

DFL Weekly SITREP (17 August 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Faculty participation in Conferences and research projects:

MAJ Michael Tobias traveled to Ft. Belvoir and the Pentagon last week to meet with members of the Missile Defense Agency regarding an academic research project proposing new courses of action for ballistic missile defense (BMD) in Europe. He and his team of five Russian speaking cadets will spend the fall semester researching and making use of their regional expertise to propose future courses of action for bilateral engagement with Russia on the issue.

2. Faculty participation in language and cultural immersion trips:

a. Currently, four Arabic-speaking cadets are conducting a semester abroad “pre-session” in Rabat, Morocco under the auspices of AMIDEAST, a non-governmental educational exchange organization, and Al Akhawayn University, our partner institution. During the three-week pre-session, the cadets are studying Moroccan dialect daily, participating in cultural excursion on weekends, and residing in Rabat with host Moroccan families.



In this photo: Cadets Ginacarlo Salazar and Hamid Nasir are enjoying a traditional Iftar dinner with their Moroccan host family.

b. Dr. Martha Gallagher returned this week from China, assisting Cadets Duncan Aylor and Andrew Chack as they settled at Peking University and Cadet Timothy Chen at Jilin University in Changchun, China.

c. Currently, the Spanish section is coordinating for four Spanish speaking cadets on a Semester Abroad at the Tecnologico de Monterrey (Monterrey Tech) in Estado de

Mexico. The cadets are enjoying their stay with host families and started classes this week.



In this photo: Cadets Isaac Gutierrez, Sean Toal, Louis Hunsberger and David Covell visiting the temples of Teotihuacan.

3. Faculty participation in language or International Club key events:

a. MAJ Matthew Radik, Dr. Hongyu Huang, and Ms Can Wang attended the Directorate of Cadet Activities' Club Night in support of the Chinese Language and Culture Club. The club's Cadet in-Charge, Cadet Jacky Kwan did a spectacular job organizing and executing the club's participation in the event. Nearly 150 cadets signed up for the Chinese Language and Culture Club.

b. The German Language Club, hosted by MAJ Doug Willig of the German Language Section, his wife, Elaine, and Cadet Alexander Imbriale, the club Cadet-In-Charge, sponsored a table at the DCA Cadet Club Night on 15 August. Cadets of all classes signed up to participate in one of the academy's oldest clubs.



In this photo: MAJ Doug Willig samples the German "Gemütlichkeit" of chocolate fondue and pretzels provided by his wife, Elaine during DCA Club Night as a cadet signs up for the German Club.

4. Faculty participation in hosting visitors:

a. The Chinese section is scheduled to host a group of five cadets and one escort officer from Taiwan's FHK College and Chung Cheng Institute of Technology 24 - 26 August. The delegation is visiting various U.S. academies (to include The Citadel and VMI) in order to compare training, honor systems, cadet activities, and classroom instruction.

b. The German section continues to play an integral part in helping German lieutenants studying at West Point adapt to the rigors of cadet life. They completed the USCC integration last week. The Bundeswehr group (German lieutenants) consists of four Army officers and one Air Force officer.