

DFL Weekly SITREP (25 MAY 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Hosting Visitors:

a. On 19 May 2011, The Department of Foreign Language's Award Ceremony took place and was a huge success. Several visiting donors and supporters of DFL's classroom and immersion programs presented awards of excellence in different language disciplines. The Spanish section hosted Major General Hugo Cornejo Valdivia and Colonel Gustavo Formento. The German section hosted BG (Ret) Tony Smith and the Chinese section hosted Dr. Bernarndo Fernando and his wife and members of the Wen family.



The Wen family poses with the recipients of the LTG Ying-Hsing Wen Memorial Award for Excellence in East Asian Studies and Cadet Travel Award. In the photo from left to right are Ms. Maria Wen Adcock, Mr. Tzu-Ch'iao Wen, CDT Uzkar Ibrahim, CDT Michael Kerper, Mr. Alfred Wen, and Mrs. Harriet Wen Tung.

2. Faculty development:

a. On 20-21 May 2011, five civilian instructors from the Chinese section, Drs. Martha Gallagher, Qun Ao, Hongyu Huang, Yuanman Liu and Ms. Can Wang attended the 2011 International Conference on Chinese Textbook and New Teaching Resources at

Columbia University, New York. On 20 May, Dr. Yuanman Liu, visiting professor from Beijing University, presented a paper entitled, “Compiling Multi-Dimensional Textbooks for Short-Term Chinese Study Programs: Theory and Practice” and presided over the panel on Media Chinese.



In this photo from left to right: Ms. Can Wang, Dr. Martha Gallagher, Dr. Qun Ao, Dr. Hongyu Huang and Dr. Yuanman Liu attending the 2011 International Conference on Chinese Textbook and New Teaching Resources at Columbia University.

3. International Cadet Participation in Cadet Summer Training:

a. Twenty International cadets are currently participating in West Point’s Cadet Leader Development Training as part of the academy’s summer military training at Camp Buckner. The Department of Foreign Languages continues to play an integral role in their day to day activities. DFL coordinators from Chinese, Russian, and Spanish language sections are in daily communication with the cadet sponsors to ensure the international cadets are well and have everything they require for training. Additionally, DFL coordinators are responsible for all follow on coordination such as meals, lodging, and travel plans, either to another US Army school or back to their home station. The cadets currently visiting represent Taiwan, Spain, and Kazakhstan. Due to the enormous efforts of the Taiwan Military Academy, the Washington DC attaché offices and the Chinese section, this is the first year that Taiwan has been able to expand its participation in West Point’s cadet summer military training to include Cadet Leader Development Training.

- b. Preparations are currently underway for the second wave of twenty eight visiting cadets to arrive to attend CFT and US Army Airborne and Air Assault schools. The countries represented in this group will include Chile, Ecuador, France, Georgia, Brazil, and Taiwan. DFL coordinators from Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, French 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 once they arrive.
4. Faculty participation in language and cultural immersion trips:
- a. Currently, the Arabic section is leading a group of four cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Marrakech, Morocco that will continue to 9 June. The cadets are spending this week acclimating to the neighborhood and to the school, Al Alamia Language Institute. They will be assessed for their current language abilities and then will spend 4 days a week in intensive Arabic and Spoken Moroccan coursework designed for their individual advancement. This weekend, the cadets will participate in a cultural immersion trip to the local markets.
- b. Currently, LTC Brady Crosier from the Chinese section is leading a group of fifteen cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Taiwan that will continue to 11 June. The cadets are spending one week at the Taiwan Military Academy in Kaohsiung and then two weeks of intensive Chinese language and culture study at Fu Jen University in Taipei, Taiwan. During their free time, LTC Brady Crosier will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Kaohsiung and Taipei.
- c. Currently, CPT Gallardo from the Spanish section is leading a group of five cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Peru that will continue to 14 June. 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. Cadets will speak Spanish at all times during this AIAD.
- d. Currently, the French section is leading a group of cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Djibouti that will continue to 18 June. Cadets are spending three and a half weeks with the 13eme DBLE, Djibouti. Cadets will be integrated into their host units and thereby become completely immersed in the language and culture of the French Foreign Legion in Djibouti. Cadets will gain significant exposure to the Sub-Saharan Africa.
- e. Currently, MAJ Tobias and the Russian section are leading a group of cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Russia that will continue to 11 June. Cadets are spending three weeks of intensive language programs at Voronezh State University designed to increase Russian language proficiency and

enhance their regional expertise and promote cultural awareness. Cadets will tour historically and culturally significant sites in the Voronezh area as well as in Moscow and St. Petersburg, interacting with the local population in day-to-day situations.

f. Currently, the French section is leading a group of cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Gabon that will continue to 17 June. Cadets will be integrated into their host units and thereby becoming completely immersed in the language and culture of the French Army in Gabon. Cadets will gain a significant exposure to Sub-Saharan Africa. Tactical military training will be included.

g. Currently, MAJ Fagergren and Dr. Chris Lewis of the Portuguese section are leading a group of ten cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Brazil that will continue to 10 June. This annual trip is planned with the support of the Brazilian Army that accompanies the cadets for cultural tours and briefings at many important Commands in Brazil. Some of these include the Amazon Command and Jungle School, the Brazilian Military Academy in Resend, the Military Institute of Engineering in Rio, and the ROTC-equivalent program in Sao Paulo.

5. Upcoming key events:

a. From 13 June to 1 July, MAJ Mark Whiteman and the Arabic section will lead a group of seven cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Morocco. The cadets will spend 4 days/week in intensive Arabic and Spoken Moroccan coursework at the Al Alamia Language Institute in Marrakech and will participate in cultural and language immersion trips for the remaining 3 days/week

b. From 13 June to 2 July, Dr. Hongyu Huang will lead a group of 5 cadets to China on a summer academic individual advanced development 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. Hongyu Huang will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Changchun and Beijing, China.

c. From 13 June to 2 July, Dr. Qun Ao from the Chinese section will lead a group of eight cadets to Xi'an, China on Major General Loeffke's Friendship Fund summer academic individual advanced development trip. 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.

d. From 6 June to 9 August, the Persian section will lead a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Tajikistan. The cadets will be in an eight

week intensive study of the Persian language and culture in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The program is offered by the American Councils for International Education.

e. From 13 June to 2 July, the Russian section will lead a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Kazakhstan. 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.

f. From 16 June to 7 July, the Spanish section will lead a summer academic individual advanced development trip to Chile. Cadets will spend 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 for at least two weeks to various cities and regions in Chile.