

## DFL Weekly SITREP (6 July 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.
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. The Arabic section just concluded a summer Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) trip to Marrakech, Morocco last Friday.



**In this photo, Berber children sell mint tea leaves to CDT Elliot Hughes at a stop on the way to a cultural immersion trip to Ourika Valley, Morocco.**

b. The Chinese section just concluded a summer AIAD trip to Changchun, China and another to Xi'an, China.



**In this photo, elementary school students perform “The Rocket” during MG (Ret) Loeffke’s Friendship Fund AIAD to Xi’an, China.**

c. 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.

d. Currently, the German section is leading two 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.

e. Currently, the Persian section is leading one cadet on 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.

f. Currently, Dr. Rebecca Jones-Kellogg, Mr. Antonio Igrejas, MAJ Jordan Francis, and the Portuguese section are leading a group of six 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Reception at the US Embassy before ending the trip at the Bazaruto Arquipelago just north of Maputo.

g. Currently, the Russian section is leading a group of eight cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Kazakhstan that will continue to 9 July. The cadets are traveling without faculty escort. The cadets are 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.



**In this photo: Cadets on a cultural immersion trip to Kazakhstan hike 20 km in the Aksu Zhabagly National Nature Reserve. From left to right: CDT Richard Hansen, CDT Timothy Stein, CDT Matthew Pierce, CDT Cody Reeb, CDT Adam Novo, CDT Michael Burke, CDT Daniel Baker, CDT Doug Ross-Walsh, MAJ Michael Tobias, CDT Sean Minton, and their tour guide, Olga.**

h. Currently, CPT Riggs from the Spanish section is leading a group of five 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. The group is in final preparations to return to West Point.

i. 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. During the trip, the group had the opportunity to meet with the former Mexican President Vicente Fox at his ranch house in Guanajuato. The group is in final preparations to return to West Point.



**In this photo:**

**Cadets meet with former Mexican President Vicente Fox (far left) on his personal ranch as part of their AIAD trip to Mexico.**

j. Currently, the Spanish section is leading a group of six cadets to Coca, Ecuador to attend Ecuadorian Jungle School from 2 July to 2 August. Cadets are traveling without faculty escort. Cadets will train alongside cadets from Ecuador's "General Eloy Alfaro" Military Academy in the "Selva" course, a rigorous jungle survival course in the Amazon.

#### 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.