



## **Presidio of Monterey & Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center**

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## **Presidio dedicates energy-efficient building in honor of Medal of Honor recipient**

**PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif.** – The Presidio will dedicate a state-of-the-art learning facility here in memory of a Medal of Honor recipient Oct. 17.

Marine 1st Lt. Donald Cook attended the Army Language School, the predecessor to the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, and graduated near the top of his Chinese class in 1961.

In December 1964, Cook became the first Marine captured in Vietnam. And, eventually, Col. Donald Cook, posthumously, would become the recipient of this nation's highest military honor: the Medal of Honor.

Cook Hall marks the completion of the last of three General Instruction Buildings planned for the DLIFLC as part of an \$81 million military construction project.

Furthermore, the \$81 million project is part of a larger, \$177 million, upgrade plan for the Presidio, which also includes: a new dining facility and student barracks; renovating the cultural center for DLIFLC; and a series of solar-energy projects to help the Presidio in its goal to sustainably produce all its own energy by 2030.

Using the latest energy- and water-conservation technologies, Cook Hall is one of the most environmentally friendly facilities on the Presidio with its sustainable-energy systems that conserve power and water. For example, all the rainwater that lands on Cook Hall is collected and stored in large underground cisterns. The water is used for irrigation and to flush toilets. And, natural lighting illuminates all interior- and exterior-facing rooms with sunlight, saving electricity.

**Please contact the Presidio PAO at 831-242-5555 by 3 p.m. Oct. 16 if you'd like to cover this event. Meeting time is 9:30 a.m. at Bolio Gate Visitors Center.**

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