

DFL Weekly SITREP (Consolidated 7-24 JUN 10)

Current Week HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Hosting visitors:

- a. NSTR

2. Academic trip sections:

- a. NSTR

3. Faculty participation in immersion trips, AIADs, and semester abroad maintenance requirements / trips:

- a. From 22 May to 11 June, Dr. Enslin and LTC Civolani of the Portuguese section led a group of 10 cadets for a cultural and language immersion program to Brazil. The group visited the Brazilian Military Academy and other military institutions in Brazil.



In this photo:

Cadets Bochik, O'Donnell, Dr. Enslin, Cadets Passmore, Segura, Merklinger, Zeller, Rivera, LTC Civolani, Cadets Deantona and Sheets at the at the Ariau Amazon, Brazil.

- b. From 23 May to 9 June, MAJ Bagley of the German Section led Cadet Joiner for a cultural and language immersion program to Berlin, Germany. Four other cadets participated in various training exercises with the German Army (Bundeswehr) in various locations throughout Germany (Bad Salzungen, Fritzlar, Kusel, and Seedorf).



In this photo:
Cadet Irwin with members of the German Army Unit he trained with after a road march.

- c. From 23 May to 10 June, CPT(P) Chen of the Chinese section led a group of 12 cadets to Taiwan on the Chinese language section's first cultural and language immersion program this summer. They spent time at the Taiwan Military Academy in Gaoxiong and attended classes at FuJen University in Taipei.



In this photo:
Cadets Guan, Everett, Mellon, Yu, Barber Jallah, Canavan, McCorkle, Klaben, Kanneberg, McCrorey, and Zhou hiking the Wutai Mountain on the island of Kinmen.

- d. From 23 May to 10 June, the Arabic section coordinated a cultural and language immersion program for 7 Cadets in Cairo, Egypt. The cadets spent 4 days/week in intensive Arabic and Spoken Egyptian coursework at the Drayah Language Center and participated in cultural immersion trips for the remaining 3 days/week.



In this photo:

Cadets Mahoney, Schuck, O'Shaughnessy, Gross, Scott, Linarelli, and Fraser, with instructors at the Drayah Language Institute, Cairo, Egypt.

- e. From 23 May to 10 June, the Spanish section coordinated a cultural and language immersion program to Chile. Cadets visited the Chilean Military Academy, the US Embassy, and local vineyards. These are among many sites they visited as part of their cultural immersion opportunities.



In this photo:

Ms. Elizabeth Goldberg, Cadets Guadalupe, Beck, Lee, Arent, and Tindall with COL Mario Messen Canas (Director of Escuela Militar) and LT Lorena Arriaga Holuigue (of Escuela Militar)

- f. From 23 May to 10 June, Dr. Harwell of the Russian section led a group of 9 cadets for a cultural and language immersion program to Kiev, Ukraine.



In this photo:

Cadets Anderson, Benoit, Clark, Devine, Hanson, Lundberg, Minton, Palmer, and Ross-Walsh with Dr. Xenia Harwell en route to the WWII Museum, Kiev, Ukraine.

- g. From 23 May to 10 June, the Russian section coordinated a cultural and language immersion program for 9 Cadets in Kazakhstan.

4. Language or International Club key events: NSTR

5. Major milestones in research or scholarly work: Six faculty members of DFL recently presented an ongoing research project at The Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium (CALICO) held at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts on June 10-11. The team, led by Dr. Johannes Vazulik, Professor and Director of Curriculum and Assessment, DFL and Dr. Jeff Watson, Chair of Linguistics & Language Acquisition Center for Languages, Cultures, & Regional Studies (CLCRS), DFL, presented, "A Case Study of Student Attitudes and Performance in Beginning Arabic, German and Spanish Using Two Popular Off-the-shelf CALL Programs." Other team members included, MAJ Shoshannah Jenni, German, CPT Donna Hess, Arabic, CAPT Chyteira Dues, Spanish, and Ms. Sherri Bellinger, CLCRS.



In this photo:

CAPT Chyteira Dues presents her portion of the DFL case study.

6. Key events in the NEXT 7-14 days:

- a. From 14 June to 3 July, LTC Crosier of the Chinese section is leading a group of ten cadets to Changchun, China on a cultural and language immersion program. They are visiting Beijing and completing an intensive Chinese study immersion program at Jilin University in Changchun, China. LTC Crosier is scheduled to give two seminars to Jida's graduate students on 23 and 25 June.
- b. From 14 June to 3 July, Dr. Ao of the Chinese section is leading a group of nine cadets to China on MG Loeffke's Friendship Fund cultural and language immersion program. They are visiting Beijing and studying and performing their international community service at JiaoTong University in Xi'an, China
- c. On 23 June, CPT Chen will greet Taiwan CFT cadets. They will draw weapons on Friday and begin training at Camp Buckner on Saturday.
- d. On 29 June, CPT Chen will greet Taiwan Air Assault cadets for training.
- e. On 3 and 9 July, Drs. Gallagher and Huang will administer the Chinese Placement Test.
- f. From 20 June to 10 July, MAJ Dunlap of the Arabic section is leading a cultural and language immersion program for five Cadets to Cairo, Egypt. The cadets are spending 4 days/week in intensive Arabic and Spoken Egyptian coursework at the Drayah Language Center and participating in cultural immersion trips for the remaining 3 days/week.
- g. The French section is coordinating the second iteration of twenty two Cadets participating in France for intensive language immersion training. As part of its engagement strategy with military institutions of the French-speaking world, the French section sends its cadets to the "Cours International de Français de Rochefort (CIFR, or Rochefort International French Language Course). Run by France's national paramilitary police, the Gendarmerie Nationale, the course will provide cultural and language instruction to the cadets. The school will also provide field trips in the area to enable the cadets to further enhance their cultural knowledge.
- h. From 20 June to 12 July, Dr. Rebecca Jones-Kellogg and Mr. Antonio Igrejas are leading nine cadets to Portugal and the island of Madeira for a 23-day cultural and language immersion training opportunity. The cadets are spending two days at the University of Coimbra and two days at the Portuguese Military Academy in Lisbon. They are also attending the annual 4th of July Reception held by the US Embassy in Lisbon.
- i. From 14 June to 3 July, the German section is coordinating a cultural and language immersion program for seven cadets to train with the German Army

(Bundeswehr). They will train in various locations throughout Germany (Bad Salzungen, Fritzlar, Kusel, and Seedorf).