

DFL Weekly SITREP (3 DEC 10)

Current Week HIGHLIGHTS:

1. AIADs and Semester Abroad Updates: The four Cadets studying abroad at the Theresan Military Academy in Austria celebrated Thanksgiving with the American Ambassador to Austria, William Echo, and his family in Vienna.
2. Published works or presentations: On 30 November, LTC Gagnon of IIDDD and MAJ Miller of DFL presented a brief to the faculty and cadets of DFL. The presentation was entitled - "Working with Translators and Interpreters in Afghanistan and Iraq". The presentation summarized their experiences (LTC Gagnon in Iraq; MAJ Miller in Afghanistan) with translators and interpreters, focusing on challenges, ranging from the language proficiency of the interpreters and translators to units' understanding of how to properly evaluate and employ them.
3. Language or International Club key events:
 - a. The Chinese club will hold its last meeting of the semester on 1 DEC in Thayer Hall from 1930-2030 where club officers will conduct an after action review of the club's Montreal Chinatown trip and will discuss next semester's activities and trips.
 - b. The Arabic club will travel to New Paltz this Saturday to experience an authentic Arabic tea and hookah Café.
4. Key events in the NEXT 7-14 days: The Portuguese section will host the Brazilian exchange officer/ Portuguese instructor to the Bolivian Military Academy from 6-10 December. The exchange takes place at the request of the Brazilian Army who would like the Brazilian officer to observe how we teach Portuguese and take those lessons learned to the military academy in Bolivia.