

DFL Weekly SITREP (27 APR 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Cadet Events and Academic Trips:

a. On 28 April, 100 of DFL's majors, across seven languages, are presenting projects as part of West Point's Projects Day. The presentations showcase the cadets' abilities to integrate their knowledge of language and culture with other aspects of the curriculum and their 47-month experience at the Academy. With topics ranging from U.S. and Russian involvement in Kazakhstan to U.S. options for partnering with regional allies to achieve lasting stability in Yemen, DFL's cadets have analyzed complex real-world issues and will use these briefs to lay out the complexity of the issues, discuss anticipated challenges and opportunities, and propose viable responses.

b. On 26 April, DFL held its 20th Annual PSI Banquet honoring 49 total new members including: 40 cadets and 9 faculty. Phi Sigma Iota is the premier international foreign language honor society dedicated to the principles of friendship, a zeal for languages, and research and individuality. Attending this special event were: Club President: CDT Joseph Gelinas (Chinese Major) Faculty Advisors: Drs Joshua Enslin & Geri Smith Guest Speaker: BG Timothy E Trainor, Dean of the Academic Board, and the 2011 USMA Inductees.

c. On 26 April, the Chinese language and culture club held their last club meeting of the semester in order to introduce new club officers and plan for the next academic year's events.

2. Hosting Visitors:

On 24 April, LTC Jürgen Fidorra of DFL's German section hosted a visiting delegation of students from the German Armed Forces academies' visit to West Point. The students consisted of cadets and lieutenants from the Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg and The University of the Bundeswehr in Munich. The purpose of the visit was to introduce German professional officer's corps candidates to our West Point's general structure and system and how it compares to the German officer education and training program.

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von links: Olt Leffs, Olt Drescher, LtzS Günther, Lt Küpper, Olt Barleben, OFR Seufferle, Olt Pape,
Olt Baum, Olt Ramel (Delegationsleiter), Olt Ostrowski, OFR Berns, Lt Koßmann (Kassenwart), Lt Hanke, Lt Arndt, OFR Bode, Olt Thomsen,
OFR Rode, Lt Weber, Olt Koch, OFR Birkenbach, SLt Payelle; nicht auf dem Bild: Lt Behr, OFR Grunow, Lt Ludwig

3. Faculty Development/Service:

On 15 April, Dr. Christopher Lewis successfully defended his dissertation entitled “When Samba Slips: Building Bridges to Transmodern Identity in the Twenty-first Century Brazilian Novel” at Harvard.

4. Upcoming Key Events:

- a. On 28-30 April Dr. Qun Ao (DFL’s Chinese language section) will conduct an Oral Proficiency Interview workshop at Stanford University, California.
- b. On 28-30 April Dr. Martha Gallagher will attend a STAR Talk Leadership conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.