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LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR TEAM MEMBERS

MARILYN LONDON



Marilyn London is a forensic anthropologist based in the Washington, DC area. She grew up in north central and southwestern Pennsylvania, and became interested in anthropology at the age of 12, when she was introduced to the topic of King Tut's mummy. After trying journalism and English Lit at George Washington University (GWU), she switched to a major in anthropology and never looked back. Some of the courses at GWU were taught by curators at the Smithsonian, and Marilyn was fortunate to have J. Lawrence Angel, PhD as a mentor in physical and forensic anthropology. She earned her Master of Arts in Biological Anthropology at the University of New Mexico, and got a lot of experience recovering and analyzing skeletons from archaeological sites and historic cemeteries. She has consulted as a forensic anthropologist with the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator and the Rhode Island State Office of the

Medical Examiners over the past three decades. One of her first disaster response experiences was a prison riot in New Mexico in 1980, where 33 prisoners were killed.

Marilyn joined DMORT in 1998 and was the DMORT III Training Officer in 2003 and 2004. Her deployments include EgyptAir Flight 990 (Rhode Island, January-February 2000), Executive Air (Scranton, PA, May 2000), and United Flight 93 (September 2001). She served as the Morgue Supervisor during the United Flight 93 response, and organized the responders to develop a Morgue Protocol for documentation and standardization procedures (available as a download at www.dmort.org). For training and response purposes, Marilyn also collected a Terminology List that includes pathology, odontology, anthropology, and mortuary science terms and can be used for standardization in reports, reference for data entry personnel, and a spelling guide for note-takers during a response.

We are pleased to note that Marilyn has been a Forensic Anthropologist with our Region V Team since 2005.

As a long-term contractor at the Smithsonian Institution, Marilyn spends most of her time analyzing human skeletal remains from archaeological sites. She has also taught courses and workshops, co-edited a Smithsonian book on anthropology, and acted as the public outreach officer for the Department of Anthropology for a year. She has more than 25 publications, including archaeological field reports, research on renal osteodystrophy, educational materials, and two book chapters. Marilyn is also a Lecturer at the University of Maryland (College Park) and teaches at least one course a year there.

As a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Marilyn served as Chair of the Physical Anthropology Section in 2004-2005. She is a former President of the Washington [D.C.] Academy of Sciences, and an active member of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.

Marilyn is married to David A. Jackson, a molecular biologist who works for the U.S. Army. They have known each other since 8th grade, and have been married for more than 23 years. (Yes, there was a significant gap between meeting each other and getting married.) They enjoy collecting one-of-a-kind art objects, traveling to the southwest (especially New Mexico), and hosting "theme" parties on holidays (such as Cinco de Mayo and Chinese New Year).

In her spare time, Marilyn makes beaded jewelry, and she loves reading mysteries, biographies, and literature about World War I.

Deployment 2008: Post-Hurricane Ike

A Personal Narrative

By David Hunt, DMORT Region V Deputy Commander

I was deployed on Sunday, September 28th, and arrived in Lake Charles, Louisiana later that evening. The next day, we worked in the morgue, which was set up in a cattle barn next to Burton Coliseum: the advantage was that it had plenty of airflow, but it really wasn't an ideal spot!

We processed several unidentified caskets on Monday. On Tuesday, we removed several remains from caskets that were identified but breached. Many were Hurricane Rita caskets with the metal tags, from the last mission. Wednesday was a fairly short day for several of the forensic people, since there was only one new unidentified casket to process. We also received our first shipment of new caskets. We unloaded 25 caskets and recasketed 19 remains from Texas in about 45 minutes. It was a very impressive team effort. The DMATs even jumped in and helped. The remains were sent back the next morning.

Later in the day on Wednesday, there was a moment when a small child's casket had been found and was obviously breached. She had died only a few weeks before the hurricane and had an ID tag on the casket. Another worker and I were suited up, so we opened the casket and moved her to a clean bag to await a new casket. As we were removing her personal effects, I noticed that the rest of the people in the morgue had come to a complete stop, as we took care of this child. It certainly reflects the professionalism and respect that makes up all of DMORT.

On Thursday, we casketed the rest of the Louisiana remains, and the mission came to an end. The mission turned out to be fairly small.

There are still missing caskets, but recovery was not a part of our mission this time. When the morgue had operations, it ran very well and efficiently. I had the opportunity to work with several former DMORT Region V members, including **Shannon Dotson**, **Mike Gedert**, **Bubba Stevens**, **Jim Weldy**, and **Ed Babcock** (his first deployment).

I want to thank all of the DMORT Region V team members for their response to the call downs and willingness to serve. The call coordinators worked hard to keep our list up-to-date, and we had one of the largest groups on alert.



Jim Weldy and Ed Babcock



Mike Henderson (Region VII Deputy Commander) and Dave Hunt (Region V Deputy Commander)



Lunch time in the cattle barn

DC Deployment 2008

A Personal Narrative

By Brad Targhetta, DMORT Region V Deputy Commander

In early September, I was contacted by HHS in Washington DC and requested to come to Headquarters to assist in coordinating the deployment of DMAT, NVRT and DMORT teams during Hurricanes Hanna, Ike and eventually Gustav. My deployment was from September 4, 2008 through October 4, 2008. I did have a short time at home as I flew home Sept 17th, flew to Chicago on the 18th, provided an hour presentation to a group on the 19th and flew home only to leave again for DC on the 20th.

Upon arrival I was welcomed into the HHS Operations Center (OPS) by Jerry Rodgers and Kim Newcomer, people I had previously met during the Hurricane Katrina deployments 3 years ago. Also present were Dawn Sager and Bob McAfee. Dawn is Mark Russo's Secretary and Bob is an intermittent worker. I later met Brian Schrecengost, Allen Propke and Ray Sanchez who were working nights at OPS.

The OPS staff co-operates with many different agencies just as we do in DMORT. They receive calls from many outside agencies fielding requests from all teams.

Before my arrival, the OPS staff was tasked with deployment of all assets requested for Hurricanes Hanna & Ike. They had three people on staff at the time of deployment requests. This meant those three people answered the phones, reviewed and vetted rosters (checking if members had their Federal Credit Card, ID, and current licenses), and also printed and e-mailed deployment orders for all requested teams. They accomplished this in a time frame of 2-3 hours.

I was introduced to the procedures of dealing with phones, vetting of rosters, and printing and e-mailing deployment orders as required for teams to deploy.

It was not long before the need for more help was filled by Melissa Moeckel and Andrea McNary (2 DMORT-WMD AO's) and our great Sue Atwood (Region V AO). Cindy Mathews (Region VI AO) and John Frasco (Region VII AO) were also deployed and worked on vouchers and travel payments.

My time evolved from the regular 12 hour shift to 13-14 hour shifts each day. Once things slowed, we were able to stay at the 12 hour shift. I began on the day shift, moved to nights, back to days and finally back to nights again.

Working at Headquarters is always a learning experience. I did enjoy my time spent in DC. I only hope I/we never experience the need to go again.



Sue Atwood (Region V AO), Barbara Salazar (Region IX AO), and Brad Targhetta (Region V Deputy Commander) in Washington, DC

Training Updates
Jan Simons

ICS Courses:

FEMA has updated a few of their courses. The IS 100 course is now IS 100.A and the IS 200 course is IS 200.A. If you have previously taken the IS 100 and 200 courses, you do **not** need to take these updated courses. Please remember you are required to have completed either version of these courses along with IS 700 and IS 800B (or IS 800) before January 1, 2009 to remain eligible for deployment.

NDMS has added the IS 300 and 400 to the list of mandatory courses for all members. These are **not** available on the Internet and are a two-day program for each class. Members should begin looking for these courses within your state. Below you will find a training link for each state in Region V and most states offer these courses at no cost.

Michigan: http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1593_3507_5914---,00.html

Ohio: http://www.ema.ohio.gov/field_ops.asp

Indiana: <https://oas.in.gov/hs/training/public/calendar.do>

Illinois: <http://iema.illinois.gov/iema/training/Training.htm>

Wisconsin: <http://homelandsecurity.wi.gov/section.asp?linkid=1088&locid=129>

Minnesota: http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/Hsem_Category_Home.asp?catid=3

Another option for members affiliated with an emergency response organization in their state is that you may be eligible to take advantage of the Center for Domestic Preparedness training facility in Anniston, AL. This is a no cost training, and all expenses for travel, lodging and food are covered. You will not be able to take advantage of the no cost training as a Federal intermittent employee; this program was set up for local responders. Members will need to have all application forms signed by their local emergency response organization. For more information, the link for the CDP is: <http://cdp.dhs.gov>.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Save the date:

The 2009 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit is scheduled **April 4-8 in Dallas, TX**. The website link is:

<http://www.hhstrainingsummit.org/>

The Program Development team is working toward recording these sessions and making them electronically available to all members via the Internet.

Indiana Training:

The state of Indiana has planned a pandemic training that is scheduled for Nov 14th – 15th. This will be a large-scale drill and includes multiple state agencies. They are working on a scenario to include the new state portable morgue in this training. Because the state team has just begun accepting applications for membership, they feel that this would offer an opportunity to promote the team. They would like to have the sections of the morgue staffed and asked if any members of DMORT Region V would be interested in attending.

There are some limitations to consider before making a decision. First, this will not be a DMORT Region V training and members will not be covered by USERRA. The morgue will be set up for a very short period and we would only have access to it for the first half of Saturday. The only location that is available to set up the morgue is in a parking lot. They will tent it and are looking at heating options but it will be outside in November. The training facility is in a very rural setting and the closest hotels are 30 minutes away. There will be no funding for hotels, meals, or travel. If you are interested in attending please contact me as soon as possible at janette.simons@hhs.gov

One Summer Day

By Tim Schmidt

When I am asked, "How are you doing today?" my usual answer is, "Any day I get out of bed, I'm doing good. If I get to play golf, I'm doing great!" Sunday June 22, 2008 was one of those great days and I didn't even play golf. The occasion was that a Ford Tri-Motor airplane was at Lunken Airport in Cincinnati, Ohio and pilots were taking people for rides. The volunteers were excited to see a Model A Ford pull up and gave me a parking space which put my car on display. I had many people come to look at the car and ask questions about the Model A. I even let some sit in the rumble seat.

A lot of people attended this event. I bought my ticket for a ride as soon as I got there and waited for about 1 ½ hours for my flight. The group that was sponsoring the event was very pleased with the number of people that attended. The flights were planned to end at 5 PM but went on until after 7 PM. After the last flight, I was permitted to park my car next to the plane and take pictures. The plane was a 1929 Model 4-TA-E. I now have a nice picture of my 1929 Model A coupe under the wing of a 1929 Ford Tri-Motor.

A little history of the Ford Tri-Motor: There were 199 planes built between 1926 and 1933. The plane we flew on was number 146 and first flew on August 21, 1929. The tail number of this plane is NC8407. The Ford Tri-Motor was the first all metal airplane built. This plane was first use by Eastern Air Transport, which later became Eastern Air Lines.

The plane was damaged in 1973 during a severe thunderstorm. The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) purchased the aircraft and spent 12 years on the restoration. The plane is restored to the way it was when used by Eastern Air Transport.

Our flight lasted about 20 minutes and we flew over downtown Cincinnati. Charlene (my lady) wasn't sure she wanted to go on the flight, but when she saw young children get on, she decided to go. It was GREAT! We agreed with many of the passengers when they said "It was the best \$50.00 they ever spent." It took two years of work to bring the plane to Cincinnati, but the EAA was so pleased with the turn out that they are already talking about bringing the event back next year.

They also had a lot of history about Lunken Airport. I never knew, and I bet most people didn't know, that in 1930 it was the largest municipal airport in the WORLD. Such notables as Howard Hughes, Jimmy Doolittle, Freddie Lund and Jean Harlow were at the formal dedication. Lunken Airport was the commercial airport for Cincinnati until the late 1950's.



Tim Schmidt's 1929 Ford Model A coupe under the wing of a 1929 Ford Tri-Motor

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Tim Schmidt** on his recent appointment to the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Disaster Preparedness and Response Action Plan Committee. His appointment is an honor to all of us.

Condolences

Region V would like to extend our deepest sympathies to a former member of our team, Scott Davis, on the passing of his mother. Scott is now a member of the DPMU, but will always be in our hearts.



Picture submitted by AJ Jarabek