

DFL Weekly SITREP (24 August 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Faculty participation in language and cultural immersion trips:
 - a. The Arabic section coordinated for twelve Arabic-speaking cadets to depart Tuesday for their Semester Abroad experience at the Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. These cadets will be living and studying with Moroccan roommates during their four-month immersion experience. They will be joined by four cadets who have been participating in a three-week pilot “pre-session” (home stay) for Moroccan dialect and culture in Rabat, Morocco.



In this photo: Cadets Wayne Pak, Emily McCarthy, Ginacarlo Salazar and Hamid Nasir study Arabic in a Semester Abroad pre-session in Rabat, Morocco.

- b. Currently, the Spanish section is coordinating for four Spanish speaking cadets on a Semester Abroad. CDT Briana Perez and Jeffrey Kim will be at University of Granada and CDTs Joshua Pcsolyar and Matthew Wesche will be studying at the Military Academy-La Academia General Militar in Zaragoza.
 - c. Currently, the Portuguese section is coordinating for seven cadets from the Brazilian Military Academy to give presentations to all basic Portuguese courses this week. Presentations will include topics such as the Brazilian Army, the Brazilian Military Academy, and Brazilian geography and culture. The presentations will allow basic Portuguese cadets to interact with their Brazilian peers, to converse with native speakers, and learn more about Brazil and its military.



In this photo: Cadets from the Brazilian Military Academy representing each of the seven branches talk to cadets in basic Portuguese about their academy.

2. Faculty participation in language events:

MAJ David Ashcraft from the French section will be showing the foreign film *The Battle of Algiers* at the Cornwall Public Library on the evening of 15 September at 1800. The showing of the film and discussion will take place as part of the Cornwall Library's monthly foreign film series.

3. 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.