

DFL Weekly SITREP (30 November 11)

Completed Events

Faculty and cadet participation in language and cultural immersion trips and activities:

On 18 November, 13 members of the Arabic Language and Culture club conducted a trip section to Danbury, Connecticut, where cadets experienced an authentic Arab dining experience at a Lebanese restaurant. Dr. Rajaa Chouairi, the club's faculty advisor and our Arabic Program director, introduced his native cuisine as it was presented and educated the cadets on proper cultural customs practiced while consuming the dishes and drinking Arabic coffee and tea.

On 29 November, five cadets leading a research project examining a way ahead with Russia regarding missile defense in Europe conducted a VTC with the Ms. Nancy Morgan, Director for International Affairs, Missile Defense Agency, who is funding this research project. Cadets Rudy Weisz, Noelle Kerr, Jon Palmeri, Aleks Klevenskiy and Garry Schwartzman briefed their progress and significant conclusions to this point. They will travel to DC in January to brief their preliminary findings in person and discuss their way ahead for research into semester 12-2.

Language Immersion events:

Semester Abroad Program (SAP) -

SAP Austria cadets visited Austria's parliament building for Thanksgiving. They were invited to the US Ambassador's residence for the holiday celebration.

SAP Hamburg cadets observed Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner with their German counterparts. They also completed a weapons shoot at a local Bundeswehr range complex as part of their cadet military training.



In this photo: Cadets Caleb Magnuson, Jordan Sorrenti, Brendan Podszus and Lauren Ulmer on Semester Abroad in Austria enjoy a visit to the parliament building as part of their visit to the US Ambassador's residence for the Thanksgiving holiday.



In this photo: CDTs Jordan Sorrenti and Lauren Ulmer take part with their Austrian classmates in a practical field training exercise after completing the classroom academics for the course.

Future Events

On 2 December, 16 Arabic Speaking cadets who are currently studying abroad at Al-Akhawayn University in Morocco, will be visiting the US Embassy in Rabat, a trip coordinated by MAJ Jay Bessey, a US Army Olmsted Scholar also studying at the same university. MAJ Bessey serves as a mentor to our cadets while abroad and has prepared a day-long itinerary which will expose our cadets to the inner workings of the embassy and familiarize them with the roles of the Defense Attaché Office and Office of Defense Cooperation in the formulation and implementation of US Foreign Policy in Morocco.

On 2 December, the Department of Foreign Languages will have its Holiday Party/Dinner at the Canterbury Brook Inn in Cornwall.