

## DFL Weekly SITREP (2 November 11)

### Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Faculty and cadet participation in language and cultural immersion trips and activities:
  - a. From 27-28 October, LTC (P) John Baskerville, Arabic Program Director, and a Model Arab League delegation of 7 cadets traveled to Washington, DC to attend the 20th Annual Policymakers' Conference sponsored by the National Council for US-Arab Relations (NCUSAR). During the conference, the cadets observed panel discussions focused on the critical issues facing the Arab world and gained a first-hand understanding of how US policy affects the region from several current Arab diplomats to the United States, former CENTCOM commanders, US policy experts and business leaders in the Arab World. Especially beneficial and enlightening for the cadets were discussions among top policy-makers, political figures, and academics that analyzed the events of the Arab Spring and shifting dynamics throughout the Arab world from multiple perspectives, with a special focus on: the future of US engagement and influence in the region; current political and social developments in Egypt's and Libya's transitions; and the increasing relative influence (post Arab Spring) of the Gulf states (e.g., Qatar, Saudi Arabia). This conference provided the Model Arab League team with the foundational knowledge and current perspectives necessary for a successful performance in upcoming regional and national competitions.
  - b. On October 24-25 October, CPT Harrision and LTC Cinelli of the Portuguese section escorted MG Arruda, the Superintendent of the Brazilian Military Academy. He met with the Dean, Commandant, DFL, and visited Dr. Joshua Enslen's Portuguese Media class.



**In this photo: MG Arruda addresses LP475 cadets in Dr. Enslen's Advanced Portuguese Reading and Writing Through the Media class.**

2. Language Immersion events:

a. German. Semester Abroad Program (SAP)-Germany cadets completed their fourth week of courses. The Munich SAP cadets continue to find local opportunities for cultural immersion.

SAP-Austria cadets continue to enjoy cultural trips with their fellow Austrian and other international cadets.



**In this photo: Cadet Brendan Podszus learns the finer points of wine making.**

3. Future Events:

a. 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.