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From the Schoolhouse

by Glenda Brown

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DINFOS staffers garner federal kudos

A quartet of Defense Information School staffers is being honored for "performing exceptionally meritorious work for the federal government," it was announced last week.

Course Development Director **Darline Glaus**, Logistics Chief **Mikel Griffith**, Library Technician **Brenda McQuillan** and Broadcast Department Academic Director **Ron Rahorn** will each receive the Bronze "2007 Excellence in Federal Career Award" during ceremonies in Baltimore on May 4.

School Commandant, Navy Capt. **Curry Graham**, called the honors "well-deserved recognition for four of our most dedicated team players."

Master Sgt. **William Jones**, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Combat Documentation Department will be leaving the DINFOS family Monday but the retiring combat veteran won't be going far. The Elizabethton, Tenn. native will continue to serve as pastor of Jessup Baptist Church in Jessup, Md.

Another soldier-turned-preacher, retired Sgt. 1st Class **Jacob D. Loving**, served as guest speaker for the DINFOS Black History Month celebration yesterday, reinforcing the theme, "From Slavery to Freedom: The Story of Africans in the Americas".

Loving, a former instructor here, pastors One Accord Church in Glen Burnie. Communications skills run in the family: Rev. Loving is the father of R & B singer & songwriter "**Lil Mo**".

Air Force Capt. **Mark Hubbard**, Deputy Director of Institutional Support, deployed to Iraq recently for an extended assignment in support of the fledgling democracy's military officer training. Hubbard brings to Baghdad an extensive background in cultural and education studies in addition to an array of operational assignments.

Speaking of the combat zone, recent graduate Capt. **Amy Bishop** is back at her alma mater leading a cadre of First Army PA trainers as they prepare units for immediate deployment. Joining Bishop in the instructor role are 1st Lt. **Antonia Greene** and Staff Sgts. **Russell Klika** and **Nikki Prodomos**.

PAO **Keith Oliver** asked me to pass along his apologies for two editorial "Irish pennants" in recent DINFOS *SoundOff!* contributions. Marine Sgt. **Wil Santiago** was misidentified in the Feb. 8 column highlighting the History Channel documentary produced here; and **John Borlik Jr.** should have been credited as photographer for the field training shot which appeared in the Feb. 15 edition.

The Defense Department's Information Technology Chief gave a resounding "thumbs up" after conducting a stem-to-stern inspection of DINFOS' "IT" operations last month. Kudos to **Wendy Miner**, department chief, and her 25 government civilians and contractors for successfully maintaining an impressive array of computer-driven systems serving visual information and public affairs professionals worldwide. Check out the school's official website at www.dinfos.osd.mil for just one example of the shop's span and innate capability.

Football fans here saw a familiar face on the front page of *The* (Annapolis) *Capital's* sports section Feb. 20. Broadcast instructor, Army Sgt. 1st Class **Dan Carr**, enters his third season as head coach of the semi-pro Annapolis Admirals. The Florida-bred gridiron leader has "wanted to coach ever since I was a kid" and has paced the sidelines for number of service ball teams both stateside and in Europe.

Welcome aboard to new faculty members Dr. **John Shotwell**, Dr. **Suzanne Holroyd** and **Jeff Jurgensen** (all of the Public Affairs Leadership Department); Army Staff Sgts. **Jesse Chargualaf** and **Donald Dees** (Broadcast Operations and Maintenance Department); and Navy Senior Chief **Benjamin**

Olvey and Petty Officer 1st Class **Gregory Currie** (Multimedia Department); also Navy Senior Chief **David Fitz**, Air Force Tech. Sgt. **Jess Harvey** and Army Staff Sgt. **Rosalyn Peterkin** (Public Affairs Department); and Army Sgt. **Lorenzo Sam** (Combat Documentation Department).

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CAPTIONS:

ESKALIS SINGS FOR HIS SUPPER

Marine Capt. Al Eskalis of the Public Affairs Leadership Department here spoke at the National Press Club last month where he was joined by a trio of World War II Marine Corps combat correspondents. Left to right are: Norm Hatch, Cyril O'Brien, Eskalis and Sam Stavisky. (Defense Department Photo by John Metelsky)

"YOU ARE READY"

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Gangemi (center, back to camera) addresses the Basic Still Photography Course 010-07 one last time before graduation. The combat shutterbugs received their diplomas Jan. 30. (Defense Department Photo by Pvt. Justin Graff)

Renaissance Soldier Sgt. 1st Class Dan Carr pictured at the left shoulder of Anne Arundel Admirals owner Tina DeLauter is busy preparing for another season coaching semi-pro football. (Photo by Alison Harbaugh/Courtesy of The Capital)

Glenda Brown's photo for Soundoff

Pictured here is Information Technology warrior Kevin O'Conner of Cockeysville. He is part of the team lauded by the Defense Department during recent inspection. (Defense Department Photo by Pvt. Justin Graff)

Brenda McQuillan, Savanuck Library Technician is one of four DINFOS staffers slated to receive a top federal award in May. (Defense Department Photo by Pvt. Justin Graff)

Former DINFOS instructor Army Sgt. 1st Class (Retired)
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