

## DFL Weekly SITREP (19 October 11)

### Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Faculty and cadet participation in language and cultural immersion trips and activities:
  - a. On October 15, Dr. Yuanman Liu and Ms. Can Wang accompanied the Chinese Language and Culture Club on a one-day trip section to Columbia University in order to attend an East Coast Asian American Student Union Meeting. The club also spent time in Chinatown practicing their Chinese Language skills and enjoying authentic Chinese Food.



**In this photo: Dr. Yuanman Liu and Ms Can Wang pose with Cadets from the Chinese Language and Culture Club in New York City before attending the East Coast Asian American Student Union Meeting held at Columbia University.**



**In this photo: Dr. Yuanman Liu, Ms Can Wang and Chinese-speaking Cadets enjoy an early Dim Sum (點心) lunch in New York City's Chinatown before attending the East Coast Asian American Student Union Meeting at Columbia University.**

b. On Friday, 14 October, Dr. Frank O. Mora, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs briefed DFL staff, faculty, and cadets during Dean's Hour on how to best prepare our future leaders in the areas of languages, cultures and regional expertise. Dr. Mora shared his vast experiences in the international policy realm, highlighting the importance of linguistic proficiency and cultural competence and moreover, the importance of having competent military officers in these areas.

## 2. Language Immersion events:

Semester Abroad Program (SAP)-Austria cadets recently interacted with students from Estonia, Cyprus, Belgium and Austria as they discussed the Common Security Defense Module of the European Union. The cadets also visited the United Nations



mission in Vienna, and started their lessons to learn proper Viennese ballroom dancing. SAP-Germany cadets completed their second week of courses and they continue to adjust to the Bavarian accent in Munich. They recently attended an evening concert at the US Consulate in Munich.

**In this photo: Cadet Madelyne Serrano reconnects with her German host family from her high school exchange program.**

## 3. Future Events:

a. On 30 October, the Chinese Section plans to host a group of 10 Peking University ROTC cadets and one instructor who plan to visit West Point in order to further the goodwill between our two schools. This visit is not currently affected by the present political situation. We currently send cadets to Peking University every summer for Academic Individual Advanced Development trips and for our semester abroad study program. We are also currently hosting a visiting professor, Dr. Yuanman Liu, from Peking University. She brings a wealth of experience and has been a vital addition to our team.

b. On 28-30 October, MAJ Matthew Radik will accompany the Chinese Language and Culture Club on a trip section to Montreal, Canada. The cadets will visit the Magic of Lanterns Festival at the Botanical Garden and also spend time in China Town. The Magic of Lanterns features over 700 traditional Chinese lanterns made

entirely of silk, designed in Montreal and handmade by craftsmen in Shanghai. The Chinese garden will showcase traditional Chinese culture with, “The First Emperor’s Procession”, portraying the first Chinese Emperor, Qin Shi Huangdi, soldiers, horse-drawn chariots, sections of the Great Wall of China and many musical instruments from that time.



**In this photo: The Magic Lanterns Festival, Montreal, Canada.**

c. The 8<sup>th</sup> Chinese Model United Nations Conference has invited the West Point Cadets studying abroad at Jilin University in Changchun, China, to attend their Conference which will take place on 18 to 21 November at China’s National University of Defense Technology in Changsha City, Hunan Province. Dr. Martha Gallagher plans on accompanying the Cadets while she is conducting a preplanned Semester Abroad Program maintenance visit. This Conference provides a great opportunity for West Point to further the goodwill between the United States and China.