

## DFL Weekly SITREP (3 August 11)

### Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Faculty Promotion: CPT Donna Hess promoted to Major on 1 August 2011.



**In this photo: LTC John Baskerville, Academy Professor of Arabic, MAJ Donna Hess and CW4 James Hess II.**

2. Faculty participation in International Activities:  
Major Matthew Radik, Captain Ronald Hijduk, Dr. Qun Ao, and Dr. Hongyu Huang recently attended a reception in New York City hosted by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations celebrating the 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army. This was an excellent opportunity to further our relationship with China's People's Liberation Army and discuss future engagement opportunities between West Point and the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations.



**In this photo: Major Radik with Major General Nanfeng Xu, Minister and Military Advisor of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, at the reception celebrating the 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the People's Liberation Army.**

3. Faculty participation in language and cultural immersion trips:

a. Currently, a group of six Arabic-speaking cadets are conducting a summer AIAD trip to Marrakech, Morocco, that will continue until 6 August. The cadets are traveling without faculty escort. The cadets are spending the first part of this week in intensive language instruction at Al Alamia Language Institute and will prepare for their return on Saturday. They are spending five hours a day in language instruction and two to three hours in the evening in cultural exchanges in the local area.



**In this photo: Cadets practice an emergency health situation in Arabic classes at Al Alamia in Marrakech, Morocco.**

b. Currently, Dr. Martha Gallagher from the Chinese section with the help of Ms. Can Wang is leading a group of seven cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Changchun, China that will continue until 6 August. 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. Gallagher will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Changchun and Beijing, China.



**In this photo: Cadets Jung Son, Kevin Kusumoto, Mark Freeman, Gabrielle Perez, Carolina Espejo-Saenz and Rita Snyder enjoying a lunch at Ms. Can Wang's home while attending Chinese classes at Jilin University, Changchun, China.**

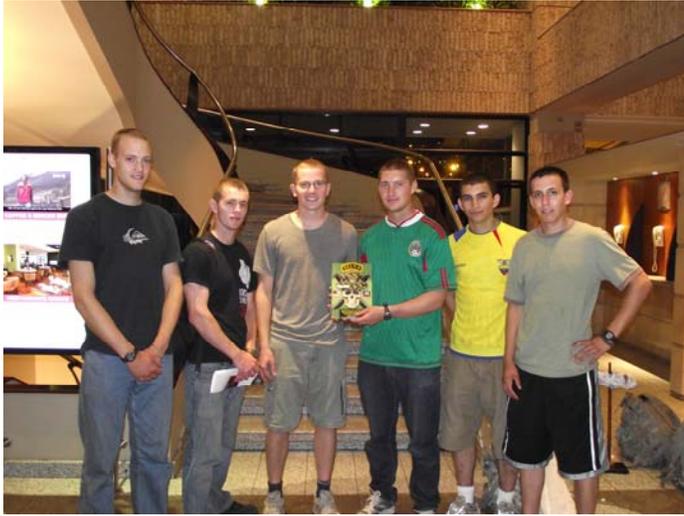
c. Currently, a group of 10 French-speaking cadets are conducting a summer AIAD trip to Rochefort, France that will continue until 6 August. The cadets are traveling without faculty escort. The school, run by France's paramilitary police, gives instruction in the French Language to foreign military members, 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 27 participants over the entire summer, it is the largest AIAD program offered by West Point.

d. Currently, one Persian-speaking cadet is conducting a summer AIAD trip to Tajikistan that will continue to 8 August. CDT Philip Knoetgen is traveling without faculty escort. He is participating 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. CDT Knoetgen is assigned to live with a Tajiki family for cultural immersion.

e. Currently, Mr. Pendergast of the Russian section is leading a group of seven cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Ukraine that will continue until 6 August. The cadets are participating 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.

f. Currently, Ms. Goldberg from the Spanish section is leading a group of five cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Ecuador that will continue until 6 August. 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 Ecuador. They are currently en-route to El Puyo.



**In this photo: Recent graduates from the rigorous “Curso de Selva”, the Ecuadorian Jungle School in Coca Ecuador. Pictured from left to right: Cadets David Covell, Zachariah Hildebrandt, Luke Bonewitz, William Mayne, Joseph Valenzuela, and Bruce Rush.**



**In this photo: A visit to an Ammunition Plant in Quito, Ecuador. Pictured from left to right: LTC Aguirre, Ms. Saenz, (daughter of US Embassy Official), Cadets Elizabeth Kim, Jessica Jordan, Sean Toal, Nikki Zahl-Enriquez, and Jordan Malkoff.**