

## DFL Weekly SITREP (8 February 12)

### Completed Events

#### Faculty Participation in Semester Abroad:

On Saturday, 4 February, the Portuguese section launched its Semester Abroad cadets to Portugal. Cadets Daniel Dougherty, Naomi Fuhrman, Brian Jacobs, Scostia Peterson, and Tyler Woodhouse will study at Coimbra University in Portugal. They will spend the next six months completely immersed in the Portuguese language and culture.

#### Faculty Participation in Cultural events:

On Saturday, 4 February, MAJ Matthew Radik and a group of cadets from the Chinese Language and Culture Club experienced the annual Flushing Chinese New Year Parade in Queens, New York. Chinese New Year is the most important holiday to many Chinese Americans. Each cadet on this trip had a chance to practice his/her Mandarin, watch the 5,000 year old tradition of lion dancing and firecrackers, enjoy Chinese meals, and experience New York City's Chinese Culture.



**In this photo: Cadets from the Chinese Language and Culture Club prepare for a Chinese Dim Sum brunch in Flushing, Queens.**

### Faculty Participation in Hosting Visitors:

From 29 January to 2 February, six Taiwan Military Academy (ROCMA) cadets and one faculty member visited West Point to learn more about our West Point Leader Development System. The ROCMA cadets lived with our cadets during their visit. The delegation met with representative from the Department of Military Instruction and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic to discuss our military development program and our honor system.



**In this photo: Taiwan Military Academy Cadets and their USMA Cadet hosts enjoy a dinner together in Central Valley.**

On Friday, 3 February, two Russian cadets from the Voronezh State University arrived at USMA for a 3-week exchange program sponsored by the Russian section. Cadets Olga Gorovaya and Philipp Makarov will “shadow” two Russian language majors while here at USMA, attending classes with them and participating in all their normal activities. Additionally, the Russian section has planned a busy cultural program for the 2 cadets that has already taken them to NYC, and additionally, will provide them some English language instruction.

On Wednesday, 8 February, DFL will host BG (ret.) Kevin Ryan's visit to West Point. BG Ryan, who has served in numerous policy-related positions and as the US defense attaché to Russia, will have an office call with the Dean, visit the Combating Terrorism Center, and meet with DFL's Russian-speaking LN490 cadets. With the LN490 cadets, he will address thoughts on a foreign area officer (FAO) career, reflections on his experiences in Moscow, and the importance of the cadets' staying abreast of political/ military developments in the entire region.

New Addition to the family:

The Department of Foreign Languages welcomes Carina Riggs, born at 0445 on 2 February 2012 to Miracle and Adam Riggs. Adam is an instructor in the Spanish section. Carina weighed in at 10 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 21.5 inches. Mom and baby are doing well.

**Future Events**

The German Section will conduct an academic trip section to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Cadets from LN490 (G), LG484, and LG476 will be in attendance. Cadets will receive an orientation of the UN complex, hear from the German Mission to the UN, and share a meal at the Deutsches Haus with the German Consul General to NYC and the Austrian Head of Mission to the UN.