amazing; I have given several tours to patrons and distinguished visitors over the few months it has been in place now, plus we have on average 30-40 people per day examining the artifacts. I have even had suggestions or requests for other families' memorabilia to be displayed, which will be the next step in the display's journey. I would definitely recommend this journey to anyone hoping to undertake a similar unveiling of their familial past, whilst slightly widening their customers horizons, and making their library more of a community space, than just the narrow gathering of books.

# Bob Bloudek retires after 45 years

March 27, 2014

By Theresa Goldstrand

NAWCWD Public Affairs

Robert “Bob” Bloudek will retire from the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Scientific and Technical Library at China Lake on March 31, after 45 years of federal service.

Bloudek, an Iowa native, graduated from a junior college in 1969 and then joined the Navy and became a journalist. His duty stations included Midway Island as a radio and television announcer; Navy Recruiting District Headquarters in Omaha, Neb. as the district’s public affairs officer; Naval Station Subic Bay, Philippines as the radio and television station manager/announcer; Clark Air Force Base, Philippines network manager and announcer; and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where he served as a journalist on the Pacific Fleet Commander’s staff. His Navy career ended at Naval Air Station Moffett Field.

While at Pearl Harbor, Bloudek delivered a daily news briefing to members of the staff including Admiral M.F. Weisner. “This was really exciting” Bloudek said. “I was met at the door each morning by the master-at-arms and was told who the senior person was in the briefing room – and that’s how I started my brief. Although it was usually ‘Good morning, Admiral’ there were times it started with ‘Good morning, Mr. Secretary’ (for visiting service secretaries or secretaries of state). There were even a couple of times it started with ‘Good morning, Mr. President’ – the President of South Viet Nam was a frequent visitor,

as was President Nixon. This was during the Vietnam conflict, so we had lots of VIPs at fleet headquarters.”

Bloudek was then selected to attend a year-long program at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles to learn film and television production. From USC he transferred to Patrol Squadron 31 at NAS Moffett where he worked in the instructional television facility.

“I was responsible for the P-3 flight engineer training program,” Bloudek said. “We put together hundreds of video lessons to teach potential flight engineers how to do their job.”

After putting the sessions together, to test their effectiveness, Bloudek completed the P-3 flight engineer training and at that time was the only “black shoe” Navy Journalist to earn his flight engineer wings. Bloudek met his wife, Becky, while he was stationed at Moffett Field. “Becky didn’t understand the military way of life and I was offered a civil service position,” he said. “I got out of the Navy on a Friday and returned to the same desk doing the same job on a Monday, but as a civil servant.”

The Bloudek family moved to China Lake in 1980. He helped establish the video projects office in the technical information department. As TID began to enter the “information age,” Bloudek became interested in computers and was assigned to the department staff to help



Bob Bloudek works the reference desk at NAWCWD China Lake’s Technical Library to help a patron locate information on a project. Bloudek will officially retire from NAWCWD China Lake on March 31 after a 45-year federal career. (U.S. Navy photo by Ron Rodriguez)

obtain and introduce new technology to the department. “When I first started on the TID staff, we had memory type writers and had just gotten two Xerox Star workstations; technology was moving fast and our department head, Steve Sanders, wanted to take advantage of it. So we purchased the first publishing system for the department. Before long we started looking at Apples throughout the department. I was also asked to interface between TID and what was then the small purchase branch in the procurement department. We were just implementing the purchase card in government. I was asked to help implement the program at China Lake.”

In 1996, Bloudek transferred to the technical library which had just purchased new Macintosh computers for the staff and its first networkable online catalog system. “It was a real challenge to put these systems together, as my background was in radio and television, but management let me take every training class I could on computers,” he explained. “I was surprised at how quickly I was able to install the Macs and

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get the catalog system up and running.”

Bloudek was later responsible for the implementation of the Navy and Marine Corps Internet within the library.

“Talk about a challenge,” Bloudek said. “We connected to our subscription journals and databases with the internet protocol authentications, but that had to change because NMCI uses ‘floating IPs.’ We pulled together a team of folks from the library, information technology, and NMCI. We purchased a workstation and, by using proxy software, established the library’s proxy server. By using the server’s

IP, we were able to connect using our NMCI workstations. The team received special recognition from command and the center’s technical director.”

“It’s been an interesting 45 years,” Bloudek said. “I really hate to see it come to an end but it’s time to relax a little and spend time with the kids and grandkids. I lost my wife Becky to a stroke in April of last year. We had plans of traveling and doing lots of things together after retirement, but God had other plans. I still want to do some of those things, while remembering Becky.”

One of Bloudek’s trips will be

to visit their youngest daughter Katie and her husband who live in Michigan.

“Even though I won’t be working on the base after March 27, you’ll still hear the Bloudek name as our son Matthew works with the China Lake Police Department, and our son-in-law Victor Jensen works at the China Lake Propulsion Laboratory, and is a Marine reserve warrant officer.” Barbara Lupei, head of the scientific and technical library expressed the collective sentiment of Bloudek’s co-workers when she said, “It is sad saying goodbye to a colleague, but I am happy for Bob, knowing that he will have time to kick back, pursue new dreams, and enjoy his grandchildren.”

## Congratulations to Sang Park!

Senior Reference Librarian and Acquisitions Coordinator, Sang Park, replaces Barbara Lupei as Director of the NAVAIR Scientific & Technical Library Branch at China Lake when she retires on May 31st. He holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration

from California State University at Fullerton. Sang has worked in the Technical Library for six years, during which time his background in library technology was instrumental in ensuring easy and efficient access to the library's electronic resources.



## Vogelweh Library Culinary Arts Collection

Vogelweh AFB Library, Germany, has created The Culinary Arts Collection (CAC). This collection is comprised of donated cake pans, pie tins, and cookie cutters which were cataloged and processed by the library science student intern. This special

community resource has been put to good use and donations continue to be added. See how patrons have put the collection to use on the Library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vogelweh.base.library>.



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# FABULOUS FEDS

Ms. Ilova Oyola started in December as a Reference Librarian at the D'Azzo Research Library at the Air Force Institute of Technology, WPAFB, Dayton, OH. In addition to her reference duties, she will act as library liaison to the Physics and Mathematics departments. She previously served as director of the Base Library at Aviano AFB, Italy.

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Ms. Tiffany Konczey, head of technical services, received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service in April 2014. She was the lead on the renovation of the Combined Arms Research Library, a three-year project which completely remodeled this 98,000 sq. ft. facility.

The citation:

The Commander's Award for Civilian Service is awarded to Ms. Tiffany L. Konczey for meritorious performance as the Supervisory Librarian, Combined Arms Center, Leader Development and Education from 7 May 2012 through 21 June 2013. Ms. Konczey was one of the few indispensable members of the team that planned, coordinated, and executed the renovation of Eisenhower Hall. Through her long hours of dedicated research and analysis Ms. Konczey became the subject matter expert on all aspects of the renovation of the Combined Arms Research Library. This highly successful renovation project could not have been executed without the dedicated efforts of Ms. Konczey. Her dedication and professionalism set a standard of excellence in the finest traditions of Federal Service and reflects great

credit upon her, the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, and the United States Army.

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Ms. Sherrie Floyd, Acquisitions and Collections Librarian, Maneuver Center of Excellence Donovan Research Library, Ft Benning, GA received the Columbus Area Library Association LIBRA Award on April 17, 2014. Ms. Floyd has been an Army Librarian for 30 years. To read more about this award: <http://www.thebayonet.com/2014/04/22/583911/post-librarian-recognized-for.html>

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Ms. Jill Redington, Chief, Aviation Technical Library and Aviation Learning Center, Fort Rucker, AL retired April 24, 2014 after many years of federal service. She started in civil service in 1987 and worked as a librarian at USMA, West Point, NAS Patuxent River, Fort Leavenworth, and finally Fort Rucker.

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Ms. Terrie Wheeler, Chief, Education Services Branch, National Institutes of Health Library is retiring from federal service effective May 31, 2014 to take the position of Director of the Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, starting June 2, 2014 Weill Cornell Medical College is Cornell's medical school, and located in New York City. Previously, she was Director of

the Gorgas Memorial Library in Silver Spring, MD, serving the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and the Naval Medical Research Center, with their associated overseas labs. Under her direction, this library was awarded the 2009 Federal Library of the Year Award. Prior to this Ms. Wheeler served as the Assistant Chief of the Information Services Division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Most of her career was spent at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS), where she directed both the libraries and the medical media services, and was the healthcare system Webmaster.

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Ms. Laura Hutchinson, Library Technician, retired on March 31, 2014 from the National Forest Service Library in Saint Paul, Minnesota with more than 35 years of federal service.

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Ms. Mariann Storck, Director Library & Legal Information Services, U.S. Attorney's Office, Denver, CO retired 28 February after 28 years as a law librarian.

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Though we wouldn't wish the reason for even being nominated on anyone, since she was eligible by virtue of being a breast cancer survivor, we nominated and got everyone we knew to vote for Eleanor Uhlinger, our University

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## FAB FEDS Continued

Librarian as an inspirational candidate.

We are THRILLED to announce that she is one of the 30 winners of the Major League Ball's national Honorary Bat Girl "Going to Bat Against Breast Cancer" contest <http://mlb.mlb.com/honorarybatgirl/2014/> . She is the winner representing the San Francisco Giants and will be honored at their next home game (May 12). You can see more and read her nomination on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/naval-postgraduate-school-dudley-knox-library/nps-university-librarian-named-mlb-san-francisco-giants-2014-honorary-bat-girl/783015971733018> .

Leanna Bush, Library Technician, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD) Wood Technical Library, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, passed away unexpectedly in late May. Leanna had been the library technician at the Wood Technical Library for more than 20 years. She also was the recipient of the Federal Library & Information Network 2011 Federal Library Technician of the Year award. Over the years Leanna provided outstanding library support to the USAMRICD staff and made many lasting contributions to the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and to the federal medical library community. She will be greatly missed.

Condolences may be sent to her parents, Dr. & Mrs. Charles W. Bush, 1000 Davis Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

Ms. Helen Naomi Taliaferro, age 92, passed away, on February 23, 2014 in Coppell, Texas. Helen is survived by a legion of friends and colleagues throughout the United States. Born in Idaho on January 26, 1922, and raised in Ft. Worth, Texas, by adoptive parents. Helen attended Texas Woman's University (then called Texas State College for Women), where she graduated in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Library Science. Helen came to Montgomery and Maxwell AFB in May of 1982 to be Chief of the Reader Services Division at the Air University Library, one of the country's largest military libraries. She came from Scott AFB, Illinois, where she had served for many years as Command Librarian for the USAF Military Airlift Command, with bases and libraries spread around the world. During the next 12 years, Helen distinguished herself by a commitment to university library service that exceeded all expectations. She was respected as a colleague and loved as a friend. Helen retired in February, 1994, but by then she had embarked on a new career as a fiscal supporter of advanced library education for students at her alma mater. By 1996 she had donated over \$12,000 for scholarships, and in 2008 the school announced that her estate had established the Helen Naomi Taliaferro Library Science Scholarship Endowment Fund within the TWU Foundation.

-- Cynthia Shipley

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