

DFL Weekly SITREP (22 June 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 begun to arrive to West Point. The countries represented in this group include Chile, Georgia, Brazil, and Taiwan. DFL coordinators from Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, and Spanish sections are working to ensure each international visitor has an appropriate sponsor and that all travel coordination, physicals, meals, lodging, and equipment issues take place in time for a smooth transition for training.
2. Faculty participation in training:
 - a. Major Doug Willig, Instructor in German, arrived in Dresden, Germany on 13 Jun and is participating in a Tactic and Logistics Course at the Officer's 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 Arabic section is leading a group of seven cadets on a summer Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) trip to Marrakech, Morocco that will continue to 1 July. The cadets are currently in their 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 took recent trips to Essouira and Ourika Valley and will participate in a cultural immersion trip this weekend.
 - b. Currently, Dr. Hongyu Huang from the Chinese section is leading a group of five cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Changchun, China that will continue to 3 July. The cadets are spending 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. Hongyu Huang will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Changchun and Beijing, China.



In this photo:

West Point cadets completing an intensive Chinese summer immersion program at Jilin University in Changchun, China pause to take a group photo with their Jilin University teachers after the opening welcome ceremony. In the photo from West Point from left to right are Cadets Colin Weidmann, Jessica Williams, Rumeal Lewis, Nocholas Qiu, Matthew Char and Dr. Hongyu Huang.

c. Currently, Dr. Qun Ao from the Chinese section is leading a group of eight cadets to Xi'an, China on Major General Loeffke's Friendship Fund summer AIAD trip that will continue to 3 July. The cadets will spend two and a half weeks of Chinese language and culture study at Jiaotong University in Xi'an, China and will perform their international community service teaching English and preventative medicine classes to Chinese elementary school students in the local area. During their free time and the last half week of the trip, Dr. Qun Ao will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Xi'an and Beijing, China.



In this photo: Cadet Phillip Mellon teaches Chinese elementary school students preventative medicine and how to check one's pulse as part of Major General (retired) Loeffke's Friendship Fund Academic Individual Advanced Development trip to Xi'an, China that not only teaches cadets Chinese and Chinese culture, but also performs important community service activities with the local Chinese community.

d. Currently, the French section is leading a group of seven cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Rochefort, France. 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 supplemented 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, it is the largest of the Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) offered by West Point.



In this photo: Cadet Ty Hash, Arabic and French Concentrator salutes COL Nicholas Tachon, Director of the National Commando Training Center after receiving distinguished graduate honors for training at CNEC in Mont Louis, France.

e. Currently, the German section is leading a group of 3 cadets on a summer AIAD trip to various Bundeswehr units in Saarlouis, Fussen, and Gotha, Germany that will continue to 3 July. The cadets arrived safely on Tuesday. Cadets are spending three weeks in intensive cross-cultural program of physical, marksmanship, field training, and garrison operations with a combat or combat support unit of the Bundeswehr. The cadets will gain knowledge of Germany and German Army operations. Cadets will improve their competence in speaking, listening and comprehension of German. The program is designed to enhance cultural knowledge through interaction with military counterparts and the local populace, and immersion in day-to-day life situations.

f. Currently, the German section is leading 2 cadets on a summer AIAD trip to various Bundeswehr units in Oberviechtach and Fussen, Germany. Cadets left Tuesday for this AIAD and arrived safely Wednesday morning. Cadets integrated in training immediately on Wednesday with a march through the mountains and a range, firing the G36. Cadets are spending three weeks in intensive cross-cultural program of physical, marksmanship, field training, and garrison operations with a combat or combat support unit of the Bundeswehr. The cadets will gain knowledge of Germany and German Army operations. Cadets will improve their competence in speaking, listening and comprehension of German. The program is designed to enhance cultural knowledge through interaction with military counterparts and the local populace, and immersion in day-to-day life situations.



In this photo: Cadet Katherine, 2013, participates with her sponsor unit firing mortars.

- g. Currently, the Persian section is leading one cadet on a summer AIAD trip to Tajikistan that will continue to 8 August. He will participate 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. He will be assigned to live with a Tajiki family for cultural immersion.
- h. Currently, Dr. Rebecca Jones-Kellogg, Mr. Antonio Igrejas, MAJ Jordan Francis, and the Portuguese section are leading a group of 6 cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Mozambique for cultural and language immersion that will continue to 10 July. During the trip, the cadets will accompany US AMB Rowe to Boquisso for a military demining exercise, spend 3 days at the Mozambican Military Academy in Nampula, travel to Lake Niassa to engage with a local community “eco-tourism” project, travel to Metangula to view USAID efforts in conjunction with the Mozambican Navy in the area. They will return to Maputo for the 4th of July Reception at the US Embassy before ending the trip at the Bazaruto Arquipelago just north of Maputo.
- i. Currently, Major Tobias from the Russian section is leading eight cadets a summer AIAD trip to Kazakhstan that will continue to 9 July. 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. Cadets will spend two weeks in the Kazakh military academy.
- j. Currently, CPT Riggs from the Spanish section is leading a group of 5 cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Chile that will continue to 7 July. Cadets are spending three weeks in Chile as guests of the Chilean Armed Forces and the Chilean Military Academy. Cadets will visit significant military commands, as well as study national politics, economics, history, and geography in an immersion setting as they travel to various cities and regions in Chile.
- k. Currently, Dr. Steigman from the Spanish section is leading a group of five cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Mexico that will continue to 7 July. Cadets are spending 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 Mexico.
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 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, 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 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.