

DFL Weekly SITREP (1 February 12)

Completed Events

Faculty Participation in Cultural events:

On Tuesday, 31 January, the French and International Clubs, in coordination with the Tunisian Community Center, hosted a dinner and program titled, “Salute to the Tunisian Revolution” at Eisenhower Hall. The formal segment began with the viewing of a video of the revolution which overthrew the dictator in Tunisia one year ago. Following this, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of Tunisian cadets and members of the Tunisian Community Center. The entertainment segment began at 1845 and continued to 2030 with dinner and cultural performances by Tunisian Folklore Ensemble and a Tunisian dance performance.



In this photo: A member of the Tunisian Community Center addresses cadet’s questions about Tunisia.

On Saturday, 28 January, the German Language Club attended the annual Germanistic Society of America Quadrille Ball in New York City. Each year, cadets are invited to represent the long-standing relationship of USMA’s German Language Club and the Germanistic societies of New York and America in this historical charity ball. MAJ Willig led a delegation of 4 cadets, all from the leadership of the German Language Club, and two officers, LTC Fidorra and MAJ Francis from the German section. The delegation interacted with many honored guests to include the German Consul General to New York City, the Honorable Busso von Alvensleben, and Mr. Alen Z. Feuer, Honorary Chair and former Head Director of the Quadrille Ball.



In this photo: Cadets Christopher Tell, Joe Geiger and Alex Imbriale learn the Quadrille dance with other honored guests. The cadets' participation marks the 52nd Quadrille and the long-standing relationship between the Germanistic Society and West Point's German Language Club.

Faculty Participation in Conferences:

Dr. Jeff Watson attended the third annual Conference on the Development of Intercultural Competence which focused on the topic of Intercultural Competence and Foreign Language Immersive Environments. Researchers and teachers from around the world gathered at the conference to discuss best practices in areas of language and culture education in domestic and foreign learning environments including Study Abroad. Presentations included the topics of The Interface of Language and Culture; Assessment of Language and Intercultural Competence; and Pre-, Post-, and During-Immersion Learning Activities.

New Addition to the family:

The Department of Foreign Languages welcomes Amalia Abbas Dahouk, born at 1030 on 31 January 2012 to Elizabeth and Abbas Dahouk. Elizabeth teaches in the Spanish section and LTC Abbas Dahouk, formerly of the Arabic section, is currently serving at the State Department. Amalia weighed in at six and a half pounds, 19.5 inches. Mom and baby are doing well.



In this photo: Amalia Abbas Dahouk.

Future Events:

On Saturday, 4 February, MAJ Matthew Radik will take a group of cadets from the Chinese Language and Culture Club to experience the annual Flushing Chinese New Year Parade. Chinese New Year is the most important holiday to many Chinese Americans. Cadets will practice their language skills, watch the 5000 year old tradition of lion dancing and firecrackers, and immerse themselves in Chinese culture in New York City.