

DFL Weekly SITREP (8 June 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. International Cadet Participation in Cadet Summer Training:
 - a. Twenty International cadets are currently participating in West Point's Cadet Leader Development Training as part of the academy's summer military training at Camp Buckner. The Department of Foreign Languages is coordinating for their return to West Point after training is complete. DFL language coordinators from the Chinese, Russian, and Spanish language sections are in daily communication with the cadet sponsors to ensure the international cadets are well and have everything they require for training. The cadets currently visiting represent Taiwan, Spain, and Kazakhstan and most are due to leave early next week following the conclusion of training on Sunday.
 - b. Preparations are currently underway for the second wave of twenty eight visiting cadets to arrive to attend CFT and US Army Airborne and Air Assault schools. The countries represented in this group will include Chile, Ecuador, France, Georgia, Brazil, and Taiwan. DFL coordinators from Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, French and Spanish sections are working to ensure each international visitor has an appropriate sponsor and that all travel coordination, physicals, meals, lodging, and equipment issues take place in time for a smooth transition once they arrive.
2. Faculty participation in West Point Summer Leaders Seminar:
 - a. Dr. Rajaa Chouairi continues as the Dean POC and DFL POC for coordinating the academics of the Summer Leaders Seminar (SLS). SLS this year is the largest ever and continues through this week. DFL languages represented in SLS this year are Arabic, French and German.



In this photo: Dr. Rajaa Chouairi teaches Arabic to young scholars in the West Point SLS program.

3. Faculty participation in language and cultural immersion trips:

a. Currently, LTC Baskerville and the Arabic section is leading a group of four cadets on a summer Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) trip to Marrakech, Morocco that will continue to 9 June. The cadets spent last week 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 are currently in preparations to return home.



In this photo: CDT Samuel Fatool, CDT Carl Kenney and CDT Lee Oeschger ride camels in the Moroccan Sahara Desert.

b. Currently, LTC Brady Crosier from the Chinese section is leading a group of fourteen cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Taiwan that will continue to 11 June. The cadets spent the first week at the Taiwan Military Academy in Kaohsiung and last week in intensive Chinese language and culture study at Fu Jen University in Taipei, Taiwan. During their free time, LTC Brady Crosier introduced the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Kaohsiung and Taipei. The group is currently in final preparations to return home.



In this photo: Cadets visit the Taipei Zoo with students from Notre Dame University

c. Currently, the French section is leading a group of three cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Djibouti that will continue to 18 June. Cadets spent three and a half weeks with the 13eme DBLE, Djibouti. Cadets were integrated into their host units and became completely immersed in the language and culture of the French Foreign Legion in Djibouti. Cadets are gaining significant exposure to Sub-Saharan Africa.

d. Currently, the French section is leading a group of three cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Gabon that will continue to 17 June. Cadets were integrated into their host units and thereby became completely immersed in the language and culture of the French Army in Gabon. Cadets are gaining significant exposure to Sub-Saharan Africa. Tactical military training will be included.

e. Currently, the French section is leading a group of ten cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Rochefort, France that will continue to 10 June. 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. Seventeen other cadets will be attending the Rochefort language school later this summer. With a total of twenty-seven participants, it is the largest of the Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) offered by West Point. The cadets are currently in final preparations to return home.

f. Currently, the German Section is leading a group of six cadets on a summer AIAD trip to various Bundeswehr units that will continue to 12 June. Cadets spent 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 gained knowledge of Germany and German Army operations. Cadets improved 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.

g. Currently, the Persian section is leading one cadet on a summer AIAD trip to Tajikistan. He will participate 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. He will be assigned to live with a Tajiki family for cultural immersion.

h. Currently, MAJ Fagergren and Dr. Chris Lewis of the Portuguese section are leading a group of ten cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Brazil that will continue to 10 June. This annual trip is planned with the support of the Brazilian Army that accompanies the cadets for cultural tours and briefings at many important Commands in Brazil. Some of these include the Amazon Command and Jungle School, the Brazilian Military Academy in Resend, the Military Institute of Engineering in Rio, and the ROTC-equivalent program in Sao Paulo. The group is currently in final preparations to return home.

i. Currently, MAJ Tobias and the Russian section are leading a group of five cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Russia that will continue to 11 June. Cadets spent three weeks of intensive language immersion at Voronezh State University designed to increase Russian language proficiency and enhance their regional expertise and promote cultural awareness. Cadets toured historically and culturally significant sites in the Voronezh area as well as in Moscow and St. Petersburg, interacting with the local population in day-to-day situations. Cadets are currently in final preparations to return home.



During their summer AIAD trip to Voronezh State University in Russia, MAJ Mike Tobias and five cadets participated in a WWII battlefield excavation by the group POISK (Russian for "The Search"). Pictured are CDTs Harrison Green, Vincent Delany, Charles Cal, David Maynor and Nathan Nguen.

j. Currently, CPT Gallardo from the Spanish section is leading a group of six cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Peru that will continue to 14 June. Cadets visited significant military commands, and studied national politics, economics, history and

geography in an immersion setting as they traveled to various cities and regions. Cadets have been speaking Spanish almost exclusively during this AIAD.

4. Upcoming key events:

a. From 13 June to 1 July, MAJ Mark Whiteman and the Arabic section will lead a group of seven cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Morocco. The cadets will spend 4 days/week in intensive Arabic and Spoken Moroccan coursework at the Al Alamia Language Institute in Marrakech and will participate in cultural and language immersion trips for the remaining 3 days/week

b. From 13 June to 3 July, Dr. Hongyu Huang will lead a group of 5 cadets to China 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. Hongyu Huang will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Changchun and Beijing, China.

c. From 13 June to 3 July, Dr. Qun Ao from the Chinese section will lead a group of eight cadets to Xi'an, China on Major General Loeffke's Friendship Fund summer AIAD trip. The cadets will spend two and a half weeks of Chinese language and culture study at Jiaotong University in Xi'an, China and will perform their international community service teaching English and preventative medicine classes to Chinese elementary school students in the local area. During their free time and the last half week of the trip, Dr. Qun Ao will introduce the cadets to Chinese culture and famous cultural sites in and around Xi'an and Beijing, China.

d. From 19 June to 9 July, the French section will lead a summer AIAD trip to Rochefort, France. 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, it is the largest of the Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) offered by West Point.

e. From 13 June to 3 July, the German section will lead 3 cadets on a summer AIAD trip to various Bundeswehr units in Saarlouis, Fussen, and Gotha, Germany. Cadets will spend 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.

f. From 20 June to 3 July, the German section will lead 2 cadets on a summer AIAD trip to various Bundeswehr units in Oberviechtach and Fussen, Germany. Cadets will spend 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.

g. From 19 June to 10 July, Dr. Rebecca Jones-Kellogg, Mr. Antonio Igrejas, MAJ Jordan Francis, and the Portuguese section will lead a group of 6 cadets on a summer AIAD trip to Mozambique for cultural and language immersion. 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, then return to Maputo for the 4th of July Reception at the US Embassy before ending the trip at the Bazaruto Arquipelago just north of Maputo.

h. From 19 June to 9 July, the Russian section will lead a summer AIAD trip to Kazakhstan. 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. Cadets will spend two weeks in the Kazakh military academy.

i. From 16 June to 7 July, the Spanish section will lead a summer AIAD trip to Chile. Cadets will spend 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.

j. From 17 June to 7 July, the Spanish section will lead a summer AIAD trip to Mexico. Cadets will spend three weeks visiting 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 Mexico.