

U.S. Army

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY : CALIFORNIA

The Presidio of Monterey is located in the City of Monterey, on the California coastline, about 117 miles south of San Francisco. The military has played an active role in the Monterey Peninsula since the area was “discovered” by Spanish explorers in the early 1600s. Although the Presidio dates back to the late 1700s, the Army did not build the current historic buildings present there until the early 1900s.



Today, the presidio’s primary tenant organization is the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), which trains soldiers from all branches of the Services in foreign language skills.

DLIFLC includes eight separate language schools and the Emerging Language Task Force. DLIFLC is highly regarded as one of the finest foreign language schools in the Nation.

The Presidio of Monterey has an economic impact of spending by the DLIFLC and NPS amounts to \$140.2 million channeled into the local economy, particularly through its educational institutions.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Monterey, CA**
 - » Land Area: **392 acres**
 - » Military Personnel: **3,500**
 - » Civilian Personnel: **3,000**
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Above: Information sign alerts Service members and the local community to watch for the *Yadon’s piperia*, an endangered plant species found at Presidio of Monterey. (U.S. Army photo)

Left: For the first time in more than a decade, DLIFLC opened its doors to the local community for its annual Language Day celebration. Held on the open grounds of historic Soldier Field and surrounding classrooms, Language Day is a colorful celebration of foreign languages and cultural education, highlighting the 24 different languages taught to military personnel at the presidio. (US Army photo)

MISSION STATEMENT

Provides first-class infrastructure and services to support mission readiness and enhance the quality of life for the Monterey military community and their families.

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC):** Provides foreign language education, training, evaluation, and sustainment for Department of Defense personnel in order to ensure the success of the Defense Foreign Language Program and enhance the security of the Nation.
- » **229th Military Intelligence Battalion:** Provides the ready linguists for the U.S. Army. Includes Alpha Company, Bravo Company, Charlie Company, delta Company, Echo Company, and Foxtrot Company.
- » **Marine Corps Detachment:** Provides operational, administrative, and logistical support for Marine Corps personnel assigned for duty in the Monterey Peninsula area. Coordinate and integrate language training for Marines attending the Defense Language Institute in support of marine Corps regiments.
- » **Navy, Center for Information Dominance Detachment:** Trains and develops Navy Language professionals and fleet ready sailors.
- » **Air Force, 517th Training Group:** Trains Airmen as linguists and develops Air Force skills and values.



Above: Aug. 23, 2011, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta returned to the DLIFLC, which he championed as a Congressman, to praise the next generation of military linguists, (US Army photo)

COMMANDER RANK

Colonel

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- Established as a royal Spanish fort in the 1770's
- Home of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center
- Two populations of the endangered *Yadon's piperia* and the rare Hooker's Manzanita have been found on the presidio