

DFL Weekly SITREP (5 JAN 11)

Current Week HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Published works or presentations:
 - a. Ms. May George of the Arabic Department presented her dissertation to her committee at the University of Arizona. The title of her paper was “Teacher’s Scaffolding of Oral Arabic Language Production.” This topic, which is also the focus of her dissertation in-progress, deals with various strategies language professors may employ during interaction in order to guide novice speakers of Arabic to higher proficiency levels.
2. Upcoming Key Events
 - a. From 15 January through 15 June 2011, COL Rick McPeak is scheduled to deploy to the National Military Academy of Afghanistan (NMAA). Effective 18 December 2010, COL David Dimeo will assume duties as Acting Head, Department of Foreign Languages.
 - b. On 11 - 12 January 2011, DFL will host the visit of Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) Brigadier General Walid Salman, the Director of the Military Training Academy (a US Service Academy equivalent). The purpose of the visit is to help expose the LAF Military Academy and Military Training leadership to West Point’s philosophy, facilities, and curriculum in an effort to help develop an improved LAF Academy. Specifically, the LAF Military Academy commander would like to discuss curriculum options (core courses and specialization courses) West Point offers to its cadets to help him get an idea of how and where he might begin to modernize his institution.
 - c. The Chinese section is not hosting any visitors this week. Next week we will host the President of Fu Jen University, Bernard Li, and his official delegation from Fu Jen University, Taipei, Taiwan on 13 and 14 January. The Chinese section maintains a robust semester abroad program relationship with Fu Jen University and currently four cadets are studying Chinese at Fu Jen. The University President will be coming to West Point to meet the new Superintendent and Dean.