

DFL Weekly SITREP (29 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 arrived and started their training. The countries represented in this group include Chile, Georgia, Brazil, and Taiwan. DFL coordinators from Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, and Spanish sections are continuing their coordination to ensure each international visitor has a productive training experience. DFL Sponsors will work to accomplish a smooth transition back to their home country when training is complete.



In this photo: LTC Crosier from the Chinese section hosts the Taiwanese cadets to a round of bowling prior to their training beginning at West Point.



In this photo: MAJ Tom Tolman, West Point Admissions Officer, escorts 14 four-year international cadets who reported to West Point for Reception Day.

DFL plays a pivotal role in hosting them as MAJ Dave Fagergren, Portuguese Desk Chief, is also the officer-in-charge of the International Cadet Club.

2. Faculty participation in training:

a. Major Doug Willig, Instructor in German, arrived in Dresden, Germany on 13 Jun and is participating in a Tactics and Logistics Course at the Officers' 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. MAJ Mark Whiteman, Arabic Desk Chief, spent 5 days visiting the cadets last week and the remainder of the time, the cadets were left in the charge of Al Alamia Language Institute. The cadets have completed their intensive language instruction at Al Alamia that lasted five hours a day for two weeks. The group participated in two to three hours of cultural exchanges in the local area during the evenings. The cadets took recent trips to Essouira and Ourika Valley and are in final preparations to return home this weekend.



In this photo: West Point cadets stop in an Argon oil shop while on a cultural immersion trip to the city of Essauira, Morocco.

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: Dr. Hongyu Huang and West Point cadet Jessica Williams have lunch with Vice President Chen of Jilin University.

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: West Point cadets take a break from their intensive Chinese classes at Jiaotong University, in Beijing, China.

d. Currently, the French section is leading a group of seven cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Rochefort, France. The cadets are traveling without faculty escort. On Tuesday, 28 June, Dr. Julia Praud from the French section conducted a day-long site visit to meet with the cadets and the school's Director of Operations, Mr. Jean-Marie Cassagne. 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 over the entire summer, it is the largest of the Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) offered by West Point.

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 are traveling without faculty escort. 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. The cadets are traveling without faculty escort. Cadets integrated in training immediately last 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.

g. Currently, the Persian section is leading one cadet on a summer AIAD trip to Tajikistan that will continue to 8 August. He is traveling without faculty escort. 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.



In this photo: On the most recent AIAD trip sponsored by the Portuguese section, CDT Dougherty participated in military dog training as other West Point cadets watch at the national training center in Brasilia.

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.



In this photo: West Point cadets take turns standing in the Fenix rescue capsule, one of several made in the Naval Yards as part of the miraculous rescue effort to rescue trapper miners last year. Even CDT Luke Estes (6'5") fits! They all did.

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 cadets will travel without faculty escort. 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 over the entire summer, 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 travel without faculty escort. 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.