

DFL Weekly SITREP (27 JAN 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. **Hosting visitors:** From 25-28 January, DFL's Chinese section will host the Chinese Military Academy's official annual visit to West Point. The event will include a few Taiwanese cadets so that they see what cadet life is like at West Point. The accompanying Chinese Military Academy Chief of Staff and a Battalion Commander are planning to have office calls with the Superintendent, the Dean, the Commandant, the Department of Military Instruction, the Department of Physical Education, and the Department of Foreign Languages. The delegation will also observe some early Sandhurst team training as Taiwan is sending a team to participate in West Point's Sandhurst competition this year.
2. **Staff and Faculty Development and Recognition:** The DFL faculty are working on presentations for academic works in anticipation of this year's DFL Mentorship Colloquium, which will be held 22-25 February 2011. The DFL Mentorship Colloquium was created to encourage the academic research of new scholars in the Department of Foreign Languages, to cultivate mentoring relationships between senior and rotating faculty as well as to provide a forum for a mutual sharing of ideas. The Colloquium also provides DFL faculty the opportunity to develop and polish new works in preparation for professional conferences and publication.
3. **Academic Trips:**
 - a. On 25 January, BG Trainor, COL DiMeo, the DFL Acting Department Head, and LTC Gagnon, the Associate Dean for the International Intellectual Development Division, attended the Department of Defense (DOD) Defense Language Office's (DLO) Language and Culture Summit. The intent of the summit, subtitled "A Strategic Imperative," is to bring together representatives from across DOD, Congress, federal agencies, academia, and private industry and challenge them to identify and propose solutions which will drive organizational changes in DOD, and maybe the nation, in building, enhancing and sustaining foreign language, regional and cultural capabilities. The results of the summit will aid in the development of a holistic, integrated plan to support DOD strategic goals.
 - b. This week, the Superintendent visited our semester abroad programs in China. Along with meeting key staff and faculty, LTG Huntoon visited our cadets studying at Jilin University on Sunday, 23 January and our cadets studying at Beijing University on Monday, 24 January.



Jilin University warmly welcomes West Point Superintendent, Lieutenant General Huntoon. Present in the photo are: Dr. LIU, Fuhua, Cadet Rumeal Lewis, Major Michael McDermott, Cadet Spencer Donaldson, Major Adriel Lam, Dr. BU, Tiejun, Lieutenant General David Huntoon, President ZHAN, Tao, Ms. Maureen Fitzgerald, Cadet Sam Bjorkman, Cadet Alex Farmer, Cadet Peter Niedzielski, and Dr. LIU, Debin.



West Point Superintendent, Lieutenant General David Huntoon, conducts an office call with the President of Jilin University, ZHAN, Tao to discuss continued cooperation between West Point and Jilin University.

- c. The West Point German Club was honored to be selected to participate in the 51st annual Quadrille Ball at the Plaza Hotel in New York City on Saturday, 22 January. The German Club cadets who attended represented West Point by presenting the Colors and were treated as guests for a white tie dinner and ballroom dancing. Since 1961, the Quadrille Ball has been the Germanistic Society of America's main and most successful source of international social intercourse promoting cultural understanding between Germany and the United States.



The West Point German Club Color Guard consisting of Cadets Alex Imbriale, Chris Telle, Josh Young, and Dan Kurber present the Colors at the 2011 Quadrille Ball at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.



Cadet Chris Telle and a German exchange student perform the Quadrille dance at the invitation of the ball organizers following dinner and the formal Quadrille presentation.

4. Upcoming Key Events

- a. The Vice President of the Helmut Schmidt University (HSU) in Hamburg, Professor Dr. Klaus Beckman, will visit West Point from 31 January to 2 February 2011. He will be accompanied by Dr. Martin Nassua (Director of the International Office for the University) and LTC Ulrich Hegner (Commander of the German Students). Both Dr. Nassua and LTC Hegner have played pivotal roles in our cadet exchange with the HSU, providing for our cadets academically, physically and militarily. During their visit, we will give them an introduction to West Point as well as discuss current and future cooperation.
- b. West Point's second annual International Day will take place on 2 February at 1830 on the third floor of Thayer Hall. The International cadets who study here at the United States Military Academy will be honored and given an opportunity to display cultural items and foods from their respective countries around the world. This event complements the language and cultural awareness training that all cadets receive through DFL and further strengthens our cadets' ability to think and problem solve from a global perspective.
- c. On 6-9 February, MG (ret) Loeffke, his longtime Chinese friend Mr. LIU, and Mr. Mumford (West Point graduate, served in Vietnam as Army Engineer, current head of Washington Group Consultants) will conduct an official visit to West Point to speak to cadets about Beijing's modern engineering construction and observations from MG

Loeffke's recent trip throughout China. During the visit, Mr. Mumford will conduct a briefing and a discussion with the cadets of the Civil Engineering capstone course.

- d. On 7-9 February, Dr. LIU, Fuhua the Vice Director of Jilin University's International Language College, and the Chinese Language and Culture Department Dean will visit West Point to discuss the Academy's Chinese language semester abroad program there and to observe a few Chinese language and culture classes.