

DFL Weekly SITREP (15 February 12)

Completed Events

Faculty Participation in Hosting Visitors:

From 7 to 9 February Major Matthew Radik assisted the Department of Military Instruction by providing language support for two People's Liberation Army (Chinese Military) Officers who attended the Sandhurst Competition External Team Recon. This is the first year in which a team from the People's Liberation Army will attend. The team is from the People's Liberation Army University of Science and Technology (解放军理工大学).



In this photo: Colonel Goldman and Major Radik with Lieutenant Colonel Zhao and First Lieutenant Gu from the People's Republic of China's People's Liberation Army University of Science and Technology after the Sandhurst Competition External Team Recon.

On Friday, 3 February, two Russian cadets from the Voronezh State University arrived at USMA for a 3-week exchange program sponsored by the Russian section. Cadets Olga Gorovaya and Philipp Makarov spent their first week at USMA as guests of two members of the Class of 2012. They attended classes with their sponsors and also spoke with different sections of LR204, Basic Russian. DFL Russian and German language faculty have also provided English language lessons for the 2 Russian cadets.



In this photo: Russian cadets Olga Gorovaya and Philipp Makarov give a brief about their hometown of Voronezh, Russia to cadets in one section of LR204.

Twenty seven cadets from all levels of Russian language proficiency took part in the 13th Annual National Russian Essay Contest on 8 February 2012. Over 1300 Russian language students, from over 100 US colleges and universities, compete at various levels of Russian language proficiency. Essays will be rated by Russian language instructors from the Pushkin Institute near Moscow, Russia, with results announced in mid-April.

Future Events

On 22 February, the German Section will conduct an academic trip section to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Cadets from LN490 (German Capstone Seminar), LG484 (German Civilization II), and LG476 (Military Speaking and Reading through German) will be in attendance. In addition to the cadets and faculty who will attend, the Austrian Exchange cadets will augment the group. Cadets will receive an orientation of the UN complex, hear from the German Mission to the UN, and share a meal at the Deutsches Haus with the German Consul General Busso von Alvensleben and Austrian Brigadier General Franz Berndorfer.