

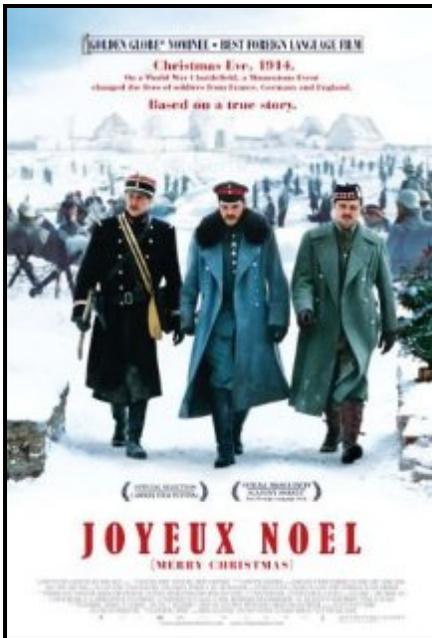
DFL Weekly SITREP (7 December 11)

Completed Events

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

On 29-30 November, LTC Michael Nerstheimer traveled to Uzbekistan to brief approximately 70 officers of the Uzbekistan Military Academy on the topic of U.S. Army Full Spectrum Operations and their Employment in OIF/OEF. USCENTCOM sponsored the visit.

On 6 December, the German and French Language Clubs teamed up for a viewing of Joyeux Noel, a historical film, capturing the Christmas Eve 1914 cease-fire between the Germans, French and Scottish soldiers during World War II.



On 6 December, the Department of Foreign Languages (DFL) held the second iteration of its annual Research Brown Bag series. The series is designed to allow faculty to learn about the range of research specialties in DFL and to exchange ideas on their scholarly works, in order to foster the culture of research in the department. This year's session included presentations from: COL McPeak on patriotism and pacifism in Tolstoy; Dr. Jeff Watson on motivation and second language acquisition; and Dr. Martha Gallagher on innovative uses of (culturally authentic) video in teaching upper-level Chinese.

Language Immersion events:

Semester Abroad Program (SAP) -

Arabic. SAP Arabic cadets recently attended several briefings at the US Embassy, Rabat, Morocco in an event arranged by MAJ Jay Bessey, a US Army major and Olmsted Scholar who is studying at the same university. The cadets were part of a larger group of American students, to include those from other academies, who visited the embassy on 2 December. They met with representatives from USAID, the US Dept of the Treasury, State Department Public Affairs officers, an FBI attorney and US Army security cooperation officers in order to become more familiar with the various arms of diplomacy and policy implementation that are resident in the Embassy.



In this photo: West Point Semester abroad cadets visit the US Embassy, Rabat, Morocco, as part of a larger group of civilian and sister academy students.

German. SAP Austria cadets conducted a culminating exercise in the Austrian Academy's field training area near Wiener-Neustadt. Cadets also made excursions to Klagenfurth and Austria's alpine region for the official start of the winter sports season. Cadets are in their final week of classes and exams prior to returning to West Point. SAP Hamburg cadets visited the Christmas market in Lubeck, a north-German port city. Cadets are in their final week of classes and exams prior to returning to West Point.



In this photo: Cadets Brian Sutherland and Madelyne Serrano enjoy the Christmas market in this picturesque port city of Lubeck.