

County DIGEST



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

'Foster Parents' Needed for Pets Left Behind by War

Foster care for pets? It's a welcome relief for reservists called to war.

Among the many Board actions supporting reservists, Supervisor Mike Antonovich directed the Department of Animal Care and Control to expand its volunteer home-care shelter program for small pets.

"Reservists receive very short notice when they are called to active duty," Antonovich said. "Many are forced to take their pets to local shelters because they have no other options."

Antonovich added that expanding the current volunteer pet care program creates "a network of good homes for pets of reservists called to duty. It is a helping hand many of our County residents would be happy to offer in support of our troops in the gulf."



Supervisor Mike Antonovich and friend.

Salute to Reservists



More than 200 employees were called to duty, including Roger Knight and Steven Cordero, above, Army reservists from Public Works; Michael Rubaca, top right, an Air Force sergeant from Parks and Recreation; and Siouxtwan Rosemond, a Marine from Public Works. Inside is a list of the employees who served their country during the Persian Gulf War.

Board Acts Quickly to Safeguard Employees, Residents During War

When the Gulf War erupted in January, the Board of Supervisors marched into action, helping ensure the safety of County workers and residents.

Those actions and policies shed light on the County's quick response during a crisis.

With the war not even a day old, Supervisor Mike Antonovich asked the Emergency Management Council to meet. Richard Dixon, Chief Adminis-

trative Officer and council chairman, brought together the heads of 10 emergency management departments and the Red Cross to examine available programs and services.

Next, Supervisor Deane Dana requested that the Office of Emergency Management set up security training through the Sheriff's Department for all department heads, chief and administrative deputies. Following up
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Employees Called to War Duty

The Board of Supervisors and co-workers salute the following reservists called to duty during the Persian Gulf War.

Name, Branch of Service

Animal Care and Control

Armando Medrano, *Army*

Assessor

Remigio C. Bundalian, *Navy*

Beaches and Harbors

Harold Dunnigan, *Navy SEALs*

Albert Schneider, *Navy SEALs*

Children's Services

Donald Lee Napier, *Army*

Carlos Neria, Jr., *Marines*



Public Works employee and Army reservist Joe Brown and his enlisted son Joe Brown Jr.

District Attorney

Richard Kline, *Marines*

Kim Smith, *Marines*

Thomas Tomka, *Marines*

Forester and Fire Warden

Robert J. Burd, *Army*

Cipriano Castellano, *Air Force*

Tony Duran, *Army*

Jose Medrano, *Marines*

Robert Perez, *Army*

James Smally, *Air National Guard*

Internal Services

David Hess, *Air Force*

Scripriaruth Kendall, *Air Force*

Donald Roachford, *Army*

George West, *National Guard*

Marshal

James Anderson, *Air Force*

Jose Diaz, Jr., *Air Force*

David Gonzales, *Air Force*

Garnold Kimball, *Air Force*

James O. Smith, Jr., *Marines*

Benjamin Verduzco, *Navy*

Municipal Courts - Compton

Walsh Young, *Air Force*

Parks and Recreation

William Hottran, *Army*

Michael Rubaca, *Air Force*

Andres Sepulveda, *Air Force*

Probation

Tony Bowie, *Army*

Gregory Darty, *Air Force*

Johnnie Howard, *Air Force*

Scott Johnson, *Marines*

Paul Lajoie, *Navy*

Henry Polanco, *Air Force*

Jason Ramlochan, *Marines*

Gary Thomas, *Army*



Sheriff's Deputy Noel Furniss, center, a Marine reservist, unfurls a replica of Gen. Custer's personal Civil War battle flag as his troop ship takes off for the Persian Gulf. An avid military history buff, Furniss left for Gulf duty December 1.

Health Services

Jerry Anaya, *Air Force*
 Fernando Angell, *Marines*
 Michael Angell, *Army*
 Azizullah Ansari, *Army*
 Joseph Anselmo, *Air Force*
 Roselyn Arciaga, *Army*
 George Baker, *Army*
 Herman Balanzatequi, *Navy*
 Craig Boguslawski, *Air National Guard*
 Miller Bridgewater, *Army National Guard*
 Constance Brown, *Air Force*
 Tanya Brownlow, *Army*
 Carolyn Bullard, *Navy*
 Aleena Butler, *Navy*
 German Camacho, *Navy*
 David Castillo, *Army*
 Cortinas Clayton, *Air Force*
 Shaunte Crosby, *Navy*
 Michael Davis, *Army*
 Enrique Duque, *Army*
 Francis Ebiya, *Navy*
 Gary Edmonds, *Navy*
 Juan Esquiviz, *Marines*
 Anthony Farinella, *Army*
 Karen Ferreira, *Navy Guard*
 Michael Finocchiaro, *Army*
 Amile Franklin, *Army*

John S. Garcia, *Marines*
 Harry Glenchur, *Army*
 Calvin N. Han, *Army*
 Ina Hasley, *Air Force*
 Carl Hernandez, *Army*
 Thomas Hicklin, *Army*
 LaRuth Hildreth, *Army National Guard*
 Charlene Hinton, *Air Force*
 Walt Hinton, *Army*
 M. Mark Hoffer, *Army*
 Robert Huermann, *Army National Guard*
 Anthony Ibarra, *Air Force*
 Kevin Jewett, *Air Force*
 Doris Jones, *Air Force*
 Rickard Knapp, *Army*
 Corazon Lagman-Ramones, *Navy*
 Carlos Larranaga, *Army*
 Austin Love, *Marines*
 Deborah Lytal, *Air Force*
 Faustino Marks, *Marines*
 Raub Mathias, *Air Force*
 Michael McConnell, *Air National Guard*
 Priscilla Moddy, *Army National Guard*
 Simon Myint, *Army*
 Claude Overstreet, *Air Force*
 Tony Padilla, *Marines*
 Chikikiah Padmanabhan, *Army*
 Dellone Pascascio, *Army*
 Bhupendra Patel, *Air National Guard*
 Earl Paul, *Navy*
 Alan Pell, *Army*
 Marcelina Perez, *Army*
 Robert Perez, *Army*
 Amy Pilarca, *Army*
 Hugh Prentice, Jr., *Navy*
 William Prentice, *Army National Guard*
 Arthur E. Pryor, Jr., *Navy*
 George Ramirez, *Army*
 Raul Ramirez, *Army National Guard*
 Maria Rodriguez, *Air Force*
 Francisco Rosales, *Army*



Patriotic Hall, headquarters for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, flies its yellow ribbon with pride.

Sue Rose, *Army National Guard*
 Vincent Rozon, *Air Force*
 C.D. Semana, Jr., *Navy*
 Calinca Semense, *Army*
 Cheryl Smith, *Army*
 Steve Sola, *Air Force*
 Joseph E. Sosa, *Marines*
 Willie Stevenson, *Army National Guard*
 Dolores Tarin, *Army*
 Sheila Thomas, *Navy*
 Betty Tyson, *Army National Guard*
 Guillermina Valdez, *Army*
 Fernando Vasquez, *Navy*
 Michael Wagner, *Army*
 Gloria Whetstone, *Navy*
 Wilbur D. Williams, *Army*
 J. Michael Willis, *Marines*
 Keith Wilson, *Air Force*
 Gary Wood, *Navy*
 Eluadeen Woodson, *Army*

Mental Health

Edith Dominguez, *Air Force*

Public Social Services

Bobby Bonner, *Air Force*
 Christina England, *Air Force*
 Gloria Hardamon, *Air Force*
 Patricia Lynch, *Air Force*
 Wataessia Nelson, *Air Force*

Public Works

Joe Brown, *Army*
Steven Cordero, *Army*
Raymond Feilen, *Navy*
Vincent Ferrini, *Navy*
Gregory Jaquez, *Marines*
Roger Knight, *Army*
Alex Renteria, *Navy*
Siouxwan Rosemond, *Marines*

Sheriff

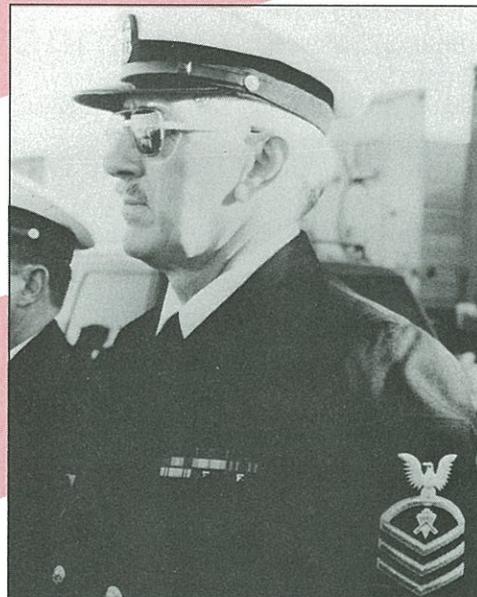
David R. Allis, *Marines*
Ed Araiza, *Air Force*
Paul Bailes, *Air Force*
Alan L. Bash, *Marines*
Javier Beltran, *Marines*
Dirk A. Blansfield, *Army*
Richard Bodziony, *Marines*
James C. Bolander, *Air Force*
John Bones, *Army*
Larry Breazeale, *Air Force*
Peter Brodie, *Marines*
Darrel D. Brown, *Army*
Richard Bruce, *Navy*
Gina Cali, *Air National Guard*
John Calvillo, *Marines*
Michael Carnakis, *Marines*
George Carroll, *Air Force*
Gregory J. Cary, *Marines*
Roman Castillo, *Marines*
Carlos Cisneros, *Army*
Richard Dyer, *Navy*
Richard Estrada, *Air Force*
Robert Felmer, *Navy*
Harold Ford, *Army National Guard*
Timothy J. Foreman, *Marines*
Noel Furniss, *Marines*
Charles R. Garcia, *Marines*
John Givens, *Marines*
William Griffith, *Air Force*
Jack Haas, *Air Force*
James Halsey, *Navy*
Donald Hart, Jr., *Army*
John Haughey, *Air Force*

Charles Heal, *Marines*
Sostenes Hernandez, *Marines*
John Hilliard, *Marines*
John R. Holm, *Navy*
Gary Honings, *Air National Guard*
David A. Infante, *Marines*
Carlton Jeans, *Marines*
Craig Johnson, *Marines*
Rodney D. Johnson, *Marines*
Shannon W. Laren, *Marines*
Stephen G. Lind, *Army*
George Livoti, *Marines*
Mark J. MacCarley, *Army*
Mark Macias, *Marines*
Orlando Macias, *Marines*
John Magana, *Army National Guard*
Jason C. Mann, *Marines*
Christie Marquez, *Air Force*
Gregory McCallon, *Army*
Hugh Mears, *Air National Guard*
Mark Moffett, *Marines*
Tony Murrill, *Navy*
Sharon A. Pannell, *Army*
Joseph Parks, *Marines*
Vincent Plair, *Marines*
Clay Porlier, *Air National Guard*
Andrew Romansky, *Air National Guard*

Marcelo Sampedro, *Marines*
John Selby, *Marines*
Kim Smith, *Marines*
Pedro Solis, *Air Force*
Tom Strain, *Marines*
John Thompson, *Marines*
Lonnie R. Timney, *Navy*
John Trani, *Marines*
Miguel Vega, *Air Force*
Guillermo Vera, *Air Force*
Susan Vodrazka, *Army*
Robert Watkins, *Marines*
Bernard Weston, *Navy*
Randell G. Zempel, *Navy*

Note: This listing reflects only those names submitted to the DIGEST.

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Navy reservist Raymond Feilen, a Public Works employee

Sheriff Taps Local, State and Federal Support

While no regional terrorism erupted, the Sheriff's Department stood ready with a wartime emergency plan that tapped into local, state and federal support.

The Sheriff's Emergency Operations Center, started during the war's early stages, was founded to gather information and prepare for the "mobilization" of County and city law enforcements.

The department contacted every law enforcement agency within the County, several state and out-of-state agencies across the nation. Through careful networking and spread of information, the Sheriff's Department stood prepared to protect the community's well-being.

Arabs, Muslims: Targets of Gulf Crisis Violence

Violence against Arabs and Muslims increased 500 percent during the Persian Gulf crisis, according to Eugene Mornell, the Human Relations Commission's Executive Director.

Speaking to the Emergency Management Council January 25, Mornell said more than five times the number of incidents occurred in the last five months of 1990, after Iraq invaded Kuwait than in the previous seven months.

The pattern continued into 1991, with the commission receiving numerous calls about assaults, phone threats, and property damage as well as harassment of Middle Easterners and those who "look like Arabs." The commission works with the Countywide Hate Crime Task Force, which was appointed by the Board of Supervisors in 1987, to assist both law enforcement and victims to provide accurate information to the media and public. For more information, call (213) 974-7611.



Anderson School students join Principal Bobbie Savage, back row left, and staff in sending best wishes to their pen-pal Scott Fawcett.

Marine Discovers County Library Book in Saudi Arabia -- 22 Years Overdue

Marine Scott Fawcett discovered a little bit of County history in a Saudi Arabia used bookstore: A library book with a due date tagged to a school run by the County Office of Education.

So the lance corporal sent a letter to the Anderson School in Lawndale.

"Well, out here in the sands I seem to have come across a curious old paperback from 1969," he wrote. "You'd be amazed at the vintage novels in the shops — apparently passed down since the dawn of Islam. Anyway, I write in the pen-pal tradition... your book will stand in my

collection until the pages flake to ruin...."

The pen-pal "tradition" continued when the school's principal, Bobbie Savage, and students sent letters and photos to Fawcett. In return, the kids learned that the 23-year-old Florida native is more than half finished with a four-year hitch. He hopes to finish college and become a teacher.

Like their regular education counterparts, the County's Office of Education's special ed students sent support to the troops through letters and yellow ribbon days.

Veterans Agency Grabs Top Honors for Innovative War Outreach Efforts

For hosting inventive wartime outreach programs, the County's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has won top honors from the American Veterans Association.

On February 18, the department received the AMVETS "White Clover" award for a wide range of programs, including opening a foodbank for military families and cosponsoring a four-hour radio program to U.S. military in the Mideast.

On a daily basis, the department provides many services to military and their families, including information, counseling and referral services; assistance with burial arrangements; assistance to 81 veteran's

foodbanks; and limited emergency financial assistance.



Joseph Smith, Department of Military and Veteran Affairs Director, left, receives award from Coast Guard Capt. Robert Ross.



Joe Betance, Medical Alert Center Manager, can track available beds at 76 County hospitals through a computerized system. If massive war casualties occurred and County hospitals were called to help, the LAC/USC Medical Center-based system could help save lives.

County 'Family' Prepared for War

The War's over. Patriotism sweeps the nation. And during it all, employees reached out and prepared for a worst-case scenario. That preparedness, examined below, is what the "County Family" is all about.

Public Library

A toll-free telephone information line helped answer questions regarding support services for military families. Dubbed the Community Access Library Line, callers could access many organizations, including the American Legion Family Support Network.

Mental Health

Helping people cope with the fears, anger, chaos and disruption that might occur during the Gulf War, the department offered supervisors and managers stress-management training that they could pass to staff members.

Children's Services

With the possibility of thousands of Americans returning home from the Mideast, the department went to work helping with a repatriation plan that offered home lodging for unaccompanied minors. Emergency call lists, tapping employees with special skills, had also been established. In addition, a 24-hour hotline was set up in case children arrived outside normal working hours.

Public Social Services

Through a well-orchestrated plan, the department was set to help returning American citizens through the federal government's Repatriate Program. If Americans returned through Los Angeles International Airport, the County, along with state and federal agencies would open a center catering to needs like, cash aid, travel tickets, foreign currency exchange, crisis counseling, medical care and shelter.

Public Works

Employees called to Desert Storm rested a little easier thanks to an assistance program offered to family members through volunteer department workers. Activated staff members' families received one or all of the following: a telephone call to relatives; personal visits to family homes; and an invitation for relatives to visit the Public Works headquarters.

Treasurer and Tax Collector

Returning reservists or National Guardsmen can get a property tax deferral thanks to the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act. Property taxes will be deferred, with reductions in interest and penalties for delinquent taxes, for six months beyond release from active duty. For more information, call (213) 974-2077.

Health Services

Massive American Gulf War casualties never occurred. But the Department of Health Services stood ready. The department's Emergency Medical Services Agency worked closely with the federal government making sure transportation and hospital beds were ready in case war casualties exceeded the beds available in military hospitals.

Board Actions Help Employees, Residents

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the training, the CAO issued bomb threat security policies.

Meanwhile, employees learned about a wide-range of services through departments and agencies such as Military and Veteran's Affairs, American Red Cross, Human Relations Commission, Labor/Management Advisory Committee and the Department of Defense.

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