

DFL Weekly SITREP (13 July 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS**:

1. International Cadet and Officer Participation in Cadet Summer Training:
 - a. International cadet participants in CFT and US Army Airborne and Air Assault schools have arrived and started their training. The countries represented in this group include Chile, Georgia, Brazil, and Taiwan. DFL coordinators from Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, and Spanish sections are continuing their coordination to ensure each international visitor has a productive training experience. DFL Sponsors will work to accomplish a smooth transition back to their home country when training is complete.
2. Faculty participation in training:
 - a. Major Doug Willig, Instructor in German, is in Dresden, Germany and is participating in a Tactics and Logistics Course at the Officers' School of the German Army. The course is 5 weeks and will be a great asset to him in teaching cadets about our allied forces. Several other international officers from various countries are participating as well.
3. Faculty participation in language and cultural immersion trips:
 - a. Currently, the Persian section is leading one cadet on a summer AIAD trip to Tajikistan that will continue to 8 August. CDT Philip Knoetgen is traveling without faculty escort. He is participating in an eight week intensive study of Persian language and culture in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. This program is offered by the American Councils for International Education. CDT Knoetgen is assigned to live with a Tajiki family for cultural immersion.



In this photo: CDT Knoetgen has intensive Persian language study for four hours a day in Tajikistan with one-on-one tutors in speaking and writing.

b. The Portuguese section recently completed a summer AIAD trip to Mozambique.



In this photo: Cadets visit two schools in the villages of Mbueca and Nkolongue, teaching classes and making life-long relationships.

c. From 17 June – 16 July, the Chinese section is supervising Cadet Neil Kanneberg's training at Taiwan's Jump School. In addition to the Jump School experience, Taiwan Cadets have been taking him to different parts of the Island every weekend, immersing himself in all aspects of Taiwanese culture.



In this photo: Cadet Kanneberg '12, in a Taiwan Army Uniform and Colonel Arthur Kuo, Taiwan Army Attaché to the United States, meet at Taiwan's Jump School.

4. Upcoming key events:

a. From 17 July to 6 August, the French section will lead a group of ten cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Rochefort, France. The cadets will travel without faculty escort.

The School, run by France's paramilitary police, gives instruction in the French Language to foreign military members, and also gives French military personnel foreign language instruction prior to their overseas deployments. As such, the cadets will supplement their language instruction with in-depth mil-to-mil contacts with members of all of France's Armed Services. With a total of twenty-seven participants over the entire summer, it is the largest of the Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) offered by West Point.

b. From 17 July to 6 August, Dr. Pendergast from the Russian section is leading a group of seven cadets a summer AIAD trip to Ukraine. The cadets will be in a three week intensive language and cultural program designed to increase proficiency and confidence in the Russian language, enhance regional expertise and promote cultural awareness.

c. From 18 July to 6 August, the Arabic section will lead a group of six cadets on a summer Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) trip to Marrakech, Morocco. The cadets will travel without faculty escort. The cadets will participate in intensive language instruction at Al Alamia Language Institute for five hours a day and then two to three hours in the evening in cultural exchanges in the local area. The cadets will take trips to Essouira and Ourika Valley and will participate in a cultural immersion trips on weekends.

d. From 18 July to 22 July, Drs. Martha Gallagher and Hongyu Huang will represent West Point and participate in the first Yale Beijing Conference in Beijing, China. Yale and its related universities will host a Global Alumni Leadership Conference in Beijing which will include West Point and seven Chinese universities including Hong Kong. This conference will help increase contact between Yale and West Point and their ongoing activities related to China.

e. From 18 July to 6 August, Dr. Martha Gallagher from the Chinese section will lead a group of seven cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Changchun, China. The cadets will spend two and a half weeks of intensive Chinese language and culture study at Jilin University in Changchun, China. During their free time in the last half week of the trip, Dr. Gallagher will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Changchun and Beijing, China.

f. From 18 July to 6 August, LTC Aguirre from the Spanish section will lead a group of five cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Ecuador. Cadets will spend three weeks visiting significant military commands as well as studying national politics, economics, history, and geography in an immersion setting as they travel to various cities and regions in Ecuador.